

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: 10:20a.m.
Coffee Hour: 11:00 a.m.
Discussion Group - 11:20 a.m.

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September

Sermon Series

“Finding Relational Happiness”

1. Developing Friends
2. Keeping Friends
3. Married Together
4. Raising Children



Autumn Upcoming Events

September

- * Rally Sunday Sept. 8
- * 5th Sunday Hymn Sing & Potluck

October

- * Harvest fest
- * World Communion Sunday Oct. 6

November

- * Turkey Dinner Nov. 2
- * All Saints Day Nov. 6
- * Community Thanksgiving Service
- * Red Cross Blood Drive



~ Musings from the Pastor ~

I saw a report from a local Gideon's group I've had the pleasure to meet with a few times over the last few years. It was encouraging to see the work they are doing in getting God's Word (New Testaments) into people's hands. The numbers were these:

Fowlerville Family Fair – gave out 892 New Testaments to many young people and witnessed to some as we engaged them in conversations.

Howell Melon Fest ——— handed out 1120 New Testaments and shared with some about Jesus Christ.

These are encouraging numbers. To see God's Word getting shared at these fairs and festivals is so important. Who knows how many of the nearly 2000 people who received a New Testament will open and read life changing words like:

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. (John 1:12)

I remember receiving one fall day as I was headed to class at Central Michigan University a Gideon New Testament. Although I had unintentionally been distancing myself from God through my college years, this little New Testament was a reminder of God's presence in the world and in my life. God would use this little New Testament, along with other "God moments" during these wayward years to draw me back into a stronger relationship with Jesus.

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I sometimes believe we minimize what we can do to help others in their relationship with God. Yet, acts of kindness, uplifting words of blessing, playing Christian music that other's might hear, saying you'll pray for someone who is going through a difficult spot in life are simple, but effective ways we can reach out with God's love. When we minimize our efforts, Satan, not God, gets the glory, which is never a good thing. When prompted by the Spirit, reach out to others!

I cannot say I read much of that little orange covered New Testament a guy from Gideon's handed me on that fall day. But I do remember the moment. I do remember knowing God was present on those pages of the New Testament. I was convicted in knowing I wasn't actively seeking God. I felt a little Holy Spirit induced guilt because I wasn't involved in a church or any real spiritual practice. But in that moment, and the moments I have thought back to that day, I thank God for someone's act of love to me.

Blessings on the journey to know, love, and serve God,

Pastor Paul

September Birthdays

2 Alicia Daniel
8 Matt Sorg
10 Shannon Rodocker
18 Doug Daniel
21 Charles Kirkpatrick
21 LeRoy Moore (1923)
22 Michele Cannaert
23 Terri Clark
28 Sue Cornell



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

September Anniversaries

If you would like your birthday or your anniversary added to our church list please leave a note in the office with Karen.

September Anniversaries

Greeters

September 1: Jerry Weaver
September 8: Volunteers Needed
September 15: Volunteers Needed
September 22: Volunteers Needed
September 29: Volunteers Needed

Ushers

September 1: K. Nowak & D. Webber
September 8: S. & A. De Visser
September 15: G. & V. Lemon
September 22: B. & L. Honour
September 29: J. Weaver & P. Schleh

Liturgist

September 1: Pastor Paul
September 8: Sharon Infantino
September 15: Jerry Weaver
September 22: Donna Webber
September 29: Bert Honour

Multi Media Specialist

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

Meetings in September 2019

Mon. September 2: Trustee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Wed. September 4: Design Works, 9:00 a.m.

Wed. September 11: Worship Team Meeting, 12:30 p.m.

Thurs. September 12: Financial / Ad. Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m.

Sun. September 22: UMM Meeting & Breakfast 8:30 a.m.

Women's Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.



Weekly Events in September 2019

Every Sunday: Service, 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hour, 11:00 a.m.

Adult Sunday School, 11:20 a.m.

Every Monday:

Knit, Crochet, Pray, 12:00 p.m.

Every Tuesday:

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

Every Wednesday:

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m.

Every Thursday:

Alcoholics Anonymous, 10:00 a.m.

Every Saturday:

Alcoholics Anonymous, 10:00 a.m.



Thank You Hartland UMC



Our Summer Mission Project was a big success. The collected school supplies will be donated to Hartland area schools to help make sure the students have what is needed to ensure a positive start for the 2019 - 2020 school year.



thank you...

...AND good-bye

Saying Goodbye to our Personal Needs Pantry

Each ministry has its own timeline, a beginning and even an end. A few years ago, several people saw the need for beginning a Personal Needs Pantry (PNP) here at Hartland UMC. The PNP helped people in our immediate area who were experiencing hardships and needed a hand with toiletries and basic cleaning supplies. It was through Love Inc. we were receiving people who had been vetted as having real needs, and not people gaming the system. Love Inc., in recent years, has moved to a new model of ministry. A model which has greatly tapered off the need of our PNP. We are grateful for the people who have led this ministry and for the many who have served or given resources to this ministry. **Thank You!** Know that God has used you. Any remaining items in the pantry have been dispersed to other local charities. Any remaining money has been earmarked to other mission ministries in our church. Again, thank you for leading, participating, and giving to this ministry.



Worship In The Park



What a great day we were blessed with for our Worship in the Park Service. No rain, no humidity and a nice breeze made for a perfect setting to worship our God. After service everyone enjoyed a hot dog and dessert lunch and fellowship. Congratulations to Jeff and Linda Gordinier for winning the NIV Study Bible.



5th Sunday Hymn Sing and Potluck



Hymn Sing

This September has 5 Sundays, which means we are going to have another 5th Sunday Hymn Sing and Potluck lunch.

September 29th also kicks off our next ingathering project, donating to the Hartland School's food pantry. The pantry provides any student in need, a snack or a quick meal. They would like "grab and go" single serve food items such as Cup-a-Soup, pudding cups, fruit cups, protein bars, Easy Mac, Granola Bars, cheese / peanut butter crackers etc. All food items should be ready to serve and not require refrigeration.

The Potluck lunch will follow the Hymn Sing Service on September 29th.



Hartland HUMC Blood Drive

In conjunction with The Red Cross, we are going to have a blood drive at our church. We need at least 30 people to sign up to donate blood. Sign (Yourself and a Friend) up on the bulletin board flyer to donate and save a life. We are planning for a day in November to have the Blood Drive. If you are unsure if you are able to donate, please check this website for more information.

www.redcrossblood.org

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