

Heavenly Notes

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Sunday Worship

Sanctuary 10:00 am
 Live on Facebook 10:00 am

or live or any time on our
[website hartlandumc.org](http://website.hartlandumc.org)

Fellowship Hour 11:00 am
 Coffee & Snacks

Zoom Meeting ID:
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HAPPY NEW YEAR'S!

MAY YOUR LIFE BE BLESSED
 AS YOU SEE GOD BRING FORTH
 NEW THINGS IN THE COMING YEAR.



Pastor's Ponderings
*Thank God for his Son
 - his Gift too wonderful
 for words.*
 2 Corinthians 9:15 (TLB)

We gave gifts. The decorations are put away. Most reunions are over. Excitement fades and even in these covid disrupted years, for most of us there is a comfort of normal routine that returns to our lives.

Many of us worked hard for Christmas. Our best plans and efforts went to getting the proper gift for each child, grandchild, and other family and friends -- trying to suit each one's unique interests and desires. Each person opened their presents with excitement and pleasure.

In the next month or so comes the real litmus test of a great gift. Now that the colorful

paper is recycled, and the excitement of newness wears off, what thoughts and feelings does each gift evoke?

Some gifts are short-lived by design, but can still create long - lasting memories and joy. Cookies, candies, breads and holiday meals don't last long - but warm feelings linger as we consider the thought, energy, effort, and companionship that lay behind these great gifts.

Other gifts are designed to endure and be experienced again and again. Of these, some may quickly break to everyone's disappointment.

Others will fail to hold interest and will soon be dust collectors. But some gifts are meant to endure.

Think about the reason for this past season. God gives us his indescribable gift.

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January Birthdays

January Anniversaries



- 6 Jan Martin
Mickie Voight
- 9 Dani Toth
- 11 Chris Cannaert
Pat Schleh
- 19 Don Hansen
Sarah Anderson
- 20 Lane Rodocker

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



- 7 Charles & Debbie Kirkpatrick
- 10 Gary & Rosemary White
- 19 Don and Marty Hansen
- 25 Mike & Cheri Kowal



Regularly Scheduled Meetings in January 2022

(Chair/Leader will notify members is the meeting is canceled)

January			
Mon	3	7:00 pm	Trustees Meeting
Wed	12	12:30 pm	Worship Team Meeting
Thu	13	7:00 pm	Finance /Administrative Board

Weekly Regularly Scheduled Meetings in January 2022

Sun	10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship Coffee Hour
Tue	10:00 am	Quilting Prayers and Squares - Armstrong Hall
Wed	9:30 am 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting and Bible Study - Zoom Praise Team (except Wed after the 2d Sun) Alcoholics Anonymous
Thu	10:00 am	Alcoholics Anonymous
Sat	7:00 am 10:00 am	Alcoholics Anonymous Alcoholics Anonymous

Newsletter Information deadline is the Monday of the last full week of the month (This month: January 24). Our newsletter is moving back to a monthly distribution.

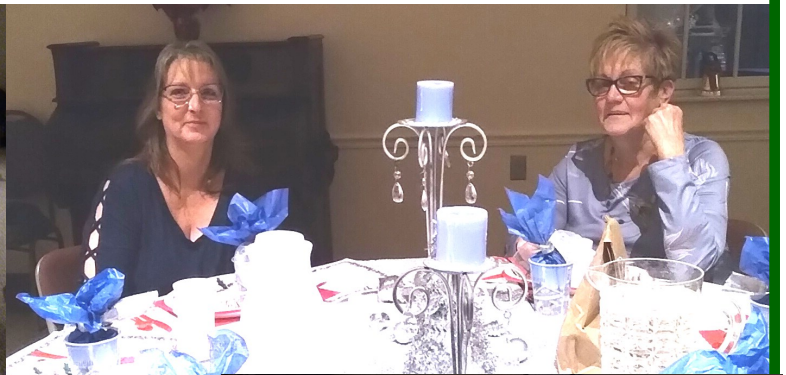
Worship Service Manuscripts

If you prefer to read rather than watch any services you may have missed, worship manuscripts are available church website -- normally not later than Wednesday morning. On the homepage, click on "Recorded Services/PDFs" and there will be a list of recent services. with a video of PDF (download) option.

Or, call the office and we will be happy to send you an electronic version (via email) or a physical paper print version (regular mail) -- of any certain week or all weeks.

Advent Tea 2021

A big thank you to all the women involved in organizing the wonderful Advent Tea. Things were scaled way back. There was no fine China or glassware or beautiful teapots. Everything was disposable which kept covid protocol and was a quick and easy clean up. The atmosphere was friendly and festive, yet allowed us to focus on the true meaning of the Advent Tea. Advent is a period of spiritual preparation in which many Christians make themselves ready for the coming, or birth of the Lord, Jesus Christ.



ROOTS AND BRANCHES HOME STUDY GROUP

Roots and branches is an elementary homeschool group that was born out of the desire for parents to have more involvement in their children's education. Also, with the increasing uncertainty in the public school system and the lack of Christian values in many schools, some of us wanted more for our children. A place where we could teach our children the love and value of God, family and country. So far, we are only four families, but are hoping to expand to at least six or seven families total. We meet three days a week on Monday Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 AM to 1 PM. We are teaching core curriculum as well as music, foreign language, science and geography. Our children have been over the moon about the school and they absolutely love it! We are eternally grateful to United Methodist Church for allowing us to use the space for school. We hope to grow in numbers so that we can be an asset to the church.

Regina Smyth

Director, Roots and Branches



Our Students



Old Fashion Classroom



Circle Time



**Christmas Pageant
Santa & Mrs. Claus came
for a visit.**

Ponderings (cont from front page)

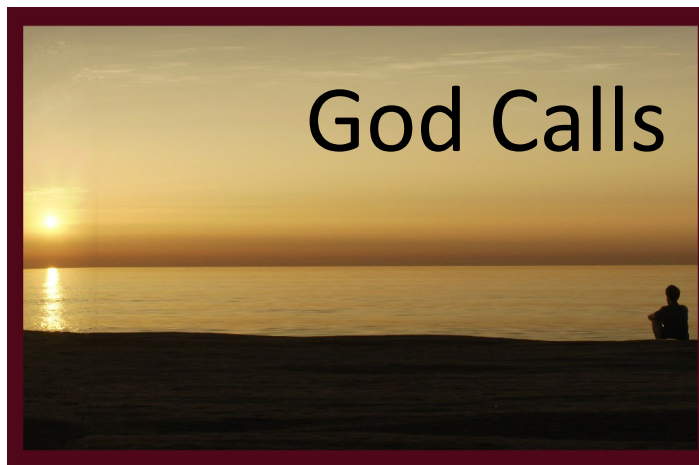
Each year we unwrap the gift of Christ with excitement, joy, and pleasure. His gift to us - his Son, and his Son's gift to us - the Holy Spirit -- are meant to be eternal.

As time moves us away from Christmas, how will we continue to respond to these gifts? Will they be set aside on the shelf until the next season? Or are Christ and the Spirit the kind of gifts that we will choose to experience day in and day out? Ephesians 5 helps us participate with

God's gift daily. *So be careful how you live... as those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity for doing good in these evil days... try to understand what the Lord wants you to do... let the Holy Spirit fill and control you. Then you will sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, making music to the Lord in your hearts. And you will always give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Pastor

A **new worship series** named **God Calls** will begin January 9 - and conclude the Sunday prior to Lent, February 27. It begins by looking at what God calls us (what he does for us and thinks of us). Then we will learn from God's calling of some prophets and disciples, and move to how he provides us with the ability and the wonderful opportunity to live above and beyond the call...



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Recently in Worship



Nov 7 - All Saints Sunday

Left: Pastor Chuck stands in front of the “tree of life”, Ben Williams in behind the candles he lit remembering the saints, and Jerry Weaver was the lay reader for readings and with the pastor, the remembrance liturgy.

Nov 14 - Veterans Sunday

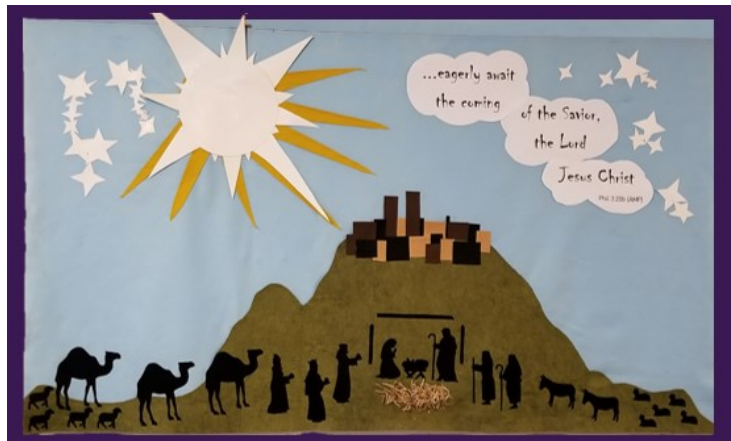
2d row, l to r: Quilts for Mann, Majeski, pastor teaches the 3 prongs (blocks) of self control, **Third row left:** Terri Preiss leads us in the readings.



Nov 21 Directly above: Randy Bell, Kathy Novak, and Donna Allmond (not pictured) accompany the music. Donna and Kathy also presented a special... **Bottom row far left:** Pastor Chuck teaches the Donut Man’s lesson -- that Jesus fills the empty spot that no one else can fill, making us whole people.

Left: Becky Toth leads the readings...

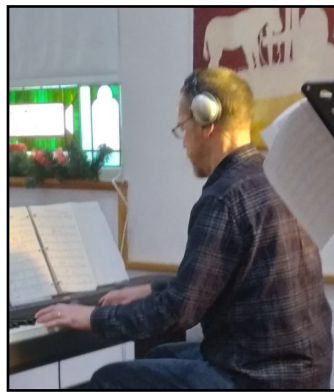
Nov 28 - Advent begins... Top: Sanctuary. Second Row left: Jerry Weaver presents the candle of hope, right: responded to with special music "The Same Power" with Piano Paul, Randy Bell on guitar, and Mary Jo Bell singing. Third row: Seasonal Singers sing "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne", Bottom: Left: Sara Williams leads the readings. Right: Wall Hanging outside the Sanctuary inviting us to join others at the manger and "eagerly await the coming of the Savior (again this year).



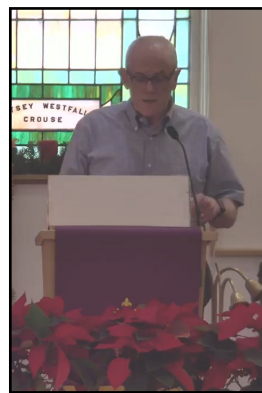
Top Left: Early Advent-Christmas Season Altar **Dec 5** **Top Right:** Donna Allmond (not pictured), Emma Winegarner and Cathy Novak offering special, Ring the Bells. **Second Row Left:** Becky Toth presents the candle of peace, and leads the day's readings. **Center:** Seasonal Singers: I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day **Right:** Becky Toth leads the readings. **Not pictured:** This Sunday also included a Carol Sing which also included additional specials by Donna with Cathy, and Donna playing for young Cole Smyth singing I lift the candle of hope. **Dec 12** **Third row left and right:** Terri Priess presents the joy candle and is the lay reader for the day. **Center:** Regina Leonard sings *Christmas Hallelujah* -- **Bottom** -- the praise band sings (not pictured - Pastor Chuck and Kathy Novak)



From Dec 12th - (cont) Top row left to right Praise band - Kathy Novak (flute) and Pastor Chuck Williams, Mary Jo Bell, Charles Kirkpatrick Second Row left to right- Randy Bell, Gary LaRoy, and Mary Jo Malott.



From Dec 19th - Next Row below - Donna Almond (not pictured on piano with Emma Winegarner and Katy Novak with special music, Charles Kirkpatrick was the lay reader, and presents the Advent love Candle, Bottom Row - Mary Jo Bell sings *Do You Have Room?* A quilt is dedicated for a young child with cancer, Terri Priess (angel) and Charles Kirkpatrick (shepherd) dramatically present the Christmas story as scripted by Mary Jo Bell; and (not pictured) Charles finished the drama singing *When Love was Born*.



From Dec 24th Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service - Top row left to right: "Lanterns light the way to worship". Sara Williams presents reviews of the four Advent Candles that we heard through the Advent Season. **Second Row left and center:** Sara Williams and Ben Williams alternate in leading the congregation in reading the Christmas Story. **Right:** Dramatists Charles Kirkpatrick (playing an initially grumpy, wealthy man) and Terri Priess (angel) enact "Hope in the Night" by Mary Jo Bell -- a story about finding the Christmas spirit through forgiveness and a new life in life through Jesus. Not pictured: Charles sings *Hope Was Born This Night* as the conclusion to the drama, and earlier in the service Mary Jo Bell sang, *Mary, Did You Know?* Communion followed the drama, which led into individual candles being lit as we sang *What Child is This?* and *Silent Night*. **Bottom Row left:** Pastor Chuck concludes the service in the darkened room with a Christmas blessing. **Bottom Row going right: From Dec 26:** Kathy Novak plays the music for the day, except for Paul, who played two instrumental specials, and Jerry Weaver was the day's lay reader.

