



HCC Connections

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Love Revolution Continues

Our Church Council has been working on special ways to keep the recent Love Revolution theme alive and well in our congregation. Prepare to find out on **June 12th** what they've been creating to help us all take part in the ongoing revolution. *The Love Servolution*, presented by the Council will be kicked off this summer with a special project. Be sure to come on the 12th, which is also Senior Sunday, and find out what it's all about!



Welcome New Members

We welcome the following new members who joined our church on Sunday, May 22nd.

GEORGIA DAVIDSON

Georgia has lived in this area for most of the last 38 years. She is an educator by trade and also loves to garden, sew, read, bird watch, sing, volunteer, and work with seniors. During her years as a beloved friend of our church she has developed many cherished relationships and looks forward to being with us as a member. She sings in our choir, volunteers at our food bank and recently used her sewing talents to make the beautiful multi-colored coat used by our children when they studied the story of

Joseph in the Kingdom Makers Workshop. Georgia would like to continue her current volunteer efforts with us and in the future start helping with outreach to our senior members.

KELLI JOHNSTON

Kelli has lived in this area all of her life. She has one son, Michael, who is 5 months old. She says that Haslett Community Church has always felt welcoming and she has always felt like this was HER church. No wonder since Kelli was baptized at this church and attended preschool here. She believes that faith is a personal thing and that not only is belief important but living life in a way that helps others and makes you happy. Some day she sees herself helping children at the church and being a mentor. In her free time she loves to golf, boat, and dance.

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Pastor's Corner

As we move into summertime, it's month #5 in this column's offering of ideas, stories, and illustrations we can work with in our ongoing commitment to specific, practical, and daily deeds of love in Jesus' love revolution.

Drawing first and again from the 100 that Joyce Meyer features on her love revolution.com website:

- "I'm a stay-home mom and I love to bake. So I'll whip up a cake for someone, just the way they like it." Anna-Mari M., Jyvaskyla, Finland
- Give blood. (Something we regularly have the opportunity to do through the Red Cross blood drives we have at our church.)
- "We took twenty-one adults and three kids to do an extreme makeover for a widow. The kids got to dig and play in the dirt, and learned they could love people for God by having fun!" Laura K., Athens, Texas
- Be a courteous driver.

Speaking of being a courteous driver, here's a relevant love revolution story sent to me by Elise Eckenrode from an unknown author:

"One day I hopped into a

taxi and took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches!

"The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. But my driver just smiled and waved at the guy- I mean he was really friendly. I asked, 'Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!'

"That's when my cabbie taught me what I now call 'The Law of the Garbage Truck'.

"He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage- full of frustration, anger, and disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people, whether at work, home, or on the streets.

"The bottom line is- wise people don't let garbage trucks take over their day. Life's too short to get pushed around by regrets, resentments, anger, and frustration. So enjoy the people who treat you right and pray for the ones who don't. Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it."

And, as Christians, we continue to take it as Jesus' love revolutionaries.

To close, here's a poem Jill Meyers passed on to me that I shared with our Church Council during our devotion time at the May meeting. I think it helps us to keep the humility that's the foundation for our deeds of kindness, generosity, and encouragement. It's called, *Best Poem in the World*.

"I was shocked, confused, bewildered as I entered Heaven's door. Not by the beauty of it all, or the lights or its décor. But it was the folks in Heaven who made me sputter and gasp- The thieves, the liars, the sinners, the alcoholics and the trash. There stood the kid from seventh grade who swiped my lunch money twice. Next to him was my old neighbor who never said anything nice. Bob, who I always thought was rotting away in hell, Was sitting on cloud nine, looking incredibly well. I nudged Jesus, 'What's the deal? I would love to hear your take. 'How'd all these sinners get up here? God must've made a mistake. 'And why is everyone so quiet, so somber- give me a clue.' 'Hush, child,' Jesus said, 'They're all in shock. 'No one thought they'd be seeing you.'"

With you in the love revolution,



**Love Revolution
continued . . .**

Though the sermon series has concluded, the revolution is just beginning! Check out the lead article on page one, and be sure to come to church on the 12th.

The Church Council



You may have seen the unique tree on the table outside of the sanctuary. It's a "Spirit" tree that grows a special kind of fruit.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."
Galatians 5:22-23

Okay, so the tree outside of the sanctuary doesn't actually grow those fruits, but this summer the children of HCC will be learning about the fruits of the Spirit and how to grow them in their own lives.

Each week the children will learn about one of the specific fruits of the Spirit. They will learn about the fruit through activities, crafts, games, and songs, but most importantly each week they will look for practical, hands-on ways to grow that fruit in their lives.

Beginning on June 5th the children will meet in Tent & Temple at 9:30am to sing and learn about the fruit of the week before rotating through different classrooms. Our hope is to have at least 2 teachers (as well as nursery care) for each summer Sunday. Please consider signing

up to teach this summer! The sign-up sheet as well as lesson plan folders are on the table outside of the sanctuary (by the "Spirit" tree).

June 5th:

Introduction

Scripture: Galatians 5: 22-23

Growing Hint: The fruits of the Spirit are gifts from God.

June 12th:

Senior Sunday! All children are in worship!

June 19th:

Fruit: LOVE

Scripture: John 15:12

Growing Hint: Love grows great in kids everywhere!

June 26th:

Fruit: JOY

Scripture: Psalm 126:3

Growing Hint: Joy sprouts best when you're thankful!

July 3rd:

Fruit: PEACE

Scripture: Matthew 6:25, 32-33 & John 14: 27

Growing Hint: You can plant peace in all kinds of weather!

July 10th:

Fruit: PATIENCE

Scripture: Ephesians 4:2

Growing Hint: Give patience time to grow!

July 17th:

Fruit: KINDNESS

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:15 & Ephesians 4:32

Growing Hint: Plant kindness where it is least expected!

July 24th:

Fruit: GOODNESS

Scripture: Romans 15:14 & John 15:5

Growing Hint: Goodness grows well when helping others!

July 31st:

Fruit: FAITHFULNESS

Scripture: Proverbs 3:3

Growing Hint: Trust & honor God with the first fruits of your harvest!

August 7th:

Fruit: GENTLENESS

Scripture: Philippians 4:5

Growing Hint: You will gather what you sow!

August 14th:

Fruit: SELF-CONTROL

Scripture: 2 Peter 1: 5-8

Growing Hint: Build support for your faith & you will be faithful in sharing your faith with others!

August 21st:

Mission Trip Sunday! All children are in worship!

August 28th:

Outdoor Worship!

9:30am at Lake Lansing Park North





Congrats Seniors!



The time has come to once again celebrate with joy the graduation of 10 of our high school seniors!

Quincy Campbell who will be attending Western Michigan University.

Chris Fry who will be listening for his calling from God at LCC.

Jacob Gleitsmann & Nick Gulliver who will both be attending MSU.

Jamie Hiller who will be playing soccer for Alma.

Ashlee Musolf who is still deciding what she will do after graduation.

Ranga Mutatu who will be running for MSU track.

Nathan Riley who will be attending U of M.

Henry Tuffs who will be attending MSU to study business or medicine.

Josh Warner who has joined the Marines and will be leaving for boot camp in September.

The seniors will be leading worship on June 12th.

We also have 2 members of our HCC family who are graduating from college:

Anna Fry graduated from MSU in May & will be moving to Chicago in the fall.

Leah Rumsey will graduate from Kalamazoo College June 12th and will begin an MDiv. program at Harvard.

MISSION TRIP
PRE-TRIP MEETINGS:

High School:

- June 14th 7-9pm
- June 17th 7-9pm
- June 20th 7-9pm
- June 23rd 7-9pm

Middle School:

- June 18th noon-3pm
- July 26th 7-9pm
- July 28th 7-9pm

JUNE 25TH POP 'N' DOG
Required for ALL mission trippers

(middle school & high school)

Be at church by 2:30pm.

Event runs from 4-7pm.

PLEASE plan on staying until 8pm to help clean-up.

High schoolers will receive their mission trip shirt following clean up!

MISSION TRIP PARENT MEETINGS:

High School: May 31st 7pm

Middle School: June 6th 7pm

Please come to receive all necessary mission trip information as well as to fill out all paperwork (even if your child is over 18).

Please bring your health insurance card and a check to cover your remaining balance.

MISSION TRIP SUNDAY WILL BE AUGUST 21ST!

All mission trippers will lead worship that morning and share about their trips.



CONE ZONE WEDNESDAYS ARE BACK!

Starting on June 15th!

Every Wednesday, all summer long, meet at Cone Zone at 2pm! We'll have ice cream and walk over to the park to hang out and enjoy the summer!

This is a chance to see youth group friends during the summer! Erin won't be there every Wednesday, but she'll make it when she can!

And speaking of youth...

From David Tuffs & Barbara Freeman

In thanksgiving for the "love, support and care," our church family has shown for our son, Henry Tuffs, David and I would like to invite the HCC church family to Henry's open house at our home at 5703 Woodmont Circle in Haslett on **Sunday, June 12th from 2-5pm.** An official invitation is posted on the wall next to the Youth Ministry bulletin board in Friendship Hall.

This church, in all its forms, programs, and personalities, has had a profound and positive affect on all of our lives.

With love and thanks,

Barbara

Nick Gulliver & Ranga Mutatu would like to invite the entire HCC family to their combined open house on **Saturday, June 4th from 5-8pm** here at the church!

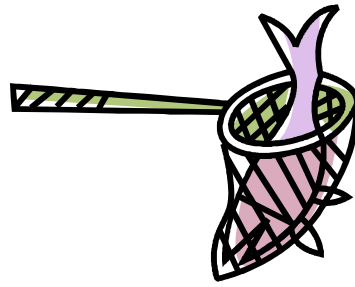
Social Committee News

Take Me Out to the Ballgame . . . Lugnuts game, that is!

Haslett Community Church is going to a Lansing Lugnuts game on **Saturday, July 23rd at 7:05 p.m.**, so mark your calendar and don't miss out on the fun! This is also Harry Potter Night at the ballpark! We have forty tickets available, and the cost is \$10 each. Tickets will be sold until June 12th, or until they are gone. Come and enjoy eating hot dogs, watching the game and having a great night with HCC friends! Contact any member of the Social Committee to buy your tickets. Grab your glove; we're going to a ballgame . . . Lugnuts game, that is!

Social Calendar

- Buy Lugnuts Tickets - now thru **June 12th**
- Game Night for Adults - every 3rd Saturday of the month - next two are **Saturday, June 18th**, and **July 16th at 7:00 p.m.** at the church - please sign up on the Social Committee board
- 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.



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 Vitti at 339-5731.

Pledged Giving Update



This year we need \$4712 each week to remain current in our pledged giving receipts. As of the end of April, we're \$2299 behind in the amount of those gifts we've received. Keeping our pledges up-to-date is always a huge help to our cash flow, especially as we head into the summer months when our giving often slumps with people away on vacations. As always, we offer a big thanks to everyone whose giving makes possible our church's ministry, and with summer starting an extra word of encouragement, too, to keep our pledges up-to-date.

Volunteer Opportunities



A volunteer is needed to coordinate the **Meals-on-Wheels (MOW)** calendar for Route Seven in Grange Acres. This requires volunteering your time to fill out a calendar for a two month time period and sending it back into MOW.

Also needed is someone who can deliver meals on Route Seven on the first Monday of each month. If you could not deliver meals on a regular basis, but are interested, substitute drivers are also needed.

Please contact Jean McIntyre to help or for any questions at 339-2519. Thank you in advance for considering either of these volunteer jobs.

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

Commendations Are In Order

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



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.

- **Donna Ellis, Mike and Danna Dixon, Heidi and Pat Dalton, Kathy Swearingen, Kurt Kirchoff, Barb and Steve Decker, Laura Clark-Roumpz, Becky and Larry Leefers, Mary Nelson, Ann Pierce, Gordon and Judy Tuthill, Michele Booher, Bob Purosky, Kelly Flagg, Rich and Liz Newport, Joyce Bischoff, John Leckrone, Mary Anne Dillingham, Debbie Gulliver, Carlene McGrath** for helping on Maundy Thursday with set up and clean up, and with providing soup, bread and fruit: . (Apologies to those who helped but were not named...I lost the list.) Thanks to all!
- For the confirmands and mentors who brought to us a very meaningful worship service on Maundy Thursday: **Amy Baumgartner, Maria Cowan, Gabriella Fedewa, Danna Dixon, Nick Gulliver, Adam Marsh, Mike Dixon, Kelly Flagg, and Laura Clark-Roumpz.**
- For helping to lead the Good Friday Service: **Carol Reid, Mike Dixon, Rachel Linnemann, Dave Vietti, Sophie Kirchoff, Rich Baumgartner, Katie Harris, Bob Purosky, Danna Dixon, Steve Decker, Cheryl Edwards, and Bob Heisler.**
- For helping with arranging the Sanctuary for the Holy Week Services: **the men of the choir, Becky and Larry Leefers, Pat and Heidi Dalton, Rich Newport, and Dick Ledebuhr.**
- **All those who so generously provided the April Sunday morning breakfasts.**
- Our **Men's Group** for providing the Women of All Ages Brunch and the **Gracewood Singers** for offering such great entertainment at it.
- Our recent Sunday morning coffee hosts: **the Youth Ministry Team, Carolyn and George Swanson, Carol and Dan Reid, and June Peabody.**
- To **everyone** who cooked, set-up, cleaned-up, and ate to make the first "Taste of HCC" a huge success!
- To **Michele Booher, Gerry Gardner, Bob Purosky and Lynne Wilson** for driving and chaperoning the middle school overnight.
- To **Barb Decker, Mike Mahon and Stefanie Zin** for teaching Sunday school in May.

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JANE ROEHM

Jane has lived in this area for 29 years. She has two sons, three step-sons, a stepdaughter, and a grandchild. She loves a quieter lifestyle enjoying the wooded area around her home and the wildflowers that grow there. She quilts and enjoys reading. She and her husband used to enjoy traveling together and she would like to continue exploring our wonderful country, especially the museums and zoos. Jane appreciates the feel of our congregation's wide age range, our mission outreach, and the wonderful music that is part of each worship service. Since we offer so many volunteer opportunities, she thinks she might like to help out with our Member Caring or Mission Outreach activities.

GORDON and JUDY TUTHILL

Gordon and Judy moved to this area about five months ago. They previously lived near Mackinaw City in the town of Carp Lake. Gordon is a retired farmer and Judy a retired teacher. They have one adult daughter, Tracy, who presently is in the Navy. Both of them enjoy golf, music, biking, and cross country skiing as well as sporting and cultural events. In looking for a church in the area, they were first impressed with our website which listed all of our activities including education and ministry opportunities. Then upon attending a few services they were further pleased with our worship services and how friendly members were to them. They are happy about joining HCC and look forward to becoming very active and contributing members of our congregation.



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

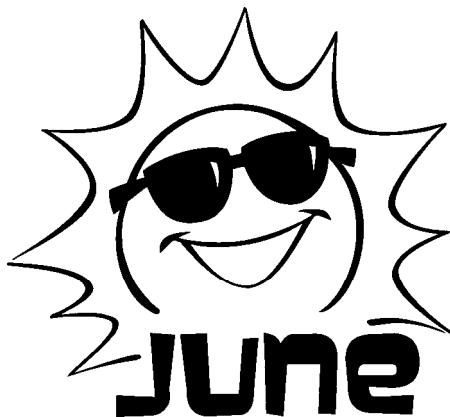
VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

The first vacation church school conducted by our church has been organized by Marilyn Robinson, Noreen Roelofs, and our minister.

Light refreshments will be served each day at the school under the supervision of Doris Musgrave and Hazel Moelter.

A pot-luck supper will be held at 6:30 pm on Friday, June 15th, for all enrolled in the church school and their parents. A display of the children's work will be in the classrooms at this time.

Researched by Joyce Bartels



Spring Food Bank Needs

- Bush's Baked Beans
- Healthy Snacks for Kids
- Country Time Lemonade
- Cooking Oil
- Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix
- Taco Dinners
- Mayo/ Salad Dressing
- Canned meat/fish
- Coffee
- Thank You



Word of thanks to:

Many thanks to everyone who helped make "Joseph" such a success. Special thanks to **John Leefers**, and the Pharoah, **Steve Shelton** for recreating the lead role and to those scary, Hairy Ishmaelites played by **Larry Leefers, Jim Linnemann** and **David Weight**. They were a riot!!

10 Ways to Pay-It-Forward

The following article written by Tiffany French, was obtained from the UCC.org web site. It seems to tie in well with our Love Revolution theme.

"Paying it forward" is based on the idea that everyone, no matter who they are, can make a difference in the life of someone else. When you pay it forward, you are positively impacting a person's life through a random act of kindness and love. Here are ten ways you can pay it forward:

- 1) Say a prayer or make a wish for someone you pass on the street. It's guaranteed that at least one person you come in contact with throughout the day is going through some kind of personal crisis. Offer up a prayer of blessing and peace for people you see on the street, in the grocery store, or sitting next to you at a spotlight.
- 2) Offer sincere, kind words to a person who is hurting. When you notice tears or recognize a face of emotional or physical pain, take a moment to help reconcile their pain with words of encouragement and love.
- 3) Nothing feels better than getting a compliment for something you've done. Share that feeling by passing it on. Compliment a co-worker for a job they did, offer kind words to the security guard in your building, or let the sales associate in a store how much you appreciate their help.
- 4) Forgive a driver who commits an act of road rage toward you. Remember the next time you are cut off in traffic that everyone deserves grace, so take a breath or two, say, "I forgive you," and move on, while keeping your hands at "10" and "2".
- 5) Put money in a street musician's tip jar. Whether they're playing just for love of music or are in financial need, give them a little lift and drop in whatever you can spare from your wallet.
- 6) Make a donation of time to your local school district or favorite non-profit. Schools and non-profits depend on the kindness of donors, but that doesn't have to mean financial help. Check to see if there are any programs that need volunteers and offer your time.
- 7) Pay for a stranger's meal at a restaurant or drink at a local coffee shop. Tell the waitress or barista that you would like to pay-it-forward by paying for the person in the booth next to you or behind you in line. Maybe your generosity will spur a string of pay-it-forwards for the rest of the day.
- 8) Make a meal and take it to a neighbor. Spread the love in your neighborhood or apartment building by making and delivering a meal to a neighbor you never get a chance to talk to or haven't heard from in a while.
- 9) Visit a terminally ill patient at a hospice center. Bring a little comfort into the life of

a terminally ill patient by spending some time with them and letting them know that you care.

- 10) Hold open the door for someone. No longer just a chivalrous act for men (though still greatly appreciated), holding the door open is a great way to make someone's day just a little easier.



We Welcome Your Feedback

As announced in April's newsletter, we started a re-arrangement of our Sunday morning order of worship on April 10th. Your feedback on our previous order of service was central to the re-arrangements we've made and now that we've made them we again welcome your responses. Feel free to share your thoughts on the changes with Pastor Kurt or with any of us on the Spiritual Life Committee: Becky Leefers, committee chairperson, 517-337-0560, bleefers@hotmail.com; Michele Booher, Council Representative, 517-862-3708, okiey-ank@aol.com; Donna Ellis, 517-339-2051, mom2aws@msn.com; Don Ricks, 517-655-3641, ricks@msu.edu.



Haslett Community Church Calendar for June 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 2:30-4:30 PM HS/MS Study hour 7:00 PM Last Adult Choir	2	3	4
5 9:30 AM Worship and Church School; nursery care provided 11:00 AM – Bible Study	6 7:00 PM Mission Trip Parent Meeting 7:00 PM Mission Outreach	7 6:00- 9:00 PM HS/MS Study	8	9	10	11
12 SENIOR SUNDAY 9:30 AM Worship and Church School; nursery care provided 10:45 AM – Member Caring 11:00 AM – <i>Bible Study</i>	13 7 PM Youth Ministry	14 7:15 PM Church Council	15 7:00 PM HS Mission Trip Mtg	16	17 7:00 PM HS Mission Trip Mtg	18 7:00 PM Adult Game Nite
19 9:30 AM Worship and Church School; nursery care provided 10:45 AM – Spiritual Development 11:00 AM – Bible Study 3:00 PM Inquirer's Meeting	20 7:00 PM HS Mission Trip Mtg	21 8 AM Newsletter articles due	22	23 7:00 PM HS Mission Trip Mtg	24	25 4:00-7:00 PM Pop 'n Dog
26 9:30 AM Worship and Church School; nursery care provided 10:45 AM – Sermon Discussion 11:00 AM – Bible Study HS MISSION TRIP WEEK >>	27	28	29	30		

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Worship for June 2011

Sermon titles and Scripture readings include:

Sunday, June 5th, 9:30 am
"Strange Glory"
Psalm 116:12-19 and John 17:1-11

Sunday, June 12th, 9:30 am
High School Senior Sunday
Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday, June 19th, 9:30 am
"Joseph Again"
Psalm 8 and Matthew 1:18-25

Sunday, June 26th, 9:30 am
"In This Broken World"
Psalm 13 and Genesis 22:1-14

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