

Heavenly Notes

July- August 2021

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

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THIS INDEPENDENCE DAY,
LET'S BRING FORTH
A NEW WISH TO CRAFT
BEAUTIFUL TOMORROWS
FOR OURSELVES.

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

Sunday Worship

Sanctuary 10:00 am
Live on Facebook 10:00 am
or anytime on our website
hartlandumc.org

Fellowship Hour 11:00 am
Coffee & Snacks

Meeting ID: 969 9365 4405
Password: 11111111

*Where the Spirit of the
LORD is,
there is Freedom*

2 Corinthians 3:17

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4th of July Blessings



*Be thankful for
the freedoms
with which God
has blessed this
Country
God Bless*

Pastor's Ponderings



Matthew 25:14-30
Revelation 21:5a
Colossians 3:9b-10
Ephesians 4:22-24

"So What's New?"

Sometimes, children pick up new words and phrases and their parents and/or grandparents don't know if they pick it up on the street, school, or where they discovered it.

When one of our children were young, one word suddenly filtered through several phrases, a word we hated to hear. And of course, while young elementary age children so easily pick up on these words, they are reluctant to lay them down again.

It was a word that expressed anger, frustration, futility and hopelessness. Many people learned it at that age, granted it power over their life and are yet to abandon it.

The word is **never**; as in, "*I never get to, I never have, I never can, I never will*"

The word forces us to focus on what is not, and lock in on that as if it can never be. It demands we see life from a one negative fatalistic point of view.

The phrases also encourage us to center all of life around our self. It resists hope, encourages pity, and makes us victims instead of

responsible choosers.

Some of us have heard we aren't supposed to use the word -- ("The Little Engine" teaches us we are supposed to "think we can") so we avoid the word while maintaining the attitude, so instead of saying I **never** have done well with solutions/goals, we learn to say it positively "We're not good at", "Nothing will change", or "If only the world / church / family / circumstances / etc. were different, only then we could succeed.

But all of these, and many more phrases (attitudes) work only to change **the sound** of the issue. None of these move us to new growth, new solutions, new life, new relationship, or new possibilities.

As covid continues to fade from our area, it is a good time to pause and look how far God has brought us and put his hope into our future and imagine what we can become.

The texts listed remind us that God is not interested in keeping everything the same as it was or as it is. Unlike the person who buries his gift to preserve his resources; God wants to invest his gifts to us in expanding his kingdom of love and grace and by making everything new. And in the present, he does this by investing the Spirit of Christ in his people who are willing to

invest the same mind of Christ in his new creation.

Some times we wish God would change circumstances, even other people, but leave us unchanged. But this new order is not about environment or circumstances. But a new order requires a new nature of people for humanity corrupted the old nature.

Therefore, God, through Paul, encourages us to take off the old fixed ways of our life and to put on the Spirit's new and renewing attitude of the new creation. Don't let the "nevers" of your past lock you out of the newness that God may want you to experience on this side of covid.

Spend time with this question: "What one thing in my [life-church-job-school-relationship-community] can I do that will move my [life-church-etc...] toward the renewal of the image of its Creator and his new creation?"

Battle through the excuses, the rationalizations, the blame games that the "never" attitude" encourages us to rely on. Ignore "failure" except to learn from it in order to do better next time. Press on in God's vision and resources so that when someone asks you "So what's new?" you have a meaningful answer to share from your spirit.

Pastor Chuck

July Birthdays:

- 1 Ann Martin
- 2 Angel Tan
- 3 James Walker
- 4 Paul Gruenberg
Christopher Walker
- 6 Brenna Gruenberg
Pat Harton
- 11 Gary White
- 13 Bob Ruby
- 15 Lindsay Kenel
- 18 Norma Faulds
- 23 Ron Warthman
- 28 Gar Lemon

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July Anniversaries:

- 7 Matthew & Karen Wright
- 16 Rob & Michele Cannara
- 23 Chris & Sherrie Rice
- 25 Bruce & Darcie Westbrook



August Birthdays:

- 1 Darcie Westbrook
- 6 Kathy Novak
- 16 Rosemary White
- 27 Jeff Gordinier

August Anniversaries:

- 3 Keith & Mickie Voight
- 7 Bruce and Pat Harton
- 9 Earl & Jo Campbell
- 9 Jeff & Laura Walker
- 12 Shannon & Tiffany Rodocker
- 24 Gary & Sue LaRoy
- 30 Don & Sue Cornell

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

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To Remember



Regularly Scheduled Meetings in July and August 2021

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

July

Mon	5	7:00 pm	Trustees Meeting (TBD)
Thu	8	7:00 pm	Finance /Administrative Board (has moved to bi-monthly)
Wed	14	12:30 pm	Worship Team Meeting

August

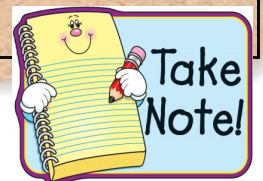
Wed.	11	12:30 p.m.	Worship Team Meeting
Thur.	12	7:00 p.m.	Financial Team Meeting

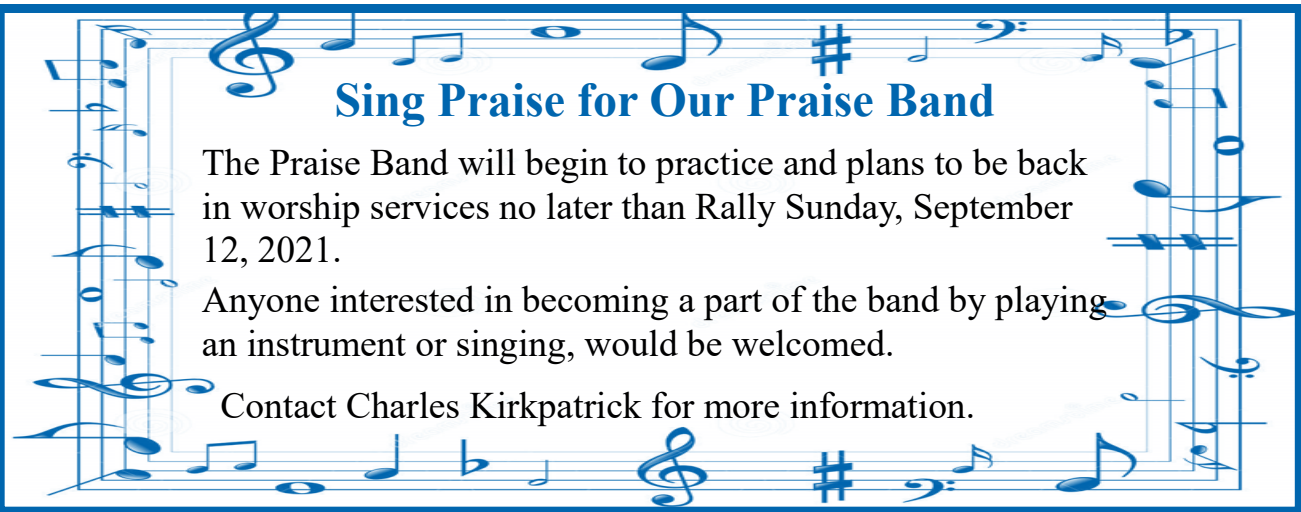
Weekly Regularly Scheduled Meetings in July and August 2021

Sundays	10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship Fellowship Hour
Tuesdays	10:00 am	Quilting in Armstrong Hall
Wednesdays	9:30 am 7:30 pm	Prayer-Meeting (Zoom) Alcoholics Anonymous
Thursdays	10:00 am	Alcoholics Anonymous
Saturdays	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.






Sing Praise for Our Praise Band

The Praise Band will begin to practice and plans to be back in worship services no later than Rally Sunday, September 12, 2021.


Anyone interested in becoming a part of the band by playing an instrument or singing, would be welcomed.

Contact Charles Kirkpatrick for more information.




Poster Pick Up

If you would like to take the poster you made to decorate the parlor wall please take it home after the service. After July 11th they will no longer be available




Financial News Update

The Financial Team would like to thank everyone for being so generous during the church's time of financial need. We have recovered from the giving slow down and we are carrying some reserve in the General Fund. As things are returning back to normal, please continue to support our Church.



Scrip Cards

Thank you Jeff and Linda for continuing the scrip program at Hartland UMC. The cards will be available for purchase every other Sunday in Armstrong Hall. This is a great way to help raise money for the church and also saves you any extra hidden store fee charges!



2021 Virtual Annual Conference Summary Video

The link below will take you to a site where you can view summaries of the virtual annual conference, i.e., opening worship, legislation, justice and mission, service of recognition, commissioning and ordination and more.

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A church garden
three rows of squash

1. squash indifference.
2. squash criticism.
3. squash gossip.

four rows of turnips

1. Turn up for meetings.
2. Turn up with a smile.
3. Turn up with a visitor.
4. Turn up with your Bible.

five rows of lettuce

1. let us love one another deeply.
2. let us welcome strangers sincerely.
3. let us be faithful to duty for love of God.
4. let us worship God.
5. let us be generous.

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