



HEARTS UNITED

Hart United Methodist Church

October, 2021

Pastor's Ponderings *By Steve Young*

I'm going to "step aside" in this lead article to allow our new Church Secretary to introduce herself.

Hello, my name is Krystle Peters. I was born and raised here in Hart, MI. I am 34 years old and have two children, a 10 year-old daughter and a 7 year-old son. I live with my sister, who also has three kids of her own, so I am big on family. I have a huge passion for health and fitness, as well as community. I went to school for Accounting and Business Management and have many certifications in Health and Fitness as well. I'm glad to be a part of this wonderful congregation and look forward to growing my relationships with my fellow congregants.



Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday

10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Closed Friday

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Holy Communion for World Communion

On Sunday, October 3, Holy Communion will be celebrated with many other churches and denominations around the world on what is known as World Communion Sunday. Hart UMC will again use “combo cups,” and these are already available for the week before, during, and the week after this day in the formerly-announced ways: at the table in the sanctuary hallway, in the box on the church office front door, or by calling the Church Office to arrange for delivery. Plan now to participate with your bread and cup on this special Sunday, even as communion is being observed somewhere in the world during each of the 24 hours!



October's Special Offering

Our special offering this month is for World Communion Sunday, a national UMC promotion which we'll collect all month long. Many U. M. churches will take up this offering only on World Communion Sunday, October 3, to go along with the shared Holy Communion experience around the world that day, just as we'll observe Holy Communion that first Sunday of the month. Through this UMC collection, we'll also be called as the church to reach out to all people and model diversity among God's children, even as this special offering benefits World Communion Scholarships, the Ethnic Scholarship Program, and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program. The UMC informs qualified people, especially youth and young adults, to apply for these scholarships, just as congregations like ours are invited to give generously, often enabling first-generation students to attend college.

See the leaflet in the pew racks and use the detachable envelope—or your own, designated “World Communion”—to give, placing your gift in the offering plate in the sanctuary hallway, dropping it into the drop box next to the Church Office door, or mailing it in to the church address (see back page). Thank you!

TRUNK 'N TREAT BEING PLANNED

Distribution of commercially-made treats from vehicles in the Hart UMC parking lot to trick-or-treaters—otherwise known as Trunk ‘N Treat—is being planned for the City of Hart's Trick-or-Treating time. At this writing, that day and time is not known, but consult other sources or call the Church Office for details, which will also be announced on our front sign and at worship services soon.



October Birthdays

- 1– Frank Schramm;
Penny Brubaker
- 3– Judy Kuipers;
Atreya Salazar
- 4– Harvey Weaver;
Jim Field
- 5– Kaylin Swihart;
Nikki Klotz
- 6– Melissa Kindinger
- 9– Terrie Gebhart;
Aubrey Hendrickson
- 11– Hailey Bond
- 13– Lenore Westrate
- 15– Nathan Drechen
- 16– Terry Peters
- 19– Dan Russell
- 22– Dick Huntington;
Mary Sloan
- 25– Hannah Riggs
- 29– Peggy Leonardo

Charge Conference Minutes and Info Packets Still Available

A copy of the minutes of this year's very early Charge Conference on August 21 is posted on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Also, extra packets of distributed information at Charge Conference are available for pick-up in the Church Office.

Six-Session Fall Study Continues

A six-week fall study began on Thursday, September 30, 2021, looking into the beginnings of our faith as Christians and as United Methodists today. The goal is to not just to teach history, but to help us find a faith revival in our hearts and lives, and be revitalized in our own spiritual journey, being renewed in our faith and revived in our Christian practice through this study of our Methodist roots—particularly as we study the life and faith of Christ-follower John Wesley.

The sessions are being offered again through online broadcasts, AND live and in-person at the same time in our sanctuary as well, for those who choose, at 11 a.m. Participation is available later, too, on demand through our Facebook and website pages, even as previous studies and past worship services are available on demand as well.

The opportunity for full church membership with the United Methodist Church and Hart UMC locally is being offered through this course, with demonstrated participation in the sessions and with extra activities and accountability to Pastor Steve. Please contact him if you're interested in membership. Otherwise, all of us—official members or not—can look forward to being revived as we learn more about our faith, United Methodist-style.

Generosity/Stewardship Emphasis to Begin

This fall's Generosity/Stewardship Emphasis will begin during the latter half of this month of October with a sermon series on giving and generosity, culminating in a Commitment Sunday Celebration on Sunday, November 14, 2021. This time period is being called an "emphasis" since we should be concerned all year and always about our giving and commitment to the Lord. This emphasis time is named a "Generosity/Stewardship Emphasis" to call attention to our own generosity in response to God's generosity, even as we are stewards—care-takers—of God's gifts in this world. Watch for a packet of information, including an "Estimate of Giving—2022" card, coming in the mail, being sent out with the November newsletter.

Summary of Governance Board Minutes, September 20, 2021

—Upon Interview Team recommendation, Krystle Peters was hired as the new Church Secretary (with name change also approved);
—The Building Use Policy form was updated and approved;
—The Food Box ministry will be revisited next March (after winter);
—The church's Pro account for Zoom will be ended;
—"Mask Wearing Recommended" signs will be posted for the church building due to the current COVID-19 surge, and screened windows will be left opened for better ventilation;
—Our Trunk "N Treat will take place on the City of Hart's trick-or-treating day and time;
—Discussion took place about the future of the UMC worldwide and here locally, particularly about our Mission Statement, and included hopes for special music recruits and choir possibilities.

Upcoming Events Calendar for Hart UMC:

OCTOBER

- 3 (Sunday): In-Person/Online/Radio Worship & Communion at 10:30 a.m.
(*World Communion Sunday*)
- 7 (Thursday): Fall Bible Study #2 Live and In-Person Broadcast, 11 a.m.
- 10 (Sunday): In-Person/Online/Radio Worship at 10:30 a.m.
- 11 (Monday): Pastor Steve at a Webinar, 12:30-5 p.m.
- 12 (Tuesday): Pastor Steve at a Webinar, 8 a.m.-Noon
- 12 (Tuesday): Personal Care Pantry from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- 14 (Thursday): Fall Bible Study #3 Live and In-Person Broadcast, 11 a.m.
- 17 (Sunday): In-Person/Online/Radio Worship at 10:30 a.m.
- 18 (Monday): Governance Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- 21 (Thursday): Fall Bible Study #4 Live and In-Person Broadcast, 11 a.m.
- 24 (Sunday): In-Person/Online/Radio Worship at 10:30 a.m.
- 28 (Thursday): Fall Bible Study #5 Live and In-Person Broadcast, 11 a.m.
- 31 (Sunday): In-Person/Online/Radio Worship at 10:30 a.m.
- (NOTE: Trunk "N Treat occurs on City of Hart's trick-or-treating day & time.)

NOVEMBER (partial)

- 4 (Thursday): Fall Bible Study #6 Live and In-Person Broadcast, 11 a.m.
- 6 (Saturday): "Fall Back" 1 hour for the end of Daylight Saving Time
- 7 (Sunday): In-Person/Online/Radio Worship & Communion at 10:30 a.m.
(*All Saints Sunday*)
- 9 (Tuesday): Personal Care Pantry from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- 14 (Sunday): In-Person/Online/Radio Worship at 10:30 a.m.
(Generosity/Stewardship Commitment Sunday)

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