



# HCC Connections

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## Congregational Meeting - June 7<sup>th</sup>

After worship on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, we will have a special congregational meeting for the purpose of having our members vote on extending a formal call to Erin Heisler to become our Director of Youth and Children's Ministry. Our Search Committee which was formed to seek candidates for this position has offered it to Erin, she has agreed to accept it, and in order for it to be one for which she can be ordained in our United Church of Christ, a congregational vote on the call is required. We hope to see many, many of our members there to hear why our Search Committee feels Erin is the best candidate for this position, why we feel it's right for her to be ordained to it, and to take part in the decision on it.

In our worship that morning we'll also, for the second year in a row, have our **Adult Choir**, on the Sunday prior to the beginning of their summer hiatus, sing the sermon. Entitled "We Keep on Singing", it will feature the five anthems the choir has chosen as their favorites from this past year. In the service we'll also have a time of special recognition and appreciation for **Mike and Danna Dixon** for all the wonderful work they've done as leaders of our middle school youth group for the past four years and for **Chris Bawden** for the great service he's given these past two years as leader of our high school youth group. We hope to see you in church on the 7<sup>th</sup> for all of these very important events!



## Outdoor Worship at Lake Lansing Park North

Outdoor Worship will take place on **Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**, at Lake Lansing Park North, Main Pavilion. We have the wonderful opportunity to worship God in a lovely setting. A light breakfast will be served at 8:45 AM and the service will begin at 9:30 AM. We sit around picnic tables under the pavilion, but you may want to bring your own lawn chairs. As in past years, we are asking people to help by setting up, bringing goodies for the breakfast, and cleaning up. A sign-up sheet is on the Spiritual Life board in Friendship Hall.

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## Pastor's Corner

### Turning to God Travel

*(Sixteenth in a series on connecting with God in the ordinary)*

***"The world is a great book, of which they who never stir from home read only a single page."***

St. Augustine

**A**s we enter summertime here in June it's likely that many of us will do more traveling than at any other time of the year. The tough economic climate may make it hard, if not impossible, to do as much of it as we'd like, but of all the seasons summer still remains the one for travel. I know I'm certainly looking forward to my annual summer trip to the St. Louis area to visit with my family and to see a Cardinal baseball game or two or three. And most definitely my wife, Kathy, and our daughter, Sophie, are looking forward to the extra, extra special opportunities they'll have this summer to travel to Rwanda (Kathy) and to Great Britain (Sophie).

It's my sense that most of us, as long as we're feeling well and the trip's not too demanding, enjoy "hitting the road". Going other places helps to break us out of routines that sometimes become constricting or even deadening. Experiencing new scenes, different foods, unique styles, distinctive activities, and varied accents in other cultural settings, whether regional or international, can re-

fresh our perceptions of the world and give us a richer appreciation for it. We may often and rightly feel wiser and more sophisticated because of our travels. We may be eager to share with others the pleasures and excitements as well as the difficulties and upsets we've had in seeing, hearing, tasting, and touching new and different things in places that are out of the way for us.

Far from making us proud, however, I think such experiences can help make us humble. They reveal to us how extraordinarily big, wide, and diverse this world really is, how many different peoples and ways of life it actually holds, and how much there always is for us to learn if we're truly to understand and love it as God calls us to do. From Haslett to St. Louis, Kigali, and London, from Lansing to Little Rock, LaPaz, and Lagos, from Kalamazoo to Ketchikan, Karachi, and Kathmandu, God's world truly is a wonder. It offers an overflowing abundance of sights, sounds, smells, and adventures that none of us could ever exhaust even if we lived a hundred lifetimes. With our minds and hearts alive, open, and receptive to it, our travels in it can therefore deepen our connection to our Creator. Going far and wide can lead us to be ever more awed and grateful for the divine grace that makes, sustains, and ultimately will redeem this whole, wide world that is in God's hands. It can move us to sing once again, "My God, how great Thou art!"

With you in amazement at God's great, wide world,




**O**ur church holds an **Inquirer's Meeting** for those who may be interested in learning more about our church. The next meeting will be: **Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 pm** in the Church in the Frederick Library.

These meetings are led by our moderator, Tim Hiller, and Pastor Kurt Kirchoff, and offer a general overview of life and membership at HCC and our denomination, the United Church of Christ. They are purely informational and are designed to last about an hour and a half. If you would like to learn more about our church in that kind of setting, please know that we would love to see you there.

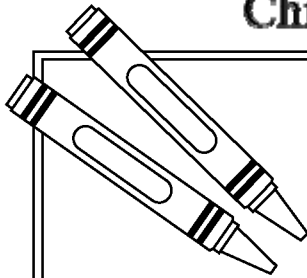


**Pledge Giving  
Update**

**A**t this point in 2009 we need \$4458 each week to remain current in our pledged giving receipts. As of the end of April we're \$4848 behind in the amount of those gifts we've received. Any effort we can make to keep our pledges current is a major help to our church's cash flow and to the ministry that everyone's giving makes possible. Thanks to all!



Children's Program



Just for **KIDS**

**Remember to Pray**

There are many verses in the Bible that talk to us about prayer. Solve the puzzle below to see the lesson Paul teaches about prayer in Philemon 1:4. Think about your own life and your prayers.



Use the alphabet code to fill in the blanks, and then read Paul's message.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z  
Z Y X W V U T S R Q P O N M L K J I H G F E D C B A

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... Philemon 1:4, NIV

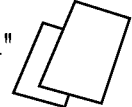
Answer: I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers ...

**A PRAYER REMINDER**

Many times we fold our hands together to pray. Here is a "handy" craft that can help you remember what to include in your prayers.

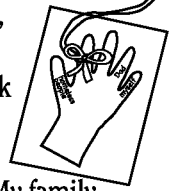
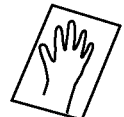
*What you need:*

- 2 sheets of 8½" x 11" construction paper (different colors)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Crayons
- 1 piece of ribbon, yarn or string about 6-12 inches long
- Glue (white or glue stick)



*What to do:*

1. Trace your hand on one sheet of paper.
2. Cut out the traced hand.
3. Tie the ribbon, yarn or string around the pointer (index) finger.
4. Write a message on each finger:  
*(Pointer finger)* God's guidance (pray for help to follow God's ways)  
*(Middle finger)* Leaders in my life (teachers, pastors, etc.)  
*(Ring finger)* Sick and old people  
*(Pinky finger)* Myself  
*(Thumb)* My family
5. Glue the hand onto the other sheet of paper.
6. Start with the ribbon finger and pray for God's help. Then pray for all the people on each finger.



**Women's Coffee**

Resumes on October 6<sup>th</sup>.  
Have a great summer!

## The Time Has Come- General Synod '09

**T**he time for our United Church of Christ's General Synod '09 which we've been highlighting in previous newsletters has finally arrived. The Synod with its theme of "Immerse Yourself" and its headquarters at the Devos Center and Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids will meet from **Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**. The deadline to sign up as a Synod volunteer has passed, but we still invite and encourage HCC folk to support and experience the Synod in three particular ways.

One is to bake or buy cookies for it! It's a long, strong General Synod tradition to have cookies available to participants throughout the event and the host Conference is always the provider of them. As a Michigan Conference church we'd like to do our part, so if you can bake or buy cookies for Pastor Kurt to load in his trunk and take to the Synod, please contact June Peabody at 517-339-2647 or Carol Reid at 517-339-3005. The cookies should be put in disposable plastic containers or bags and delivered to HCC by noon of Friday, the 26<sup>th</sup>.

A second way is to come to the Synod's "River City Saturday" on the 27<sup>th</sup>. This day will feature nationally known speakers like Gwen Ifill, Jim Wallis, Barbara Brown Taylor, Ray Suarez, Krista Tippett, and Eugene Robinson. It will also offer a "Festival in the Park" across the street from the DeVos Center at the Rosa Parks Park with artists and performers from the Michigan Confer-

ence, a Stillspeaking kite-flying contest, and a variety of "fun-time booths" with children's crafts, balloons, and face painting. It will culminate with an evening "Immersion Celebration Event" highlighting performers from across the UCC as well as a time of special tribute to the ministry of the Rev. John Thomas who is the outgoing General Minister and President of our denomination. Both the speaker events and the Immersion Celebration Event require a \$75 Synod registration in order to participate. The Festival in the Park is free to all comers.

The third way is to attend the special Sunday afternoon worship service at 3pm at the DeVos Center to which all members of all Michigan Conference churches are especially invited. There's no need to register to take part in this service and since these Sunday afternoon Synod worship experiences are always especially inspiring, we'll aim to form a car-pool of HCC folks who would like to attend so we can all go over together. We'll figure to leave from the church's parking lot at 1pm on the afternoon of the 28<sup>th</sup>. This year's Sunday afternoon worship will focus on the Sacrament of Holy Baptism as our immersion into the Christian life.

This may be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to attend a General Synod in our own backyard, so let's take full advantage of it! If you have any questions about it, please feel free to talk with Pastor Kurt or go to the UCC website at [ucc.org](http://ucc.org) and check out the various links to "General Synod".



### Welcome New Members

**Dominic Arnosti, Bronti Belanger, Billy Belanger, Zeb Fedewa, Jamie Hiller, Tara Mahon, Alex McGrath, and Michaela Murton** all became members of our church on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> through the Rite of Confirmation. As always, it was a beautiful and moving time as we welcomed them into our community through the affirmation of baptismal vows which they made in the service.

We also celebrated the generous gift given to them and our whole church by their Confirmation mentors who accompanied and guided them through the whole process. This year those good folks were **Larry Leefers** with Dominic, **Danna Dixon** with Bronti, **Bill Burrus** and **Pat Dalton** with Billy, **Mike Dixon** with Zeb and Alex, **Kim Carnes** with Jamie, **Karla Hiller** with Tara, and **Karen Klein** with Michaela. We give thanks for all of these sisters and brothers in our family of faith and pledge again our special support to our young people who've now joined us as members.



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

- A big thank you to those who helped with the Haslett Boy Scout Food Drive on April 25<sup>th</sup> - **Kathy & Will Campbell, Paul White, Fred Schrepfer** and his granddaughter, **Sierra, Darwin Johnson, Chip Frentz** and of course all the **Haslett Boy Scouts** and their leaders.
- **David Wright, Kathy Swearingen, Gail Catron** and all who brought food for the Rose in Spring Luncheon.
- **Karen Klein** for organizing the Road Rally and **Bob Purosky** for technical support for that fun event.

Dear HCC Congregation,

Mike and I would like to thank you for the opportunity that you gave us to serve the Church and God in a way that we had never dreamed that we would be called upon to do. As you all know, our time as youth group leaders is coming to a close with the hiring of a new Director of Youth and Children's Ministry. This is a time for joy as this is something that will truly benefit the young people of the Church. It is of course a time of mixed feelings for us but this could not come at a better time because of the health issues that Mike has had during the past few months.

The last four years have been an incredible journey for us and we have loved every minute of it. The opportunity to work with the young people of this Church has been an inspiration in itself. We have been constantly amazed at the intelligence of this group of young people. We at Haslett Community Church are certainly blessed by the youth of this congregation. It gives us hope for the future as we have been working with the youth of our church. We have been blessed by being able to work with the youth of the church in the capacity of Middle School Youth leaders and we will continue to be involved with the youth ministries in other ways.

We thank the parents of all of the young people that have been involved in the Middle School Youth Group over the past four years. We appreciate the trust you have placed in us by allowing us to have your children in our care for an evening each week. You have all helped at different times in different ways to make it a little easier for both of us. We want to thank each and every one of you for your confidence in us to work with your children and to help them with some of their Christian learning. We will miss working with the youth on a weekly basis as we have formed loving Christian bonds with each one of the youth that have been involved with us in the Middle School Youth group.

It is our prayer that the youth and their families will give as much support to the new director as they have all given us over the past four years and that they will remember the Youth Group "Rules" as we all move forward.

With love and praise for each one of "our" kids,

Mike and Danna Dixon

## A Reminder

**M**any people use the church during odd hours. Recently we've found **windows open, lights left on, a coffee maker left on**, not to mention **doors left unlocked**. Quoting Ann Landers Golden Rules for Living, please remember . . .

- If you open it, close it.
- If you turn it on, turn it off.
- If you unlock it, lock it up.
- If you break it, admit it.

- If you can't fix it, call someone who can.
- If you borrow it, return it.
- If you value it, take care of it.
- If you make a mess, clean it up.
- If you move it, put it back.
- If it belongs to someone else, get permission to use it.
- If you don't know how to operate it, leave it alone.

The **church movie screen** has also disappeared from the church premises. If you know where it is, please contact Kurt or the church office.



This column is left blank intentionally to protect the privacy of our members.



“By The Sea” was presented by the choirs of HCC on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and many thanks to everyone who worked so hard to present some of the stories of Jesus. Special thanks to **Barbara Freeman** for the accompaniment, **Roberta Otten** for the choreography and members of the three choirs. Many thanks to those choir members that took on additional parts: **Hannah Davidson, Meghan Vorce, Elizabeth**

**Carter** and **Sophia Kirchoff** who were the seekers ; Children’s and youth choir members **Will Campbell, Elana Carter, Carina Arnosti, Nik Buchholz** and **George Davidson** who sang solos and memorized lines; **Mike Eberlein, Becky Leefers, Joyce Bischoff, Kathy Swearingen, Larry Leefers, Cheryl Edwards, Julie Fedewa, Kurt Kirchoff** and **Jordon Walling** for playing the various adult parts. The cantata was a nice way to end the spring sessions of the younger choirs.

### The Top Five!!!!

The choir has sung over forty-five anthems during the ‘08 – ‘09 seasons. We have had a chance to think back and during the last month we have voted for five anthems that we would like to sing again. We will have that opportunity on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> as the choir will sing them during the morning service, taking the place of the regular sermon. We hope you will be with us and that the variety we have chosen will be some of your favorites too.

### The End of a Great Choir Year

This year the choir has been exceptionally great. We had over thirty members enrolled and even though we were not usually all together at one time due to conflicting schedules, we had a very positive year. I would personally like to recognize everyone that gave so much of their time. Sopranos were **Joyce Bischoff, Cheryl Edwards, Betty Hicks, Monique Jost, Becky Leefers, Pat McCuaig, Chloe Polzin, Mary Trebilcock** and **Carol Reid**. Altos included **Regula Arnosti, Joyce Bartels, Michele Booher, Julie Fedewa, Jean Frentz, Kim Huston, Phyllis Keith, Mary Ellen Ottarson, Kathy Swearingen,** and **Nancy White**. Members of the tenor section were **Chris Bawden, Margabeth Cibulka, Mark Garrod, John Leckrone, Kirk Riley** and **Jordon Walling**. The bass section was comprised of **Mike Eberlein, Larry Leefers, Bob Purosky** and **Fred Schmidt**.

Many thanks also to our fine accompanist **Barbara Freeman**. She really holds all of us together and we all appreciate her wonderful talents. Others who have helped us out with accompaniments are **David Zin, Becky Leefers** and **Sarah Buchholz** and their talent is also very much appreciated.

First rehearsals for fall begin on August 26<sup>th</sup> with a potluck dinner at Barbara Freeman’s home. More details will be in the August newsletter. We hope many of you will decide that this is the year you’ve been promising yourself to join.

## Spiritual Life

The adults of the congregation are invited to join in these many activities sponsored by the Spiritual Life Committee. You are encouraged to take advantage of these opportunities for personal and spiritual growth.

### Sunday after Worship

**First Sunday – Book Discussion Group & Third Sunday – Spiritual Development: Practicing our Faith** These groups will be taking a break for the rest of spring and summer. Please contact Joyce Bischoff (339-9935) or Becky Leefers (337-0560) with any thoughts about the direction these groups should take.

**Last Sunday – Sermon Discussion:** Meeting in the Sanctuary after worship, Kurt Kirchoff will lead a discussion of the sermons from previous weeks. These discussions will continue on **Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**. After a break for the summer, these discussions will continue in September. Questions can be directed to Kurt at 339-8383.

### 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. On, **Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm**, PeaceCircle will meet in Friendship Hall. The topic of discussion will be how the lives of Islamic women are affected by cultural and political influences.

### Men's Group

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

### Next Fall

The Spiritual Life committee is looking for ideas of activities, discussion groups or topics that will encourage the congregation on their spiritual journeys. Several suggestions have been made about

topics and resources to use as the basis for discussion groups. Please contact Becky Leefers (337-0560) or Joyce Bischoff (339-9935) with feedback about these suggestions or with any other suggestions for next fall.

***The Meaning of Jesus*** – Two Versions by Marcus Borg and N. T. Wright

In alternating chapters, Marcus Borg, the most popular revisionist voice on Jesus and a member of the Jesus Seminar, and N. T. Wright, the most prominent standard-bearer for the traditional stance and an outspoken critic of the Jesus Seminar, present their views of who Jesus was, what he taught, and what he did. Candid, spirited, and thoughtfully debated, this compelling discourse will stimulate fresh ideas and intense dialogue among anyone concerned with what it means to be a Christian today.

***The Once and Future Faith*** by contributors from the Jesus Seminar

Scientific knowledge has stripped Christianity of the mythical matrix in which the creeds were conceived. The historical study of the Bible and the quest of the historical Jesus have raised the future of the faith to crisis level. Fellows of the Jesus Seminar joined to sort through the issues and attempt to form an agenda for the reinvention of Christianity. Their suggestions — on questions such as life after death, the meaning of God, apocalypticism, and the significance of Jesus' death — fill the pages of this book.

***Listening to the Parables of Jesus*** Edward F. Beutner, editor

From time to time even scholars scratch their heads in puzzlement over the meaning of Jesus' parables. This concise, well edited book brings together insights from world-renowned scholars into the interpretation of parables.

***Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*** by Joanna Weaver

With her fresh approach to the familiar Bible story and its creative, practical strategies, Weaver shows how all of us - Marys and Marthas alike - can draw closer to God, deepening our devotion, strengthening our service, and doing both with less stress and greater joy.

***The Bad Girls of the Bible*** and/or ***More Bad Girls of the Bible*** by Barbara Essex

Essex brings to life the Bible's "bad girls" - notorious women we love to hate. Exploring lives filled with betrayal, deception, rejection, jealousy,

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Social Committee News

Special thank-you's go out to all the incredible men that made the Women and Girls brunch a huge success! Thank you to **Gerry Gardner** and **Mike Dixon** for organizing the delicious meal, **Jordan Walling** and **David Zin** for the beautiful music and all the other men that made it possible - **Jason Warner**, **Mike Akon**, **Jerrod Gardner**, **Steve Decker**, **Frank May**, **Zeb Fedewa** and **Dominic Arnosti**. The women appreciate the pampering! Thank You!

**Ice Cream Social and Movie Night**- Mark the evening of July 25<sup>th</sup> on your calendars and join us for an evening or sweets and fun as we enjoy ice cream sundaes and enjoy a movie on the lawn. Watch upcoming newsletters and bulletins for further details!

Social Calendar

*Dates to look forward to . . .*

**July 25<sup>th</sup>** - Ice Cream Social and Movie Night

**Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>** - HCC Camping Weekend

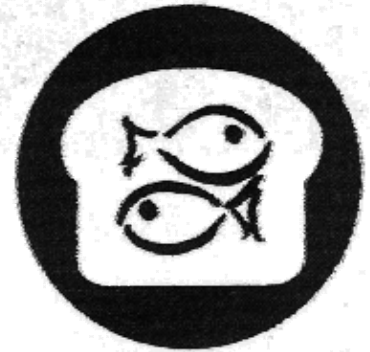
**CROP Hunger Walk**



Sunday, October 11,

**Loaves & Fishes Ministries**

*In* a recent newsletter from this organization that provides emergency food and shelter, a guest wrote: "I am thankful for God carrying me and sending me into a safe place with good food, shelter and nice people." It is such a joy to know that Haslett Community Church members help to make the "good food" of this safe haven a reality. Each month the volunteer "duty" chart is always filled out with members happy to cook a dish for the meal we provide each third Monday of the month. I would just like to take a moment and say "Thank you" to all the wonderful cooks of HCC for their kindness and generosity!



During the months of July and August we have had different organizations, groups, or families offer to provide the meal. If you are a member of an organization or club that would like to prepare the meal for approximately fifteen people and maybe even deliver it, please contact: Paula Fry 517-881-4925.

**Christmas Giving Project  
Food Coordinator Needed**

**V**olunteer needed to coordinate the food for the Christmas Giving Project with the help of the Food Bank Coordinator. This job will start in October. It will involve keeping an inventory of the food brought in from the Mid-Michigan Food Bank (Red Cross) and stored for Christmas families. In December a packing list of all the nonperishable food will need to be developed for packing night. This person will oversee set up of packing night and be present for packing night.

Last year we provided 83 families food as part of the Christmas Giving Project. There were also 44 families served in the food bank during December who were not part of the program. For this reason additional help is needed and welcomed. There will be lifting involved. If you are interested please give Betsy McLernon a call at 655-5994.



## Sequoias

REACHING TO THE HEAVENS  
SHADING THE FOREST FLOOR  
MONARCHS OF THE WOODS  
ATTEST TO DAYS OF YORE

GIANTS AMONG THE EARTH'S TREES  
STRETCH ENDLESSLY TO THE SKY  
PROVIDING RARE BEAUTY  
FOR THE MORTAL EYE

STANDING SILENT AS LIGHT  
TOO QUIET TO BE ALIVE  
PILLARS OF GOODNESS  
STRIVING TO SURVIVE

IN THE GROVE OF GRANDEUR  
LAY YOUR BURDENS ASIDE  
BE GLAD IN THIS CATHEDRAL PRESENCE  
WHERE GOD AND NATURE ABIDE

SPEAK IN A WHISPER  
AND TALK SOFTLY  
YOU ARE AMONG GREATNESS  
WOULDN'T DO TO BE LOFTY

A NATIVE CALIFORNIAN  
CLINGING TO ROCK AND SAND  
UNDER THE SUN FOR MILLENNIA  
BEFORE COLOMBUS SIGHTED LAND

COMES A BIG WIND  
THE GIANT COULD FALL  
TO LIE IN THE FERNS  
NOURISHMENT FOR ALL

STEADFAST THROUGH THE AGES  
THE TIME HAD COME TO GO  
FROM REACHING FOR THE CLOUDS  
TO JOURNEYS END BELOW

By Barry Sedgwick

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and exploitation, she looks beyond the notoriety to show us women of exceptional boldness, courage, determination, and independence.

***The Power of Forgiveness*** DVD-based course, directed by Martin Doblmeier

This DVD and companion book explore recent research into the psychological and physical effects of forgiveness on individuals and within relationships under a wide variety of conditions and translates it into a popular, accessible documentary film for national public television. This includes feature stories on the Amish, the 9/11 tragedy and peace-building in Northern Ireland, along with interviews with renowned Buddhist teacher Thich Nhat Hanh, Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel, best-selling authors Thomas Moore and Marianne Williamson and others. The film also explores the role forgiveness holds in various faiths traditions.

***Eclipsing Empire*** DVD-based course

Join preeminent New Testament scholars Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan on location in Turkey as they trace the Apostle Paul's footsteps throughout the Roman Empire. This DVD and web-based study explores fresh insights into Paul's message of the Kingdom of God, its challenge to Roman imperial theology, and the apostle's radical relevance for today. Filmed across Turkey, Greece, and Italy with a Participant Guide written by John Dominic Crossan.

***Religion and Science: Pathways to Truth*** DVD-based course

Must we reject belief in God to accept the findings of science? Join a group of world experts as they consider how religion and science might coexist and even complement one another in the 21st Century.

***The Shack*** by William P. Young

In a world where religion seems to grow irrelevant, *The Shack* wrestles with the timeless question "Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain?"

***Books*** by John C. Maxwell

John Maxwell is an expert on leadership and teamwork. His ideas are based on Christian principles.

***Parenting discussions*** – led by Kurt Kirchoff

Discuss issues of importance to parents as they try to raise their children in a Christian environment.

***Rebuilding Relationships discussions*** – led by Kurt Kirchoff

Discussions based on the Sermon on the Mount, involving our relationships with others.

Dear HCC Friends,

I would like to thank HCC for the many condolence cards and wonderful meal provided by Member Caring after my mother's funeral. The church family is alive and strong and there for us when we need it the most. Thank you to Kurt and Barbara for our mother's service.

I have to honest and confess that I have taken for granted in the past- love and caring. It is something that I more fully understand after the death of my mother. I have sent cards to family and friends in the past but I understand how much more this means as HCC reached out to my family.

Several thoughts come to mind when I think about my mother. She was a very strong person and determined to live her life as she wanted it. No matter what the doctors or family said, she was determined right until the end to have her life end at home with family present. And she did.

Again, from the bottom of my heart, thank you church family, we are blessed by God's love.

Barb Szkotnicki



Many thanks to David and Regula Arnosti as well as Sally Adducci for providing lunch for twenty-five volunteers on April 25<sup>th</sup> for the Rebuilding Together Ingham County project. They helped make the day a lot more enjoyable and contributed to the successful completion of the repairs at the assigned house.

This was one of twenty-three homes that were worked on this year in the Lansing area, out of approximately 4,000 nationwide. We repair homes for low income senior citizens and the disabled. Our vision is a safe and healthy home for every person. Our mission is to bring volunteers and communities together to improve homes and lives of low-income homeowners. We are always on the lookout for people who may need assistance but are not aware of our organization.

Jan Bernard  
Board member, Rebuilding Together  
Ingham County

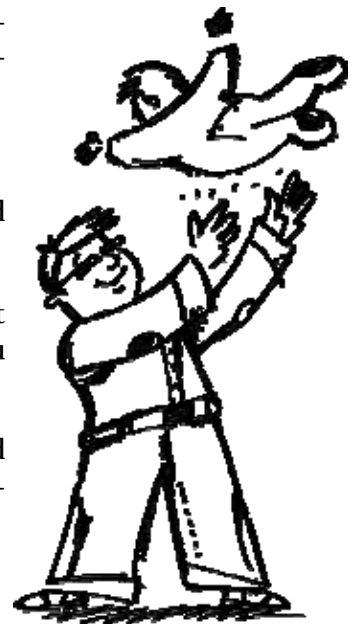
## Hooray for Fathers

A Houston newspaper asked readers to send in thoughts about their fathers. Letters flooded in, and what people wrote about their fathers is most inspiring.

A few comments:

- Dad was always there for me. He sacrificed to make sure that we had what we needed.
- When disappointment came my way, Dad said, "Son, real life ain't about getting what you want but more about doing something with what you get."
- My dad was disabled, but he worked hard to make sure we children had a good education and lived moral lives. He would say, "I want you to succeed more than I did."
- My dad wanted us to be Christians and took us regularly to church.

What would you write about your father?



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## Worship for June 2009

Sermon titles and Scripture readings include:

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**Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:25 am**  
"We Keep On Singing"  
A Sermon Sung by Our Adult Choir  
Psalm 93 & II Chronicles 5:11-14

**Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:25 am**  
Outdoor Worship  
"Like a Weaned Child"  
Psalm 131 & Matthew 19:13-15

**Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:25 am**  
"That They May Be One"  
Ephesians 4:1-6 & John 17:20-24

**Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:25 am**  
"The Face of Love"  
Psalm 138:1-6 & II Corinthians 4:1-7

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