

Heavenly
Notes
November
2022



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

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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Turkey Dinner
Is
Back!!

Saturday,
November 5th.

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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Please Join Us

Hartland United Methodist Church Turkey Dinner Fundraiser

November 5, 2022 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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- 11 Bruce Wright
- 13 Sara Campbell
- 25 Karen Tabaka
- 30 Mary Jo Malott



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

Please contact the office
If you need a new year packet of weekly offering envelopes.

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Is easy and allows you
to set up recurring

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



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And click on the "GIVE" button"



Regularly Scheduled Meetings in November 2022

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

November			
Mon.	7	6:00 pm 7:30 pm	Special Meeting: UM Foundation Creative Giving Trustees Meeting
Wed.	9	12:30 pm	Worship Team Meeting (Zoom)
Thurs.	10	7:00 pm	Finance & Ad. Board Meeting (Zoom)

Weekly Regularly Scheduled Meetings in November 2022

Sun	10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship Coffee Hour	1st Sunday - Communion 2nd Sunday - Praise Band Music 3rd Sunday - God Moments 4th Sunday - Seasonal Singers
Mon	10:00 am	Knitter's Club	
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 November 21.

If you are not yet on the prayer team, and want to be, please let Pastor or the office know and we will add you to the email prayer group list.

If you have a request that you would like the prayer group to pray for, you can email the pastor at chuckawilla@gmail.com or at pastor@hartlandumc.org





Saturday, October 22; we had a lovely day for working in the parking lot, patching gaps around the storm drains, power washing, yard work, cleaning and cleaning out both upstairs and down. **Top left** - Emma Winegarner, Donna Allmond, and Linda Gordonier **Top Center** - Debbie Kirkpatrick and Pat Schleh, **Top right**, Pastor C, **Bottom left** Jeff Gordonier, Randy Melville, and Randy Bell, **Bottom right** - Mike Sharlow, Brian, **Not pictured** - Jerry Weaver, Jim Cleveland, Karen Nowak.



Thanks abound. (above left): Pastor gives thanks to all those who were involved in the surprise birthday cake and song at coffee hour on October 2. (above center and right): **A big thanks** to all who participated in the Michigan Conference Disaster Response Flood bucket drive to replenish cleaning kits in our United Methodist Committee on Relief warehouse that supplies these kits for use in American disasters.

Annual Meeting



Hartland UMC's annual meeting was held September 24 with several other churches at Brighton Frist UMC. Before we broke out to take care of our individual church business we celebrated worship together. What follows is the pastor's summation of what Heritage District Superintendent Rev. LuAnn Rourke offered as a devotional based on these words based on

Luke 13:6-9.

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?' "Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'" (NIV)

We don't know the final outcome, but if the tree doesn't change, it will be done. We prefer the other parable of John 15, (where we abide in the vine) but even that one has warnings about not being fruitful.

Fruitfulness is lived out in actions and deeds. Don't dig in heels, "No, not 'that', Not, not 'there', No, not them."

Instead, dream. Shift from what we lack and celebrate what we have even if it seems like it is not enough. (Think of the widow's mite, who was approved for giving what little she had). Councils (Churches) need to move from just reporting to dreaming.

There are District connectional grants available to help accomplish those new dreams.

Readers to Leaders

Also talked about in the group session was a Fund-raising campaign for missions called "Readers to Leaders" which was overwhelmingly approved at Annual Conference. It challenges each church to raise \$600 by May 1, 2023, the Conference goal is \$500,000. The 600 dollars will (1) send a Michigan child to a freedom school (a summer literacy enrichment program (currently in Detroit and Flint) to help children continue to grow and learn in the "off season"). It will also help fund the start up of more of these programs in underserved communities. (2) It will help families in Liberia * send a child to school through elementary / high school, (many families there must choose which of their children they can afford to send to school) and supports some underserved school facilities so they can be sanitary (3) The program also challenges each local church to develop a program with their local school in a way that we could be mutually helpful to the community's school children. (Some possible examples: purchasing school supplies, tutoring, week-end meals for hungry school children, or a variety of after-school programs. There is more detailed information at: michiganumc.org/missions/readerstoleaders.

* The Michigan Conference is in a covenant relationship with the Liberia Conference.

(Note: Our church has not yet discussed whether or not we will be able to accept part or all of this challenge.)

Local Business

We reported on and approved no change in the pastor's compensation, the membership, and the committee/team roster for next year. A big thank you to all who worked so diligently to do a great deal of work behind the scenes to complete the required paperwork for this meeting.

Recent Worship in Pictures



October 2, World Communion Top Row, L to R: The sanctuary greeted people with national flags from all over the world. Kathy Novak (with Donna Allmond - not pictured) play pre-service, post-music, offering music most Sundays, and in honor of this day, they played 8 national anthems from around the world. Sherri Rice was the lay reader, calling us to worship and leading the Bible Readings. **Second Row, L to R:** Pastor Chuck blesses a quilt for a 4 year old having unexplained seizures, Mary Jo Bell leads the early congregational music, Pastor Chuck leads in a special Word Communion sacrament.

October 9, Below L to R: The Worship Team provides a new altarscape that visualizes both the worship theme of "Paradise" and the bounty of fall harvest and thanksgiving. Pastor Chuck encourages us to look at our hands and realize how intricately and wonderfully God has designed us and all of his creation. Terri Priess leads the readings. The praise band (not pictured) led the music.



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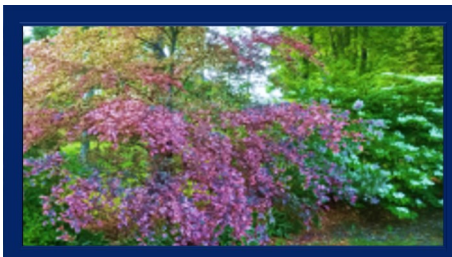
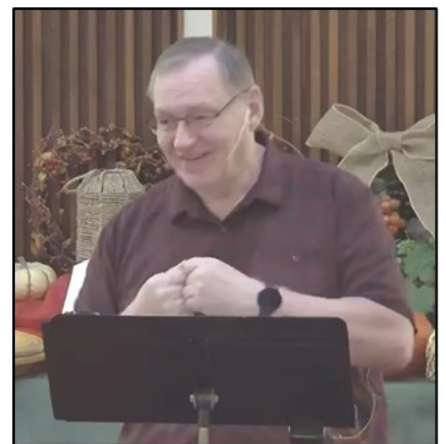
Oct 16 Top L to R: Jerry Weaver leads the readings. Pastor dedicates a quilt for a woman who is the primary caregiver for parents and an adult disabled child and now dealing with advanced cancer.

Second Row: Pastor Chuck speaks on humanity's choice (and ours) that forced them to leave the lush safety of creation

as it was meant to be.

Third Row: Oct 23 L to R: Seasonal Singers present "I've Anchored in Jesus"

Fourth Row L to R: Vivian Lemon lead the readings, Pastor Chuck dedicates a quilt for a man with cancer, Pastor Chuck talks about how "From Failure (Sin) Follows" a fear that builds barriers of mistrust between people (among other things). **Right** - But Jesus is our life - saver. Each person received one on this day.



Worship Series Continues Walking in Paradise

After a break for All Saint's Day, *Walking to Paradise* will continue exploring the modern day applications and principles learned from the Garden of Eden and beyond.