



# HCC Connections

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## Outdoor Worship at Lake Lansing Park North

**O**utdoor Worship will take place on **Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**, at Lake Lansing Park North, Main Pavilion. We have the

wonderful opportunity to worship God in a lovely natural setting. A light breakfast will be served at 8:45 AM and the service will begin at 9:30 AM at which time we'll also commission this year's youth mission trippers. 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.

*Dear Church Friends,*

*We were humbled and honored to be recognized by you. Thank you so much for the church picture which will remind us always of the 28 years you've been a part of our lives. Singing in the choir has been an important part of my participation, and Chip and I will truly enjoy selecting a special plant for our northern Michigan yard, thanks to the choir members' generosity.*



*Our move to Petoskey is bittersweet. We hate saying 'good-bye' to our friends, activities, and the Haslett community after living here 38 years. Yet we look forward to a simpler life AND being closer to our son and his family. We know it will be hard to find a church that's as warm and welcoming as Haslett Community Church, but we're hopeful of finding a good fit.*

*We are in the phone book so please give us a call if you come to northern Michigan. We'd love to see you.*

*Thank you so much for the recognition but, more importantly, for being our church family all these years.*

*Fondly, Chip and Jean Frentz*



## Pastor's Corner

### Turning to God Conflict

*(Twenty-sixth in a series on connecting with God in the ordinary)*

Recently I attended the Annual Meeting of our Michigan Conference of the United Church of Christ. Plenary sessions at those meetings often begin with a "Speak Out" time during which anyone who wishes is given one minute to speak to the whole assembly on whatever topic they choose. Frequently, "Speak Out" speakers inform the rest of us of future events in the life of the wider church to which we're all invited.

This year, one of the Speak Out folks began by saying: "Wherever two or three are gathered together . . . there will be conflict." In concluding her invitation to an upcoming workshop on conflict mediation and resolution, she then recalled Jesus' words, "Wherever two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20)

She reminded us as Christians that whenever we're in conflict Jesus still is with us. He's there in our midst, praying for us as he does in John 17, to be one just as he and the Father are one (verse 22). He's there calling us to let our experience of conflict connect us more deeply with the Triune God, with the Father, Son, and

Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all, with the Blessed Trinity whom we especially celebrate on Trinity Sunday (May 30th of this year).

Conflict is unquestionably a part of our everyday experience. I think the saying "Wherever two or three are gathered together there will be conflict" isn't far from being absolutely true. It's certainly true often enough in our families, friendships, and wider communities, including within our churches. And, sadly, the ways that we are in our conflicts frequently distances us from God rather than brings us closer.

This is because we so often choose to fight over our issues rather than work through them together. We also too often fight over them "dirty" rather than fair. Shouting, name-calling, threatening violence, stereotyping falsely, deliberately misrepresenting others' views, refusing to listen seriously or respectfully to them, boiling down difficult, many-sided issues into pitched battles of either-or, black-or-white, good-versus-evil, aiming to score points against an opponent instead of striving to gain mutual understanding with a fellow human being, with a fellow sister or brother in Christ- these are among the many ways that we commonly fight dirty.

Yet in the midst of our conflicts Jesus' prayer that we be one keeps ringing out. He's with us praying and calling us to be one in the way that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are one. Their life together in the Trinity is one of perfectly mutual submission. It's one in which each member is equally

devoted to the others, each distinct and separate in their own being and will, yet each completely united with the others in a totally selfless and gracious circle of love.

This same loving unity-in-the-midst-of-diversity is what Jesus prays for us to know in our life together. He wants for us in the midst of our various personalities, interests, and backgrounds, in the midst of our different ideas, beliefs, and convictions, and in the midst of the distinct centers of thought, feeling, and will that we all are, to know the same mutually submissive, joyful, and delighted unity in love that is the life of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all.

How, more specifically, can we strive towards this unity when we're in conflict? In his letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul gives us some of the best wisdom for this. He says that in making "every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" we need "with all humility and gentleness, (and) with patience, (to bear) with one another in love" (4:2-3). This means we refrain from shouting, name-calling, threatening violence, stereotyping falsely, deliberately misrepresenting others' views, refusing to listen seriously or respectfully to them, boiling down difficult and many-sided issues to pitched battles of either-or, black-or-white, good-versus-evil, aiming to score points against an opponent rather than striving to gain genuine and mutual understanding with a fellow hu-

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## YOUTH News & Events

**A**s I write this the mission trip to Chicago is some 32 days, 20 hours, 39 minutes and 30... 29... 28 seconds away! ("Yay!" & "yikes!")

In preparation for the trip I've been doing some reading and one of the questions that I've been pondering is the difference between service and justice. Are we called to reach out & serve others, (and in so doing we reflect God's love to the people we serve)? YES! I believe completely that we're called to **do more than just serve**. I believe the greater call is for us to help seek justice as well.

### **Micah 6:8**

"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but **to do justice**, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God."

To "do justice"- what do you think that means? There isn't really a verb that means "to do justice," is there- "to just"? Perhaps that's why it seems as if it's too big a task- we don't have the language for it. But we have to live it out as if it is a verb- we have to do justice!

I heard a story about a man who asked his friend why there is poverty, war and suffering in the world, and "how could God allow this to happen?" His friend encourages the man to ask God

directly. The questioning man shakes his head and says he's scared, "I'm scared that God will ask me the same question."

How do we, as Christ's hands and feet in the world, allow injustices to happen? How can we, as Christ's hands and feet help to change the injustices that litter and threaten our world. We can do this and we have been shown how to do this. It begins with a verb we already know, "to love."

Shane Claiborne is a person seeking to fight injustice with love. He started a community in Philly called "The Simple Way." When asked about the extremes he's gone to in fighting injustice he says very simply, "we've just fallen in love with God and our neighbors, and that's what transforms." God's love is the transforming power we need to do justice.

So in the next month, as we prepare for Chicago, pray that God will ready your heart and arm you with the love you need to do justice.

### **Cone Zone Wednesdays**

This summer let's set Wednesday as our day to meet at Cone Zone.

Whoever can make it- just walk, drive, bike to Cone Zone. We'll meet there at 2pm, get some ice cream then walk over to the park for some summer fun.

Bring money and whatever you want for fun at the park!



### **Mission Trip Meetings:**

\* **June 1st: Parent Meeting @ 7pm.** Lots of information and forms will be given out. Please bring any outstanding payments, as well as health insurance card(s) to be copied.

\* **June 13th: 11am - 1pm.**

\* **June 14th: 5:30-7pm.**

\* **June 15th: noon- 2pm.**

\* **June 16th: 6-8pm**

\* **June 19th: Pop 'N Dog 4pm -7pm.** Youth need to be there by 3pm to help with set up and we'll meet very briefly afterwards. We will be done by 8:30pm at the latest.

\* **June 20th: We depart from Lake Lansing Park North.**

Please come to as many meetings as you are able. These are important times for us to gather, connect and prepare for our trip.

### **Senior Sunday is June 13th!**

During our morning worship we will recognize the seniors in our church family. We invite you to join us for this very special service.

### **A Prayer for the Graduates:**

God, there is a low rumble here. Like a drum roll. Like thunder. Like a fuse. There is a sense something big is just on the horizon. Dance in the hearts, minds and souls of these graduates, ever-creating God, as they mark this ending and race forward into new beginnings. Let this graduation, this symphony, this storm, this explosion, be heard in heaven. Amen.

*Prayer from "The Book of Uncommon Prayer 2" by Steven Case.*



## Commendations

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

- **Maria Cowan** for driving the middle schoolers bowling.
- **Ruth Linnemann & Diane Cummins-Freund** for driving the middle and high schoolers to Winter Jam in Ypsilanti.
- **Stefanie Zin, Barb Decker, Katie Riley, Kelly Hammerle, Sally Heisler, Heather Doran, Brenda Lemanski & Kaye Gardner** for teaching Sunday School in April and May.
- **The Dudasiks & Peggy Johnson** for volunteering in the nursery in April.
- **Zeb Fedewa, Henry Tuffs, Katie Flagg, Isaac Zin, Claire Cowan, Jordan Warner, Lexi Kelley, Gabriella Fedewa & Sophie Kirchoff** for helping with the children's Easter morning celebration.
- **Sam Hiller** for coming and leading the dodge-ball event for the high school youth group.
- **The Dixons** for leading middle school youth group on April 25<sup>th</sup>.
- **The Deckers, The Rileys & The Dixons** for "hiring" mission trippers during "Rent-A-Youth Day". Thanks also to **Kathy**

**Campbell** for organizing the day and to **Kathy, Sally Heisler, & Devin Mongrain** for driving and working with the youth.

- To all the leaders of the Spiritual Life activities for the past year: **Don Ricks, Kim Huston, Joyce Bischoff, Jim Linnemann, Joey Huston, Dave Arnosti, Larry Leefers,** and **Kurt Kirchoff.**
- **Lisa Swan** for the great photographs she took which will go into our new Photo Directory.

### FATHER'S DAY THOUGHT

An unknown father who began to consider the example he should set for his children penned the following poem:

A careful man I ought to be;  
A little fellow follows me;  
I do not dare to go astray  
For fear he'll go the self-same way.

I cannot once escape his eyes;  
Whate'er he sees me do, he tries —  
Like me, he says, he's going to be,  
The little chap who follows me.

He thinks that I am good and fine,  
Believes in every word of mine:  
The base in me he must not see,  
The little chap who follows me.

I must remember as I go,  
Through summer's sun and winter's snow,  
I'm building for the years to be,  
For a little fellow follows me.



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

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Is Your  
**Pledge**  
Up to Date?

**T**his year we need \$4660 each week to remain current in our pledged giving receipts. As of the end of April, we're \$1897 **ahead** in the amount of those gifts we've received. We're very grateful for all those who are doing such a great job of keeping their pledges up-to-date. It's a huge help to our cash flow, especially as we head into the summer months. We encourage everyone to keep our giving flowing in these days ahead, since summer is a time in which our giving traditionally slumps with people away on vacations. A big thanks again to all whose giving makes possible the ministry of our church!

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man being, with a fellow sister or brother in Christ.

On the positive side, it means that we work carefully and sympathetically with those with whom we disagree or are in conflict to understand their point of view from the inside out and in its strongest form, to recognize the truth in their view that we may be inclined to miss or downplay, to represent it truthfully and fairly to others, and to seek with everyone to honestly identify and wrestle with the many complications, difficulties, and ambiguities that can make so many of the important issues that arise between us so hard to figure out.

None of this can guarantee, of course, that in the end all of our conflicts will be worked through smoothly and easily. It can't guarantee that there won't be times, and probably many times, when the best we'll be able to do is honorably agree to disagree. But in doing that,

we'll keep foremost in our hearts and minds the unity-in-the midst-of-diversity that is Jesus' prayer for us. We'll keep remembering that this unity is ours as fellow children of God who are made in the image of the holy Three-in-One. And we'll keep remembering and rejoicing in the fact that no matter where any of us come down on any issue that's in dispute among us, all of us, as fellow travelers on the way to the final coming of God's kingdom, will remain purely and completely dependent upon God's amazing grace and mercy.

This means that none of us will always be able to get what we want or to have our own way. But it means that we will connect more deeply with God because in the midst of our conflicts we'll open up more and more to having things God's way.

On the way with you,




**Donation Opportunity**

**DONATE STOCK TO HCC AND SAVE BIG ON YOUR TAXES!**

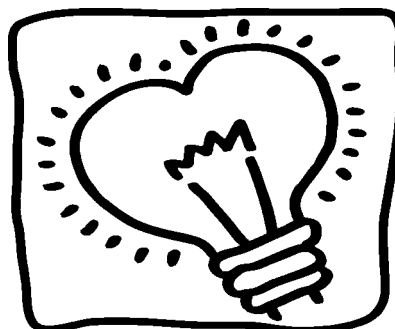
Do you invest in the stock market? If you bought stocks in certain companies while the market was way down in late 2008 and early 2009, for example, you may now be looking at paying Uncle Sam big capital gains taxes when you sell those stocks. But did you know that you can donate stock to Haslett Community Church to cover part or all of your annual pledge, and not have to pay capital gains taxes on that stock at all? In fact, you will also be able to deduct the full current value at the time of the donation of the stock on your income taxes, as well, saving even more on your tax bill. The only IRS requirement is that you must own the stock for at least one year before donating the stock, in order to qualify for this tax advantage.

If you would like to know more, please contact Bob Heisler, Financial Stewardship Chair, at 339-0194, or Paul White, Co-Financial Secretary, at 339-2837. Or go online and read a great article about the advantages of donating stock at The Motley Fool [www.fool.com/FoolCharityFund/DonatingStock.htm](http://www.fool.com/FoolCharityFund/DonatingStock.htm)

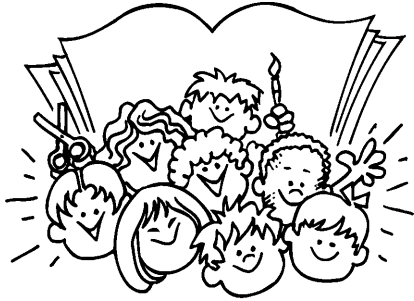
**Social News**

**Looking ahead:**

- **Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>** at **7:05 pm** - Lugnuts Baseball Game
- **Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>** - Potluck Picnic Day - **right after church!!**
- **August 6-8<sup>th</sup>** - HCC camping weekend
- **Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>** - Annual Chicken BBQ at noon.



**SERVE  
GOD  
GLADLY**



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Grow in Faith. Have Fun. Change the World.

This summer in Sunday School we are going to be focusing on the Parable of the Sower:

"Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water's edge. He taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said: "Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, multiplying thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times." Then Jesus said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." (Mark 4: 1-9)

Jesus told parables to teach about God's loving reign and to turn people's hearts toward God. Parables are simple stories that often have a surprising twist. Jesus often spoke of farming because it was a common practice of his listeners. And farming is still a good image for exploring how God's Word grows in the world. We share in proclaiming God's Word, but we can't control who hears it

or how the Word works in those who hear it. It may also work in us in ways we don't expect.

It's important for us to listen to Jesus' stories because that's how God's love, the gospel is planted in us. When God's love takes root and grows up within us we have more than enough love to face hard challenges and share with others, including God's creation.

### Dates for Summer Sunday School:

June 6<sup>th</sup> ~ "Planting Seeds"

June 13<sup>th</sup> ~ "Planting Seeds"

June 27<sup>th</sup> ~ "Taking Root"

July 11<sup>th</sup> ~ "Taking Root"

July 18<sup>th</sup> ~ "Growing"

July 25<sup>th</sup> ~ "Growing"

August 1<sup>st</sup> ~ "Challenges"

August 15<sup>th</sup> ~ "Challenges"

August 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ "Living Together"

August 29<sup>th</sup> ~ "Living Together"

### No Sunday School on:

June 20<sup>th</sup> (Outdoor Worship)

July 4<sup>th</sup>

August 8<sup>th</sup> (Camping Weekend)



As part of our Sunday School program we will be planting a **Pizza Garden!**

*Sadly, this is not a garden that grows pizza, but rather we will be planting ingredients that we can use as pizza toppings, like tomatoes, peppers, & onions.*

At the end of the summer we will have a **Pizza Party** to celebrate!

**Mark your calendars: August 29<sup>th</sup> will be Pizza Party & movie night!**

**We need teachers ~ sign up outside the sanctuary!!**

**Watch for a Sunday School "wish list" in our worship bulletins!**

## *Spiritual Life*

### **Opportunities for Adults**

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.

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.

### **Programs This Past Year**

**Bible Study:** The Book of Acts was used for these sessions, meeting after worship. The group will resume meeting in the fall, using the book of Romans and following the life of Paul as the basis of their discussion. Kim Huston is the organizer of the group and she can be contacted at [kimahuston@gmail.com](mailto:kimahuston@gmail.com) or 339-2610 (before 3:00pm or after 7:00pm).

**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 once again 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 spiri-

tual 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 the 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. The movie, which is about 90 minutes long, for our second time on **Sunday, June 6**, after worship. A discussion will take place after worship the following **Sunday, June 13**. See the display on the Spiritual Life bulletin board for more information. Questions can be addressed to the facilitator of the group, Joyce Bischoff, 339-9935.

### **Sermon Discussion**

Continuing on **Sunday, June 27**, Kurt Kirchoff will lead a discussion of the previous weeks' sermons. This once-a-month discussion will occur in the Sanctuary after worship. Questions can be addressed to Kurt at 339-8383.

### **Spiritual Development: Practicing our Faith**

This group is deciding how to precede – when to meet and what to discuss. Watch the Sunday announcements for more information. Questions can be addressed to Becky Leefers at 337-0560.

### **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 **Friday, June 4**, PeaceCircle has been invited to visit Shaarey Zedek, one of the local Jewish synagogues. We will meet at the synagogue, 1924 Coolidge Rd., East Lansing, at 7:00pm. Rabbi Amy Bigman will meet with the group and worship will begin at 8:00pm. Please contact Joyce Bischoff at 339-9935 or Becky Leefers at 337-0560 with any questions.

### **Men's Group**

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

### **Next Fall**

As usual, the Spiritual Life committee is looking for ideas of activities, discussion groups or topics that will encourage the congregation on their spiritual journeys. Please contact Becky Leefers (337-0560) or any of the Spiritual Life Committee members with any suggestions for next fall.



*We welcome the following new members who joined our church on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.*

**STEVE and MARY SHELTON**

Steve and Mary have lived in this area most of their adult lives. Steve has two grown daughters, Lea and Jessica, who live in East Lansing. Together, Mary and Steve have a daughter, Abby, who is in first grade. Steve has just retired from working in the public school system as a social worker but is continuing to work in private therapy practice. Mary is retired from K-12 teaching and works now as a professor of education at Grand Valley State University. Mary's interests include reading, writing, gardening, and playing with Abby. Steve loves acting, both in film and on stage. They're mutually passionate about children's welfare and rights, children's literature, and animals. They like the idea of belonging to a church that's in the same community as their neighbors' and Abby's schoolmates'. They're drawn, too, to the UCC's and HCC's devotion to inclusive peace and justice. They also love the UCC's embrace of God's COMMA and HCC's commitment to beautiful music and visual arts.

**MARIA COWAN**

Maria and her daughter, Claire (a 6th grader) have recently moved back to this area after living in North Carolina since 1987. Maria works as a legal assistant and away from work loves to play tennis, be outdoors, and ride bike with her daughter. She's been looking for a smaller, close-knit community and this church seems to fit right into the plan. She's hoping to meet more of us and be active with us through smaller group connections, perhaps especially in study groups. Claire has already been involved with our youth group and has had a great experience, feeling very welcomed right from the start!

**JACK LENNEMANN and NIKKI CORR**

Nikki has two children, Alex, who is in 9th grade, and Ashley, who is in 6th grade. She works as an employability skills trainer and when not on the job enjoys tennis, volunteering, reading, camping, cooking, and spending time with family and friends. Jack has lived in this area his whole life and has two grown children, Jillaine and John. He works as a sprinkler fitter and as a basketball official and counts stained-glass work and cooking among his hobbies. He also likes helping out people out whatever the need. Nikki and Jack were attracted to HCC because of the open and welcoming fellowship that they've felt here. They recently became engaged and are planning an October wedding at which Pastor Kurt will officiate.



Our newest members- L to R: Jack Lennemann, Nikki Core, Maria Cowan, Steve and Mary Shelton

***Loaves & Fishes Ministries*** provides emergency short-term housing and advocacy service for homeless men, women, and children. Haslett Community Church members help to provide food for this safe haven. We supply the evening meal ***each third Monday*** of the month. A main dish, hot vegetable, salad, and dessert are made, usually by different individuals at their homes, and then gathered together and delivered to the shelter by another volunteer.



If you would like to prepare a part of one meal, please sign up on the chart across from our church office in the Friendship Hall. If you are a member of an organization that would like to prepare the complete meal please consider signing up. The meal will serve approximately 15 people.

If you have questions please call Paula Fry at 517-881-4925.

## CULVER'S NIGHT OUT BENEFITS FOOD BANK

... for I was hungry and you gave me food....Matt. 25:35

Invite your family, friends and neighbors to Culver's at 5140 Times Square Place in Okemos and make a donation to our Haslett Community Food Pantry. Culver's offers "benefit nights" where they donate 10% of sales from 4 pm to closing to a requesting charity. Via the Mission Outreach committee, we have requested that **the third Monday of each month benefit Haslett Community Food Pantry**. So, bring a gaggle of hungry people to Culver's on the third Monday of each month and "feed the hungry". That's . Better yet, put it on your calendar right now! Here are the dates: **6/21, 7/19, 8/16, 9/20, 10/18, 11/15, 12/20**.

Everyone enjoys a night out now and then. This way you can not only support our food bank but support a business that wants to give back to the community. Hope to see you Monday, June 21st, at Culver's. That's the **THIRD Monday of each month**. See you there!

### Summer Food Bank Needs

- Cream of Mushroom soup
- Pancake mix
- Pancake syrup
- Taco kits
- Canned fruit
- Spaghetti sauce
- Diced tomatoes
- Mayo/salad dressing
- Paper bags

Thank You!

## FOOD BANK NEWS



### Congratulations

to Sylvia Davis, 2010 Meridian Township Outstanding Senior Volunteer. Sylvia was nominated for her years of service to the Haslett Food Bank, Christmas Giving Project and Meridian Golfest. She was our food bank liaison with the Meridian High School, helping teen parents with food, winter coats and an annual Thanksgiving dinner. Many hours were spent each year interviewing the students for our Christmas Giving project and acquiring gifts. Sylvia has also spent countless hours each year working on the Meridian Township Golfest which is the main fundraiser for the Meridian Township emergency fund for families. At HCC we know Sylvia as one of our church family who is always ready to quietly step up and serve.

Welcome Judy Standley. Judy has started volunteering to serve families on an as needed basis. She is a retired teacher and school counselor.

A special thank you to Pat McCuaig who is once again helping write thank you notes to food bank donors.

## Host Families Still Needed

Pastor Craig Dumont and his wife, Kathy, from Christ Church of East Lansing have let us know about high school exchange students from Europe and China who will be coming to our area for the 2010-11 school year and who still are in need of host families. If you're interested in the possibility of serving as such a family, contact Pastor Kurt for more information. The aim is to place each student with a host family by the end of this school year, so that there will be plenty of time during the summer to make preparations for their arrivals in the fall.

## A Reminder

Many 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.

## Open Door Ministry Opportunities

**O**ur fellow church member, Rich Baumgartner, is on the board of the Open Door Ministry in downtown Lansing. Open Door works every Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4pm at the Central United Methodist Church, 215 N. Capitol Avenue, to serve the homeless and working poor in its neighborhood. Rich has informed us that Open Door would welcome the volunteer efforts of anyone from our church who might be interested in serving as a "Minister of Presence" (morning or afternoon shifts are available) or in helping out with the lunchtime meal that's served every Thursday from 11:30-12:30. If you'd like more information, contact Rich (339-0438) or Pastor Kurt or check out the Open Door website at [opendoor-lansing.org](http://opendoor-lansing.org).

## Help Spread "The Language of God"

**A**pril's newsletter included information about the April 16<sup>th</sup> release of a new advertisement for our United Church of Christ. Entitled "The Language of God", it's still available on the UCC website at [ucc.org](http://ucc.org). Check it out and help the ad go viral by sending it on through Facebook, YouTube, MySpace, Twitter or whatever other social media you use. Take advantage of this fresh opportunity to spread the good word about "The Language of God"!

# A Special THANK YOU

## ANOTHER LETTER TO ALL OF US

The following letter was shared in worship on May 16<sup>th</sup> during our Prayers of the People time, but since it was addressed to our whole church, we want to share it here, too.

*Thank you so much for your prayers and loving compassion you gave me two years ago in June of 2008 when my nephew, Michael, asked for prayers for my best friend and sister from God for her stage 4 cancer. Well, because of your prayers and all other prayers, God responded with a miracle. Within 5½ months my friend's stage 4 cancer that had spread to her liver was down to zero. Your prayers and other prayers to God made this happen.*

*Her doctor would not believe this, so they left her port in until this year on Earth Day, 2010. She has been cancer free since October of 2008 after having been diagnosed with it and operated on for it in May of 2008. I thank you all so very much for all your prayers, and also for being there for Michael and his family. You all are very special to me. I feel I know you for a lifetime. Please let me know if you need prayers for anyone because it's "the Power of Prayer" that works.*

*Love & God's blessings to all,  
Maggie Mahon*



## Members in Ministry

*The following tasks need volunteers for this month. Can you help fill in the blanks?*

### June 6th

READER: Carol Reid  
USHERS:  
GREETERS:  
COFFEE HOSTS:

### June 13th

READER: Senior Sunday  
USHERS:  
GREETERS:  
COFFEE HOSTS: Youth Ministry

### June 20th

READER: Cheryl Edwards  
USHERS:  
GREETERS: Outdoor Worship  
COFFEE HOSTS:

### June 27th

READER: Bill Burrus  
USHERS:  
GREETERS: Nancy White  
COFFEE HOSTS: Nancy & Paul White



## Haslett Community Church June 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7 PM Mission Trip Parent Meeting	2 7 PM Last Adult Choir	3 7 PM Haslett Women's Club	4	5
6 <b>CHOIR SUNDAY</b> 9:25 AM Worship and Church School; nursery care provided	7	8 7:15 PM Church Council	9 7 PM Spiritual Life Meeting	10	11	12
13 <b>SENIOR SUNDAY</b> 9:25 AM Worship and Church School; nursery care provided 10:45 AM – Member Caring 11-1 PM – Mission Trip Mtg	14 5:30-7 PM Mission Trip Mtg 7 PM Mission Outreach Meeting 7 PM Youth Ministry	15 8:00 AM Newsletter deadline  12-2:00 PM Mission Trip Mtg	16 6-8:00 PM Mission Trip Mtg	17	18	19 4:00-7:00 PM Pop N'Dog
20 <b>OUTDOOR WORSHIP</b> 9:25 AM Worship 10:45 PM – Spiritual Development 3:00 PM – Inquirer's Meeting  <b>MISSION TRIP →</b>	21 4 PM - closing CULVER's Food Bank Night	22 5:30 PM Wisdom Heart	23	24	25	26
27 9:25 AM Worship and Church School; nursery care provided 10:45 AM – Sermon Discussion	28	29 5:30 PM Wisdom Heart	30			

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## Worship for June 2010

Sermon titles and Scripture readings include:

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**Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:25 am**  
"Sing That Song"

A Sermon Sung by our Adult Choir  
Psalm 96:1-6 & Ephesians 1:3-14

**Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:25 am**  
High School Senior Sunday

**Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:25 am**  
Outdoor Worship

"Grumbling About Grace"  
Psalm 34:1-8 & Luke 7:36-50

**Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:25 am**  
"In the Silence"

Psalm 42:1-5a & 1Kings 19:1-19

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