

Heavenly Notes March 2022



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



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Sunday Worship

Sanctuary 10:00 am

Live on Facebook 10:00 am

Or

watch live or archived recordings any time on our website hartlandumc.org

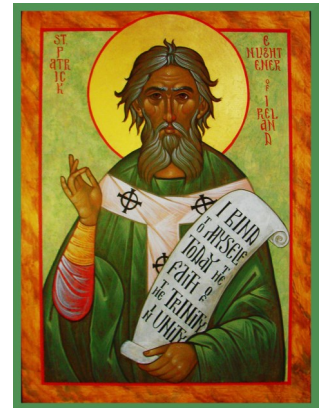
Coffee Hour 11:00 am

Zoom Meeting ID:

969 9365 4405

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*Just like
The leaves on
each shamrock I see,
there are three parts
to the Holy Trinity
First is
God the Father
then Jesus, His only Son
With the Holy Spirit,
together, they are
Three In One.*



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Saint Patrick's Day

Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland, known for bringing Christianity to the country. He lived in the fifth century and was actually born in Roman Britain. not Ireland! When he was 16, he was captured by Irish raiders and was sent as a slave to present-day Northern Ireland where he became a shepherd. He grew close to his Christian faith during these difficult years and then went on and spread Christianity to the Irish through baptism and confirmation.

Saint Patrick's Day was first established in 1631 as a modest religious holiday, and honoring Ireland's patron saint. Because it fell right in the middle of Lent, people began using it as a reason to celebrate and take a break from the restraints and abstinence of the period leading up to Easter. However, it didn't actually become a public holiday in Ireland until 1904!

Trustees -- In addition to the normal routine maintenance such as light bulb and clock battery replacements, the Trustees are working on some additional external lighting upgrades to replace failed lighting (such as at the “handi-ramp”, some door issues, some indoor motion sensor-timed light issues, replacing some failed emergency lighting, trying to trace down an odor that comes and goes, replace a failed grease trap, and a water failure, as well as approving and ordering a new vacuum. They also have some additional planning for spring projects such as fixing the porch entrance and screen

door, and dealing with the salt-damage on some cement and steel railings. They are also looking for a way to stylishly blend into the sanctuary’s platform entry step a way to stabilize people moving on and off the platform.

Additionally, they are looking at rerouting a downspout at the pastor’s home so it doesn’t pour water (which turns to ice) over the entryway sidewalk and drive. Also, after talking with the Restoration company, it is decided that the roofing-deck repair project at the parsonage will wait until spring so that it can be done well.



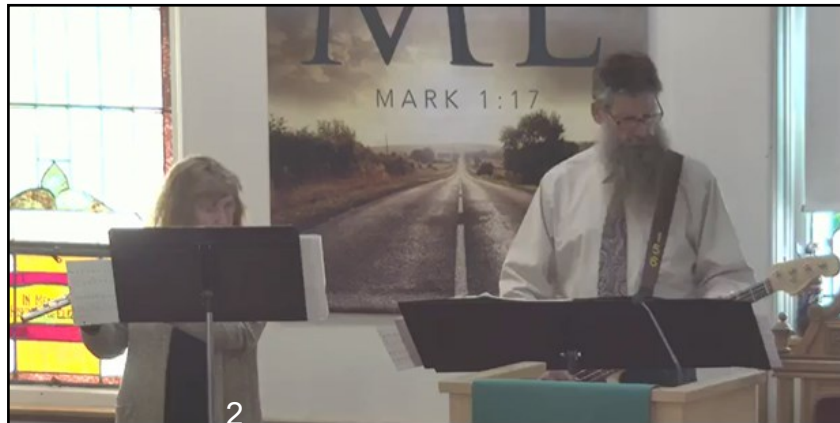
Personal Lenten Meditation Opportunity

To help create a space and time for Lenten meditation, the ramp door will be open, the sanctuary will be warmed, candles lit on a table to create a focal point, and soft music playing. A handout with some suggestions will be available. This will be done every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am to 12 noon beginning March 8 until April 14. And also on Good Friday, April 15 at the same time. Come alone or with a friend at any time during that time frame and stay as short or as long as you feel.

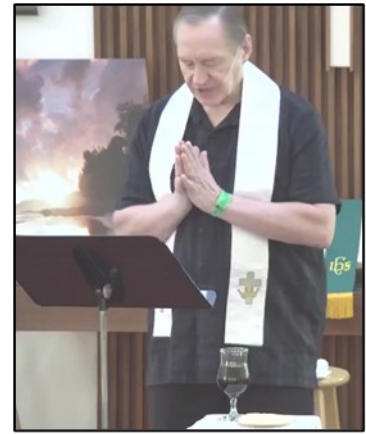
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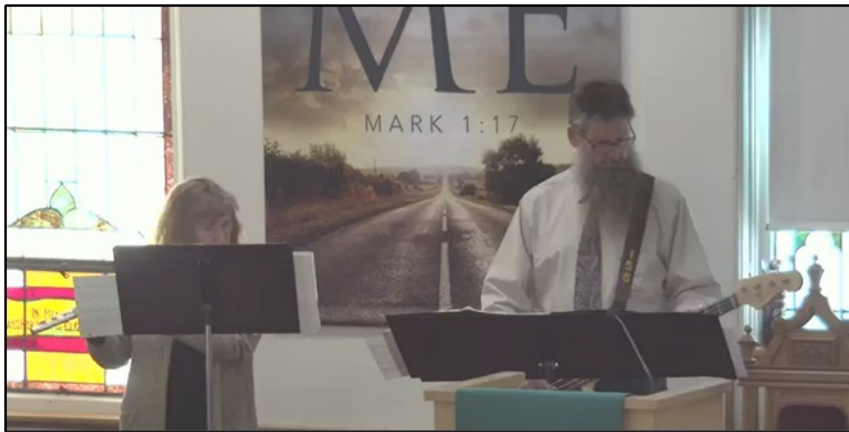
Jan 30 - Above left and right: Kathy Novak and Donna (not pictured at piano) plays the offering and the special “Holy, Holy, Holy” in honor of Isaiah’s Temple vision -- **center:** described by Pastor Chuck. **Below left:** while Regina Smyth, new to the lay reading ministry team, leads the congregation on the creed and day’s readings.



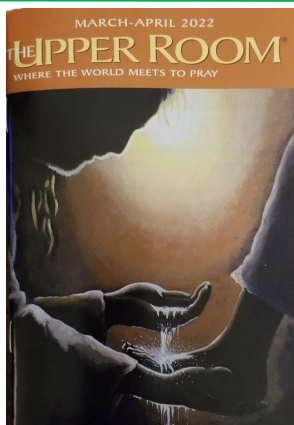
Recently in Worship (cont.)



Feb 6th -- Above left to right: Mary Jo Bell leads in congregational music, Ben Williams leads the readings, Pastor Chuck leads Communion. Below, Donna Allmond (not pictured on piano) Kathy Novak and Randy Bell gift the congregation with music...



Feb 13th: Below left to right: On Superbowl Sunday, Pastor Chuck talks about the value of T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More) and how a good gardener pinches off, prunes back, and cuts off those things in our life that hinder us from being productive, and at our very best. Sara Williams leads the congregation in the readings of the day...



The March - April daily devotional **“The Upper Room”** is now available.

If you are not on the prayer team, and want to or the office know and we will add you to the en have a request, contact Pastor Chuck and he the prayer team.



Recently in Worship (cont.)



Feb 20th - Above, left to right Mary Jo Bell leads congregational music, Donna Allmond, (not pictured) Kathy Novak, and Randy Bell played some background and a special "I will call upon the Lord, and Regina joined them to sing pre and post service music. **Far Left** -- A quilt was dedicated for Julie Evans, and Vivian Lemon lead the readings for the day. **Feb 27th** - **Left** Charles Kirkpartrick leads the readings for Transfiguration Sunday, **Below** - Seasonal Singers sing "Higher Ground" **Bottom** - Donna, Kathy, Randy add music, Pastor Chuck speaks on radiating (reflecting) the glory of





Regularly Scheduled Meetings in March 2022

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

March			
Mon	7	7:00 pm	Trustees Meeting
Wed	9	12:30 pm	Worship Team Meeting
Thu	10	7:00 pm	Finance /Administrative Council

Weekly Regularly Scheduled Meetings in March 2022

Sun.	10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship Coffee Hour	1st Sunday - Communion 2nd Sunday - Praise Band Music 4th Sunday - Seasonal Singers
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	
Thus.	10:00 am	Alcoholics Anonymous	
Sat.	7:00 am 10:00 am	Alcoholics Anonymous Alcoholics Anonymous	

Newsletter Information deadline is the March 21.

Worship Service Manuscripts

If you prefer to read rather than watch any services, worship manuscripts are available on the 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 or 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.

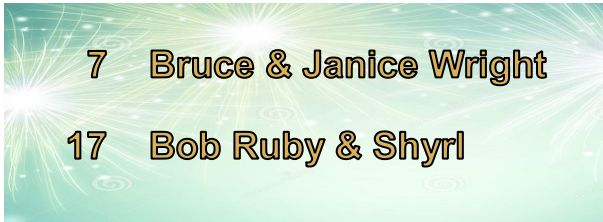
Lent - Easter Season Schedule

Feb 02	Wed	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship - Communion
Feb 06	Sun	10:00 am	Lent 1 - Communion New Worship Series: Established (in a rock solid relationship with God)
Feb 08	Tue	10:00 am	Drop-in Lent Prayer Time Begins (See page 2 for details)
Mar 27	Sun	10:00 am	Laetare Sunday (Seasonal Singers)
Apr 10	Sun	10:00 am	Palm/Passion Sunday (Praise Band)
Apr 14	Fri	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Drop in Prayer Time Concludes Good Friday Worship
Apr 17	Sun	8:30 am 9:00 am 10:00 am	Sunrise Worship Service Easter Breakfast in Armstrong Hall Easter Worship Service
Apr 24	Sun	10:00 am	Bright Sunday

Volunteer Help Wanted



A person or persons are needed who are willing to be trained in all the ins and outs of proper health code protocols to oversee the workings of the church's commercial kitchen. If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact the church office.



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

A Note on our Website

Our website server was upgraded and our website is currently "out of order". Until we are able to get it up and working again, our worship services can still be accessed through our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/HartlandUMC/videos> and Youtube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/HartlandUMC/videos>. We apologize for the inconvenience and hopefully the website will be working again soon.

Easter Plant Order

I (We) _____

Would like to purchase _____ Daffodils _____ Tulips

Cost per plant is \$10.00



Flower selection
limited
due to allergies



In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Please return to the Church Office by April 8, 2022

Please contact the office if

- you have not received your 2021 giving report and finance letter,
- If you need a new year packet of weekly offering envelope.

Donate from your
Smart phone or tablet

Hartland United Methodist offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easier for you to give anytime from your smart phone.

Quick Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's Response (QR) code reader!

Don't have a scanner
code application?

Go to your App Store and
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Giving electronically
Is easy and allows you
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And click on the
"GIVE" button"

UMCOR Sunday is March 27, 2022

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is often unnoticed because they often work with other agencies and don't go out of their way to "brand" themselves -- yet they are often the first to arrive and the last to leave when disaster strikes -- long after the news has long forgotten the continuing crisis. When people give to disasters, 100 % of the gift given to UMCOR goes directly to disaster relief. That is possible because the non-disaster cost associated with making the programs and ministries possible is underwritten from other sources. One major source is the special UMCOR Sunday Offering (some of you may know it better by its old name "One Great Hour of Sharing". This offering will be collected in the morning worship service of March 27. (Just memo your check or envelope - "UMCOR".

YOU change lives!

Without your generosity, this ministry could not be achieved! United Methodists received **\$1,921,619** last year towards ministries funded by the **UMCOR Special Sunday** offering. Giving allows us to make a difference in the lives of communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement and climate change. This offering underwrites UMCOR's "costs of doing business," allowing UMCOR to keep the promise that 100% of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go toward that project, not administrative costs.

From the United Methodist Heritage District Office

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. Philippians 1:3-5

Dear Friends,

Sharing in the gospel is both a privilege and responsibility, even in a time such as this. There is no time when the gospel becomes a lesser mission. I pray that you will stay focused on the mission of making disciples and stay connected with your church's vision to live into that mission even as the United Methodist Church waits to learn if a gathering of the global denomination will take place in August 2022.

In this waiting time many are looking for answers about what impact all of this will have on their local church. The conference has produced a video of frequently asked questions and answers to your most pressing questions. The video can be accessed on the conference web page or by following this link <https://michiganumc.org/the-future-of-the-umc/>

I encourage you to share this video and the accompanying printable PDF with your leaders and congregation. If your leaders have particular issues they would like me to process with them, please identify those issues in an email to the district office at

dmcgee@michiganumc.org

I hope this resource will be helpful to you and your leaders in this liminal season.

Next, I want to share some good news! This year the district finance team is celebrating because we received 97% of district ministry shares paid. Thank you for your faithfulness to our shared ministry! We ended the year with a budget surplus, and we are committed to using this surplus to re-invest in local churches and promote leadership development.

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During 2022, those attending Heritage District churches can participate in Lay Servant Ministry classes free of charge. You'll find more information on the [Heritage District web page](#).

With gratitude for the challenges and opportunities before us, we press on!

Peace,

Rev. LuAnn [District Superintendent, Heritage District]

A Message from the Michigan Area Conference Bishop **A call for prayers for peace.**

February 25, 2022

Dear Friends in Christ in the Michigan Conference of The United Methodist Church,

I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ, who is our peace and who encourages us to be peacemakers when he says, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God."

This past Wednesday, Russian forces invaded Ukraine under orders from President Vladimir Putin. It is the most significant violation of territorial integrity in Europe since World War II. Much of the world is outraged by this unjustifiable military intervention and anxious about what lies ahead. Lives will be lost. Communities will be seriously damaged. Ripple effects will be experienced by us all. And we are uncertain about the extent of Russia's military adventurism.

I call upon all Michigan United Methodists to pray for peace in Ukraine at this critical moment. I invite every United Methodist congregation in this conference to pray for peace at their weekly worship services this coming weekend and carry prayers for peace into the holy season of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 2.

According to the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church, "We deplore war and urge the peaceful settlement of disputes among nations.... We yearn for the day when there will be no more war and people will live together in peace and justice." Let us pray out of this deep yearning for peace and a better world.

United Methodist Bishop Christian Alstead of the Nordic and Baltic Episcopal Area has written: "We stand with the United Methodists in Ukraine in prayer for protection, reconciliation, and peace." Bishop Eduard Khegay, of the Eurasia Episcopal Area in Northern Europe and the Eurasian Central Conference, which includes both Russia and the Ukraine, has written simply and directly: "Ask for peace for Ukraine."

Friends, let us ask for peace for Ukraine. Pray for a world where people will live in peace and justice, and there will be no more war. Watch for upcoming opportunities to pray with others for peace. Pray, and let us "pursue what makes for peace" (Romans 14:19).

Grace and Peace,

David A Bard



David Alan Bard
Michigan Area Bishop