



HCC Connections

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December 2010



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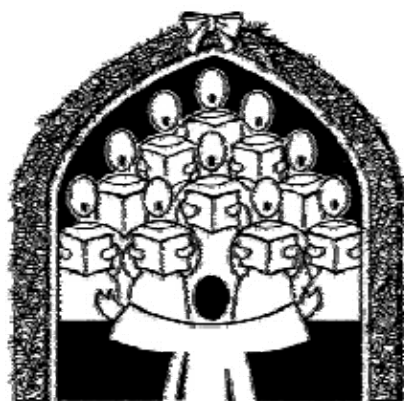
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Invite-a-Friend Sunday, December 12th

We've just started a new church year with Advent and our preparations for Christmas. Our sanctuary is specially decorated, our Christmas Giving Project is in full swing, our Advent Cantata and Christmas Eve services are on the horizon and our year-round celebration of God's love continues to be at the foundation of it all. Given that, it seems like an especially good time to encourage new folks to join us, so we're designating **Sunday, December 12th as Invite-a-Friend Sunday.**

Think of what we particularly

value about the life of our church. Think of a friend, a neighbor, a colleague, or an acquaintance with whom we'd like to share the gifts this community offers and invite them to worship with us on that day. It's a well-researched fact that the majority of those who first visit and then join a church do so at the invitation of a friend. So let's consider any we might know who may be looking for a church home and take this as a prime opportunity to share ours with them. Together, we'll look forward to giving them our warmest welcome!



Advent Cantata

Sunday, December 19, 2010

9:25 Service

The Adult Choir will combine with many guest musicians to present this year's Advent cantata during our Sunday

worship on December 19th. The music will focus on the Biblical readings and other poetry as we look at how each of us prepares for the coming of Christ. Music from Appalachia, Sweden, Finland, Canada and the USA will be sung. There is a nice variety of musical styles and we plan to use hammered dulcimer, guitar, mandolin, flute, bass, cello, clarinet and hand and wind-chimes as accompaniment.

We hope you will be there to enjoy the efforts of our newly expanded choir. The many new members have added so much to the sound of the group.



Pastor's Corner

The first page of this month's newsletter features an article about the Invite-a-Friend Sunday we're having on December 12th. It's an event that's meant as a simple effort in evangelism, one in which we're encouraged to deliberately invite someone who's not already a part of HCC to join us in worship. How do you feel about that?

In a sermon earlier this year, I spoke of evangelism as something that churches like ours and people like me have long been uncomfortable with. I'd like to share my thoughts on that with you again as we prepare for Invite-a-Friend Sunday.

Why does evangelism usually make us nervous? It conjures up images of all sorts of things we want no part of. We hear "evangelism" and think of cold-calling on people to pressure them into becoming Christians just like us and to threaten them with the sword or with hell if they don't. We think of TV evangelists decked out with flamboyant styles, slick sales pitches, and mechanical smiles who dig for money, money, and more money with which to build their personal empires. We think of pretending like we have it all together, like we're the ones with all the answers, like we're the specially chosen supremes who because of our faith no longer

have any doubts, fears, or problems with which we have to struggle.

We think of all these things and cringe at the thought of doing them. We're right to cringe because all of these things are gross distortions and abuses of evangelism that we need to stay far away from. But what should we do instead?

We need to learn good evangelism by first identifying what we believe the church offers that we really want to share with others. What do we value about HCC that we honestly think can also be of great benefit to others who aren't already with us? Here are three big ones for me. I urge you to consider which are most important for you.

As a Christian church, we at Haslett Community Church gather, welcome, and affirm each other not on the basis of family, nation, race, class, gender, health, age, political party, sexual orientation, looks, school, money, possessions, intelligence, talent or any of the other markers that otherwise are so frequently used to divide and separate people. Instead, we gather, welcome, and affirm each other as equally beloved children of God. That doesn't happen just everywhere.

As a Christian church, we also regularly slow down. Through worship and our other spiritual practices we slow down and stop so that we can seriously listen to and reflect both on our personal lives and the life of our larger world. We try to go beneath the surface and bustle to gain deeper un-

derstanding of who we really are, what's actually going on with us, and what truly matters most. In a rush, rush, skim, skim, go, go, go world that kind of slowing down and reflecting doesn't happen just everywhere.

In our slowing down and searching we also, and above all, wrestle openly with what is almost always otherwise ignored in our everyday lives and relationships- namely, the question of God. As Christians, we remember that everyone, always and unavoidably, has some God that we put our faith in. We remember that all of us have that ultimate Someone or Something that we hold to be Most Real and Most Important and in relation to which we believe we'll find our real happiness and fulfillment.

At HCC we always wrestle with this inescapable fact in light of the gospel of Jesus Christ. His good news keeps before us the claim that the true God, the One who really is the Most Real and Most Important is not me, myself and I. It's not my family, nation, race, class, gender, health, age, political party, sexual orientation, looks, school, money, stuff, smarts, talent or anything else that's limited only to me and this world.

Instead, the real God is the Eternal and Triune One who has created everything, who loves passionately everyone and everything that God has made, and who forgives and embraces all of us even when we go astray, even when we do the

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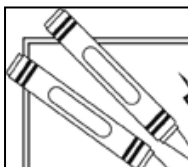
**CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY @ HCC**

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A d v e n t
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preparations for all things Christmas, including our Christmas Eve worship services. We are busy preparing a new service for our 4pm Christmas Eve service for families.

This service includes some favorite Christmas songs as well as opportunities for children to be a part of bringing the Christmas story to life. This year we look forward to our middle school youth helping to lead this wonderful service. Everyone is invited to attend!

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PUZZLE


The angel's message


On the first Christmas Eve, shepherds were watching over their flocks when an angel suddenly appeared.


Use the picture clues below to find out what the angels said to the terrified shepherds.


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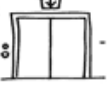
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6  j + - b

7  - b

8  t + - d

9  b + - h

"Do _____ I bring you _____
 _____ of great _____ that will be for _____ the people.
 Today in the _____ of David a Savior has been _____
 to you; he is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11, NIV

Answers: 1. knot-k=not; 2. flower-(f)=be; 3. afraid-m=mad; 4. good-good; 5. newspaper=news; 6. baby-b=born; 7. ball-b=all; 8. town-down=d=town; 9. horn-h=horn

"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11, NIV

NATIVITY SCENE POTS

Celebrate the joy of Christmas — and remember Jesus' birth — by making this craft to decorate your home or to give as a gift.

What you need:

- 3 terra cotta pots (any size)
- Acrylic paints (including one for skin color)
- Paintbrush
- Craft glue (or a glue gun, with an adult to help)
- Brown yarn
- Material swatches
- Straw-colored raffia

What you do:

1. Decide which pot will be Joseph, Mary and baby Jesus. Turn each pot upside-down and paint a face on each one.
2. Decorate the pots by painting hair and clothes or by using yarn and material as hair and head coverings.
3. For baby Jesus, glue raffia along the bottom to look like straw in a manger.



Looking Ahead:

- In January our children will be learning about Jesus' time in the temple when he was a young child.
- In February we will learn about how Jesus miraculously fed a large crowd of people with just a few fish and some bread.
- In March we will explore the Lord's Prayer.
- In April we will prepare for Easter by journeying to the empty tomb!
- In May we will wrap up our year by learning about Pentecost.



YOUTH News & Events

I'm not even going to beat around the bush. I know everyone is anxiously awaiting for the reveal of the 2011 high school mission trip destination.

Drumroll please...

From June 26th – July 2nd the high school youth from Haslett Community Church will be serving in...

Immokalee, Florida

Immokalee (rhymes with broccoli) is in southern Florida. It is a very diverse community; with 70% of its residents having Hispanic roots. This community provides a significant amount of our nation's produce every year, including cucumbers, tomatoes, citrus, bell peppers and potatoes.

A few years back, Immokalee made national headlines when the tomato pickers formed the Coalition of Immokalee Workers who fought for fair wages. The UCC was one of many denominations that boycotted such restaurants as Taco Bell in an effort to encourage them and the company who distributed tomatoes to compensate the tomato pickers more fairly.

This area has been economically affected by the hurricanes

that have ravaged southern Florida in the past 5 years. There are still recovery efforts taking place to help rebuild homes that Hurricane Wilma destroyed in 2005.

On this trip through World Vision, we will work with community organizations to help rebuild this community while at the same time learning about the amazing community transformations that are already taking place.

Cost of the trip is \$400. **Sign up, with a \$100 deposit beginning December 1st.** There is a limited number of spaces, so sign up soon!

Middle School Mission Trip sign-up will begin December 1st as well!



Saturday, **December 4th*** @

7pm

(this is a DATE CHANGE!)

To get us in the Christmas spirit we'll watch:

"Elf"

Starring Will Ferrell.

(It is rated PG)

GRADE DINNERS:

8th grade dinner
@ Erin's House
December 6th 6pm

12th grade dinner
@ church
December 7th 6pm

Important December Calendar Changes:

High School:

Sunday, December 5th
Shopping for the Christmas Giving Project (during youth group)

Sunday, December 12th
Christmas Party
Bring yummy Christmas treats and a wrapped gift (\$5 or less) for our gift exchange.

Middle School:

Wednesday, December 8th
Shopping for the Christmas Giving Project (during youth group)

Wednesday, December 15th
Christmas Party
Bring yummy Christmas treats and a wrapped gift (\$5 or less) for our gift exchange.

All youth are invited to help with the Christmas Giving Project on December 19th

Winter Coats for Those in Need

This year St. Luke Lutheran Church is again gathering winter coats for those who otherwise might not have one. They invite us to donate any new or "gently used" winter coats that we may have for distribution through this ministry. The coats can be dropped off at St. Luke, 5589 Van Atta Road in Haslett, at any time during their weekday office hours which are normally 9am-3pm or on the second Saturday of each month from 9am to noon through February. Any questions can be directed to their church office at (517) 339-9119.



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worst wrongs. From the Jesus gospel that gathers us, we hear that the authentic meaning and satisfaction of our life will be found in learning to love as this God does. We hear that this love finally can't be defeated, that in the End this God who really is God will be all in all so that death and mourning and crying and pain will be no more. In a world where so often we flounder, stumble, and get hurt in trying to figure out what we're already worshiping, this is great news that people don't hear just everywhere they go.

But they can hear it from us if we reach out with it- reach out not as pretentious, self-righteous and aggressive know-it-alls, but as humble sharers of amazing gifts that have been given to us through no merit of our own. We can reach out with a simple "come and see" like the one we can offer to In-



Inquirer's Meeting

is about 90 minutes long and is held in the Frederick Library. The next one will be on **Sunday, December 19th at 3:00 p.m.** There is no need to sign up in advance.

Each month we offer an **Inquirers' Meeting** for newer folks who are interested in learning more about our church. It

Headed Towards Christmas

Here in December as the Advent season continues with our preparations for Christmas time our Spiritual Life Committee will again provide **several mid-week meditative services** as opportunities for deepening our Advent experience. Those services will be on **Wednesdays, December 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd from 6:15-6:45pm** and will offer simple times for seasonal readings, contemplation, and prayer.

Then as we begin our actual celebration of Jesus' birth with **Christmas Eve**, we'll again offer two different types of worship. Our **4pm service will be oriented to our children** in our celebration of the Nativity story. The later **7 & 9pm services** will provide **traditional candlelight worship** in which we'll once again feature classic Christmas Scriptures and carols. **Infant and toddler care will be provided at the 4pm & 7pm services** but not at the 9pm worship.



Choir Chairs Back

We're pleased to say that the six choir chairs that we had reported in last month's newsletter as missing from our choir room are now with us again. We're very glad for their return!

Is Your Pledge Up to Date?

This year we need \$4660 each week to remain current in our pledged giving receipts. At the end of October, we were \$9930 behind in the amount of those gifts received. Any effort we can make to catch up and keep our pledges current, especially as we move to the end of this year, is a major help to our congregation's cash flow and to the ministry that everyone's giving makes possible. **(Also, if you'd like to institute electronic transfer as your way of giving on your pledge, it's easy to arrange. Simply contact our church treasurer, barb Szkotnicki, at 381-0732 or by email at barb.szkotnicki@yahoo.com Thanks to all!**

Women's Coffee

All women of the congregation are invited to join in the fun and fellowship at the occasional gatherings of the Women's Coffee. These get-togethers are held on the **first Tuesdays at 10:00 AM when hostesses sign up.** A sign-up sheet through May 2010 is in the display case next to the church office.

We encourage those who wish to host to sign up soon. The next Women's Coffee will



be held on **Tuesday, December 7th** and **hosts will be June Peabody and Clara Shinn.** If you have not been to this get-together before, think about coming. The conversations are delightful!

Our Prayer Chain Is There for You

Remember that our Prayer Chain is always available. Pass on any prayer request you may have to Kurt Kirchoff whether in person, at 339-8383, ext. 11 or by e-mail at pastorkurt53@att.net. He'll share it with the thirteen others who are in the chain who will then also hold you in prayer. You can let Kurt know, too, if you'd like to join in this ministry. It's open to everyone.



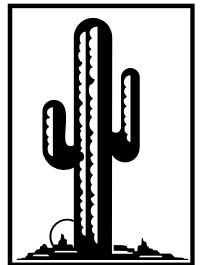
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Women's Fellowship Night - Saturday, December 4th at 6 pm!

Ladies, let's get together to enjoy each other's company and do a bit of crafts! Whether you are crafty or not, this is a good night to connect with other gals in our church family and relax together. Kaye Gardner will be sharing her card making talents with us, and you will be able to create your own Christmas cards! Do you have your Christmas cards already purchased? Then bring your own craft and visit or make cards for our homebound members or graduates. A light supper will be served and a contribution can be made for Kaye's card supplies. Also available will be materials to make holiday placemats. Please sign up on the Social Committee bulletin board. Questions? Contact Diane Robinson (339-5672) or Sally Heisler (339-0194).

New Contact Information for the Burruses

The new permanent mailing address for Bill, Diana, and Vera Burrus after their move to Arizona is: P.O. Box 4, Black Canyon City, AZ 85324-0004. Bill also has a new cell phone number which is 623-606-8580.





Commendations

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

- Thank you to **Regula Arnosti** for picking up bread and food donations at the Haslett L&L and food bank shopping while Sylvia Davis is on vacation.
- Thank you to **Fred Schrepfer, Tom Nelson, Darwin Johnson, Paul White, Nancy White**, the **Haslett Girl Scouts** and their leaders for the Saturday, November 13th food drive that brought about 2,500 pounds of food.
- Thank you to those who donated their L&L turkey feathers.
- **Stefanie Zin** and **Barb Decker** for teaching Sunday School in Kingdom Makers Workshop this November.
- **Kelly Hammerle, Karen Canestraight, Danna Dixon, Sally Heisler** and **Glen** and **Karla Dudasik** for providing nursery care during the month of November.
- **Kirk Riley, Julie Fedewa** and **Shannon Murton** for driving the high school youth to Uncle John's Cider Mill.
- **Gerry Gardner, Maria Cowen**, and **Regula Arnosti** for driving the middle school youth to the haunted corn maze.

- **Kathy Campbell** for organizing all the rent-a-youth jobs and for driving youth to the sites along with Katie Riley.
- **Georgia Davidson** for the hard work and sewing that went into taking donated neck ties and turning them into a beautiful coat of many colors for the children in Kingdom Makers Workshop to wear!
- **Laura Clark Roupz & Nikki Corr** for leading middle school youth group on November 10th.
- **Russ Wilson** and Scout Troop 97 for pouring the cement pad for our VOA collection box.
- **Bob Heisler** and **Mike Dixon** for co-chairing this year's Stewardship Campaign.
- **Danna Dixon** and **Dave Vietti** for the wonderful stewardship testimonies they gave in worship in the weeks leading up to Stewardship Sunday.
- The **many men** of the congregation who helped the Burrus family load up their U-Haul truck for their move to Arizona.
- **Darrell Brown** and **Christine Keehbauch** for so generously making a new piano available to our church.



BOXES, BOXES, BOXES

We need over 500 copy paper sized boxes (please no

larger than 18x12x10) for this year's Christmas Giving Project. We need 100 more boxes than we used last year. It is best that

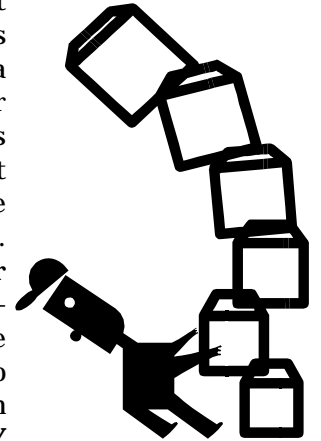
the boxes have a top or flap that cover the top.

NEW for 2010 -

Bring the boxes to church at ANY

time, the sooner the better.

If you have access to boxes at work and need assistance transporting them or have questions call Paul and Nancy White at 339-2837.



HCC Cookbook on sale SOON!

Just in time for the holidays, the HCC Cookbook will be for sale after church in December. It's the perfect stocking stuffer or Christmas present! It's filled with all of our favorite church family recipes (even the legendary HCC Garbage Can Dinner recipe).

Spiritual Life

This fall, the Spiritual Life Committee has had an information table set up after worship to let you know the suggestions for discussion groups and topics and to find out who is interested in them. A list of these suggestions is posted on the Spiritual Life bulletin board. Please stop by and check them out. We are incorporating a new curriculum developed by the United Church of Christ, called Faith Practices, into many of the existing discussion groups. The Spiritual Life Committee members are Becky Leefers, Michele Booher, Donna Ellis, and Don Ricks. Please contact any of us with questions about these programs and events.

Bible Study: This group meets (almost) every Sunday after worship in the Frederick library. As the basis of their discussion, the Bible Study group is using the book of Romans and following the life of Paul. Mary Trebilcock is the facilitator of the group and she can be contacted at trebilco.john@att.net or 339-3974.

Spiritual Development:
Practicing our Faith: This group meets the third Sunday of the month after worship. The next meeting will be **Sunday, December 19, at 11:00am**, in the Youth Room. Using the new UCC curriculum materials, Faith Practices, as a basis for the discussion, the November topic will be "the characteristics of people who are outstanding in practicing their Christian faith in daily living" and will be led by Kathy Swearingen. Please notice that

this group is not discussing a book that should be read ahead of time – so no homework!! Questions can be addressed to Becky Leefers at 337-0560.

Sermon Discussion: Continuing on **Sunday, December 26th**, Kurt Kirchoff will lead a discussion of the previous weeks' sermons. This once-a-month discussion occurs in the Sanctuary after worship. Questions can be addressed to Kurt at 339-8383.

The Power of Forgiveness: Jesus has taught us to forgive "70 times 7". Why, when it is so hard to do? The Spiritual Life Committee is sponsoring an opportunity to gain insight into this teaching by showing the movie, **THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS**. This movie is part of a national outreach effort that includes a community conversation campaign. The focus is on the emergent understanding of contemporary clinical and academic research that shows forgiveness is validated as having real potential for personal and spiritual transformation. At the same time the film points to the centrality of forgiveness as a virtue in many of the world's great religions and the struggle that people of all faiths have in honoring it. The film combines character-driven stories of dramatic transgressions with those of more commonplace annoyances, examining the role forgiveness can play in alleviating the resulting anger and grief and physical, mental and spiritual benefits that come with forgiveness. These stories assure us there is hope if we are open to seeking it and accepting it. On Sunday, **November**

21st, the film was shown again with time afterwards for discussion. The discussion will continue on **Sundays, December 5th and 12th**, at 6:00pm. Questions can be addressed to the facilitator of the group, Joyce Bischoff, 339-9935.

Men's Group: The Men's Group has been meeting for breakfasts, book discussions, barbecues, and a fishing trip up north. Dave Vietti has an email list of all those interested in the Men's Group. Contact him at 339-5731 or vietti@msu.edu to be included on this email list or to ask questions.

PeaceCircle: PeaceCircle was begun as a way to get to know our neighbors, especially those from different religious and ethnic backgrounds. The premise is that by beginning peace gestures on our local scale, the ripples can be felt globally. Already, those coming to PeaceCircle have met many new friends and have learned much about other religions. World Peace is an awesome goal and PeaceCircle is reaching towards that. Watch the Sunday Announcements for details about further meetings. Please contact Joyce Bischoff at 339-9935 or Becky Leefers at 337-0560 with any questions.

Jesus Seminar: Last April, Haslett Community Church co-hosted the Jesus Seminar, at People's Church in East Lansing. The Jesus Seminar is presented by Westar Institute, a group of Biblical scholars with a double mission: to study ancient biblical texts to discover who Jesus was and how Christianity evolved and to

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share this information with the public.

In Spring 2011, we will be co-hosting another Jesus Seminar, and this time it will actually be held at Haslett Community Church! As a co-hosting church, we will be responsible for supplying volunteers to help with hospitality, registration and selling books. We are also asked to supply cookies for the break-times during the seminar. Please contact Becky Leefers, 337-0560, about helping out. All are invited to attend the Jesus Seminar to get an interesting perspective on the life and times of Jesus and our Christian heritage.

Thank You from the Open Door Ministry

We recently received the following letter from the Open Door Ministry of Downtown Lansing to which our church has recently connected through one of our newer members, Rich Baumgartner, who serves on Open Door's board of directors.

Dear Friends,

Strong winds have been howling outside reminding us that changes are about to take place. But it is the breath of God within that transforms us into new creations in Christ. A woman approached us requesting a bus pass to get to the Methadone clinic. We did provide that pass and also told her that if she could provide a statement from the clinic that she is continuing in good standing we will continue to provide that pass. She in turn is donating her time offering hospitality to others at Open Door. She is like a human tornado . . . whirling around, busy supplying coffee, donuts, etc. Her words were, "Nobody wanted me when I was on drugs, but you invited me to help. You made me feel like I had something to offer. It made me feel wanted." The door was open to let her know that she is a beloved child of God; that she does have something to offer and that she is wanted and needed.

We are here to link arms together, as beloved community, recognizing that we all have brokenness within us. However, the healing hands of God through beloved community can restore, renew, and revive.

Thank you for your gift of personal needs supplies to Open Door Ministry. Thank you for linking arms with us to provide solidarity and solace to a hurting world.

Blessings,

Chris Bobier, Executive Director

SMALL WAYS TO HELP with the Christmas Giving Project

Stocking Stuffers - especially needed are items for toddlers or teens. Ideas: hair brush or accessories, bath gel, deodorant, microwave popcorn, hot chocolate packets, chewing gum, pens. Donations do not need to be wrapped and can be left any time in the Food Pantry large wooden box in a bag labeled "Stocking Stuffers." Call Kelly Flagg at 339-8841 with questions.

Gently used household items will be available for our Christmas families. In high demand are blankets, dishes, pots & pans, and bath towels. Children's books and winter clothing or small working appliances are also appropriate. If you can donate any of these items please bring them to church **beginning December 12th**. Thanks. Call Sylvia Davis at 339-6466 or Mary Trebilcock at 339-3974 with questions.

Food Bank News

We are currently shopping for turkeys and hams for 91 families in the Christmas Giving Project. If you are able to pick up an extra turkey please let us know. You can be reimbursed.

If you would be available to pick up Christmas food bags at the Okemos L&L twice a week in December please call Betsy McLernon, 655-5994.

2010 CHRISTMAS PROJECT – WORKERS NEEDED

A great deal of help is needed to complete the all-congregational Christmas Giving Project.

Mark the options that interest you. You will receive a card to confirm your work time or responsibilities.

Prior to December 19, You select time and location

- Purchase socks & jeans, etc.; cash provided
- Make cookies for volunteer refreshments (bring to church by 12/19)
- Collect cardboard boxes (preferred size would hold a ream of paper; bring to church by 12/16)
- Gift wrapping (at your home or at church on 12/18 at 9 AM)

Sunday, December 19, Food Packing & Gift Sorting

- 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at church (no meal served)

Tuesday, December 20, Merge gifts with food

- 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., At church (suitable for families including elementary school aged children)
- Any time; Shop for perishables; cash provided

Tuesday, December 21, Distribution

- 8:00 – 12:00 noon, at church
- 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., at church
- 7:30 – 9:00 pm , cleanup at church

For information on specific tasks talk to Sylvia Davis, 339-6466 or Ruth Linnemann, 339-6138.

Family Name _____ # of adults _____ # of children _____

Address _____ Ages of children _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Poinsettias



Poinsettia plants have a way of adding beauty to our sanctuary on Christmas Eve. We are asking for your help to purchase twenty-five, 6-inch pots, with foil for \$8.00 each. They may be taken home following the last worship service on Christmas Eve. Again this year we are hoping to get some larger flowers to further decorate the sanctuary. The cost of those will be \$27.00 each.

Please attach cash or check to this form and **return to the church office by December 12th**. Thanks!

Your name: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

6" pot @ \$8.00 red _____ white _____ marbled (red/white) _____

10" pot @ \$27 _____ (red only)

Total number of plants _____ Total check _____ Total Cash _____

Haslett Community Church December 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 2:30-4:30 PM HS/MS Study hour 5:30-7:00 PM MS Youth Group 6:15 PM Midweek Advent Svc 7 PM Adult Choir	2 7:00 PM Haslett Women's Club	3	4 6:00 PM Women's Fellowship (crafts) 7:00 PM MS/HS Movie Night
5 9:25 AM Worship and Church School; nursery care provided 10:45 AM – Bible Study 10:45 AM - Member Caring 5:30-7:00 PM – Confirmation 7:00 PM HS Youth Group - shop	6 6:00 PM 6 th Grade Dinner 7 PM Mission Outreach	7 10:00 AM Women's Coffee 5:45 PM Wisdom Heart 6:00 PM 12 th Grade Dinner	8 2:30-4:30 PM HS/MS Study hour 5:30-7:00 PM MS Youth Group - shop 6:15 PM Midweek Advent Svc 7 PM Adult Choir	9	10	11
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Worship for December 2010

Sermon titles and Scripture readings include:

Meditative Advent services on Wednesdays

December 1st, 8th, 15th, & 22nd, 6:15pm

(See article on p. 5)

Sunday, December 5th, 9:25 am

"The Greatest Christmas Song"

Isaiah 11:1-10 & Luke 1:47-55

Sunday, December 12th, 9:25 am

Invite-a-Friend Sunday

"Scandalous Love"

Isaiah 35:1-10 & Matthew 1:18-25

Sunday, December 19th, 9:25 am

Advent Cantata (see article on p. 1)

Sunday, December 24th - Christmas Eve

Children's Service- 4pm

Candlelight Services- 7 & 9pm

(See article on p. 5)

Sunday, December 26th, 9:25 am

"Stories of Christmas"

Hebrews 2:8b-18 & Matthew 2:13-23

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