



Heavenly Notes

*“Helping Others Find, Experience,
and Share God’s Love Through Christ”*

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Sunday Worship:

Adult Sunday School:
8:45 a.m.
Service:
10:00 a.m.
Sunday School:
10:15 a.m.
Coffee Hour:
11:15 a.m.

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C.R.O.P. Hunger Walk

Sunday, October 6, 2013

1:30 p.m. Registration 2:00 p.m. Walk
First Presbyterian Church, Howell

The Howell Area C.R.O.P. Walk to raise money to provide relief to the hungry in Livingston County and across the world will be on Sunday, October 6th.

All walkers are asked to meet at 1:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Howell.

If you are not walking, please give a donation to one of our walkers. And we can all pray for the success of the walk.

World Communion Sunday Sunday, October 6

Starting at the International Date Line in the Pacific Ocean and continuing around the world as the day goes on, Christians of many countries and denominations will be sharing the loaf and the cup and reflecting on their oneness in Christ on Sunday, October 6.



Automate the Important

Electronic Giving

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Hartland United Methodist Church

See Page 6 To learn how you can sign up!

~ Pastor's Message ~



Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity (Adapted from Adam Hamilton)

Stress. Anxiety. Fear. These words capture well the state of mind for many for us in America today. We have witnessed over the last six years, dramatic market losses, the collapse of the world's largest insurance company, bankruptcies, mergers, and bailouts. Every day seems to bring another piece of economic uncertainty.

Five years ago, a survey (*CNN.com, October 7, 2008*) found that over three in four Americans are stressed about the economy and their personal finances. Half were worried about providing for their family's basic needs. Over half of respondents reported feeling angry and irritable, and reported laying awake at night worried about this. The report concludes that, "the declining state of the nation's economy is taking a physical and emotional toll on people nationwide."

Join us in worship beginning October 27th for a four week sermon series entitled *Enough; Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*. Our nation has experienced what many have described as the "American Nightmare." Increasing consumer debt, declines in savings, lower income growth, and a volatile stock market are all a part of our economic insecurity. We have lived in a society that tells us "you deserve it now," whether or not we can afford it or really even need it.

All of us have struggled with these issues at one time or another. They are important issues that we cannot ignore. This is why, we will be having a church-wide study and worship emphasis called *Enough; Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*. During this time we will explore what the Bible teaches us about financial management through corporate worship and small group study. We'll hear expert advice and stories about what others have learned by working through financial challenges. Each week we will provide you with some practical tools you can use to assess your financial situation and develop a financial plan with a biblical foundation.

At the conclusion of the emphasis, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year. We will consecrate these commitments in our worship service.

I hope you will join us during these weeks as we look at how we can manage our financial resources and truly experience simplicity, generosity, and joy.

Pastor Paul

Calendar of Events



Meetings for October, 2013

Wednesday, October 2: Design Works, 9:00 a.m.
Monday, October 7: Board of Trustees, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 8: United Methodist Women, 7:00 p.m.
Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 9: Worship Committee, 12:30 p.m.
Master's Minstrels Rehearse at 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 17: Finance Committee, 6:00 p.m.
Administrative Council, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 20: United Methodist Men, 8:00 a.m.
Thursday, October 24: Lay Leadership Team, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 30: Lay Leadership Team, 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Every Wednesday:

One Year Bible Discussion Groups
at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (Resuming October 23rd)
Choir Practice at 6:45 p.m.
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous at 7:00 p.m.

Every Thursday:

Alcoholics Anonymous at 10:00 a.m.

Every Saturday:

Alcoholics Anonymous at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 6:

World Communion Sunday
C.R.O.P. Walk: Registration at 1:30 p.m., Walk at 2:00 p.m.
Beginning at Howell First Presbyterian Church

Friday, October 18:

W.O.W. Girl's Night Out from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 19:

U.M.M. Love, INC Furniture Pick Up and Delivery

Sunday, October 20:

Laity Sunday
The Purpose Driven Life Celebration Potluck at 11:30 a.m.

Special Dates

October Birthdays

- 3 - Sarah Westbrook-Burns
Debbie Taylor
- 6 - Colette Voight
- 8 - Bill Westbrook
- 12 - Noah Campbell
- 14 - Laura Walker
- 16 - Renee Zimmerman
- 21 - Marty Hansen
- 22 - Lori Muzo
- 24 - Shyrl Cone
Chris Zimmerman
- 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
- 29, 2004 - Dan & Debbie Taylor



Note:

We would like to include everyone, so if we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let the church office know A.S.A.P.!

October Servants

Greeters

- 6: Dan Taylor and Liz Thompson
- 13: Chris and Sherrie Rice
- 20: The United Methodist Men
- 27: Jeff and Linda Gordinier

Ushers

- 6: Gary and Sue LaRoy
- 13: Ron and Fran Warthman
- 20: The United Methodist Men
- 27: Charles and Debbie Kirkpatrick

Liturgists

- 6: Jo Campbell
- 13: Sue LaRoy
- 20: Sue Sanderson
- 27: Terri Clark

Multi Media Specialist

- 6: Jeff Jackson
- 13: Christian Muzo
- 20: Gary LaRoy
- 27: Renee Zimmerman

Acolytes

- 6:
- 13:
- 20:
- 27:

Nursery Workers

- 6:
- 13: Pat Schleh
- 20: Lori Muzo
- 27:



Have You Participated in Mission This Year?

As Christians, Jesus calls us to serve others through participating in a Missions Event. As members of Hartland UMC, Pastor Paul asks that you serve in a missions project every six months. We have a few remaining opportunities this year...

- C.R.O.P. Walk
- Men's Furniture Pick Up and Delivery
- Cass Community Lunch
- Livingston County Christmas Party



Cass Community Lunch

Our next (and final opportunity for 20-13) will be Saturday, November 16th. Mark your calendars and plan on joining us. This will be a great time to help prepare our hearts for the Thanksgiving and Advent seasons!

See you there!

Sue LARoy

Remembering Our Saints

Sunday, November 3rd, is All Saints Sunday. It is traditionally a time to remember the saints that have gone before us to their eternal reward.

We will do as we have done in years past and add new life and color to this traditional time of remembrance. We are inviting everyone in our Church Family to bring one fresh flower to worship on November 3rd for each person they would like to have remembered (and it doesn't matter how long ago they died).



2013 Church Conference Date Set –Thursday, November 21st

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend our 2013 Church Conference on **Thursday, November 21**. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Mark Saw, will meet with the Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee at 6:30 p.m. and the Conference will begin in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. Committees—begin your preparations!



Manage Your Giving Online



Hartland United Methodist Church is excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the internet. You will no longer have to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website (hartlandumc.org)
- 2) Click on the "New! Online Giving" button, then
- 3) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.



Donate from Your Smart Phone or Tablet

Hartland United Methodist Church now offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smart phone. Simply scan the image found in the pew racks or above with your phone's or tablet's QR code reader and then follow the instructions.



Got Crafts? (or other "Stuff" to catch up on?) Join us for **W.O.W. Girls Night Out!**



What: Come "**Work on Whatever!**"

(card making, scrapbooking, organizing photos, coupon clipping, jewelry making, knitting, crocheting, quilting, needlework, craft items for next year's Cookie Walk, etc.) We will provide table space. ***Please bring your own crafting items and a snack to share.***

When: Friday, October 18, 2013, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Where: Hartland United Methodist Church -
Armstrong Hall.

Questions, see Becky Toth or Darcie Westbrook.



Hartland United Methodist Women

The Hartland United Methodist Women, a group of ladies who serve their church and community - locally and world-wide, will meet on Tuesday, October 8, 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Planning for the November 2nd Turkey Dinner and the December Cookie Walk and Craft Sale as well as other upcoming events are on the agenda.

We look forward to sharing ideas, advice, and Christian fellowship with each other. Hope to see you there! If you have question, feel free to call Becky Toth at 810-923-0578.



Hartland United Methodist Men

The Men's Group will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 20th in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited to attend the meeting where breakfast will be served. Please join us for this time of fellowship.

Scrip News

Scrip is a program where gift cards from a variety of companies can be purchased. You pay the full face value of the card. When these cards are ordered, the church just pays a percentage of the face value. There are gas cards, discount store cards, restaurants, department stores and many, many more cards available. Several cards are offered at a table in the Fellowship Hall for immediate purchase.

Thank you for supporting our Scrip program. All money made through the Scrip program goes into the General Fund and helps support our church.

Hartland UMC has been associated with the Scrip program since 2006. Since that time, **over \$13,514 has gone into the General Fund**; just in **2013, over \$657** has gone into the General Fund. This is with an average of just **over 6 families** participating each week! Thank you to all of you who shop our Scrip Table! Your support is appreciated!

Stop by the Scrip table on Sunday and check out what we can do for you and you can do for our church!



Lay Servant Classes

These classes encourage people to discover and use their spiritual gifts in leading, caring, communicating, and spreading the love of Christ into the world. People taking these classes will discover ways to put their faith into action at school, work, home, and church—wherever you are. After completing the class you may become a Local Church Lay Servant.

Lay Servant (formerly Lay Speaker) classes will be offered on Saturday, October 19 and November 2 at the Novi UMC. Along with the Basic Class and the Refresher Class, an advanced classes are offered this year.

Registration until October 4th is free. After the 4th, the cost will be \$10.00

If you are interested in serving your church this way, registration forms are on the bulletin board in the hall way.



Attention All Photographers!

The Church Office needs the help of all photographers. Please bring your cameras with you to all church activities—worship, Sunday, School, meeting, potlucks and gatherings—and start taking photos of these events. Then, please email them to the Church Office.

With our screens and monitors, we can show everyone what has been happening and what they are missing!

Thank you for your help!

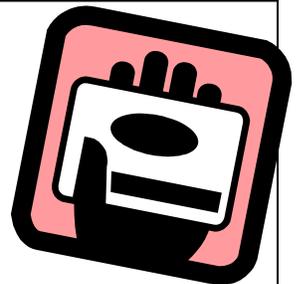


The kids helping with Special Music during the July 21st Worship Service.

Gas Card Ministry

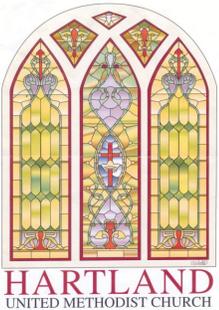
People who call Love, INC are often in desperate need of gas, so they can get out to look for work, go to a doctor appointment or bring home the few groceries they can afford. WE have joined with other Livingston County churches in supplying prepaid gas cards for Live, INC to give to those who need them.

To date in 2013, you have paid \$625 toward the money you have pledged to this ministry and we have given out 55 SpeedWay cards so far in 2013. Since becoming a part of the Gas Card Ministry, we have given out 129 cards to those less fortunate. **THANK YOU** as you keep paying on those pledges as we continue to make a real difference in the lives of our neighbors.





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*See YOU at the C.R.O.P. Walk
and Halloween Hay Ride!*

Open for **Exciting**
Upcoming Events at H.U.M.C.!!



