

Heavenly Notes

December

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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Cookie Walk

December 3, 2022

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Let Us Do Your Christmas Baking!

Oh, Christmas Tree

The Christmas tree symbolizes the spirit of the Christmas season and, the everlasting life and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. In the Bible, the cross upon which Jesus was crucified is often referred to as a tree. The lights and decorations on the tree represent the wonder and glory associated with the birth and resurrection of Jesus. Angels appeared high in the sky on the first Christmas. People began placing angels high on the top of their trees as a way to celebrate the birth of Jesus. If you've ever seen a star on top of a Christmas tree, there's a similar significance. The star of Bethlehem also called the (Christmas star) appeared in the sky to guide people to baby Jesus.





Poinsettia Order Form

Help decorate the Sanctuary this Christmas by purchasing a poinsettia in honor/memory of a loved one.

I (We) _____

Would like to purchase _____ Poinsettia (s) Red
_____ Poinsettia (s) White (if available)

Cost per plant is \$10.00 Order deadline: **Sunday, December 11th.**

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

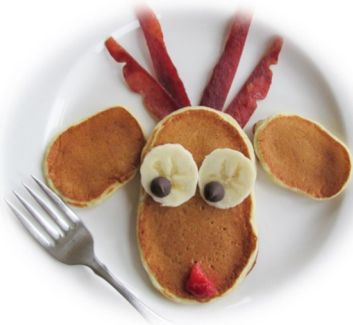
You may take your plant home with you following the Christmas Eve Service.

Christmas Breakfast

December 18, 2022

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Please join us for a wonderful Christmas Breakfast hosted by the United Methodist Men.



After breakfast and fellowship, come to Sunday Service and enjoy the Christmas Pageant. Sign up on the hall bulletin board if you would like to come.

Volunteers needed for set up and cleanup. Sign Up Sheet posted on bulletin board.

Special Church Conference

On Sunday, December 18th following the morning worship service, ~ 11:00 am, Hartland UMC will have a special church conference. All official church members attending in-person will have voice and vote. The purpose of the special church conference is to secure a vote to approve changes to the 2023 clergy compensation form. This is not a debatable vote. District Superintendent Rev LuAnn Rourke will preside over this brief meeting.

**IMPORTANT
REMINDER**



Regularly Scheduled Meetings in December 2022

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

December			
Mon.	5	7:00 pm	Trustees Meeting
Wed.	14	12:30 pm	Worship Team Meeting (Zoom)
Sun	18	~ 11:00 am	Special Church Conference follows Worship

Weekly Regularly Scheduled Meetings in December 2022

Sun	10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship Coffee Hour
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 December 19

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



Finance News Update

For 2022 the Church has enjoyed giving to the Building Fund, Food Bank, Memorial Fund, Pastors Helping Hand...as well as several other needs. These donations have been used to make a difference in the lives of many. During the first quarter of the year, the church received enough contributions to the General Fund allowing us to remain current on bills and maintain a healthy reserve as well. Beginning in April giving has declined and the reserve has been completely used by September.

Today we need to focus on “**Catching Up**”. The Finance Committee has received approval to start the annual Catch-Up program. We are asking each of you to prayerfully consider giving to the Catch-Up program starting now and ending Christmas day December 25, 2022. All giving will be designated to the General Fund for use as reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee and Administrative Council. We will use these donations to pay bills and a portion of the Ministry Shares (apportionments) as well as create a small reserve.

The Finance Committee wishes to thank you in advance for your generosity and continued support of the mission we all accept as members of the Hartland United Methodist Church

Finance Committee:

Charles Kirkpatrick – Chairperson

Rev. Chuck Williams – Pastor

Terri Preiss – Administrative Council Chairperson

Mary Jo Bell – Staff Pastor/Parish Relations Chairperson

Jerry Weaver – Trustee Chairperson

Becky Toth – Lay Leader

Karen Nowak – Financial Secretary



Flood Bucket Drive Report

MMDC is a warehouse for UM Committee on Relief resources. MMDC’s cleaning kit supply was depleted due to the number of U.S. disasters this year, including flooding in Kentucky and St. Louis, and then Hurricane Ian in Florida. Dan O’Malley, Michigan Disaster Response Coordinator, took the lead in managing the collection of kits. Michigan received a total of 357 empty buckets, 121 full buckets, and 153 boxes of kit supplies. Hartland UMC collected about 6 boxes and 7 empty buckets (See picture). The Conference will give another appeal in the Spring, probably in March.

Scrip Gift Card Ministry Comes to a Close



For seven years Hartland has been selling Scrip gift cards to stores, restaurants and others which we purchased for ourselves or for gifts to others. The church got a small percentage of income from each of these sales. It was decided it was time to end this program. The church received a total of \$2,880 dollars over the seven years.

Our thanks to Jeff and Linda Gordinier for coordinating this money raising ministry and all who purchased the cards over the years.



Happy Anniversary

29, 1962 Ron & Fran Warthman

- 6 Rob Canaert
- 11 Chris Rice
- 12 Terri Preiss
- 22 Sara Williams



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.

**Donate from your
Smart phone or tablet**

**Automate The Important
Electronic Giving Is Available**

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.

**Giving electronically
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!**



**Don't have a scanner
code application?**

**Go to your App Store and
download a QR reader.**



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**And click on the
"GIVE" button"**



Turkey Dinner Fundraiser



Let's Eat Out

It comes to mind when November arrives, about Thanksgiving and the wonderful dinner served annually at the Hartland Methodist Church. This year is no exception and the same delicious food will be served. The menu will be as follows: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, salad, squash, cranberries, pickles, home made rolls, pie, and coffee or milk.

Tickets may be purchased in advance from Evelyn Armstrong and Mildred Rix. Phone Hartland 3871 or Hartland 3531 respectively. Dorothy Olding is in charge of the dining room.

In our busy lives we find families going out to eat more and more. So make November 5 a date for the whole family to eat out and give mother a break. The price is very conservative - 75c for children under 12 and \$1.50 for adults.

Throw back Thursday

Published in 1960

Hartland Community Life

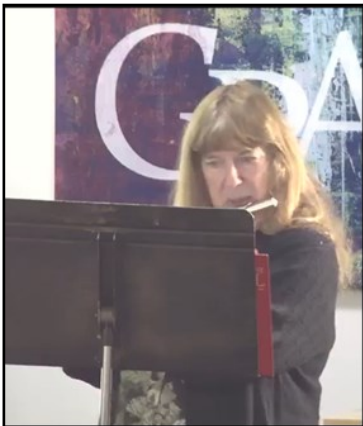


Recent Worship in Pictures



Oct 30 above: Pastor talks about the importance of following the “rule of life” as God designed it. **Left** - Gary Sunderland led the readings.

Nov 6 All Saints Sunday We honored our veterans. **3rd row LtoR:** Kathy Novak, along with Donna Allmond (not pictured at piano) lead pre service, offering, and post service music as they do most Sundays. Sherrie Rice led the readings, Mary Jo Bell led all the congregational singing prior to the sermon. The “tree of life” representing the seasons of life and eternal life...**bottom row:** was also talked about in an adaption of Leo Buscalgia’s “Freddie the Leaf” story told by the Pastor ... (Cont. on

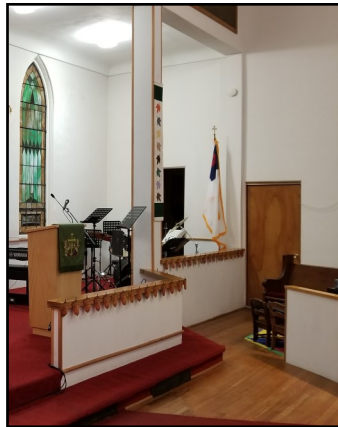


Recent Worship in Pictures (cont)



Nov 6 (cont.) LtoR: Pastor reads names and lights candles and the steeple bell was rung for those who have gone before who were connected with the Hartland UMC, as well as some saints from around the world, and the Christ Candle, Acorns with the name of each name remembered were on the altar, also shown on **2nd row:** (left and center) Communion with an All Saints emphasis was also observed (right) ...

Nov 13 Bottom row: A flute duet from Kelly and Kathy for pre and post service music and offering. The praise band lead the rest of the music (not pictured). Terri Preiss led the



read-ings.

**New Worship Series for Advent-Christmas 11-27 through 12-25
He Comes ...**

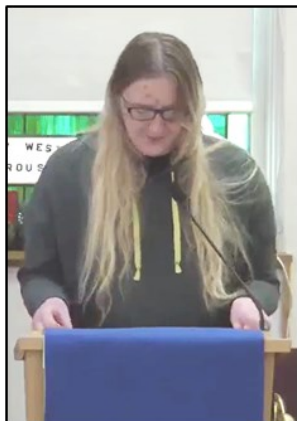
Depending upon the other worship events (See schedule on page # 10, the pastor will be offering a short meditation or a full sermon on various reasons Jesus comes to us ...

Recent Worship in Pictures (cont)



Nov 20 Thanksgiving and Reign of Christ the King Sundays Top LtoR: The Christian year concluded with the hope of Christ's enthronement over all. Jerry Weaver led the readings. Pastor Chuck speaks on being instruments of the Creator's purpose, and faithfully speaking and actively acting on the basis of his promises. In this case, the lushness of the promised land -- with grape clusters so big that had to be carried by two men with poles on their shoulders.

Nov 27 Advent Begins 2nd Row A big thanks to all those who helped set up the sanctuary and the rest of the church to celebrate the Advent Christmas Season. **Below** Ben and Sara Williams led the readings and the Advent Candles. **Top row next page** The banner in the parlor (entry room to sanctuary). **2nd row next page:** Mary Jo Bell led the early music, and Pastor offered Communion to start the season with the sacred sacrament. (and includes close up of the Advent-Christmas altar display)



Recent Worship in Pictures (cont)



ADVENT - CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE			
Sat	3	9 - Noon	Cookie Walk
Sun	4	10:00 am	Carol Sing and Seasonal Singers Catch-up Campaign Begins
Sat	10	4:00 pm	<i>Handel's Messiah @ H. Music Hall</i>
Sun	11	10:00 am	Praise Band leads music
Sun	18	8:30 am 10:00 am	Breakfast (by the United Methodist Men) Pageant - The Story of the Magi
Sat	24	7:00 pm	Communion - Candlelight Worship
Sun	25	10:00 am	Christmas Worship