

Heavenly Notes

March & April 2021



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

United Methodist Church



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Sunday Worship

Sanctuary 10:00 am

Live on Facebook 10:00 am

or anytime on our website
hartlandumc.org

Zoom Coffee Hour 12:00 pm

Zoom Discussion 11:45 am

Meeting ID: 969 9365 4405

Password: 11111111

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March 7, 2021
10:00 a.m.
Service

- ◆ Enter through the ramp/handicap entrance or the doors at the main parking lot. All other entrances will remain closed.
- ◆ Masks will be expected unless you are *medically* intolerant. If you do not have one, or forget to bring it, masks will be available. Gloves are not necessary.
- ◆ There will be a hand sanitizing station just outside the sanctuary doors to use before and after worship.
- ◆ Every other pew will be used to ensure safe distancing. Please maintain 6' distance from other individuals / family groups in your pew that you do not live with.
- ◆ If you feel sick, are at "high risk", or work or live with one who is (see appendix on the back of this page), please continue to enjoy our worship services online or through mailed paper manuscripts.

Easter Plant Order



I (We) _____

Would like to purchase _____

Easter Lily



Cost per plant is \$10.00



Tulips

Hyacinth

Daffodils

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____



Please return to the Church Office by March 21, 2021

Pastor's Ponderings



Jeremiah 9:24
Ephesians 2:7
Colossians 3:12

Lent "Additions"

Lent often encourages us to "give something up" as a spiritual practice with the dual benefit of empathizing with Jesus' sacrificial journey to the cross for us and developing discipline so that we can grow in our discipleship of following Jesus in our everyday life.

In recent years, the idea of adding an activity rather than subtracting one has become popular. Another popular trend has been performing "random acts of kindness". Though these ideas have been around for a while, they remain valuable exercises for both the giver and receiver of the action. Consider what you may want to do this season.

I once surveyed a church asking them to dream about **who** they could surprise with a random act of kindness, and **what** two or three kind acts that could accomplish the task. I received 31 responses with 90 suggestions. Of course, the list is not exhaustive, come up with your own ideas. And they were not generated during a pandemic so some may have to be creatively adjusted to fit our times. I edited them to avoid repeating ideas.

Some responses suggested specific ways we can follow principles of kindness.

- ◇ show and give our love (and the love of God)
- ◇ be generous
- ◇ offer and give help
- ◇ share your talents
- ◇ be grateful for each other
- ◇ be a friend
- ◇ pray for and do loving deeds
- ◇ overlook and react kindly when others direct critical or unkindly actions at you.

Other responses suggested specific ways we can follow these principles:

- ◇ pray
- ◇ smile
- ◇ compliment
- ◇ **write** loving notes or cards of compliments, thanks, encouragement, thinking of you, or just because
- ◇ **phone** someone and let them know you care
- ◇ **visit**, talk, listen, take time for someone
- ◇ **share** plants, garden produce, food, meals, take someone berry picking
- ◇ **deliver** flowers, a baked meal, cookies, or some special craft or item to someone
- ◇ **invite** someone to church events or other events (like a birthday party) or out to eat with you, or pay for them to eat out (anonymously)
- ◇ **transport** someone for a ride, bring them to church, the store, the doctor, appointments, or run errands for someone (trip to store or post office, for examples)
- ◇ **help** with household chores, yard work, (mowing, raking, weeding, shoveling) or helping someone with a major life event (such as moving)
- ◇ **provide** pet sitting, child sitting services
- ◇ **spend** time with children - cooking with them or reading to them
- ◇ **loan** a book you have read

Many of these suggestions were directed with focused recipients, such as:

neighbors, old friends, children, young, old, hurting, struggling, needy, depressed, lonely, homebound or nursing home residents, moms, spouses, unhappy, unable, or unwanted.

Others said how we are to go about doing and receiving the actions...

- ◇ we are to go **above and beyond** the call of duty!

*Let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord, who exercises **kindness**, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the Lord.* Jeremiah 9:24

*In order that in the coming ages he might show incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his **kindness** to us in Christ Jesus.* Ephesians 2:7

*Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy dearly loved, clothe yourself with compassion, **kindness**, humility, gentleness, and patience.* Colossians 3:12 (NIV)

These verses give us the model. God is kind, God went way beyond what he had to for us by sending Jesus to die for us and to save us from evil, sin, and hate... We, as God's people then, should not only react kindly (which is tough enough sometimes), but God calls us to initiate kindness above and beyond the call of justice and duty...

And one final thought, when we are on the receiving end of such blessings, this church suggested a kindly response:

- ◇ Show genuine enthusiasm for the shown kindnesses and talents of others.

Here were their answers to the "what" -- we can't forget the "who" we do the "what" for as you are led by the Spirit. One phrase from Paul sums it up: Whatever you have learned, or received or heard or seen... put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Pastor Chuck

March Birthdays:

- 3 Michael Warthman
- 5 Jeff Jackson
- 7 Crystal Anderson
- 16 Sara Kenel
- 17 Beckie Wren
- 22 Frances Warthman
- 28 Bill Wyckoff

Happy Birthday!



April Birthdays:

- 8 Tiffany Rodocker
- 11 Alec Ruby
- 13 Marge Kennedy
- Earl Campbell
- 19 Brienne Daniel
- Joshua Voight
- 20 Maggie Ruby
- 22 Vivian Lemon

March Anniversaries:

- 7 Bruce & Janice Wright
- 17 Bob Ruby & Shyrl Cone



April Anniversaries:

- 5 Jeff & Linda Gordinier
- 19 Don & Pat Coleman

If we missed your special day, we apologize. Please let us know so we can update our records.

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Regularly Scheduled Meetings in March and April 2021

(Chair/Leader will confirm meeting and whether it is on Zoom or not)

March			
Mon	1	7:00 pm	Trustees Meeting (TBD)
Wed	10	12:30 pm	Worship Team Meeting
Thu	11	7:00 pm	Finance /Administrative Board (has moved to bi-monthly)
April			
Wed.	14	12:30 p.m.	Worship Team Meeting



Weekly Regularly Scheduled Meetings in March April 2021

Sundays	10:00 am 12:00 pm 12:30 pm (TBD)	Worship Zoom Coffee Hour Zoom Adult Sunday School Discussion
Mondays	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Knit, Crochet, and Pray
Wednesdays	7:30 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous
Wednesdays	9:30 am - 11:30 am	Bible Study (Zoom)
Thursdays	10:00 am	Alcoholics Anonymous
Saturdays	7:30 am & 10:00 am	Alcoholics Anonymous

Worship Service Manuscripts are available on request for those who might prefer to read than watch, or don't have easy access to online services. If you, or someone you know would be interested (if another person, please confirm their interest first) let the office know and we'll be happy to send a copy of any certain week or every week as desired. Manuscripts will also be available on our website.

Heavenly E Notes is an e-mail that is sent most weeks with a devotion from the pastor and timely church news, Information, and opportunities. Heavenly E Notes will be more flush with content as the church begins to resume more normal activities. If you aren't getting the weekly email, request from the office that you be added to the church's email list.

Preparing for the Lenten Season



Here is an idea to display your Lenten Kit.

Lenten Altar



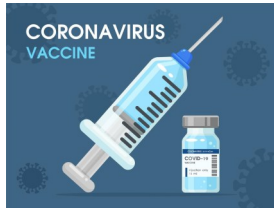
Lenten Altar and Lenten Candles





Winter Storm Notice

During the school year, if the school's are closed, please call the church office at 810-632-7476 before venturing out to make sure the church is open.



Coronavirus Vaccine Questions?

Still deciding whether or not to get the Vaccine?
Check out this link from Consumers Rights Magazine.

<https://www.consumerreports.org/vaccines/your-questions-about-a-coronavirus-vaccine-answered/>



Upper Room Daily Devotional Booklet

The *Upper Room* daily devotional *guide* offers short messages that apply scripture to the challenges and opportunities of everyday life. It is a inspirational resource to meet God in prayer and see him at work.

Pick up your free copy outside the secretary's office or call the office if you would like a copy mailed to you.



Lenten Kits

Lenten Kits are still available. If you would like one please call the church office. You may also pick a kit up in the office Monday thru Friday 9:00 am — 12:00 pm

810-632-7446

Communion



If you are unable to attend in person, we offer Communion on the first Sundays of the month through the online worship services. To participate with bread and cup, you can (1) use your Spirit given imagination as you follow along, (2) find something at home that will work for you (3) pick up from church office one sanitary juice and wafer set for each participating individual in your home (4) or if it is not possible for you to come to pick them up, contact the office and we will try to deliver them to you. .

Escalators Anyone? Acts 14:22

The following was taken from registration sheets and comment cards returned to the staff of the Bridger Wilderness Area in Wyoming in 1996.

1. Trails need to be wider so people can walk holding hands.
2. Trails need to be reconstructed. Please avoid building trails that go uphill.
3. Too many bugs and leeches and spiders and spider webs. Please spray the wilderness to rid the area of these pets.
4. Please pave the trails so they can be plowed of snow during the winter.
5. Chairlifts need to be in some places so that we can get to wonderful views without having to hike them.
6. The coyotes made too much noise last night and kept me awake. Please eradicate these annoying animals.
7. A small deer came into my camp and stole my jar of pickles. Is there a way I can get reimbursed?
8. Reflectors need to be placed on trees every 50 feet so people can hike at night with flashlights.
9. Escalators would help on steep uphill sections.
10. A McDonald's would be nice at the trailhead.
11. The places where trails do not exist are not well marked.
12. Too many rocks in the mountains

Mark Neifert, Argonia, Kansas; from Light and



Does this describe your fitness program? Jumping to conclusions, flying off the handle, beating around the bush, running down a friend, dragging your feet, dodging responsibility, passing the buck, climbing the ladder, wading through paperwork, pulling strings, throwing your weight around, bending the rules, pushing your luck

--- Author unknown.

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Happy Easter!
Happy Spring!
Happy Everything!

