

# HARTLAND

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

United Methodist Church

July, 2024

## Welcome

**Pastor Terry Meton  
and his wife Linda**



Let's get to know one another:

As your new pastor, please allow me to share a few things about myself and how I operate. First, I am not your typical pastor. You will probably notice right away, starting with my first sermon at Hartland that I am not afraid to try new and different ideas. Some work well, others not so much. I rely on your feedback to bring you what you are looking for. cont. page 2

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## Sunday Worship

Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.
Or	
Facebook Live	10:00 a.m.
Or	
Watch anytime at	hartlandumc.org
Coffee / Fellowship Hour	11:00 a.m.

I like to use an abundance of photos and videos in my sermons because I believe that doing so not only enhances the sermon but gives the congregation something to look at besides me. Although, most of the time, I follow the lectionary calendar, but not always. There are times that I deviate, especially if I feel that there is at least one person who needs to hear a particular message. I think of myself as unpredictable, so that you never know just what to expect. It is not for me to tell you what to think, but rather my goal is to give you something to think about so that you take something with you that you didn't bring to the worship service.

Now, for a little background about me and my lovely wife Linda. Linda is my third wife. Linda and I will have been married for 18 years in August. Prior to that, I was divorced and widowed. I have been blessed with two adult children, Sara and Corey. Linda was divorced, yet has also been blessed with an adult son, Don, all from previous marriages. I have two granddaughters. Cindi is 2 years old, and Illyana is 3 months.

Among the passions that Linda and I share is our love of animals. We currently have 3 Golden Retrievers and 4 cats. Linda is a retired Medical Technologist, who treasures family, enjoys gardening and crafts. I retired from Ford Motor Company, and I enjoy working with computers.

I have been blessed with a hearing impediment. I am deaf in my left ear, so there will be times when I misunderstand people, or may not even hear them at all. With that being said, I say that I am blessed because it forces me to be a better listener. I am looking forward to getting to know each other better, so that we can all make the world, God's world, a better place.

Pastor Terry Melton



## The Theology of the Fourth of July

On July 4, 1776, Congress officially approved the Declaration of Independence. In response to this momentous declaration of the united colonies' separation from Great Britain, John Adams wrote these insightful words in a letter to his wife concerning the remembrance of this day, now known as Independence Day.

"I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever. more."

And while it's important to be with family and friends on this day, it's also good to reflect on why we're celebrating. Our early forebears left England for the unfamiliar shores of America mainly because they were unhappy under the tyranny of religious persecution. Since those dawning years of our country, many others have migrated for the same reason. They gave up everything for the right to freely worship God here.

This July 4th, as we watch fireworks and wave flags in celebration, may we also pause to reflect on our nation's heritage. As the festivities end and the last trails of smoke glide across the summer night sky, take a moment to solemnly thank God for all that our freedom allows.

Among the many freedoms our country guarantees, what we as believers particularly hold dear is the right to worship God and to read His Word, the Bible, freely. In many countries on this earth, this freedom still does not exist.

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## Pies for our Guys and Good Bys





## Meetings for July 2024

(Leader will notify members if there is a change)

### Monthly Meetings and Special Events

Mon.	1	7:00 p.m.	Trustees Meeting?
Sun.	7	10:00 a.m.	Service
Wed.	10	12:00 p.m.	Worship Team (Zoom)
Thur.	11	7:00 p.m.	Fin/Ad. Board (Zoom)
Sun.	14	10:00 a.m.	Service
Sun.	21	10:00 a.m.	Service
Sun.	28	10:00 a.m.	Service

### Weekly Meetings

Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Hour
Tues.	12:00 p.m.	Knitters Club
Wed.	6:30 p.m.	Praise Band Practice (except after the 3rd Sun)
	7:30 p.m.	Alcoholic Anonymous
Thurs.	10:00 a.m.	Alcoholic Anonymous
Sat.	7:00 a.m.	Alcoholic Anonymous
	10:00 a.m.	Alcoholic Anonymous

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Communion
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday God Moment Testimonies
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Praise Band
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Seasonal Singers (Choir)

### Prayer Chain Requests

Please send to Karen Nowak  
810-632-7476 or via email at  
secretary@hartlandumc.org

Newsletter Information deadline is July 26,

## Thank You Liturgist!



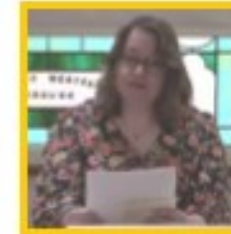
Lynette Winegarner



Gary Sunderland



Terri Preiss



Sherrie Rice



Charles Kirkpatrick



## Congratulations

2024

## Hartland High School Graduate

### Noah Campbell

is the son of Sara Campbell  
and grandson of  
Earl and Jo Campbell. Noah  
played basketball and football  
for the Hartland Eagles. Noah  
is considering career paths and  
options for his future.





1 Ann Martin  
 13 Bob Ruby  
 14 Claude Remsing  
 15 Lindsay Kenel  
 18 Norma Faulds  
 19 Becky Toth  
 23 Ron Warthman  
 28 Gar Lemon  
 30 Janice Wright  
 31 Nancy Sneath

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

*Happy Anniversary*

16, 1983 - Rob & Michele  
 Cannaert  
 23, 1983 - Chris & Sherrie  
 Rice  
**We are sorry if  
 we missed your day.  
 Please let us know so we  
 can update our records.**

### On Line Giving

We appreciate your financial support that allows us to continue serving each other and our community. There are several ways to give:

- \* through pew side offerings during Sunday worship.
- \* by bringing or mailing your gift to the church office.
- \* through your online banking service.
- \* or through your computer or smart phone:

#### Computer

Go to [hartlandumc.org](http://hartlandumc.org)  
 Click "Give" on blue banner.

#### Smart phone

Scan the QR Code below  
 (you can get a reader from  
 the app store on your phone)

Click on the box of your preferred option of where you'd like your gift to be directed and fill out the form.

Online banking, computer and phone giving lets you set up recurring contributions.



**Please contact the office if you need help, or  
 if you'd like a packet of weekly offering envelopes.**



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### Zoom Meetings

Meeting ID: 969 9365 4405

Password: 11111111

Or connect by phone

Call 1 312 626 6799

Follow the instructions