

Heavenly Notes

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Sharing the journey to know, to love, and serve God.



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Sunday Worship

Service:
10:00 a.m.
Sunday School:
11:15a.m.
Coffee Hour:
11:00 a.m.

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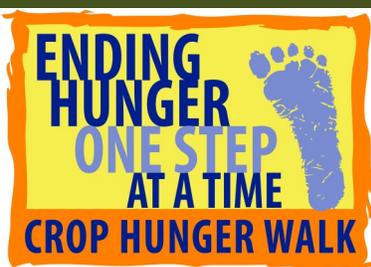
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Church Conference

October 8, 2017

1:00 p.m.

Please Join us.



After the Conference, Run
on over to the Crop Walk

First Presbyterian Church
323 W. Grand River Ave.
Howell, MI 48843

A Special Collection will
be taken up at Service on
October 8th to support the
walkers from our church.



HUMC Church Fall Family Fun
Hayride and Hotdog Roast
Sunday October 29, 3:00 p.m.

Invite your
family & friends



∞ Musings from the Pastor

I was recently talking with a friend about various important subjects like, “Will the Detroit Lions finally win a playoff game?” “How will Michigan and MSU fair this year?” We also spoke about family and what was going on in life. I love conversations in which we share our viewpoints on these types of all important subjects.

While we were throwing Cornhole, cause it’s just a great game, the subject turned to spiritual topics. I asked about how his relationship with God has changed over the past several years. As he shared with me, I could see that he was a spiritually “*minded*” person as he grew up in a home where church was a part of his life. But he had not consistently been a spiritually “*intentional*” person throughout his years.

One of his more recent goals in life, a box to check off on his bucket list, had been to read the Bible all the way through. Now this is a goal to ponder as it is not easily finished in a day. When many others don’t make it past the first three or four books in the bible... he has stuck to his guns. Even though he hasn’t completely understood every word and meaning (*who does?*), he is now at the halfway point of the bible, the book of Psalms.

Now here was the cool part for me. He told me that life was busy for him and he had to make a choice on how he was going to find some extra time to accomplish his goal. So this is what he did. He had three games he regularly played on his phone which took up some of his down time at home... and he deleted them! Without the games, he freed up some time in his day to invest with God, and hence I have no doubt that he will finish reading the whole bible from the first verse in Genesis (*In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth...*) to the last verse in Revelation (*Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.*)

One of the challenges in life is this, we may not always understand what we learn about God in general, or about God’s specific will for our lives. As a result, we are left with more questions than answers. But because God is God and we are not, there will always be some mystery for us finite beings trying to understand the infinite. But I think it’s still fun to try to understand as best I can because as I do, God becomes more personal to me and more real to me. I’m not interested in a relationship with a statue or idol, but with the living, loving and creative God who desires to be known by me.

It is my prayer that as you become more intentional with God, starting where you are at right now, that God will continue to reveal His deep love for you and to you. That as you come to know God better and better, you will love God more and more. That your knowledge and love of God will cause you to serve God with all of your heart.

Blessings on our journey together...

Pastor Paul

October Birthdays



- 3 Debbie Taylor
- 5 Erin Hankins
- 6 Colette Voight
- 12 Noah Campbell
- 14 Laura Walker
- 19 Sue LaRoy
- 21 Marty Hansen
- 24 Shyrl Cone
- 25 Patrick Walker
- 26 Keith Voight
- 30 Mike Kenel
- 31 Leah Clark

October Anniversaries

- 5, 2002 Michael & Terri Clark
- 10, 1987 Michael & Terri Preiss
- 20, 2001 Jim & Mary Jo Malott
- 27, 1973 Mark & Cheryl Sorg



October Servants

Greeters

- October 1: Frank Paletta
- October 8: Frank Paletta
- October 15: Hartland Methodist Men
- October 22: Volunteers Needed
- October 29: Volunteers Needed

Liturgist

- October 1: Mary Jo Bell
- October 8: Pastor Paul
- October 15: Fran Warthman
- October 22: Shelia Daniel
- October 29: Charles Kirkpatrick

Ushers

- October 1: K. Nowak & S. Daniel
- October 8: Don & Marty Hansen
- October 10: Hartland Methodist Men
- October 15: Frank Paletta
- October 29: Volunteers Needed

Multi Media Specialist

- October 1: Charles Kirkpatrick
- October 8: Jeff Jackson
- October 15: Mary Jo Bell
- October 22: Jo Campbell
- October 29: Volunteer Needed

Meetings in October, 2017

Mon.	October	2:	Trustees Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Wed.	October	4:	Design Works, 9:00 a.m. Crafters For Christ 12:30 p.m. @ Pat Harton's House
Sun.	October	8:	Church Conference. 1:00 p.m.
Wed.	October	11:	Worship Team Meeting, 12:30 p.m.
Thurs.	October	12:	Administrative Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Sat.	October	14:	Personal Needs Pantry Delivery 9:30 a.m.
Sat.	October	21:	UMM / Love Inc. Furniture Delivery, 8:30 a.m.
Sat.	October	28:	Personal Needs Pantry Delivery 9:30 a.m..
Sun.	October	29	Autumn Hayride, 3:00 p.m.— 6:00 p.m.

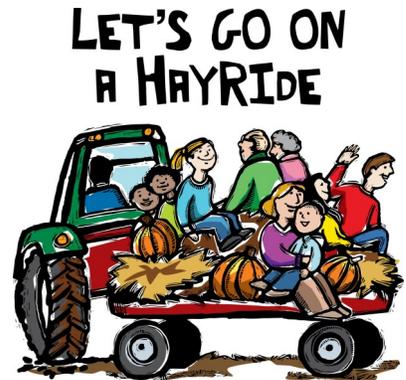
Weekly Events in October, 2017

<u>Every Sunday:</u>	Sunday Service, 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour, 11:00 a.m. Sunday School, 11:15 a.m.
<u>Every Monday:</u>	Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.
<u>Every Tuesday:</u>	Prayers and Squares Quilting, 9:00 a.m. Experiencing God Bible Study Level 2, 3:00 p.m.
<u>Every Wednesday:</u>	Revelation Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m.
<u>Every Thursday:</u>	Alcoholics Anonymous, 10:00 a.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. (Oct. 5,12,26)
<u>Every Saturday:</u>	Alcoholics Anonymous, 10:00 a.m.

2017 Up Coming Events

At Hartland UMC

Sun. October 29th
Hayride & Hot Dog Roast
(Join in this family friendly event, food and games)



Sat. November 4th —
Community Turkey Dinner
(Serving our community to raise funds
for local missions & ministry)

Sat. December 2nd
Cookie Walk & Crafts
(Helping to provide cookies for the holidays)



Fri. December 8, 2017
Advent Tea 7:00 p.m.
(A relaxing formal tea & music for ladies of all ages)

December 24th — Christmas Eve
Candle Light Service
(Celebrating the Birth of Jesus with family and friends)



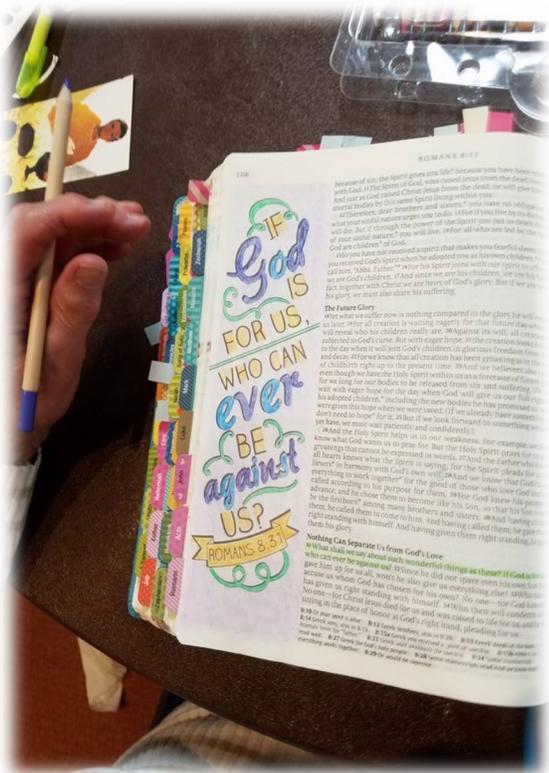
Welcome to the Pray-Ground

The Pray-Ground is an area in the front corner of our sanctuary specifically set aside for young children (ages 3-5) to enjoy during worship. It consists of a small table with child size chairs, Christian coloring books and crayons, Bible story books, and soft toys. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these." We offer this space so that the children are encouraged to worship at an age appropriate level. It is our prayer that as the children experience worship in the Pray-Ground they will grow in their relationship with God.



Sassy Bible Journaling!!

Be looking for information on a new creative Bible Study opportunity here at Hartland UMC! Coming this fall we will be meeting together to begin Sassy Bible Journaling. For a sneak peek go to the Sassy Bible Journaling page on Facebook!!! See Shelia Daniel if you have any questions.

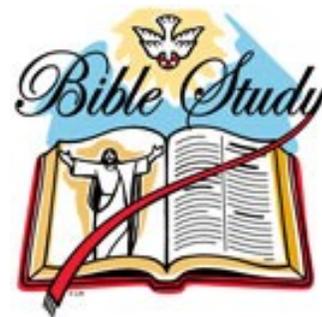


Bible Studies:

Religions

Join us on Monday mornings at 10:30 for this interesting study as we look at Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, Scientology, and other belief systems.

We meet in the Church Library on Monday mornings from 10:30 to 12:00. Our study uses videos, reference books and other sources.



Biblical Prophecy Study and Prayer Group

The study of Biblical Prophecy continues to meet on Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 11:00. After studying the prophecies of Daniel and the words of Jesus as he talked about the last days found in Matthew, Mark and Luke, we are starting the study of Revelation. Everyone is welcome to join in this interesting and informative study. The only materials you need for this study are a Bible, a notebook and a pen or pencil. We spend one hour in study and a half hour in prayer and praise.

Sunday School



Sunday School is held after service at 11:15. Children 4 + will meet in the Sunday School room at the top of the stairs. This month, the children's classes will be learning about Helpers in the Bible, Living Joyfully and Shining for Jesus. *Kids, if you bring a friend to Sunday School, you and your friend can pick a prize from the prize box. The adults will meet in Armstrong Hall where they will dive deeper into the sermon and the Experiencing God Book.

Crafters for Christ

On Saturday, November 4, we will participate in the Chilson Hills Annual Holiday Craft Bazaar at Chilson Hills Church, 4400 Brighton Road, Howell, MI. We have many wonderful things for sale with lots of amazing ornaments, snowmen, jewelry, and knitted, crocheted and sewn items available for purchase. Please continue working on your projects for this sale and the Cookie Walk and Craft Sale. I can't wait to see all your creations. We will get together for a work session on Wednesday October 4th. We have been meeting at Pat Harton's house to craft together at 12:30 to about 3:30. Everyone is welcome. Many hands make light work and of course there is a lot of laughter. Please join us. If you need directions or a ride, please call Pat. The monies we make from our crafts will be used for missions, ministries and special projects around the church. Thank you all for supporting this ministry by donating crafts and buying our creations. Plan on doing your Christmas shopping with us.





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Being a Christian....

...is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. He opens you up and scoops out all the yucky stuff including the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside you to shine for all the world to see.

