

*Heavenly
Notes
January
2023*



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

United Methodist Church



Hartland UMC

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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

Password: 11111111

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*Happy New Year
Hartland UMC*

*May This New Year
Bring Joy and Happiness
to you and Your Family!*



*What a Great Way End 2022
and start off the New Year!!*

The 2022 Catch Up Campaign was successful! Thank you to all who participated in this important Fund Raising Drive. We raised 8,800 dollars!

As publicized, half of the total collected was given to Ministry Shares, which connects us to worthwhile United Methodist sponsored missions (and some administration costs) across the state and world. This raised our 2022 Ministry Share giving to (\$ 6,458) or 38% of our expected annual share based on the incomes received by all the churches of the Michigan Conference.

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Catch Up Offering (cont. from front page)

The other half will go into Hartland UMC's General Fund for operating and ministry costs. Your generosity makes it possible to begin year 2023 in a positive direction financially. Between the pastor's salary reduction (8,000) and the grant (Ministry Share dollars at work) given by the Conference (13,000) and the continued generous support of the faithful people at Hartland UMC, our church family should be able to continue its rebound from some lean years to continue serving each other and the community with excellence in 2023.

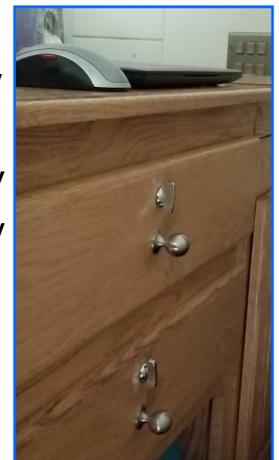
*Thank You for supporting your Hartland UMC church family
so that we can continue
"sharing the journey to know, to love, and to serve God."*

Trustees

Over the last couple months:

Beyond the routine maintenance checks and activities,

- ◆ Our thanks go to Jim Cleveland who replaced the weather beaten patio screen door at the "AA" entrance.
- ◆ A new timer for the outdoor sign was needed and replaced.
- ◆ Jeff Gordonier fixed a sink in the kitchen that was acting up.
- ◆ The top of a parking lot light had flown off, and it was re-caulked into place. (Second one this year)
- ◆ The toilet handle in the men's bathroom was replaced.
- ◆ The pilot light on the kitchen oven has been relit (several times).
- ◆ 30 + leaf bags were filled from the front lawn of the parsonage by Jerry Weaver (and Pastor).
- ◆ New latches and handles were donated and replaced for the A/V tech booth (the old ones tended to catch knees and eventually broke the key in the lock)
- ◆ Renewed the annual contract for snow removal (\$ 3,840/season)
- ◆ Hired the repair of damaged alarm system wiring (~ 800) which came to our attention when the church was power washed.



January Birthdays

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



January Anniversaries



Charles and Debbie Kirkpatrick

1-7-1977

**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**

**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
download a QR reader.**



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



Regularly Scheduled Meetings in January 2023

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

January			
Mon.	2	7:00 pm	NO Trustees Meeting
Wed.	11	12:30 pm	Worship Team Meeting (Zoom)
Thur.	12	7:00 pm	AD. Board / Finance Meeting (Zoom)

Weekly Regularly Scheduled Meetings in January 2023

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 January 20, 2023

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 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



Would you like to learn how to play Chess?

All Skill Levels Welcome

January 7, 2023
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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Saturday Mornings
In Armstrong Hall

Build a mind and sportsmanship - Play Chess!

How does chess build a mind and teach sportsmanship? - Concentration, memory, problem solving analysis and calculation skills all improve when you play chess. And sportsmanship? Chess is a humbling game. You don't win a chess game. Your opponent loses by not playing as well as you. So showing respect for your opponent is just expected. Same when you lose. No reason to be mad at your opponent for playing better.

Isn't chess hard to learn? - No, simple to learn, but impossible to master. That is the beauty of the game. Famous chess quote: "Chess is a lake where a gnat may drink, or an elephant can bathe." You can enjoy the game at any depth you desire and never find the bottom.

Isn't chess boring? - Not if you like a competition relying on yourself, with no teammates, officials, or luck deciding the outcome. And once played, the beauty of the game becomes apparent. Every chess game is a unique artistic creation that will never be repeated.

Doesn't chess take a long time to play? - Not necessarily. It is up to the players as to how long they want to play. Chess timers can be used to play a game in 2 minutes! (5 minutes per player is the normal speed standard however). The time limit is up to the players involved. Chess by email, text and regular mail are also popular!

Is chess expensive? - Not at all. An official, and practically indestructible tournament chess set can be purchased for around \$30 and will last a lifetime with normal abuse. This is why chess is played all over the world. It is one of the most inexpensive games, hobby, or past time there is.

January – Four one-hour chess sessions. Each session is a chess lesson (15 to 30 min) and then playing the game every session (30 min or more) with the coach available.

Tournament chess set, board and carrying bag included - \$60 (for the first 4 sessions)

Feb (4 sessions), March (4 sessions), April (5 sessions) – All with (15 to 30 min) chess lesson and play session (30 min or more), only \$40 each month if paid monthly. (\$50 for April if not in the Jan, Feb and March classes)

May (3 sessions – with an in-class tournament) - \$30

Coach Mike Nikitin

Three-time State of Michigan Class C Champion

Lesson / Play /Tournaments

**email: mikeniks@outlook.com
810-599-6770**

**Hartland United Methodist Church
Saturdays @ 10:00 a.m. in Armstrong Hall**

Student Name: _____

Age: _____

Skill Level: _____

Phone /Text _____

Recent Worship in Pictures



Dec 4 - The second week of Advent was primarily a Carol Sing, the songs were selected by the congregation in weeks prior, and they were ordered so that with a little narration, we sang the Christmas story. **Top Row L-R** Kathy Novak (with Donna Allmond not pictured) offered pre-service, offering, and post service music. The Advent Candles (hope and peace) were lit with music and readings. Our lay reader was Sherri Rice. The Seasonal Singers sang two songs.

Dec 11 - **Bottom Row L-R** Kathy and Kelly offered pre-service, offering, and post service music. The Advent Candles (hope, peace and joy) are lit with music and readings. (cont. on



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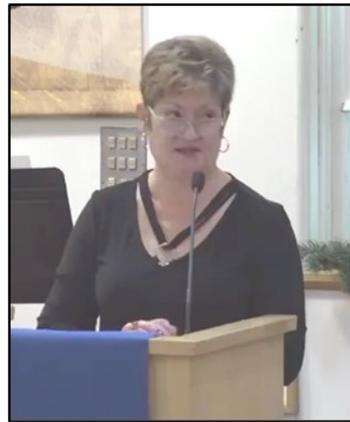
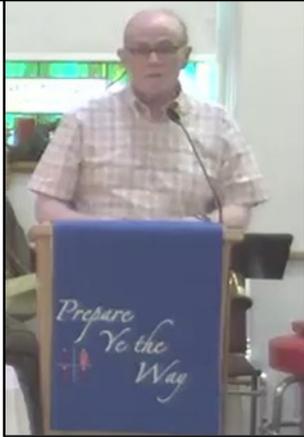
Nov 11 (cont) - The praise band led the music (above) and Terri Priess led the readings (left).

Nov 18 Immediately below, Donna Allmond (not pictured on piano), Jewell Helquist, and Cathy Novak play pre-service and offering music. **Bottom**, The hope, peace, joy, and love candles were lit...(cont.)



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Recent Worship in Pictures (cont)



Dec 18 (cont) was also the day we had the pageant -- **Top Row L-R:** Charles led off with a solo (What Child is This?) Mary Jo Bell wrote and introduced "The Story of the Wise Men",

Terri Priess was the Narrator, Carmen Pushman played Mary and sang "Breath of Heaven" **2nd Row L-R** Terri narrates, Mary Jo Bell sings (Do You Have Room?), Carmen returns to sing "You're Here",

3rd Row L-R Bert Honour plays Herod, and asks the wise men to find Jesus and report back to him.

Right: The wise men do find Jesus in the manger with Mary and bow while Mary Jo Bell sings "Adore" (cont. on next page)



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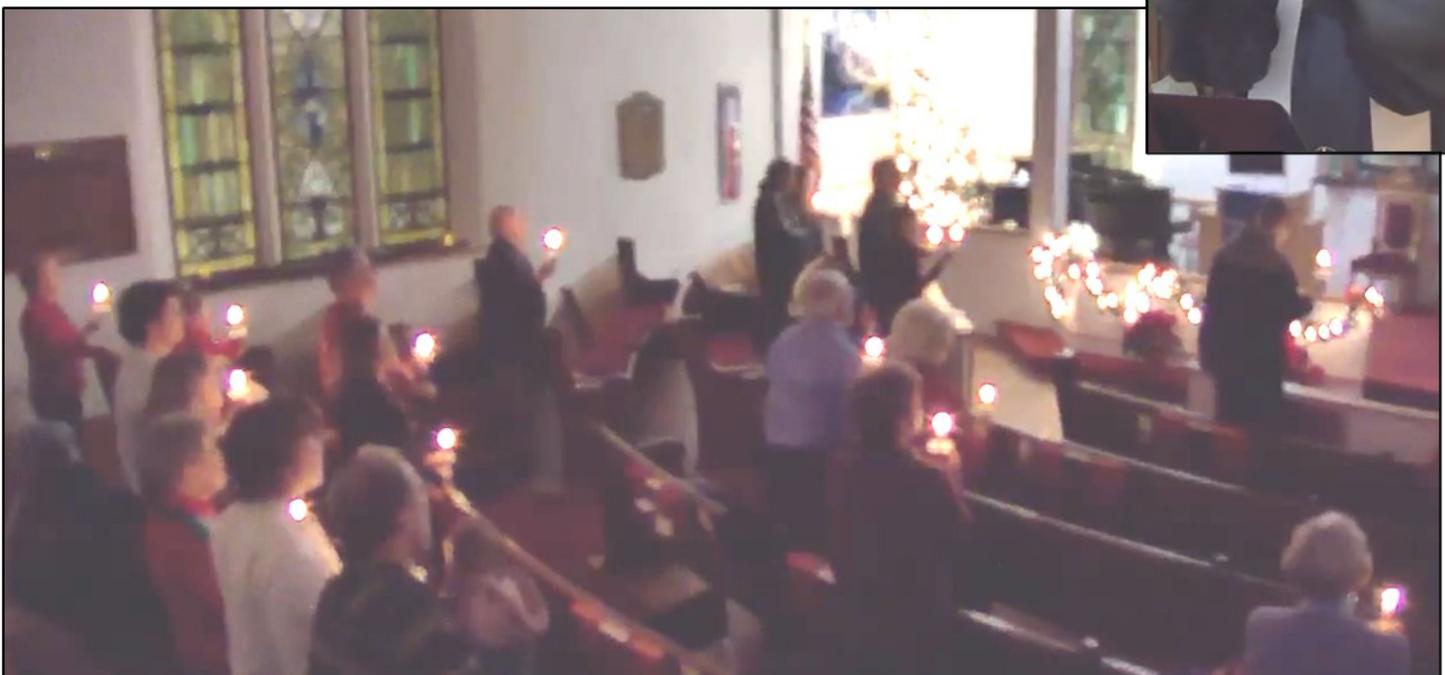
Dec 18 (cont) Top L-R The wise men lift their gifts as Mary Jo sings about them in the same song (Adore), Charles Kirkpartrick, playing wise man 1 (Balthasar, king of Ethiopia) explains why he offers Frankincense. **2nd Row L-R** Michael Sharlow, playing wise man 2 (Melchior King Persia) explains his gift of gold, Sara Williams, subbing in as wise man 3 (Caspar, king of India) explains the gift of myrrh. After each finishes their explanation, they offer their gifts and kneel before Mary and the baby Jesus. The narrator explains how important was the rold of the Wise Men in the Christmas story, **Bottom Row:** and then they decide to wrap up the pageant with a rap that was both humorous and summarized .



Recent Worship in Pictures (cont)



Dec 18 (cont) Top The cast of the pageant. **Dec 24 Christmas Eve 2nd row L-R** Sara Williams led the readings, and the Advent Candles (hope, love, joy, peace, and Christ) as they are lit, pastor serves communion, **Bottom** - Candle lights finished with Silent Night, as we symbolically take the light of Christ into the world.



Recent Worship in Pictures (cont)



Above Christmas Eve Worship, submitted by Earl Campbell.

Dec 25 Right T-B Charles Kirkpatrick leads the readings and sings "Joseph's songs", Pastor Chuck speaks on the joy of restoration. Not pictured: Donna Allmond (piano) and Kathy Novak (sax) played *Away in a Manger* in special music.

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Pastor News

Beginning January 1, the pastor will be paid as a 3/4 time pastor. Hopefully this, along with a Conference grant, will help us gain financial and ministry footing as we move into our future.

The Pastor's normal¹ office hours will change. His day off will move from Monday to Tuesday. Monday will be worked at his home office, and Wed to Fri will move from 9 to Noon to 10 am to 1 pm.

Of course he is always available to be reached when needed via cell phone, text, or email.

Pastor Chuck will be having follow-up eye surgery January 20. Therefore, he will be on vacation from Jan 18 to 25. Terri Pries will be leading our worship on January 22.

2023 Normal Office Hours

Secretary - Mon - Fri 9 am to Noon

**Pastor - Wed - Fri 10 am to 1 pm
or by appointment.**

¹ Normal means *regularly* scheduled, but at *infrequent* times the pastor may have off-site personal or parishioner appointments or emergencies that may take him away from the church during office hours. It will not be practical or possible to announce these ahead of time.

If on vacation or at a conference, we will try to announce these absences. and who to contact if he is also out of the area.

If Hartland schools are canceled due to weather, the office *may* also close, so if you have business with the office, be sure to call first on those days.