

Haslett Community Church



HCC Connections

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SPAGHETTI DINNER, SILENT AUCTION AND CABARET

Saturday, March 5th will be our second annual Spaghetti Dinner and Cabaret from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. Entertainment will begin at 6:30 with some Irish tunes provided by the choir and other individual acts by friends and members of HCC. We are looking for those of you that would like to perform. If you are interested please contact Judy Connelly (339-8478) no later than Feb. 15th so we can arrange the program. David Zin, Tudy Soelberg and Barbara are available to do some accompanying.

The evening will also be highlighted by a Silent Auction. If you have an item that you would like to donate please contact Laura Clark-Roumpz at 712-0976. All proceeds go to the church's long-term maintenance fund.

SO COME ONE, COME ALL FOR A WONDERFUL EVENING. The acts that have already signed up are really great and you wouldn't want to miss any of them! The cost for the evening is \$5 per person or \$20 for a family.



The Spiritual Life Committee has the mission of developing programming for the adults of our church apart from Sunday worship and to assist in making decisions about Sunday worship. In our church covenant, we have that the first purpose of our church is to maintain the worship of God. In our ongoing efforts to accomplish that mission, we'd like again (we did a major survey on this back in 2005) to hear your thoughts about our Sunday service. Are there aspects of it that especially help you

to worship well? Are there changes to it that you think would help to improve your worship experience?

Because we're such a diverse community at Haslett Community Church, we don't all have the same thoughts about how we can best worship. But the Spiritual Life Committee wants your feedback on the way that we currently do it. Please contact any of the Spiritual Life Committee members with your comments, concerns, affirmations, or questions. Your input will help us as we keep striving in covenant to maintain the worship of God.

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Pastor's Corner

As of January 30th, I've started a new series of sermons on "The Love Revolution". It's been prompted by a book of that same title, written by Joyce Meyer and given to me last spring by HCC members, Mary and John Trebilcock. John and Mary liked the book so much that not only did they give it to me, but they'll give it to you, too, if you want. Through their generosity, we have stacks of them here at the church. A copy is yours for the taking.

I welcomed *The Love Revolution* and the idea of preaching a sermon series inspired by it because it focuses so clearly and practically on both the importance of doing deeds of love and on overcoming the obstacles that often make them so hard. It highlights these themes as at the heart of being Christian, no matter which church we belong to. It's my conviction that our Haslett Community Church and our denomination, the United Church of Christ, share this belief with Joyce Meyer. Doing love despite the challenges of it is central to her Christian faith and to ours.

But how do we go about it? A main way is to share with each other specific, down-to-earth ideas about what love is and how it acts day by day. That's what Joyce Meyer does in her book and she invites her readers to send her their ideas, too. They've done that, and you

can find a hundred of them listed on her theloverevolution.com website. Here's a sample:

"Let someone else have the last sale item."

"After shoveling my driveway, I was a little tired, but I saw my 80-something-year-old neighbor dragging a heavy shovel across her driveway. It took us both (yeah, she wasn't about to let me do it all by myself) an hour or so to finish. And I made a good friend out of it." From Jana P., Fenton, Missouri

"Forgive a loan."

"I'm disabled and can't get out of the house, but I can still use the phone. So every two to four weeks I call up fifteen different ladies, who are also stuck at home, to encourage them and to talk about the Lord." From Linda T., Colorado Springs, Colorado

"Tell your boss when a co-worker does a great job."

"I moved to East London . . . and met a lady named Sandra. I discovered that she had end-stage renal failure. While I was praying for her, God told me to give her my kidney. After much debating and prayer, I stepped out in faith and went through the eight months of tests and the surgery. Now, a year later, Sandra's health has bounced back beyond what I expected. She can outrun me to a bus now!"

The point of my "Love Revolution" sermons will be to keep our focus on specific deeds of love like these. It will be to encourage us to support each

other in trying to do them and to stimulate our imaginations to come up with fresh ones of our own.

Here are three more shared with me by fellow HCCer, Steve Shelton. They come from 4 to 8 year olds who show us what Jesus means when he says to become like little children in order to enter God's reign.

"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth." From Billy, age 4.

"Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs." From Chrissy, age 6.

"When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis, too. That's love." From Rebecca, age 8.

What are your ideas about how love acts? Let me know and I'll share them in this Pastor's Corner in the months ahead. We'll stir each other up for Jesus' love revolution.



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**CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY @ HCC**

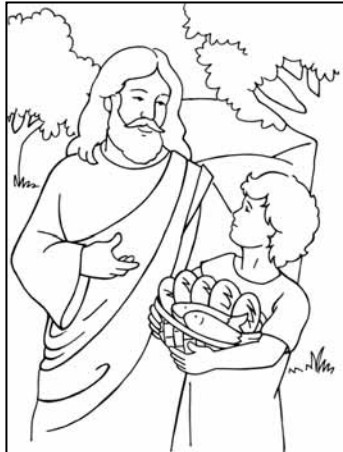
We don't talk about miracles much any more. But this February, in Kingdom Maker's Workshop we are going to be learning about one of the biggest miracles in the Bible. It is the story of when Jesus fed 5,000 people!

Now, we don't actually know exactly how many people were there. This story is rare in that it is in all four gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John), which is special because not many stories are in all 4 gospels, but it's also challenging because each gospel tells the story a little bit differently. In some of the gospels it says there were 4,000 people, others say 5,000. What we do know is that there was a "large crowd" surrounding Jesus. It had been a busy day of healing. Matthew 15:31 says that "people were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled made well, the lame walking, and the blind seeing."

Because it had been such a long day, Jesus was worried about the people getting hungry and traveling home with empty stomachs. The disciples were hungry too and were worried about how they were going to have enough food to feed everyone.

The Gospel of John tells us that a young boy who was in the crowd had 5 loaves of bread

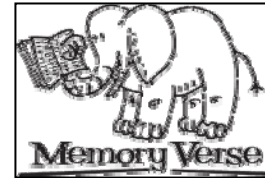
and 2 small fish with him and he was willing to share it with the crowd. Jesus took this food, gave thanks for it and then had his disciples share it with the crowd of people.



John's gospel tells us that not only did everyone get a little bit to eat, but they all ate as much as they wanted! Everyone walked away with full bellies! What a wonderful miracle! And that's not all- there was food left over, enough to fill 12 baskets!

One of my favorite words is abundance, and abundance is exactly what comes to mind when I think about this miracle. Abundance means plentiful or overflowing fullness. The food overflowed that day, but that's not all that was in great abundance. Love was in abundance too, and I think that's what we can take away from this story still today. God does not just love us a little bit. No God LOVES us and pours love on us all the time- more than we need, more than we can even imagine! And when we share that love with other people (like the boy shared his lunch that day) then our world fills up with God's love.

When we remember how much God loves us and when we share God's love with other people, we get to participate in the miracle of abundance too!



John 6:14

"After the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus did, they began to say, 'Surely this is the Prophet who is come into the world.'"

**Children's Ministry
Consultant Coming**

In mid-February we will be blessed by a visit from Ryan Timpte. Ryan was a classmate of Erin's at Princeton Theological Seminary. From PTS Ryan obtained a Masters of Divinity as well as a Masters of Arts in Christian Education. His specific area of study focused on ministry with children.

He will be coming for 3 days to observe our ministry with children and offer suggestions on how we can improve this ever important and vital area of ministry at Haslett Community Church.

Watch for more information about Ryan's recommendations in future newsletters!



I can't believe it's already February; it feels like it was just Christmas! It feels odd to be thinking about February without talking about Lent, but Easter is late this year so Lent doesn't even begin until March. That leaves February in this kind of weird space in between. Christmas is long since over, Epiphany began almost a month ago, and yet we still have a month before Lent begins. So what do we do with this time in-between? How can we use this time in our liturgical year?

The lectionary texts (the Bible verses assigned for each Sunday, on a rotating 3-year cycle) have us reading from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in this month leading up to Lent. The Sermon on the Mount is found in the gospel of Matthew, specifically chapters 5-7. It's some of Jesus' best-known teachings. It begins with the Beatitudes, which our middle schoolers call the "be-attitudes"! They are instruction for how we are to live and be. In traditional translations, they all begin with the phrase "blessed are," but in Confirmation we've been discussing other translations and interpretations of the Bible, so here are the Beatitudes from "The Message":

"You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule.

You're blessed when you feel you've lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you. You're blessed when you're content with just who you are—no more, no less. That's the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can't be bought. You're blessed when you've worked up a good appetite for God. He's food and drink in the best meal you'll ever eat. You're blessed when you care. At the moment of being 'care-full,' you find yourselves cared for. You're blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the outside world. You're blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That's when you discover who you really are, and your place in God's family. You're blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution. The persecution drives you even deeper into God's kingdom. Not only that—count yourselves blessed every time people put you down or throw you out or speak lies about you to discredit me. What it means is that the truth is too close for comfort and they are uncomfortable. You can be glad when that happens—give a cheer, even!—for though they don't like it, I do! And all heaven applauds. And know that you are in good company. My prophets and witnesses have always gotten into this kind of trouble."

Read the Sermon on the Mount and talk to Erin about it and you'll be in a drawing for an NCG gift card!



February Count Deadline!

February 1st is the deadline to sign up for the mission trips! It's really important for us to have a solid list for both trips because **after February 1st we are committed, as a church, to pay for every slot that we are signed up for (and it's such a waste of our hard-earned-fundraised-money to pay for slots that aren't going to be used)!**

Watch the mail for more information and letters of commitment to be signed and turned in by February 1st! Also, your second payment (\$150) is due by February 13th!



February 12th @ 7pm

We will be watching,
"The Social Network"
 (rated PG-13)

8th Grade Dinner

**February 8th
 from 6-7pm**

Call Erin to RSVP

Looking Ahead:

Wednesday Night Lenten Soup Suppers begin March 16th. All mission trip families are asked to participate!



The following is from HCC's very first newsletter, February, 1956:

The work of a clergyman varies from serving as minister in the services of worship, to the endless details in the administration of a complex organization. Between these two extremes lies the heart of the profession – that combination of ordinary friendship, wise counsel, understanding compassion, leadership of youth, and community participation as a churchman which we call the work of the pastor.

We are, in the last analysis, a worshipping community and it is to that lofty pursuit that all our aims and programs look. This newsletter (which I hope thrills you as it does me) will help us guide more people to a share in our worship; and it will help with some of the complexity of organizational details. But, the primary function of this newsletter is to provide an extended arm of the pastoral work of the church. I hope each of you will participate in this kind of

pastoral entrance into the homes of our wider community by suggesting additional names for our mailing list, and by letting the editors know the human details of news that will increase the acquaintance and love that we share as servants of Christ.

The dominant note on the pastoral scene this month is best expressed in a salute to the staff of devoted people who are putting out this newsletter in the service of our community church. Please join with me in giving them all possible aid and acclamation.



The High School and Middle School youth are selling Younkers coupon savings books for the Younker's Community Savings Day. The coupon books are \$5.00 each and will help fund the mission trips for the high school and middle school youth groups this summer. A table will be set up during the coffee time after church. Stop by if you would like to purchase any. If you would like to purchase a book and are unable to come to church, please contact Jewell Muller-Gornick at 339-9342

Outstanding CROP Walk Results

The official numbers are in for this past fall's CROP Walk and they're outstanding! We had 34 HCC walkers who raised \$10,510 for CROP's ministry to the hungry. Both were the highest figures for any church that participated in this year's Lansing area walk. Overall, the walk raised over \$75,000 for CROP's vital ministry which our congregation is always blessed to support. Thanks again to Bill Burrus and Larry Leefers for their energetic efforts in leading us this year, and to all who joined in this good work.



Food Bank

News

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE HASLETT FOOD BANK FAMILIES

The Haslett Food Bank will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday during 2011. We are especially in need of volunteers to serve families weekly, monthly or on an as needed basis. If you would like to come in and see how we do this I would be happy to meet with you. Betsy McLernon 655-5994

Commendations Are In Order

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

- **Jewell and Jake Gornick, Karen Klein, Stefanie Zin and Mike Mahon** for teaching Sunday School in January.
- **Youth Ministry Team** for the wonderful food they prepared for the high school pre-final-exam study hours.
- All of the wonderful **adults** who helped chaperone the middle school and high school weekend retreats at SpringHill!
- To our outgoing Church Council members, **Mary Trebilcock, Dick Ledebuhr, Kim Carnes, and Debbie Gulliver** for their dedicated service on the Council.
- To those who helped with Unhanging of the Greens: **Paula, Dave, and Chris Fry, Tim Hiller, Georgia Davidson, Rich Newport, and Larry Leefers.**
- To the sixteen men of our church who served as the "HCC Moving Company" in helping to load all of Romi Chaffee's belongings into a truck for her recent move to Colorado: **Rich Baumgartner, Keith Carnes, Mike Dixon, Jim Keck, Larry Leefers, Jack Lennemann, Wayne Mason, Nick McKenzie, Rich Newport, Bob Puroskey, Tim Roumpz, Ron Rowe, Dave Vietti, Paul White, John Wismer, Kurt Kirchoff.**
- To **Donna Ellis** for putting together in such helpful form the results of this year's Partners in Ministry sheets.
- To **Kim Carnes and Karla Hiller** for all their hard work in once again organizing our church's annual ski trip weekend to Treetops on which such a fine time was had by all. To **Kyle Carnes and Becky Leefers** for planning and leading the wonderful communion service that everyone gathered for on the Saturday night of the trip.
- To **Joyce Bartels** for researching and providing Haslett Community Church historical information for our monthly newsletters (see this month's article on page 5.)



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It's always available to you. Pass on any prayer request you may have to Kurt Kirchoff in person, or at 339-8383, ext. 11, or by e-mail at pastorkurt53@att.net. He'll share it with the fifteen others who are now 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 that's open to everyone.



Christmas Giving Project

TONS OF GRATITUDE

Thank you, thank you, thank you for everyone's contributions to the Christmas Giving Project. Here's an "ABC" recounting of our collective endeavor to recall the many contributions given and blessings received.

A-appreciation for everyone involved

B-Bibles provided to each family through George Swanson's involvement with the Gideons

C-countless hours put in by core team members Nancy and Paul White, Sylvia Davis, Betsy McLernon, Ruth Linnemann, and Mary Nelson

D-donations of cash, gifts, and stocking stuffers from the congregation plus many community individuals, organizations, churches, and businesses

E-energy of everyone working together

F-food drives from multiple Haslett and Okemos schools, scouts, churches

G-gifts purchased & wrapped for 221 children and their parents, over 1250 items total

H-ham or turkeys plus Christmas dinner ingredients and groceries for **96 families**

I-interviews to determine the gifts needed done by Regula Arnosti, Kathy Campbell, Paula

Fry, Karen Klein, Ruth Linnemann, Jan Mason, Jill Meyers, Mary Nelson, Betty Robinson, Suzanne Rock, and Mary Trebilcock

J-just the right stocking stuffers, perfectly matched to the age and gender of each child by Kelly Flagg with the help of a stuffing crew, contributors, and middle school youth

K-kitchen crew who assembled perishables led by Wendy Johnson

L-lots of flea market donations organized by volunteers guided by Mary Trebilcock

M-many tasty cookies baked for the volunteer crews to munch and enjoy

N- new support from Red Cedar Church members who provided dozens of gifts and volunteer assistance

O-open arms of the greeters and distribution crew who helped recipients feel welcome

P-people who packed, moved, and loaded food and gifts with a willing spirit

Q-quiet, behind the scenes work for hours to sort food drive donations by Fred Schrepfer, Tom Nelson, Darwin Johnson, Bruce Mitchell, and Paul and Nancy White

R- rigorous efforts of several Boy Scouts and their leaders to move food from the basement

S-shrewd shoppers Regula Arnosti, Sylvia Davis, Barb Decker, Dolores Foote, Ruth Linnemann, Jean McIntyre, and Liz Newport who searched for sales and hard to find gifts.

T-tons of food acquired and hauled to and from the basement under the direction of Nancy and Paul White

U-underwear and socks provided for almost every one of the 221 children

V-volunteers by the dozens, over 100 different people, many for multiple roles and hours

W-wrapping of gifts done by Irmie Neils, Joanne Ricks, Maggie Turney, Carolyn Swanson, and a Saturday crew organized by Pam Artuso

X-an x-traordinary project we all accomplished together to spread Christmas to people in need

Y- youth group members who shopped and wrapped gifts

Z-zest and enthusiasm from all involved that made it possible to accomplish everything!

Note from a Christmas Giving Recipient

"Dear People of Haslett Community Church,

I want to thank you so much for the wonderful presents and abundance of food you provided for our family this Christmas. Your generosity was greatly appreciated. My boys were shocked to see brand new clothes (not second hand) and have worn their new shirts and pants many times already.

This was our first Christmas receiving such a blessing of food and gifts.

*Serving our Risen Savior,
Mary H.*



Musically Speaking

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

Sunday, May 1st will be the time for our annual all church cantata. From the children in the Kingdom Makers Workshop and both youth groups, to members of the adult choir we hope to offer the opportunity to anyone who chooses to become a member of the cast.

It will involve just a very few rehearsals during the last three weeks in April. All songs are easy to learn and will be supported by the choir. There are jobs for actors who are good at lip-sync if you want to be seen but not heard. Give it some thought and join us for some fun. Please let either Judy or Barbara know so we can get started with our planning.

February Sundays

During the first two weeks of February the choir will be splitting up for special music. The women will lead the service on February 6th and the men will lead on February 13th. Both are preparing very different music that we know you will enjoy.

Love Conquers All

The love for equals is a human thing — of friend for friend, brother for brother. It is to love what is loving and lovely. The world smiles.

The love for the less fortunate is a beautiful thing — the love for those who suffer, for those who are poor, the sick, the failures, the unlovely. This is compassion, and it touches the heart of the world.

The love for the more fortunate is a rare thing — to love those who succeed where we fail, to rejoice without envy with those who rejoice, the love of the poor for the rich The world is always bewildered by its saints.

And then there is the love for the enemy — love for the one who does not love you but mocks, threatens and inflicts pain. The tortured's love for the torturer. This is God's love. It conquers the world.

—Frederick Buechner,
The Magnificent Defeat

Special February Dates

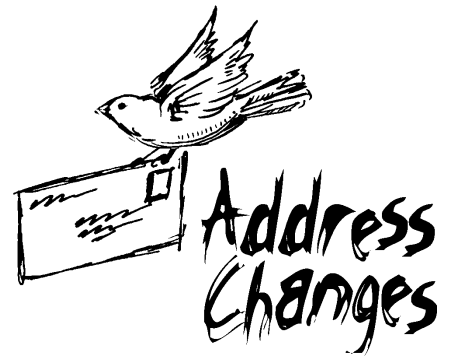
- African-American History Month
- Boy Scout Sunday, February 13th
- Valentine's Day, February 14th
- Presidents' Day, February 21st

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 2011 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, February 1st** and a **host is needed.** If you have not been to this get-together before, think about coming. The conversations are delightful!

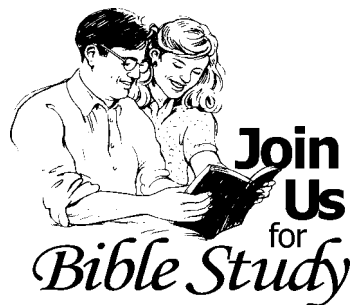


Romi Chaffee has moved. Her new address is:

10065 Depew St.
Westminster, CO 80020-4145

Spiritual Life

This fall, the Spiritual Life Committee 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 Fredrick library. As the basis of their discussion, the Bible Study group is using the book of Romans and follow 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 Sun-

day, February 20th, at 11:00am, in the Youth Room. Using the new UCC curriculum materials, Faith Practices, as a basis for the discussion, the February topic will be loving your enemies and will be led by Joyce Bischoff. 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, February 27th, 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.

Men's Group



Men's Group: The Men's Group has been meeting for breakfasts, book discussions, barbeques, 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 share this information with the public.



On April 15th – 16th, we will be co-hosting another Jesus Seminar and this time the seminar 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.

Social Committee News

The snow is falling and the temperatures are cold while I am writing, but it is time now to think about and plan for the 2011 camping weekend on the shore of Lake Michigan. We will be heading west to P.J. Hoffmaster State Park near Grand Haven, Michigan. The dates are **August, 12th-14th, 2011**. Last year we had just over 100 people enjoying the wonderful fellowship of camping, swimming, ultimate Frisbee, and eating our famous garbage can dinner.

If you have never attended this event but like the outdoors and water, give it a try! We must have the total cost of \$62 for the weekend paid by February 5th. Also, we cannot make a

reservation unless there is a name and money paid for each campsite. Please sign-up today on the Social Committee board and make your payment to Kim Carnes as soon as possible. We need to make reservations 6 months before our date for the possibility of us getting our campsites near each other. This year the time for making reservations is a Saturday morning, the 12th of February, and is usually worked on by 2-4 people (it is a group effort). If you are willing and able to help on the morning of February 12th, please let me know. I will give you details when you call. Thank you for that in advance. If you have any questions, please contact Karla at 339-8502, or Kim at 339-8183. Looking forward to a great time in the sun with all of you!



Game Night for Adults at HCC is coming again soon. With one just happening in January, we are adding three more to the calendar. Come for a good time of laughter and fun with others from our church. And, bring other friends, too! In February, Saturday, the 5th and Saturday, the 26th, and in March, Saturday, the 19th, each one at 7:00 p.m. Please sign up on the Social Committee board, then mark it on your calendar at home. Just bring a munchie to share and a favorite game or two, if you would like. Looking forward to a relaxing night of fun! See you there!

Dear HCC Family,

I'm writing to share a participant's memory of a ski-weekend moment. Saturday night - after the pizza, after the beautiful and moving service led by Kyle and Becky, after the tubing (where the kids lasted an hour, but the adults lasted two!), we settled into our games. One of the best things about ski weekend is the variety of people playing with each other. That night in one room, we had all ages of kids playing games on the floor: kids and adults doing puzzles, a not very serious card game of 'Hearts' (unless you were playing, of course), and in the main room several games (Catch Phrase was one) involving large numbers (like ten) of adults and kids. There was lots of noise and laughter and general hubbub, but at one point it seemed to crystallize into a moment of pure happiness and peace, and time was suspended just for a moment.

That's the blessing of family time, when all is well for a moment. Then we go back to our games and ultimately the packing up and the drive home and school, work, the day-to-day of our lives. But we take with us the sense of peace and connection that truly is there with us as we go.



Haiku for the Heart



Listen to your heart
For within there is an "ear"
Attuned to God's voice.

—Peggy Ferrell

**Haslett Community Church
February 2011**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00 AM Women's Coffee	2 2:30-4:30 PM HS/MS Study hour 5:30-7:00 PM MS Youth Group 7 PM Adult Choir	3 7:00 PM Haslett Women's Club	4 & 5 Middle School Springhill Retreat	
6 INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL 9:25 AM Worship and Church School; nursery care provided 10:45 AM – Bible Study 5:30-7:00 PM – Confirmation 7:00 PM HS Youth Group	7 7 PM Mission Outreach 7 PM Youth Ministry	8 7:15 PM Church Council	9 2:30-4:30 PM HS/MS Study hour 5:30-7:00 PM MS Youth Group 7 PM Adult Choir	10	11	12
13 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	14	15 8 AM Newsletter articles due	16 2:30-4:30 PM HS/MS Study hour 5:30-7:00 PM MS Youth Group 7 PM Adult Choir	17	18	19 1:00-4:00 PM Circle of Friends
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Sermon titles and Scripture readings include:

Sunday, February 6th, 9:25 am

The Love Revolution, II- "Fighting the Drag"
Ecclesiastes 1:8-11, 13b-15 & Galatians 6:7-10

Sunday, February 20th, 9:25 am

The Love Revolution, IV- "Being Generous"
II Corinthians 9:6-12 & Luke 6:38

Sunday, February 13th, 9:25 am

The Love Revolution, III- "Stirring Up One Another"
I Corinthians 12:1, 4-7, 12-13 & Hebrews 10:23-25

Sunday, February 27th

The Love Revolution, V- "Being Kind"
Psalm 119:33-40 & I Corinthians 13:4-7

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