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Hart United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Ponderings

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A COUPLE-THREE-OR-MORE THINGS

The title of this article is not very exciting, nor even very grammatically correct, perhaps, but it is functional, because I have “a couple-three or more things” to talk about here, chronologically, all of them taking place during this busy month of October.

1. THE HAMILTON ROAD QUARTET WILL BE SHARING DURING OUR WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1.

They're from Ohio, and will be here for the 12th Annual Great Lakes Gospel Sing in Walkerville the day before. A FREEWILL OFFERING will be taken for their expenses, and they will have CDs available for purchase afterward in Fellowship Hall. Note that we WILL BE having communion on that first Sunday of the month, even as we recognize World Communion Sunday (see the Special Offering article below).

Also on Sunday, October 1, I'll be starting a Confirmation Class with our youth at noon that day in the Youth Lounge. Our Youth Director, Teena Sorensen, sent a letter to our youth at the end of August announcing this, but if your 6th to 12th grade young person missed it, or if you know of any youth who want to learn more about the Christian faith, United Methodist style, leading to the option of becoming a member of Hart UMC, let me know...and have them come to the sessions as soon as possible, even October 1. We'll be studying the Apostles' Creed during October and November, with Confirmation and Membership Reception scheduled for Sunday, November 26.

Our offices have moved back downstairs to their original location! Stop by and check them out!

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Additionally, that afternoon will be the annual CROP Walk in Pentwater, with registration starting at 2:00 p.m. at the Pentwater First Baptist Church building where the Walk kicks off. (I'll be leading the Medical Care Facility's Chapel Service at 1:30 p.m., but taking the church van afterwards to a strategic half-way point along the route to transport any "too-tired" walkers back to the Baptist Church.)

2. Our six-week study on Moses will be concluding the week of October 15, and thank you for your participation at whatever level you've been involved. Watch for another study coming for Advent on Tuesdays (I think). It's called "Faithful: Christmas through the Eyes of Joseph" and will focus on Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus. Look for more information in next month's newsletter and upcoming announcements, with the optional \$14 book needing to be ordered by the first week of November from the Church Office.

3. Starting Sunday, October 22, and continuing through Sunday, November 12, we will experience another Generosity/Stewardship Emphasis time, incorporating some ideas from Jacob Armstrong's resource, "Treasure." This four-week period will feature Sunday sermon/talks focusing on four weekly themes: 1) Where Is Your Treasure?, 2) The Problem with Two Masters, 3) Don't Worry, and 4) How to Give. Note that our children's Sunday School lessons during that time will also be coordinated with these topics, as I continue to match up Sunday worship themes with our Church School department. Estimates of Giving for 2018 will be distributed in a packet of information at the end of October, with the hope that each household will complete and return the estimate card on or before Sunday, November 12, Commitment Sunday.

4. The next "thing" will be our yearly Church Conference on Sunday, October 29, at the Manistee UMC facility, as has been previously announced in the last two newsletters. A Chili Cook-off begins at 5:00 p.m., and any chili wizards out there are asked to bring their dish (each church is invited to bring 2-3 pots). Everyone attending is invited to vote for their favorite with a dollar (or dollars, if you can't decide), with the money going to a favorite mission/outreach of the winning church.

A Note From Your Former Office Manager

My dear friends at Hart UMC,
Thank you so much for the lovely sendoff and for your incredible and overwhelming generosity as I transitioned into graduate school! It was much easier to go knowing I have your love and support with me every step of the way. I appreciate each and every one of you, and I look forward to seeing you soon!
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Tuesday's Friends

Widows, widowers, and adult singles of Hart UMC are all invited to join Tuesday's Friends! We meet the first Tuesday of every month. Join us for food, games, fellowship, and sharing!

Our next event will on Oct. 3rd, and we will be headed to Country Dairy! If you would like to carpool, please meet at the church at 12:15 p.m. We hope to see you there!

RSVP's are encouraged each month to Bev Wood or the Church Office.

Bev Wood: 873-4649.

Church Office: 873-3516

COMING IN NOVEMBER

The “4th Sunday Potluck” will actually be held after worship on the **THIRD SUNDAY** of November—the 19th—with a Thanksgiving theme being suggested for dishes to pass (Thanksgiving is on Thursday, November 23).

Note that there will NOT be any Advent



-Christmas decorating afterward, as we've done in the past, with Advent starting later this year.

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During this time we will also see and hear presentations from churches about their latest ministries (ours will be about our new Media Coordinator position which is currently under development). Then, our Church Conference will take place at 6:30 p.m., meeting in a designated room somewhere, and EVERYONE is invited, although only official members of Hart UMC can vote on the business, which includes approving leadership nominations, lay servants, and the pastor's compensation package. (Note that, in preparation for Church Conference, our district superintendent, Anita Hahn, will be having meetings with pastors and others in our building on Wednesday, October 25, using the Library in the afternoon and Fellowship Hall in the evening.)

5. Of course, beforehand on that Sunday, October 29, our church will host our annual Trunk 'N Treat event, with treats distributed from cars in our parking lot and lunch served inside Fellowship Hall. It runs from noon to 1:30 p.m., and hundreds and hundreds of community kids and chaperoning adults participate. See details elsewhere and on flyers and announcements to come, but plan now to help, and then to leave for Manistee later for the Church Conference on that big day, during this busy month of October. Blessings!

Women Who Care

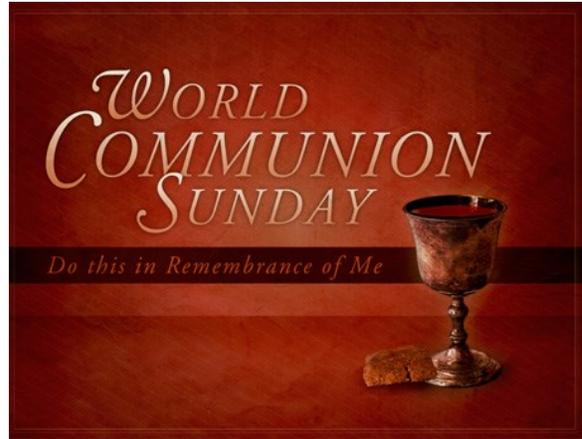
Women Who Care will meet on Thursday, October 12, at 10:00 a.m. to pack care packages for our college students. Please keep these students in your prayers as we go through the college year. The list will be posted in the November Newsletter. Deadline for submitting a recipient's name is October 1, 2017.

United Methodist Men

All men associated with Hart UMC are invited to Breakfast on Saturday, October 14, at 8 a.m. in our Fellowship Hall. We will be reviewing our fall projects along with some of the ideas and suggestions that our National U/M/Men's organization is promoting. The men of our Church are urged to make a special effort to attend this Men's ministry program. Let Walt Urick know if you are able to attend, so adequate food arrangements can be made.

Two Special Offering Opportunities

We continue to promote special offerings which are featured over three-week periods for extra giving by cheerful givers. These offerings are stipulated by the West Michigan Conference and the national UMC General Conference. For this month, there is a national UMC opportunity—World Communion Sunday—as well as a West Michigan Conference opportunity —Rural Life Sunday— to which you may contribute. Read the information below and also in the pew racks, then use a special envelope available there or designate your offering properly to give generously to these ministries.



- 1) **World Communion Sunday, October 1**, calls the church to reach out to all people and model diversity among God's children. The offering benefits World Communion Scholarships, the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program. United Methodists relate to World Communion Sunday by informing qualified people, especially youth and young adults, to apply for scholarships and by giving generously to the special offering, which often enables first-generation students to attend college. See the leaflet in the pews and use the detachable envelope, or your own, to give generously, even as we have received this special offering on September 17 and 24 as well.
- 2) Your **Rural Life Sunday Offering** is the source for initiatives in rural and small town ministries, administered in our West Michigan Conference through the Town and Country Committee. Some of these ministries are: 1. Scholarships for seminary studies and Course of Study, through which pastors in training for rural ministries can get financial support for their seminary education; 2. Scholarships for rural pastors' continuing education; 3. Seed funding for Rural Summer Interns in local town and country churches; 4. Rural Life Sunday worship materials for each church in the conference; 5. Town and Country church ministry orientation materials for each new pastor entering the conference; and 6. Promotion of cooperative ministries throughout the conference. Your Rural Life Sunday gift will enable these programs and future initiatives for the advancement of ministry in rural and small town churches and communities. Thank you for your love-gift on October 8, 15, and 22, using the generic *Special* envelope in the pew or your own.



Molly's Poetry Corner

The sun is bright
My soul sparkles in it's glow
You, oh Lord, are the sun
You, oh Lord, are the sparkle to my soul
Let me never doubt Your unfailing love
The love that lights up my life
And lets my soul sparkle for the world to see
Let me continually show the world my soul's sparkle
My soul's sparkle that comes from You
And You alone

October Birthdays

1– Frank Schramm,
Penny Brubaker

3– Atreya Salazar

4– Harvey Weaver,
Jim Field

5– Nikki Klotz, Kaylin
Swihart

6– David England,
Melissa Kindinger

9– Terrie Gebhart,
Aubrey Hendrickson

11– Ed Bauer, Hai-
ley Bond

13– Lenore Westrate

15– Nathan Drechen

16– Terry Peters

19– Dan Russell

20– Nancy Wittman

22– Dick Huntington,
Mary Sloan

23– Hugh Bengtsson

25– Kristeen Mason,
Deanna Helmlinger,
Hannah Riggs

27– Terry Coulier

29– Peggy Leonardo

United Methodist Women

The UMW is serving the local Rotary weekly lunches again on **Wednesdays**. A Rotary Volunteer Workers sign-up sheet is available in the Fellowship Hall. We have three cooks; we need two helpers each week. Both women and men are asked to consider helping. PLEASE look at the dates and sign up to help. This is an excellent fund raising project that allows us to support the many mission projects in our budget.

Saturday, September 16th Linda McLouth, Penny Brubaker, and Maureen Huizing attended the Grand Traverse UMW District Annual Meeting at the Ludington United Methodist Church. They were presented with a certificate for our church for the *Five Channels of Giving*. Our church also, for the first time ever, received the *“Achieving Mission Today Goals”* certificate, as we not only met the 7 goals required, but exceeding the requirement by completing all 13 goals listed. Out of the 30 churches in our district, we were one of nine that received this award. Maureen Huizing also earned the *“August 2016 to July 2017 Reading Program Recognition”* certificate for our church. These certificates are posted on the UMM-UMW bulletin board in the McRae Fellowship Hall.

The **Hart UMW will meet on Monday, October 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.** Besides regular business items, our agenda at this time includes: Election of 2018 Officers, Approving 2018 Budget, and discussing our Fall Bazaar. The offering will go to World Thank Offering, which is part of our annual Mission Pledge to the District UMW. This is an important business meeting. Please try to attend.

2017 MISSION U of the North at First UMC, Gaylord, MI **on Monday & Tuesday, October 16-17, 2017.** The Detroit Conference & West Michigan Conference Mission U & the Conference Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist church CORDIALLY invite men and women to: 2017 Mission U Studies - A study, fellowship and worship experience. "Learning Together for the Transformation of the World: Three studies will be offered, based on the books: *“Mission Conferences of the UMC in the US”*, *“Living as a Covenant Community”*, and *Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action.*" Class assignment is based on order of receipt of registrations. Registration forms may be found on the UMW/UMM bulletin board in McRae Fellowship Hall. Registration form and \$65 fee (which includes 3 meals) should be sent to the address on the form as soon as possible for planning purposes.

Hart UMW Fall Bazaar: November 17, 2017, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Includes Lunch, Bake Sale, Gift items, Cookbooks, and White Elephants. Start thinking about things you might have to donate for the White Elephant/Treasures & Trinkets table (no clothing please).

Upcoming Events at HUMC

Mark your calendar!

Sunday, Oct. 1: World Communion Sunday and Hamilton Road Quartet;
CROP Walk at 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 3: Moses Book Study at 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.;
Oceana Singers Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m. (every Tuesday thru November)

Tuesday, Oct. 10: Moses Book Study at 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.;
Personal Care Pantry from 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.;

Oceana Singers Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 14: UMM Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 16: Governance Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 17: Moses Book Study at 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 23: UMW Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 24: Personal Care Pantry from 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 25: Church Conference preparation— Library occupied
during the afternoon, Fellowship Hall occupied during the evening

Sunday, Oct. 29: Trunk 'N Treat at 12:00 p.m.—1:30 p.m.; Church Confer-
ence, Manistee UMC at 6:30 p.m. (Chili Cook-Off at 5:00 p.m.)

Sunday, Nov. 5: All Saints Sunday Holy Communion

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