

Heavenly Notes

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Sunday Worship

Service:
10:00 a.m.

Children's Sunday School:
10:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour:
11:15 a.m.

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- * 10:00 a.m. Worship With **FRIENDS**
- * Potluck Luncheon at 11:00 a.m.
- * Please bring a dish to pass.
- * Bring a friend to Service.

❧ Musings from the Pastor

Have you ever heard the expression, “It’s about time!” In fact, not only might you have heard it, I’m pretty sure many of us have used it at some point in our lives.

Often this comment is made annoyingly because something didn’t happen in a timely manner. When someone was supposed to pick you up at 3:00 finally shows up at 3:30. Or when you finally get some task you’ve been working on completed... *it's about time!*

Well we have a couple of events coming up that people are probably saying, “It’s ABOUT TIME!!!!”



1. Parents/Grandparents are ready for the School Year to begin as the kids/g-kids are getting pretty fidgety as the summer comes to an end.
2. The singing group “**FRIENDS**” will be joining us in worship on RALLY SUNDAY!, YEA!! This group (Mark Spaw, Brian & Judy Holmes) are great to listen to and at times sing with. *Invite everyone you know to come and enjoy a wonderful, yet low key time of worship.*
3. **A POTLUCK!** The thing about potlucks is the variety of food and sitting with people you care about eating the food. Nothing beats the buzz of people talking and eating together. Bring enough food to share with others after the concert/worship service...the more the merrier!
4. **Pray-ground.** WHAT is a Pray-ground? It is an area in the sanctuary where young children can read, draw or color quietly while we all worship God. Kids actively engaged in church still hear God during the service and allow parents to remain in service too.
5. **EXPERIENCING GOD study.** Many people desire to experience God in a more personal way. This series, beginning September 17th, will enable you to experience God more personally, especially with your involvement in a small group.
6. **Sunday School for kids & ADULTS!** No one ever graduates from learning about God, so we will be starting a Sunday school that begins at 11:15 a.m. for kids and for the new adult group to help us all continue to know God better through scripture, study and discussion.

So be a part of these upcoming events that God will be glorified as we be the church!

IT'S ABOUT TIME!!!

Blessings on our journey together...

Pastor Paul

Meetings in September 2017

- Wed. September 6: Design Works, 9:00 a.m.
Worship Team Meeting, 12:30 p.m.
- Sat. September 9: Personal Needs Pantry Delivery, 9:30 a.m.
- Mon. September 11: Trustees Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs. September 14: Administrative Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Sat. September 16: UMM / Love Inc. Furniture Delivery, 8:30 a.m.
- Sun. September 17: Private Party in Armstrong Hall, 1:00 p.m.
- Wed. September 20: Crafts for Christ, 1:30 p.m. @ Pat Harton's House
- Sat. September 23: Personal Needs Pantry Delivery, 9:30 a.m.



Weekly Events in September 2017

Every Sunday:

Sunday Service, 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School, 11:15 a.m. (Beginning Sept. 17th)
Fellowship Hour, 11:00 a.m.



Every Monday:

No Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

Every Tuesday:

Prayers and Squares Quilting, 9:00 a.m.

Every Wednesday:

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. (Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28)

Every Saturday:

Alcoholics Anonymous, 10:00 a.m.

September Birthdays

2 Alicia Daniel
8 - Matt Sorg
10 - Shannon Rodocker
18 - Doug Daniel
21 - Charles Kirkpatrick
22 - Michele Cannaert
23 –Terri Clark
28 - Sue Cornell



September Anniversaries

3, 1963 Jim & Collene Myers
19, 1992 Brian & Becky Toth

September Servants

Greeters

September 3: Volunteers Needed
September 10: Volunteers Needed
September 17: Hartland Methodist Men
September 27: Volunteers Needed

Ushers

September 3: Volunteers Needed
September 10: Volunteers Needed
September 17: Hartland Methodist Men
September 27: Volunteers Needed

Liturgist

September 3: Mary Jo Bell
September 10: Pastor Paul
September 17: Fran Warthman
September 24: Shelia Daniel

Multi Media Specialist

September 3: Charles Kirkpatrick
September 10: Jeff Jackson
September 17: Mary Jo Bell
September 24: Jo Campbell



Worship In The Park



Great Worship, Great Friends, Great Games, Great Food

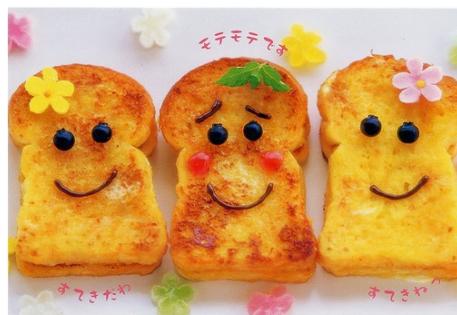


A Big Thank You
to all that helped
to make this
adventure a huge
success!!

Women's Breakfast

Hartland United Methodist Women will begin meeting the third Sunday of the month for breakfast at Hartland Big Boy at 8:30 a.m. All women are invited for this time of fellowship, fun, and food.

Hope to see you there!



News from the Frontier!
September 2017

Old Time Religion

Hello from the Frontier! We are currently finishing working at a KOA campground in Montana, but are heading out right after Labor Day to start building across America again. The need for simple, decent housing is still out there. While reading a book written by Habitat founder, Millard Fuller, we came across this chapter and it struck a chord that we wanted to share with you.

You've heard the song "Give me that Old-time religion...It was good for Paul and Silas. It's good enough for me." Old time religion is about "preaching the Bible", but it doesn't relate the Bible to anything current. It keeps everything generic and in a safe, distant past.

Loving one's neighbor is just fine as long as he or she has no name and no known address. Any preacher can preach his/her heart out about the importance of loving one's neighbor and the response will be uniformly the same – good preaching, solid theology, straight out of the Bible. It's that "old-time religion" and it doesn't threaten or challenge anyone.

But, if the preacher names a neighbor and gives not only an address but explains the needs of that neighbor, there is a problem. The parishioner has to respond in some way. One response is to run the preacher off so that such challenging preaching will no longer be heard. A new pastor can be found who will stick to safe, anonymous neighbors. Another response is to quit attending church so one doesn't have to listen to such disturbing messages. One could admit that "loving one's neighbor as oneself" is merely a slogan not to be taken seriously, or one could take action to express love and practical help to the neighbor in need.

Many churches have Bible study groups. People will come together for years to study the Bible but nothing ever comes of it. That is to say, the study is only for the sake of the study itself, with some fellowship thrown in. There ought to be more than that.

To me, studying with no plan of action is like cooking great meals week after week and dumping the prepared food directly into the garbage. There is value in the work that goes into preparing a meal and, when done with others, the fellowship is likewise good. But how much better the whole process would be if the food were actually consumed, giving enjoyment and strength to those who ate it!

When one remembers that Jesus said that the essence of true faith is to love God completely and to love one's neighbor as oneself, it is prudent and wise, I think, to get serious about trying to apply that to one's daily life.

Think about the ways in which you express love to yourself. Being sure you have adequate money for food, clothing, shelter and other needs in life. Now, realize that neighbors have the same kinds of needs. Ask basic questions, such as, what kind of insurance do I have to assure that I'll be taken care of in case of illness? Is adequate insurance available for my neighbor?

True religion is practical. I don't believe in a bland sameness. People are different and their needs and aspirations are different. But all of humanity is a whole lot more similar than they are different. All need the basics – food, clothing and shelter. And, all need to feel cared for and loved... in practical and some not-so-practical ways.

True religion is not "Brand X" where one "loves" and cares for amorphous neighbors. True religion knows names, addresses, and needs. True religion is active and hardworking.

The world does not need "old-time religion" that is dormant and restricted to the sanctuary or to a safe, distant past. The world cries out for activated, caring religion that has on work clothes and a mind and heart to help others.

What kind of religion do you practice? Do you feel that you *really* love your neighbors as much as you love yourself? What changes need to take place in your life to cause you to be more in line with the fundamental teaching that you should love a neighbor as much as you love yourself?

Challenge yourself to make old-time religions new through expressions of love and service.

Excerpt from "Building Materials for Life" book written by Millard Fuller; Founder and past President of Habitat for Humanity International

Yours in Christ,

NOTE FROM YOUR FINANCE CHAIR

Many of you may not be aware that our church accounting has been outsourced the last year. I am pleased to inform you that we have brought our financial accounting back in house, with the exception of Payroll.

Charles Kirkpatrick, has graciously accepted the position of Church Treasurer. Pastor Paul and I are working with him closely in making this a smooth transition. Our next step will be to bring the payroll back in house. We will have the church financial status available by October 1st and will provide you with information at that time.

We are quickly approaching the last quarter of 2017. As always, we would like to get our bills caught up before year end. Many of you have supported important financial needs with designated giving. At this time, we would ask that you consider giving these donations to the General Fund for the remainder of 2017 to greatly assist with paying our bills.

Thank you in advance for helping us catch up on our outstanding bills.

Blessings,

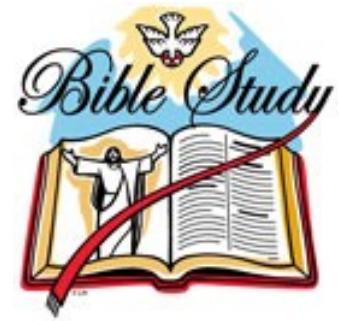
Marty Hansen
Financial Chair



Bible Studies:

Religions

Time for our Monday morning study of World Religions to resume on September 11 at 10:30. Join us 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 Wednesday morning 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 will be starting the study of Revelation. Everyone is welcome to join us for this interesting and informative study. The only materials you need for this study is a Bible, notebook and pen or pencil. We spend one hour in study and a half hour in prayer and praise.

Sunday School



Join in as we begin the fall season with new changes to our Sunday School Program. Beginning September 17th we will be meeting for Sunday School at 11:15 a.m. after Service. Children 4 + will meet in the Sunday School room at the top of the stairs. *Kids, This year 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

It is hard to believe that it is the first of September, school is starting, and Hartland UMC is beginning its fall programming. Where did the summer go?

We wanted you to let you know about our success with our "Christmas In July" (and part of August) sale. Although we had not advertised our sale, we are pleased with our profits. We earned over \$150!! Hurrah. We do have lots of wonderful things for sale, with lots of amazing ornaments, snowmen, jewelry and knitted, crocheted and sewn items too. Watch for our coming sales.

On November 4, we will participate in a craft show. Stay tuned for more information. Please continue work on your projects for this sale and the Cookie Walk and Craft Sale. I can't wait to see all your creations. We get together for a work session on the third Wednesday of each month. We have been meeting at Pat Harton's house to craft together at 1:30 to about 3:30. Everyone is welcome. Many hands make light work and lots 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 wares. Plan on doing Christmas shopping with us.

Beginning September 17th
A Sermon Series &
Small Group Experience



GOD IS AT WORK AROUND YOU
Will you join Him?

Bible Studies

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| Sunday after Service | Level 1 | 11:15 a.m. |
| Tuesday | Level 2 | 6:30 p.m. |
| Friday | Level 1 | 9:30 a.m. |

Two Levels Of Study

- Level 1 - Class time: 1 hour
Level 2 - Class time and daily Workbook : 2 hours

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WE PUT GOD FIRST**