



# Heavenly Notes

*“Helping Others Find, Experience,  
and Share God’s Love Through Christ”*

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## Hartland United Methodist Church

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## Sunday Worship:

**Service:**  
10:00 a.m.

**Sunday School:**  
10:00 a.m.

**Coffee Hour:** 11:15 a.m.

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## RALLY SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 13

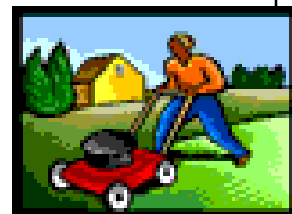
The Sunday after Labor Day is traditionally celebrated as Rally Day—the day the church and especially the Sunday School “kicks it up a notch” as it begins the fall journey toward Advent and Christmas.

Be sure to be a part of the excitement and joy. Plans include a special greeting as you come to worship, installation of Sunday School teachers and a cake during Coffee Hour.

## MOWING THE LAWN

Thus far we have had excellent participation in our efforts to save money by using church volunteers to mow the lawn. Our thanks to everyone who has pitched in.

As the Summer draws to a close we still have some weeks where we need volunteers. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and give us a hand.



## BRIGHTEN UP THE SANCTUARY

The Trustees are looking for ways to brighten-up and freshen-up our sanctuary. We are looking for people with creative talent and fresh ideas to enhance our worship space. If you are interested, chat with one of our trustees, Bill Palmer, Gina Palmer, Laura Walker, Don Hansen, Don Coleman, Ron Warthman, Wayne Kanitz, Dave Sicheneder or Gerry White.

# ~ Pastor's Message ~

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Last winter and then again in the spring, on average, better than a third of the adults who were in worship on a given Sunday would gather later in the week to fellowship together and discuss the sermon. We are looking to rekindle our Small Groups for an 8-week session this fall, starting the week of September 20<sup>th</sup>.

I believe our church is standing on the brink of taking a quantum leap forward; a quantum leap forward in terms of our life together, a quantum leap forward in terms of our individual and our collective spiritual growth, a quantum leap forward in being the church Christ died for and created us to be. You have and will hear testimonials from last year's small group participants concerning all the good stuff that happened to them in their groups. As your pastor, I was able to see all the good stuff that was flowing from these groups and beginning to happen to us as a community of believers.

Now is the time to move this ministry, to move this positive flow of God's love in our individual lives and in the life of our church into the mainstream of our church. Each church has those things that it just does. These things are different from church to church. For example, each fall we do Harvest Dinners, Hay Rides, Advent Teas, and Cookie Walks; other churches, like Byron and Dexter where I have previously served don't, they have their things that we don't have. Now is the time to make Small Groups one of the things that the Hartland church does. Now is the time to move it from something that one third of the church does to something everyone in the church does.

Sure I know there are obstacles that stand in the way of our accomplishing this lofty goal; busy schedules and child care, sufficient leaders and hosts just to name a few. If you sit in my study, you will see on the wall behind me three framed documents; one is my baptism certificate, one is my elder ordination certificate and the third is my confirmation certificate given to me on March 26, 1961. The confirmation certificate includes a memory verse that Rev. Arnold Kleiber give specifically to me (the other 8 in my class got their own verses). My memory verse is Mark 9:23 "All things are possible to him who believes".

All things are possible, even when there are many stumps in the road blocking traffic. All things are possible, even though there are some things to be worked out. All things are possible, even small groups becoming a vital part of the DNA of our church.

-Reverend Finzer

# Calendar of Events

## Meetings for September, 2009

Thursday, September 3: United Methodist Women, 7:00 p.m.  
Thursday, September 10: Staff/Pastor Parish Relations, 7:00 p.m.  
Monday, September 14: Worship Committee, 7:00 p.m.  
Monday, September 14: Board of Trustees, 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, September 15: Finance Committee, 7:00 p.m.  
Thursday, September 17: Administrative Council, 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, September 20: United Methodist Men, 8:00 a.m.  
Monday, September 28: Youth and Children's Ministries, 7:00 p.m.



## Upcoming Events

Every Wednesday:  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** at 7:30 p.m.  
**Boy Scouts** at 7:00 p.m.

Every Saturday:  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** at 10:00 a.m.



## Annual Church Conference Date Set

The date for this year's Annual Church Conference has been set—**Thursday, November 5th**. District Superintendent Tom Macauly will meet with the Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee at 6:45 p.m. and the Conference will begin in the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars and committees begin your preparation!



# Special Dates

## Birthdays:



3 - Jack McManus  
7 - Karl Brady  
8 - Matt Sorg  
10 - Charles Foust  
13 - Doug Foust  
13 - Vicki Martin  
17 - Megan Fleischman  
18 - Doug Daniel  
21 - Charles Kirkpatrick  
22 - Michele Cannart  
28 - Sue Cornell  
David Bulloch

**Note:** We would like to include everyone, so if we have missed your birthday or anniversary please let the church office know A.S.A.P.!

## Anniversaries:

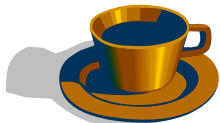


3,1963 - Jim & Collene Myers  
19,1992 - Brian & Becky Toth  
29 - Wayne & Marcie Kanitz

## Ushers:



06 - Don and Marty Hansen  
13 - Don and Marty Hansen  
20 - Chuck and Ann Altman  
27 - Chuck and Ann Altman



## Coffee Hour

The Worship Committee is looking for help with the weekly Coffee Hour Time. You or your group can volunteer to be servers for a weekly coffee hour. The church provides the beverages and paper goods. You can bake your favorite treats to share during coffee hour. If you need more baked goods, there is always an extra supply of baked items on hand in the church freezer.

You will need to be sure coffee, hot water, juice and treats are set up by 11:15 a.m. Treats may be kept out until 11:45 a.m. or so, with clean up following.

Sponsoring a coffee hour is fun and a wonderful way to share your time, gifts, and talents. A group or an individual can sign up to sponsor a coffee hour. Please check the sign up sheet on the bulletin board and sign up today! If you have questions, call Vivian Lemon at 810-629-6142 or the Church Office.



## NEEDED: Your Email Address

As the world moves more and more towards electronic communication and the price of postage keeps going up, the Church Office at the Hartland United Methodist Church is also looking for ways to stay with the 21st century and save money. We are currently in the process of setting up a system so that notices, newsletters and other communications can be emailed to the proper recipients.



To do this, we need your email address. Please send your email address to: hartlandumc@sbcglobal.net. These addresses will only be used for church business.

Thank you for your help and cooperation!



## WALK AROUND THE WORLD

A small group of people in our church are interested in walking in the 3-Day Walk for Breast Cancer in August, 2010.

And now our church is up and walking and riding bikes and swimming to see if we can go around the world in one year as part of the training program for the 3-Day Walk. There are three ways for you to log your miles.:

1) If you want to keep track of your individual miles, log in to the web site <http://horsettoth.net/walk> and set up an account. When you register your name put HUMC after so we can keep track of the church's totals.

2) If you do not want to track your individual miles, you can add to the church totals in the same web site. The ID# is 213 and the password is humc. This is a good option for logging the miles that the kids and grandkids do with you.

3) You can fill out a mileage slip on the bulletin board and turn in to Becky Toth, Renee Zimmerman or leave in the church office.

As of **Monday, August 17**, we have totaled **1,381.6 miles**. Many have not turned in their distances. If you have miles to turn in, we want to see our progress. This is a fun way for the entire church to get involved. (Miles in the gym, on the treadmill and exercise bikes count too!)

So, get out there and get moving!

## Receiving New Members in November

In late September and early October, those of you who are considering taking the next step in your faith journey and becoming a member of our church, will have an opportunity to act on your faith. We will be receiving new members on Sunday, October 11th.

In preparation for formally joining in our fellowship, we would like you to attend two preparatory sessions, both at 3:00 p.m. on the two preceding Sunday afternoons, September 27th and October 4th. These sessions will let us get to know you a little bit better as well as talk about what it means to be a United Methodist and a member of our church.

Chat with Rev. Finzer if you have any questions and use the sign up sheet on the bulletin board to show your attendance.

Do you know the most powerful sentence in the world that uses only ten 2 letter words?

**If it is to be, it is up to me**

From Gold Canyon UMC



## Scrip News

We **now carry Subway \$10 cards** with the many other immediate sale cards that are offered. Stop by on Sunday and check out what is available!

Your participation has resulted in the HUMC Scrip Program raising over \$7,456.00 since it was started in March, 2006. Last year over \$1,903 was raised and so far in 2009, over \$810.00 has gone into our church's general fund. These totals are based on an average of only 6 families participating each week!

Stop by the Scrip Table on Sunday morning and check out what we have to offer! The Scrip Table is located in Armstrong Hall.

Thank you for supporting your HUMC Scrip Program!

— HUMC Scrip Committee



# CROP Hunger Walk

**Sunday, October 11, 2009**  
**1:30 p.m. Registration**

**2:00 p.m. Walk**  
**First Presbyterian Church—Howell**

Our church will again participate in the Howell Area CROP Hunger Walk. We had a very successful year last year, our church had 31 walkers and raised \$2,600.00. The walk had a total of 144 walkers and raised \$14, 438.00.

CROP Hunger Walks are held across the United States and raise money for the Church World Service (CWS) to provide food, medical care, disaster relief and self-help development efforts for people across the world. Twenty five percent of the money raised in our walk is given to two local agencies in Livingston County: The Salvation Army and The Gleaners Food Bank.

So, plan to Walk with your family, neighbors, friends and the world to help stop hunger. You can walk 5 miles or 1 mile. The walking route takes you through downtown Howell.

To get started collecting money for the CROP Walk see Lois Finzer, Sandy McPherson or Marty Hansen to sign up and to obtain a donation envelope before or after the worship services, starting September 13th.

Let's have a church wide effort behind this worthwhile event. Our goal is to have at least 50 walkers raising at least \$3,500.00. If you cannot walk, please donate money to someone who is walking. Also, all of us can pray for the success of this ministry.





## **Hartland United Methodist Women**

The Hartland United Methodist Women are a group of women who wish to serve their church and community—local and world wide. All women of the Hartland United Methodist Church are invited to join us at the first meeting of the United Methodist Women on Thursday, September 3. We will meet at the church at 7:00 p.m.

If you have any suggestions for a program for one of our monthly meetings, please see Mary Jo Malott or Darcie Westbrook.



## **United Methodist Men**

The United Methodist Men will kick off the 2009-2010 year with a breakfast on Sunday, September 20 at 8:00 a.m.

At this meeting, plans for the upcoming year will be discussed and made.

All men are invited to attend this meeting and enjoy some good food and some good fellowship while serving their church and community.

## **Prayer Chain**

Did you know that we have a Prayer Chain here at Hartland United Methodist Church? It works like this: If you have a concern that you would like church members to add to their prayer time, contact Fran Warthman at 517-546-4004 or Pastor Fred Finzer at 810-241-5112. Fran will contact the first person on each chain and the word will go out. These dedicated people will be at prayer on behalf of the person who needs God's help.

Our prayers are not limited to friends and members of the church but anyone you know who needs this service. We have prayed for people as far away as Germany. Many have told us that they felt peace knowing that others cared enough to pray specifically for them.

If you would like to join our Prayer Chain, please contact Fran. All are welcome!

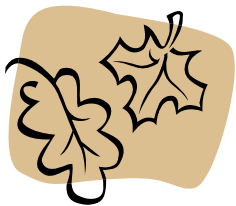


# Youth and Children's Ministries



## Sunday School Position

I have one exciting Sunday School position open for the fall. I am looking for a partner to teach a class for preschool through second grade. As a partner, you would only be expected to teach one to two times per month. Teaching materials will be easy to follow. This is a fun group of children to work with. If you are interested, please see Brandy Archer.



## Bay Shore Camp – Fall Family Day

If you have been considering sending your child to camp, but can't feel you can commit just yet...here's an opportunity for you. On **Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>** Bay Shore Camp will be hosting a **Family Fun Day**. The mini golf course and zip lines will be open along with fun, food and CANDY. The McPherson and Archer families will be attending and if you would like to join us please contact Brandy Archer. This is a great opportunity to check out the campground with your child and see what Christian camping is all about.



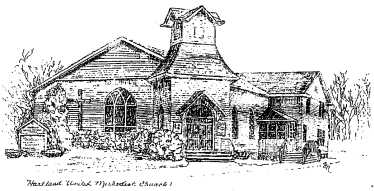
## Family Fun Night

The Youth and Children's Ministries Committee is excited to be hosting a Family Fun Night in October. We will be providing dinner, separate into adult and child learning groups and then join back together for popcorn and a family-friendly movie. Please stay posted for more information.

If you are interested in helping to organize this activity please see Brandy Archer. We are looking for some willing adults to help with the children as parents gather together.



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## *Rally Sunday—September 13!*

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Open for **Exciting**  
**Upcoming Events at H.U.M.C.!!**

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