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

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Sunday Worship

Service:

10:00 a.m.

Sunday School:

10:20 a.m.

Coffee Hour:

11:00 a.m.

Adult Sunday School

11:20 a.m.

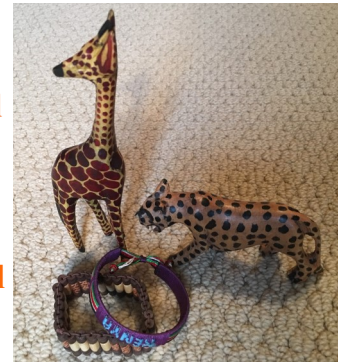
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Come Hear & Meet Rev. Benson Akello Of Joy Church In Kenya

Joy Church runs a school that reaches out to Christian and Muslim children with the good news of Jesus



For a donation, you can take home a beautiful carving made by a member of Joy Church. The Donations go to support the Joy School.

Library / Conference Room



Thank You to all of those who contributed to the updating of our Library/Conference Room. This room was given new life in memory of Larry Schleh. The original floors were professionally resurfaced and stained, the walls were painted and new window treatments were hung. Stop by and take a peek, it looks amazing!

New Hospitality Cart

The Hospitality Team has provided the first phase of a welcome center for our visitors and guests. This cart offers a warm face, coffee and other information to introduce people to our church. One visitor already stated how delighted she was to have a warm cup of coffee. May God use this welcome center to help people on their journey to know, love, and serve



~ Musings from the Pastor ~

As is true of all life, there is an ebb and flow. There are times of advance and times of falling back. The same is true of the church, there are seasons of growth and seasons of decline..

it happens within all churches. We are no exception.

A brief history of the Hartland United Methodist Church shows it has been in existence since the 1850's. Since that time more than 100 pastors and countless other lay people have stood and spoken about faith, scripture, and many stories of their own journey with God. They have shared how Jesus saved them, the Holy Spirit has directed them, and how God the Father has loved them to death.

Hartland is an amazing church with a wonderful and rich history.

As I looked at some of the old records, at one point in the 1800's more than 200 people worshiped here. Changes were made in the 1910's and 1920's to expand the structure of the church to accommodate its growth. Then at some point decline happened and by the early 80's only 40-50 people attended service regularly.

Then a new young pastor arrived. During his pastorate and with an influx of new people into this area, the church began to flourish again. It was a wonderful place to be in worship at Hartland UMC again! Yet since that time, the church has once again experienced decline.

So all this leads me to this point. We are still alive. We do have challenges (see financial news in this newsletter) we have to face. Yet, we have an opportunity to move toward growth instead of remain in decline. Yes, it will take prayer and it will take commitment and it will take work to make this change. Friends, God is on our side!

We all have only so much time on this earth and what better way to spend it than serving the Lord. In serving the Lord, we not only impact our lives, but can have a profound impact on the eternity of others around us. So let us lift high the banner of Jesus! Let us make God and God's church a priority in our lives. Let us live and serve with joy, together.



Blessings on the Journey!

Pastor Paul



October Servants

Liturgist

October 7: Jo Campbell
October 14: Terri Preiss
October 21: Pat Schleh
October 28: Pastor Paul

Multi Media Specialist

October 7: Charles Kirkpatrick
October 14: Jeff Jackson
October 21: Mary Jo Bell
October 28: Jo Campbell

Meetings in October, 2018

Mon. October 1: Trustees Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Wed. October 10: Worship Team Meeting, 12:30 p.m.
Thurs. October 11: Financial Team Meeting, 6:15 p.m.
Administrative Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Sat. October 13: Personal Needs Pantry Delivery 9:00 a.m.
Sun. October 21: United Methodist Men Meeting, 8:30 a.m.
Women's Breakfast at Big Boy, 8:30 a.m.
Sat. October 27: Personal Needs Pantry Delivery, 9:00 a.m.

Weekly Events in October, 2018

Every Sunday: Sunday Service, 10:00 a.m.
Children's Sunday School, 10:20 a.m.
Fellowship Hour, 11:00 a.m.
Adult Sunday School, 11:20 a.m.
Every Monday: Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.
Knit, Crochet, Pray, 6:00 p.m.
Every Tuesday: Prayers and Squares Quilting, 9:00 a.m.
Every Wednesday: Revelation Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m.
Every Thursday: Alcoholics Anonymous, 10:00 a.m.
Choir Practice, 7:00 p.m. (October 11, 18)
Every Saturday: Alcoholics Anonymous, 10:00 a.m.

October Birthdays



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



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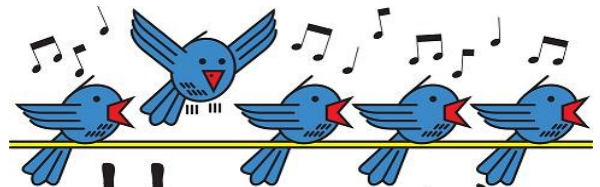
Singing allows a part of our hearts to speak to God in a way that doesn't happen when we hear the spoken word.

Singing as a part of Christian worship is so much more than mere mental exercise. God created us to communicate with the very depths of our spirit, and singing is a way we can accomplish this in a profound and meaningful way.

Singing is one of the ways in which we express our love towards God with our whole being. We engage every part of our being in worship to God. When we sing and devote our whole selves to God, something godly happens within us.

God calls us to sing praise to the Lord and to sing in his presence.

Music in worship that honors God will cause our hearts to sing. And when our hearts sing, worship happens. We are transformed on the inside as we are filled with the Spirit and devote everything we are to worship, praise, and thanksgiving to God.



Add Your Voice

Up-Coming Events 2018

October 21, 2018
Hayride
and
Hotdog Roast



November 3, 2018
Turkey Dinner



December 1, 2018
Cookie Walk



December 7, 2018
Advent Tea



Congratulations

**to Noah Campbell and Nicholas Clark
who were confirmed on September 9, 2018
at Hartland United Methodist Church.**



Hartland United Methodist Church New Membership Classes

**Membership classes will be on October
6th and October 13th from 9:30 am to
11:30 a.m. Please see Pastor Paul or call
the office to register. Office: 810-632-7476.**

Financial News Update

Earlier this spring the Focus Driving School experienced some changes and has put on hold renting space in the church for their training classes. This has created a noticeable deficit in income each month. What does this mean? We are beginning to fall behind in paying our bills. Prayerfully consider your giving now and as we approach our year end to ensure all our bills are paid. Thank you for your generosity!

Financial Team

Scrip Cards

Christmas will be here before we know it. Why not get a jump start on your Christmas shopping and purchase scrip cards as gifts for your loved ones? There are a variety of gift cards available from \$10.00 to \$100.00. Let your Christmas giving do double duty this year by supporting our church and giving a gift that no one would want to return!

Great Reviews and Participation for HUMC Movie Night!



Case For Christ Movie Night was a great success. There were over 30 people in attendance and everyone enjoyed popcorn and pop during the show. Some people even brought ICE CREAM! Thank you to everyone who worked to make this movie night successful.



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