

Hartford United Methodist Church



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2007 Newsletter

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From the Pastor

The traffic stopped for James Arnold on Monday, March 26.

Fire trucks guarded busy intersections in Kalamazoo. People going about their day's business pulled over and stopped. Some got out of their cars and stood with a hand over their heart. The entire student body of two schools left their classes and stood quietly at the side of the road.

The traffic stopped for James Arnold all the way to Ft. Custer National Cemetery.

His family and friends from Mattawan called him Jimmy. For those who paused by the side of the road, this young man of 21 years was simply one more soldier who gave his life in service to us and our country.

His death was a sacrifice. He gave his life in an effort to guard our freedoms and bring the same opportunities for freedom to others far away.

A sacrificial death commands our respect. There is the sobering realization that someone has given the greatest of all gifts. We must stop and consider the cost.

Jesus was right. ***“Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends” (John 15:13).***

I will be in church for the services of Holy Week- Seder Meal, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. Respect. Love. Thanksgiving. **A sacrifice has been made and we know “His Name.”** This is as personal as it gets. I must stop and consider the cost.



Pastor Ron


“EPIC” is coming April 15

Check the information on the back page.



April Events



Palm Sunday April 1	9:15 am 10:30 am 9 am – Noon	Sunday School Worship Service Child Care	Sunday April 15	9:15 am 10:30 am 9 am – Noon	Sunday School Worship Service Child Care
Tuesday April 3	6:45 pm	UMW at the Church	Sunday April 15	6:00 pm	3 rd Sunday Youth
Thursday April 5	6:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Seder Meal	Sunday April 22	9:15 am 10:30 am 9 am – Noon	Sunday School Worship Service Child Care
Friday April 6	9:30 am	UMW's Good Friday Breakfast	Sunday April 29	9:15 am 10:30 am 9 am – Noon	Sunday School Worship Service Child Care
Friday April 6	7 pm	Good Friday Service	Sunday April 29	9:30 am - 1230 pm	Serve at Soup Kitchen
Easter Sunday April 8	9:15 am 10:30 am 9 am – Noon	Sunday School Worship Service Child Care	Monday April 30	7:00 pm	SPPR
Tuesday April 10	7:00 pm	Coordinating Council			

Birthdays

April

- 1 Stephanie Rocky
- Jack Sinclair
- Jan Hansen
- Cheyenne Hill
- 5 JoAnn Stout
- 6 Katie Stout
- 8 Kenny Koch
- 9 Jeff Heuser
- 12 Becky Hayes
- 14 Dorothy Haugard
- Brandon Rocky
- 17 Cindy Kent
- 19 Wanda Gale
- 20 Debbie Whitney
- Danny Gale
- 21 Bethany Smith
- 23 Chris Ryan
- 25 Scott Smith

United Methodist Women

- Next meeting – Tuesday, April 3, 2007
- Meet at 6:45 pm at the church
- Hostess: Althea Peters
- Devotions: Connie Kilburn
- Program: Midwest Distribution Center
Del Troutman & Jan Fulford



Good Friday Breakfast – April 6 – 9:30 am

Speaker – Christine Vanlandingham Special music!

The ladies are looking for volunteers to chair or co-chair a rummage sale. If interested contact Ronda Kaucher.

United Methodist Men - - - Every Wednesday

6:30 pm Work Group - - - - 8:00 pm Study Group

All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Pennies for Pavement

The milk can is back! Turn your change into funds for the parking lot paving fund. Look for it in the social hall.



Missions

February & March Mission Offerings

Haiti Hot Lunch	\$91.12
Susie Henry	25.00
Food Pantry	220.63

April Mission Focus

Our April mission focus will be Rio Social Action Program in Niteroi, a suburb across the bay from Rio de Janeiro in Brazil. Cleonice Nery continues to run a program for street children and children from the surrounding favelas providing elementary education, job training, meals, and for some housing in 6 homes she has purchased to care for the homeless. Please keep Cleonice and her programs in your prayers and support them with your gifts in April.

Thanks to all who helped and those who attended the Swiss steak Dinner on March 23. We raised just over \$1000 for the kitchen fund.

Summer Camping



Church Camp

Attending church camp can be an important part of a young person's spiritual journey.

We are fortunate to have excellent United Methodist camps and youth who are interested in attending this summer.

Remember the food pantry!

Please consider making a donation to help fund this special week for our children.

Please write Camp on your gift

REMINDER: Mail your used inkjet cartridges and old cell phones in the prepaid postage envelopes available in the narthex. The money received from the recycle center goes to the kitchen remodeling.

COOKBOOKS:

HUMC cookbooks are available in the church office or call Del at 621-3663. Cost is \$10. Proceeds at this time benefit the kitchen renovation fund

CANCELLED STAMPS, POP CAN TABS, GENERAL MILLS EDUCATION LABELS, CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS, SPARTAN UPC CODES:

These items are all collectible items for many mission groups who are then able to cash them in for cash and/or material goods. The canisters are in the fellowship hall for collection.

PLEASE SEE SAMPLES OF HOW TO TRIM LABELS AND STAMPS ON BOX IN SOCIAL HALL



ATTENTION ALL SINGLE WOMEN

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 19**, and plan to attend a Lavender & Lace Luncheon that will be served to honor the single women of the church.

More information will be coming.



Place all donations in the grocery cart located in the social hall every Sunday morning.

April Focus: Toiletry items, Cereal, Crackers, Canned Fruit





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HOLY WEEK

“EPIC” is Coming April 15!

April 1 Palm Sunday

April 5 Maundy Thursday

Seder Meal 6:30 pm

April 6 Good Friday Breakfast

9:30 am

Ladies from all churches invited

April 6 Good Friday Service

7:00 pm

April 8 Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 15, will be unlike any other Sunday. A Worship experience out of the ordinary. No sermon from the pastor!

You must see and hear the Gospel story as John Eldredge tells it in a drama presentation entitled “**EPIC.**” John Eldredge is a best-selling author and renowned speaker and his video appearance will command your attention.

Do not miss this Sunday!

We will dig deeper into the saga of the “**EPIC**” as a theme for our worship services during the Sundays of April and May. There will be a great opportunity to better learn this material with a group that will meet for six Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning April 18. Contact Pastor Ron for more information