



HCC Connections

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The Love Servolution Heart Point Challenge



As advertised in our June newsletter, our Church Council kicked off a special project on Sunday, June 12th, that's designed

to keep the Love Revolution theme alive and well in our congregation throughout these summer months. Called "The Love Servolution Heart Point Challenge", it continues through Sunday, September 4th and is open to HCC members and friends of all ages. It's set up so that even if you're away from Haslett all summer or are otherwise unable to be at church on Sunday mornings, you can still participate.

Its basic aim is to stimulate each of us to focus more intentionally upon and to expand the specific, practical, and daily deeds of loving service that we do- those deeds that are so central to Jesus' love revolution. It attaches various numbers of "Heart Points" to different kinds of deeds so that the more points we total as a congregation, the more money we'll give away at the end to another group or groups of people whose ministry or service work we want to support.

We did a similar giveaway at the end of our 2008-09 "Parable of the

Talents" project, except this time the money will come mostly from our "Services Special Fund" plus any Love Revolution T-shirt net sales income. Our Services Special Fund is maintained primarily through donations or payments we receive from community or UCC Covenant Association or Michigan Conference groups who use our facilities for their activities or from families or groups who've benefited from a meal or reception that's been provided by our Member Caring Committee. Since this is money that we receive mainly from those outside of HCC, it seems fitting to draw from it to support good work that others are doing apart from our church.

The points attached to the various deeds aren't there to pit us against each other in a weird competition to see who can be the best love servolutionary (see, I told you that Jesus likes me best!- NOT). To that end, we'll keep no record of and give no publicity to the point totals that any of us may or may not have as individuals. Everyone's points will be added up, though, to give us a rough measure of our overall congregational involvement in the project and to help us in developing a final whole-church target that can trigger our maximum giveaway at the end. (The amount of that maximum is still to be determined by the Council.)

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To help us begin taking that measure and creating that target, we ask you, if you've already been participating in the project, to inform us as of July 10th of all the points you've personally tallied up to that time. You can do that either in person on Sunday morning, the 10th, by stopping by the Love Servolution table that's set up in Friendship Hall or by e-mailing Council members, Bob Purosky or Michele Booher. Bob's e-mail addresses are rpurosky@gmail.com or bpurosky@abem.org and Michele's is okieyank@aol.com. After July 10th, it will help if you continue to let us know of your point total week by week either by stopping by the Love Servolution table on Sunday mornings or by e-mailing Michele or

Bob so we can keep a running whole-church tally of how we're doing in reaching the final target that we'll soon set. Also, any time you come by the Love Servolution table be sure to fill out "Heart Challenge Hands" to briefly describe some of your Love Servolutionary activities. We're putting those paper hands up on the walls and windows of our sanctuary as symbols of the loving handprints we're striving to leave on other people's lives.

As we did with the Parable of the Talents project, we again want to solicit your ideas about which group or groups we should give the money to at the end of the project. You'll find a brief form you can use for that at the end of this article. You can fill it out and mail it in to the church or bring it to the Love Servolution table on a Sunday morning.

If you've not yet seen the details of how to participate in The Love Servolution Heart Point Challenge, you can get all the information on Sunday mornings at the Love Servolution table or in the church office at any time during our summer office hours of 9am-noon, Tuesday through Friday. You can also call the church office at any time of day or night at 339-8383, extension 10, to let us know if you'd like us to mail, fax, or e-mail the information to you. Or you can access the info 24/7 through our haslettcommunitychurch.org website by clicking on the "Love Servolution" link.

Remember that it's never too late to begin taking part. Every point counts!

**LOVE SERVOLUTION HEART POINT CHALLENGE
NOMINATION FORM**

You're invited to name and briefly describe the work or ministry of the group you'd like to nominate as a possible recipient of the money that will be donated by HCC at the end of the Love Servolution Heart Point Challenge. Please be sure to include your name, too, so we can follow up with you for any further information we might like to share about the group.

YOUR NAME _____

GROUP & BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ITS WORK _____



Pastor's Corner

With our summer-time Love Servolution project underway (see article on pages 1 and 2) I'm especially eager to share again in this column further ideas for specific, practical and daily deeds of love. Maybe some of these will strike you as ones you'd like to include in some form in your Love Servolution activity.

I'll first mention a few more from the 100 that Joyce Meyer features on her love revolution.com website (these will be the last ones I share from that particular resource):

"I've led a support group for parents of special needs children twice a month for fourteen years." Tonya L., Santee, California

-Make amends with family members.

"I had my windshield replaced. The repairman asked me if I'd like to watch while he did the work. I listened while he shared his past with me, full of anger and betrayal, and when he got into his truck to go, he commented that sometimes it was just easier to talk to a stranger. I patted him on the shoulder and said, 'God bless you.' I had never seen him before, and I haven't seen him since, but I was deeply moved by this experience and sometimes pray for him." Angela C., Lebanon, Virginia.

-Leave a gift for your mail carrier.

Here are other ideas for unique donations. These were all new to me when I learned of them from a Christian Science Monitor article written by Trent Hamm.

"Donate your hair. Locks of Love (www.locksoflove.org) is a non-profit that provides hair-pieces to disadvantaged children suffering from long term medical hair loss. It's easy to donate- just grow your hair out to ten or more inches in length, cut it off, stick it in an envelope, and help out a kid that could really use a boost . . .

"Donate your vacation time. Many workplaces make it possible to donate unused vacation time to people in dire need. Spend a day less at the beach next year and give that day to someone (within your workplace) who is fighting a serious medical condition . . .

"Donate your wedding dress. Making Memories (www.makingmemories.org) is an awesome charity that helps women with metastatic breast cancer live out their dreams. Many of the wishes granted by Making Memories involve weddings, so the charity makes great use of the wedding dress you've got hanging in your closet. Unused gowns are auctioned to earn more money for this charity's work, so even if your dress doesn't get used by a needful bride, it can still help them.

"Donate your old shoes. Nike's Reuse-A-Shoe program (nikereuseashoe.com- check that site out for its great video

explaining what they do in great detail) takes old, nasty running shoes and turns them into materials for public playgrounds and basketball courts. All you have to do is send 'em in . . .

"Donate your old carpet. Many animal shelters will accept donations of old, clean carpet for bedding for the sheltered pets. Contact your local shelter the next time you update your carpeting and see if they can put that old carpet to use."

I'll include a few more ideas from Hamm next month (and remember to keep passing yours on to me, too), but in closing his article he makes an observation that's always worth keeping in mind: "The biggest lesson from this list is that we all have a lot of resources within us and around us that are of value and use to others. Sharing them, especially when it's 'no skin off our backs', does nothing but make the world a better place. It makes you feel better too."

With you in the love servolution,




Commendations Are In Order

Thanks to these individuals who have recently served the church in special ways:

- To our **Member Caring Committee** for providing receptions after the memorial services we recently had for Betty Rogers and Larry Davis.
- To our **Men's Group** for providing the overflow parking shuttle at Larry Davis's memorial service.
- To the **CB Richard Ellis/Martin** management company for allowing us to use the Haslett Village Square parking lot for overflow from Larry Davis's memorial service.
- To our **High School Seniors** for the wonderful leadership they provided at our June 12th service and in particular, to Chris Fry and Jamie Hiller for the sermons they gave.
- To **Barry Sedgwick** for his recent gift of ten more padded folding chairs to our chair collection.
- To **Michele Booher** and **Bob Purosky** for all their work on the "Love Servolution" .
- To **Pastor Erin** for driving to Cleveland, OH to visit Claire Cowan.
- To **Nathan** and **Graham Riley** for mowing Erin's lawn .
- To **Brisban Roumpz, Julia Purosky** and **Jerrod Gardner** for the "Love Servolution" tee shirt design as well as the logo on it.



This column is left blank intentionally to protect the privacy of our members. HCC members may contact the church via email (hcc1@att.net) to obtain the contents of this column.

Special Congratulations

Kudos to **Kate Mahon** who was named to the Dean's List this past semester at Albion College. She is majoring in music and is a member of the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program at Albion. Well done, Kate!



The following is from HCC's newsletter, July, 1956:

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Men's and Women's fellowship of the church is jointly sponsoring an ice cream social to be held on the church property on Friday, July 13th from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Home-made ice cream and cake will be served. Jeanette Welling and Virgil Fisher will be co-chairmen of the social.

Social Committee News

HCC Men's Group Fishing Weekend July 8th-10th

The HCC men's group's fourth annual fishing trip is the weekend of **July 8th-10th** at Paul White's cottage on beautiful Tee Lake near Lewiston. We have a great time fishing, kayaking and canoeing, bicycling, eating really well, and solving the world's problems sitting around the campfire in the evening. We have averaged 9-10 guys the past three years, and we have room (well, pop-up campers, actually) for more.

If you enjoy food, fun and good companions, plan on joining us this year! If you have any questions, contact Paul White at 339-2837 or Dave Vietti at 339-5731.

Coming Soon:
Outdoor Worship on
August 28th at
 Lake Lansing Park North.

Social Calendar

- Game Night for Adults - every 3rd Saturday of the month - the next game night is **July 16th at 7:00 p.m.** at the church - please sign up on the Social Committee board
- HCC outing to Lugnuts Game - **Saturday, July 23rd at 7:05 pm.**
- Meeting for all who are reserved for HCC camping - **Monday, August 8th, at 7:30 p.m.** at the church
- HCC Camping weekend - **August 12-14th** at P.J. Hoffmaster State Park

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Volunteer Opportunities



Great Small-Group Service Opportunity

We recently received the following invitation from our local Christian Services organization. Is it a Love Servolution activity that would fit for you?

"You can help Judson Memorial Baptist Church's Love Clothing Center in Lansing serve over 800 children with back to school clothing in August and September. By volunteering in groups of 5 to 10 people, you can help distribute clothing and share the labors with the Judson volunteers who work every Wednesday all year long . . . Talk to your fellow church members now about participating in a fun day putting their faith into action.



Dates for your group of 5 or 10 are the following Saturdays from 9:30am-2:30pm: August 6, 13, 20, 27 and September 10, 17, 24. Call Christian Services at 394-5413 to reserve your date and to check availability."

Pledged Giving Update



This year we need \$4712 each week to remain current in our pledged giving receipts. As of the end of May, we're \$2508 behind in the amount of those gifts we've received. Keeping our pledges up-to-date is always a big help to our cash flow, especially in the summer months when

our giving often slumps with people away on vacations. Thanks again to everyone whose giving makes possible the ministry of our church.



from the Congregation

To everyone who helped in any way for Larry's beautiful memorial service - Thank You. I am in awe of this church family, and feel truly blessed.

*Sylvia Davis
and family*

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Dear HCC family,

We have always been impressed by the commitment you have been willing to make whenever a child is baptized in the church to provide your help in the guidance and teaching of that child. While our two sons were baptized elsewhere, it is clear that that commitment to children has been extended to them as well.

Thank you for all the love and support you have provided Zach and Nick through the years as they have grown up in the church. Your love supplied them with many great role models as they enter adulthood. God Bless!

Gary & Debbie Gulliver

Summer Music at HCC

During the summer while the choir is on a break, special music is provided by soloists or small groups from our choir and congregation. There is a nice variety planned and we are so grateful for all the participation.

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New Music Stand

Check out the beautiful new music stand near the choir loft. (see picture below) The idea of George Swanson, tenor emeritus of the HCC choir, it was constructed from the wood of the maple tree that once stood on the west side of the sanctuary. The design came from George's stepdaughter, Linda Allen. The know-how for treating the uncured wood came from Claude McKenzie and Dick Leдебuhr. The tools, time and construction came from Chris Johnson and the wood burning was done by Linda Allen. George did all the sanding and finishing. The choir director is very surprised and pleased with this special addition.

Sacred Music Camp

Grace Lutheran Church of Lansing is offering a Sacred Music Camp on the evenings of **August 8th - 12th from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm**. This beginning course is available, and limited to twenty-four youth, ages 8 to 13. It will include instruction in keyboard, choral music and biblical song and story. The choral and keyboard labs are under the musical direction of Paul Dombroske, organist and choir director at Grace, who also teaches music in the Holt public Schools. A \$25 registration fee includes all materials and refreshments each day. If you are interested, please contact the Grace church office at 372-5830, between 9am and 2pm weekdays.





Haslett Community Church Calendar for July 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:30 AM Worship and Church School; nursery care provided	4	5	6	7	8/9 Mens Group Fishing Weekend	
10 Rev. Heisler preach 9:30 AM Worship and Church School; nursery care provided	11	12	13	14	15 1:00 - 7:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive	16 7:00 PM Adult Game Nite
17 9:30 AM Worship and Church School; nursery care provided 3:00 PM Inquirer's Meeting	18	19 8 AM Newsletter articles due	20	21	22	23 7:00 PM HCC Lugnuts Game
24 9:30 AM Worship and Church School; nursery care provided	25	26 7:00 PM MS Mission Trip Meeting	27	28 7:00 PM MS Mission Trip Meeting	29	30
31 Carol Ingells preach 9:30 AM Worship and Church School; nursery care provided MS MISSION TRIP WEEK >>						

Newsletter articles are due the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 8:00 AM.

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Worship for July 2011

Sermon titles and Scripture readings include:

Sunday, July 3rd, 9:30 am
"Our Christian Constitution"
Deuteronomy 6:20-25 & Galatians 5:13-15

Sunday, July 24th, 9:30 am
"Putting on Christ"
Psalm 119:129-135 & Ephesians 4:17-24

Sunday, July 10th, 9:30 am
Rev. Erin Heisler preaching

Sunday, July 31st, 9:30 am
Carol Ingells, guest preacher

Sunday, July 17th, 9:30 am
"All Tangled Up"
Romans 8:14-21 & Matthew 13:24-30

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Worship and Church School, Sundays at 9:30 a. m.