

Heavenly Notes August 2023



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

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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:

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DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

Heidi Vanderslikke, Christian Courier



I've had a dog most of my life. My heart broke when our collie died few years ago. But the time wasn't right to take on another one. Did we really need a dog? It's easier to ride away for the day or take a week's vacation without worrying about the family pet. I didn't miss the extra work in the house and yard, or the expense of maintaining a healthy animal. But every time I saw people walking their dogs, or some happy-go-lucky canine sticking his head out a car window, an undeniable yearning stirred deep in my heart.

Jack suggested we switch to a smaller breed, something easier to manage in the house. I love big dogs. I talked him into a golden retriever.

"Okay," he said, "Just don't pick out the craziest puppy in the litter this time." Fair enough, given my track record. So honestly, I did come home with the most docile pup the breeder had.

Could I help it he was also the biggest one in the bunch? We named him Norton, after Jack's vintage motorcycle. Both tend to leak a little. I had forgotten how intense puppyhood is. For the first week Norton was traumatized if I left the room, whimpering and pawing whatever door I exited from. At bedtime he'd howl mournfully for 10 minutes. He refused to climb stairs, so I carried him. He woke at 2:00 a.m. needing to go outside and then was up for the day at 5:30 a.m. After that, he slept most of the morning. I did not. By 9:00 p.m. I couldn't keep my eyes open. My formerly pristine floors were now covered in paw prints, drool and fur balls. Why did I want a dog? All he had to do was look at me with his Bambi eyes and wag his tail, or cuddle up at my feet and all was forgiven.

No second guesses

We've made considerable progress since then. The sweetheart facade gave way to the destructive puppy idiot, but he's still a lot of fun. Thanks to Norton I have savored most of the glorious sunrises and sunsets this summer.

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August Birthdays

- 3 Gary Sunderland
- 6 Kathy Novak
- 16 Rosemary White
- 27 Jeff Gordinier



Happy Anniversary

- 7, Bruce & Pat Harton
- 9, Earl & Jo Campbell
- 9, Jeff & Laura Walker
- 12, Shannon & Tiffany Rodocker
- 21, Claude & Nile Remsing

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO YOUUUUUUUW



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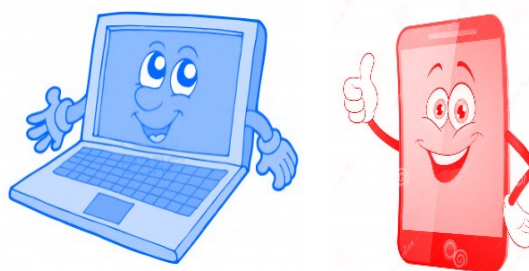
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Regularly Scheduled Meetings in August, 2023

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

August

Tue	1	7:00 pm	Trustees Meeting (will return to Mon next month)
Wed	9	12:00 pm	Worship Team Meeting (Zoom)

Weekly Regularly Scheduled Meetings in August, 2023

Sun	10:00 am 11:00 am 11:05 am	Worship Coffee Hour The Chosen Bible Study (concludes Aug 6)
Tue	12:00 pm	Knitter's Club
Wed	6:30 pm 7:30 pm	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

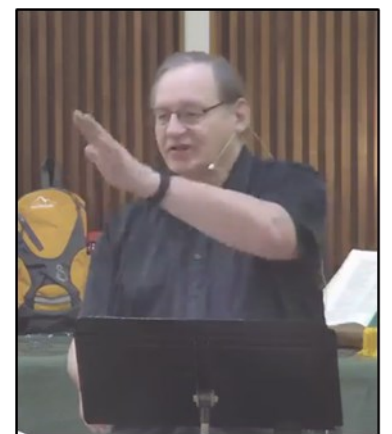
Newsletter Information deadline is August 19, 2023

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 or phone at 906 231 0138



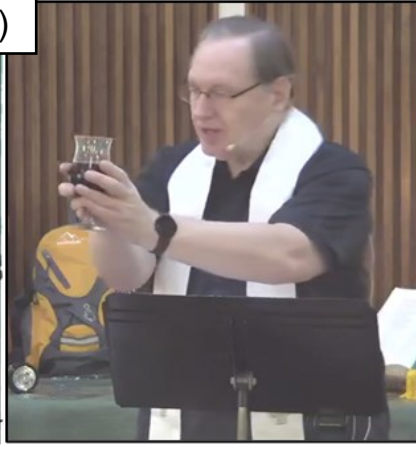
Recent Worship in Pictures



July 2 Independence Sunday Top - In honor of Independence Sunday, the flags were brought in, closer, red white and blue decorations filled the dividing altar. Veterans were recognized, pledges were given to the flags and Bible, and America the Beautiful was sung. **Row 2** - In the new worship series, Heavenly Citizenship, Peter emphasizes the briefness of our stay on earth while our new and permanent home is in heaven. While we sojourn here on earth, we represent Christ and heavenly values as his ambassadors. Peter equates his body to a tent that is temporarily housing his soul while he lives. To remind us of these ideas, the worship team gave us "traveling through" (camping) images. Cheri Holt led the readings. **Row 3** Donna Allmond (not pictured) Kathy Novak, and Randy Bell played the music, Mary Jo Bell led the singing, Pastor preached on the fullness of the holy life, and **Left**, served communion.

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Recent Worship in Pictures (cont)



July 2 (cont) Top L-R Pastor Chuck dedicates a quilt and concludes the worship with Communion.

July 9 Row 2 The Praise band leads the singing: Kathy Novak (flute), Pastor Chuck, Mary Jo Bell, Charles Kirkpatrick (voices), Jewell Helquist (keyboard), Randy Bell (Bass Guitar),

Mary Jo Malott (drums). **Row 3 L-R** Terri Priess led the readings, **July 16** Kathy Novak plays Blest Be the Tie the Binds with Donna Allmond (not pictured) on piano, Pastor dedicates a quilt, **Bottom** Jerry Weaver led the readings. Pastor talks about the shepherd's staff as Peter tells us we have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls.



Recent Worship in Pictures (cont)



July 23 Left :Donna Allmond (not pictured) Kathy Novak and Randy Bell play pre-service, offering, congregational, and post-service music. They also accompanied the Seasonal Singers **2d row** as they sang “Jesus Will Walk with Me” and Jim Sunderland was the day’s reader. **3rd row** Pastor Chuck spoke on how individuals join together to fulfill God’s mission.

July 30 Bottom Donna, Kathy, and Randy offered an instrumental special called Brethren We Have Met to Worship and accompanied Mary Jo Bell as she led the congregational music.. Nile Remsing led the readings



New Worship Series begins Aug 6 and climaxes with World Communion on Oct 1

Moses went into the mountain in the wilderness of Mt. Sinai for 40 days to prepare leading a new nation, which spent 40 years in the wilderness preparing to be God's people. Upon Jesus' baptism, he went into the wilderness to prepare for his Messiah. Jesus often retreated into the wilderness (before sunrise) to pray (Mark 1:35). Our new series, "Prepare" takes us into the imagery of the isolation and quiet of the wilderness to prepare -- to be the best Christians we can be...



Trustees Jerry Weaver and Kathy Novak's nephew Ryota do some initial prep work on the driveway of the parsonage (where the pastor lives). A few days later Jerry is joined by Randy Bell, Jim Cleveland, and Mike Sharlow to reseal the drive. (cont. on next page)



Trustees (cont.)



In addition to the resealing of the driveway, and the constant and routine maintenance that comes with keeping our church building up to date, the extra materials from the drive were used on the church parking lot; two parking lot “caps” were reset after blowing off in a recent storm, (far left); two new water system parts (one is pictured near left) were installed to keep us compliance of codes. Running toilets have been worked on, light bulbs changed, mowing that isn’t covered by the lawn service is done, bushes have been trimmed, and our faithful and hearty trustees are

looking at additional projects that will make our church run efficiently, safely, and more welcoming. Thank you to Jerry Weaver (chair), Randy Bell, Mike Sharlow, Jim Cleveland, and Jeff Gordonier.



Coffee Hour follows Sunday worship

Dog Days - (cont from p 1)

Next spring we’ll get an Invisible Fence, which will afford both of us considerable freedom. In the meantime, Norton never goes out unaccompanied. His safety is top priority. A tired dog is a good dog, so we walk a lot. Often my thoughts wax homiletic.

Norton’s life depends on trusting me and obeying my rules, even if he doesn’t like them. He needs to respond consistently when I call him. There’s some desire to please me, but often he’s distracted by more interesting things or just plainly disobedient. We’ll work on that. When I get his food ready he sits politely and then makes eye contact with me. Only then is he allowed to eat. He must acknowledge both gift and giver. It’s about respect as well as love.

Sounds somewhat like my relationship with the Lord. Does he ever wonder why, exactly, he created me or if he really wants to call me his own? I doubt it. He doesn’t second guess himself. But I do try his patience. I’m frequently scattered or downright willful. And yet he surrounds me with good gifts and continues training me to recognize his voice. He keeps me safe from myself, all the while shaping me into the child he wants me to be. For my birthday present Norton and I are signing up for obedience training. Who knows? I might learn something. Can’t teach an old dog new tricks? We’ll see.

