

## Haslett Community Church



# HCC Connections

...to inspire people with love for truth, passion for righteousness, and enthusiasm for service.

October 2011



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## CROP Hunger Walk 2011 - October 9<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm



In his book "God Has a Dream," Desmond Tutu wrote "Dear Child of God, before we can become God's partners, we must know what God wants for us. 'I have a dream,' God says. 'Please help Me to realize it. It is a dream of a world whose ugliness and squalor and poverty, its war and hostility, its greed and harsh competitiveness, its alienation and disharmony are changed into their glorious counterparts, when there will be more laughter, joy and peace, where there will be justice and goodness and compassion and love and caring and sharing.'"

The CROP Hunger Walk is an opportunity to enjoy the "glorious counterparts"-caring and sharing, love and laughter. CROP stands for "Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty."

Members and friends of the Haslett Community Church have been responding as a community for a long time to the effects of poverty by caring for others and sharing their talents and money with the Food Bank, mission trips and many other needy causes. We are consistently among the leaders in the Lansing area for the CROP Hunger Walk.

We hope to have a great group of walkers again for the 10K walk (6 miles)-an enjoyable time. For those who choose, rocking chairs are available...so you can rock while we walk. If rocking and walking is not your thing, be a "pledger." Haslett Community Church has pledged and given over \$10,000 in each of the past two years. Last year, we contributed more than any other church in the Lansing area and tied for the most walkers at 34. Amazing! Let's do this again!!

Twenty-five percent of the funds collected are distributed locally, including some to the Haslett Community Food Bank, Advent House and Volunteers of America. The main beneficiaries of these Church World Service efforts, however, are people around the world. The money raised is used to provide food, medical care, disaster relief, and self-help development efforts for people throughout the globe.

Suzy Merchant is the Honorary Chairperson this year. Join Suzy, join us. You can pick up a pledge envelope to become a walker or pledge your support to other walkers by coming to the CROP Walk table in Friendship Hall on a Sunday morning or by stopping by or giving a call (339-8383) to the church office. Thanks for your support!

Larry Leefers

# Pastor's Corner

Our Church Council is in the process of deciding the recipient of the gift we'll soon give as the culmination of this past summer's Love Servolution project. My thanks to those who have suggested possible recipients of that gift and to everyone who took part in the project in any way- whether by reporting heart points, filling out heart hands, buying and wearing a Love Servolution t-shirt, or simply going about quietly doing the deeds the project was meant to inspire. You'll remember it was designed to keep us perking with ideas for specific, practical, and daily acts of love that we can do as committed members of Jesus' love revolution. That's the explicit theme our Council will continue to help us pursue in the days ahead. It's also the theme I continue to invite you to pursue with me in this Pastor's Corner column throughout this year. Keep passing on to me your own love revolution or servolution ideas or stories and I'll pass them on to everyone else in this space for our mutual inspiration.

Mary Nelson gives us this one. It's the story of a young woman in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania named Laura Miller who has turned one act of random kindness into a movement that's stretching around the world. She started very simply.

She says, "My friend, Tobi, told me, 'If you really want to do something for my birthday, go out and do a random act of kindness in my name.' (She) suggested I call myself Secret Agent L."

Laura decided not only to assume the identity of Secret Agent L, but to create as well a blog (secretagentl.com) and Twitter feed (@secretagentL) on which she could document the gift she would leave. She designed a business card to tuck into the gift to explain her mission.

Her 'gift' to Tobi ended up being a bunch of hydrangea flowers she placed on the windshield of a stranger's car in July of 2009. She took a picture of the bunch before leaving and sent it to Tobi with a little write-up. She enjoyed the feeling of unconditional kindness that came in doing this and continued with small, similar gestures. She left quarters at the laundromat or a \$5 Panera gift card on a park bench. Each time she took a picture and put it up on her blog.

Suddenly, people started e-mailing her to ask how they could become 'affiliate' agents. She e-mailed everyone back with a PDF of the business card so they could print it out and leave it behind with their 'gift'. After a year, Laura decided to reveal her identity at a party in Pittsburgh that was attended by 200 people. The icing on the party cake came a week later when CNN called to interview her about her Secret Agent L project.

The day the CNN interview aired, she received more than

1000 e-mails- from people interested in becoming affiliate agents to other media outlets, including Reader's Digest and Fox News. She now has more than 2000 affiliate agents performing random acts of kindness on five continents and in nine countries, including England, Japan, and Australia.

She invites anyone to affiliate with her as an Agent or to kick off with their own acts of kindness. Either way, she assures that the gifts given bring rewards back to the giver. She receives e-mails from her gift recipients who regularly tell her, 'You have no idea what this did for me today.'"

Onward with you in the love revolution,



## Pledged Giving Update



Here in 2011 we need \$4712 each week to remain current in our pledged giving receipts. As of the end of August we're \$9665 behind in the amount of those gifts we've received. Any effort we can make to keep our pledges current or bring them up to date, especially as we move towards the end of our fiscal year, is a major help to our church's cash flow and to the ministry that everyone's giving makes possible. Thank you!

**Children's Ministry @ HCC**

**Trying something new...**

As mentioned in the September newsletter, this year we are working to implement some new ideas and suggestions brought about by the discussion during our Children's Ministry Consultant's visit last spring. One thing we realized is that there is a gap between what happens upstairs on Sunday mornings and what happens downstairs. Ideas we have for bridging that gap are for children to be present in worship more and to look for opportunities to bring the lessons from Sunday School upstairs to be shared with the greater congregation.

Beginning on October 9<sup>th</sup>, each month on the first Sunday of a new unit, the children will begin upstairs in worship with their families. About 15 minutes into the service, after opening prayers, the children will be invited to come forward for a Children's Moment before heading downstairs to their Sunday School classes. These Children's Moments will introduce the new Sunday school unit not only to the children, but also to the entire congregation!

The children will end their day with a 15 minute worship service from 10:30-10:45am (which allows for parents to take the time to have a cup of coffee and connect with folks after the worship service before heading home).

Children's Moment Sundays for the rest of 2011 will be October 9<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> and December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Kingdom Makers Workshop  
2011-2012 Schedule:**

**October**

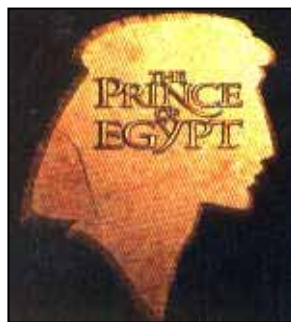
- **2<sup>nd</sup>: World Communion Sunday (children upstairs)**
- **9, 16, 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Moses continued- from Egypt through the Exodus
- **30<sup>th</sup>:** The Ten Commandments

**November**

- **6 & 13<sup>th</sup>:** Ten Commandments (cont.)
- **20<sup>th</sup>: Confirmation Sunday(children upstairs)**
- **27<sup>th</sup>: Communion (children upstairs)**

**December**

- **4 & 11<sup>th</sup>:** The Wisemen
- **18<sup>th</sup>: Advent Cantata (children upstairs)**
- **25<sup>th</sup>: Christmas! (children upstairs)**



**Family Movie Night  
Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm**

Come join us as we continue to learn about Moses and his incredible journey by watching "Prince of Egypt."



**Parent-Child Music Group**

**Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>  
10 – 11am**

Joyce Bischoff has offered to lead a unique parent-child play group that will focus on music.

Join us for this fun learning experience.

There is no cost for the group.

There is a sign-up sheet is on the table outside of the sanctuary so we know how many people to expect!



**Did you know that HCC has a library filled with books and videos just for kids?**

Are you interested in helping to bring back our children's library two Sundays a month?

**Join us on October 2<sup>nd</sup> for a brief meeting after worship!**



**Ready to get rid of some of that paper piled up on your kitchen counter?**

Fill out the 2011-2012 forms for your child(ren) and return them to church!!

At Haslett Community Church we partner with families to help children discover God's love and construct a foundation for their Christian faith.

### Youth News & Events for October

WOW! October is crazy busy for youth @ HCC! All the important info, dates, etc. that you need to know are here! Call or email Erin with any questions!

#### GRADE DINNERS:

6<sup>th</sup> grade dinner  
October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm

9<sup>th</sup> grade dinner  
October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm



#### PUMPKINS FOR SALE!

On October 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> the youth of Haslett Community Church will be selling pumpkins from 12 noon until 7pm at the church.

After church on October 16<sup>th</sup> we will have a pumpkin festival that will include a bake sale of pumpkin treats!

WE NEED YOUTH & PARENTS to help make this sale happen. From driving to Benton Harbor to pick up the pumpkins, to working the sale, to baking lots of pumpkin flavored goodies, we have a job for everyone!

Call or email Erin (517-230-8713 or erin.heisler@att.net) OR Katie Riley (517-339-6978 or kriley@eatonisd.org).



#### **SENIOR Breakfast**

October 8<sup>th</sup> 10am  
at Blondies in Haslett  
We will be voting on the destination of our 2012 Mission Trip!!



#### **Middle School trip to Uncle John's Cider Mill Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

We will leave after worship and will return to the church by 2pm. Drivers needed!

#### **High School trip to the Haunted Corn Maze Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

We will meet at the church at our usual youth group time of 7pm and will return by 9pm. It will be chilly so wear lots of warm clothes! Drivers needed!



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**Study Hours  
Mondays  
2:30-4:30pm  
(@ church)**



#### **October 9<sup>th</sup> is the CROP WALK**

After worship we will be walking, running, biking & 'blading around Lake Lansing.

Remember the high schoolers and middle schoolers are in a fierce loose-change competition. The winning group will win a lock-in at the church!

#### Mark Your Calendars!

#### **High School Winter Retreat @ SpringHill**

January 27-29<sup>th</sup>

Space is limited-

**Sign up NOW with \$25 deposit!**

#### **Middle School Winter Retreat @ SpringHill**

February 3-5<sup>th</sup>

Space is limited-

**Sign up NOW with \$25 deposit!**

**The high school Mission Trip will be June 24<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>**  
(destination revealed soon).

**The middle school Mission Trip to National Youth Event will be July 10-13<sup>th</sup>.**



Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Our movie of the month, as requested by the youth, will be:

**"Evan Almighty"**

## Social Committee News

### 15th Annual HCC Ski Trip Special Bonus This Year!!

The Social Committee wants to send out a special invitation for you to join the HCC Ski Weekend on **January 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at Treetops Resort in Gaylord**. We want to announce the trip will be offered at a BARGAIN PRICE this year! The Social Committee is, for the first time ever, able to subsidize the expense of the trip by absorbing the cost of the common gathering room (Hospitality Room), and the Saturday night pizza party, costs that are usually shared by all participants. So, there has never been a better time to join in! Remember, you do not need to ski to enjoy a beautiful weekend of fun and fellowship! Don't think about it too long, or you will miss out on a great time with your church family! The HCC Social Committee is ready for your reservation for a great weekend of fun in the snow. There will be lots of skiing (downhill and cross country)..... cards and games being played, sports watching, eating, laughing, swimming, eating, worshipping, tubing, laughing, and just having a great time being together! The dates for are **January 6<sup>th</sup> thru January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012**. The cost is \$124 per night for a Standard Room. There is an option of coming early on Thursday for a three-night stay. Ask for details if interested.

Just sign up on the Social Committee Board to reserve your room for this always fun-filled weekend. **There is a NON-**

**REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT of \$100.00 due by November 20<sup>th</sup>**. This can be made payable to Kim Carnes. We will be having an **informational meeting on November 6<sup>th</sup>** right after our worship service for more details. If you have questions before then, please contact Kim Carnes at 339-8183 or Karla Hiller at 339-8502. Plan ahead and put these dates on your calendar so you and your family don't miss out on the fun!

### Game Night for Adults Postponed until January

The Social Committee has decided to discontinue Game Night for Adults until January. The timing has not been good for most and we believe there will be more interest in the winter months as in past years. Watch for new dates in the January newsletter. It is always a good time for all!



**Month of October** - sign up for HCC ski trip on Social Committee Board

**Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> after worship** - Ski trip informational meeting

**Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at noon** - HCC Thanksgiving Dinner

**Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.** - Hanging of the

## Community Volunteer Opportunity

The new Okemos Health and Rehabilitation Center at 5211 Marsh Road continues to look for enthusiastic people who are interested in volunteering with them. The volunteer opportunities include doing one-on-one visits, participating in group activities, helping lead discussion groups, playing board games or cards with the residents, reading to them, or providing entertainment of some kind (musical, educational experiences, etc.). If you're interested, you can phone Jason at the Center at 517-319-1400. Informational brochures are also on the Community Events side of the kiosk in Friendship Hall.

## When Troubles Come

Have you noticed that things often seem to fall apart all at once? It could be a string of financial setbacks. First the refrigerator goes out, then the car won't start and then the roof starts leaking. Or maybe our relationships break down or our career unravels.

What can we do when hardships threaten to overwhelm us? Peanuts character Charlie Brown said, "I only dread one day at a time." But we can do better than that.

We can take a deep breath, cling to God's hand and keep walking, knowing that our heavenly Father is always with us.

# Commendations Are In Order

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

- **Katie Harris, Sally Heisler, Carin Mobley and Katie Riley** who helped with Teacher Round-Up! And to all those who signed up to work in the nursery, teach and sub this year!
- **Claire Cowan and Kelly Flagg** for helping us get ready for Sunday School kick-off by cleaning & organizing Thou Art and decorating the "workshop"!
- Everyone who donated school supplies and backpacks. We stuffed over 20 backpacks that were donated to children in Meridian Township!
- Everyone who brought in plastic containers that became our baby Moses in the bulrushes sculptures.
- **Brenda and Ken Heard, Sally Heisler, Tami Jackard, Wendy Johnson, Zsa and Mike Mahon** for driving the high schoolers around on their Photo Road Rally.
- **Steve Shelton** for his help and commitment to helping with the middle school youth.
- **Barb, Steve and Raechel Decker, Kelly Hammerle, Sally Heisler, Carol Reid, Betty Robinson, and Stefanie Zin** for their helping hands and loving hearts in the nursery and Kingdom Makers Workshop this September.
- Thanks to **Barbara Freeman** for September 18<sup>th</sup>'s offertory music.
- Thanks to the Rolling Requiem participants: **Judy Connelly, John Leckrone, Nancy White, Kim Huston, David White, Mary Trebilcock, Joyce Bischoff, Pat McCuaig, and Cheryl Edwards.**
- **Jack Lennemann** for taking the job of regularly changing our church sign.



*This column is left blank intentionally to protect the privacy of our members. HCC members may contact the church via email ([hcc1@att.net](mailto:hcc1@att.net)) to obtain the contents of this column.*

## Remember Our Prayer Chain

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 [pas-torkurt53@att.net](mailto:pas-torkurt53@att.net). He'll share it with the twenty others who are now in the chain who will hold you in prayer, too. Great thanks to all of our Prayer Chain folks who now include **Rich Baumgartner, Michele Booher, Cindy Brown, Kim Carnes, Maria Cowan, Georgia Davidson, Danna and Mike Dixon, Barbara Freeman, Paula Fry, the Rev. Erin Heisler, Karen Klein, Becky Leefers, Mary Nelson, Liz Newport, Carol Reid, Carolyn Swanson, Dave and Sandy Vi-etti.** Please let Kurt know if you'd also like to join in this ministry that's open to everyone.





Dears,

*I have two things I would like to share with you. First of all, I have, from time to time, tried to encourage the congregation to sing...louder, more with your hearts, less guardedly - and in the past year or so I am really starting to hear this. It is such a BEAUTIFUL sound and so "inspiring" to me as a fellow music-maker. I know you're not singing to me but the sound of you all singing with your hearts makes my spirit soar...and yours too, I'm hoping! You sound wonderful. Keep it up.*

*Secondly, I have been asked frequently over the past few years to include contemporary music more often in the church service. There are now some young people willing to help with this on guitar and drums - and hopefully vocally as well. I checked this idea out with the Church Council and received an enthusiastic response. So we will begin including some contemporary Christian songs as one of the hymns each Sunday (beginning this past Sunday, Sept 25<sup>th</sup>), and see how this resonates. This being an inclusive church, it's only fair to include some older hymns occasionally, as well. And I will work on finding those and using them. If anyone, any generation, has 1 or 2 songs/hymns they would particularly like to sing, please let me know, and I'll do my best.*

*Thank you all. I love playing music in our church.*

Barbara



**R**ehearsals have begun and most of the choir is back - some not quite through with those summer trips. We have two additional members this year, Viki Heftler singing alto and her husband David Weight singing bass. It is wonderful to have them. There is still room for more and you are very welcome to join us on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30. We have chosen a wide variety of anthems to follow the sermon series on "The Lord's Prayer", and we hope they will be meaningful to you. The Advent Cantata this year will be December 18<sup>th</sup> and the choir will present "Tapestry of Light" accompanied by a small instrumental consort. The Celtic tunes will be familiar, the Advent words also, but they are mixed together in a delightful way.



## News

### FALL FOOD BANK NEEDS

- Spaghetti Sauce
- Salad Dressings
- Mayo
- Brownie Mix
- Granola Bars
- Graham Crackers
- Family Size Mac & Cheese
- Taco Dinners
- Cream Soups
- Coffee & Tea

The **Haslett Girl Scouts** will be holding their annual Food Drive Saturday October 29 from 10am-1:00pm. Watch for flyers in your neighborhoods.

## We Need Your Help!

### Used Book Drive for Mississippi Delta Schools!

**W**e are collecting school-appropriate books in Mid-Michigan for classrooms in the Delta, **now through October 8<sup>th</sup>**. Liz's son is a 2<sup>nd</sup> year, **Teach-For-America** teacher in Mississippi. Our goal is to deliver **10,000 books** available to any TFA teachers for use by their students. We are looking for new and gently used books, in good condition, for Kindergarten - High School; fiction, non-fiction and up-to-date reference books. Please contact us to arrange for either pick-up or drop-off. If you don't have books to share, but you would like to get involved in another way, please give us a call.



Thank you! - Liz Meyers and Karen Klein  
egmeyers2@comcast.net or 517/862-6554  
kklein76@aol.com or 517/339-6439



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

### The Festival of Dedication

More than two hundred and fifty persons attended the morning service and the 3pm Service of Dedication held in our new church on October 21, 1956.

The Service of dedication was led by the Rev. Coral F. Badder, and the dedicatory sermon was preached by Dr. Harold N. Skidmore. An Anthem was sung by the Youth Choir and the dedicatory solo, "Bless This House", was sung by Mr. Fred Jappinga.

Immediately following the service of Dedication, a fellowship reception was held in the downstairs social rooms of the church, and members and friends were invited to inspect the building.

Silver and crystal appointments were used on the tea tables which were decorated with a beautifully arranged floral centerpiece of yellow and white chrysanthemums and white tapers. Corsages of white mums were provided for the hostess committee.

Mrs. Eugene Roelofs and Mrs. G.V. Davis were co-chairmen for the tea, and Mrs. Hazel Moelter was in charge of the floral and table decorations. Pouring for the tea were Mesdames Coral Badder, Charles Erickson, Bohn Musgrave, Herbert Pifer, Clayton Otis, Rex Kenyon and Bert Graham. Hostesses for the children's punch bowl were Mrs. John Snell and Mrs. Fred Jappinga. Dining room hostesses were Mesdames Floyd Williams, W.S. Harrison, John Wilson, James Harvin, Jr., Mildred Sargeant, Gilbert White, Harrison Smith, Robert Gordon, and Larry Eaton. Pictures for our historical records were taken by Kr. W.S. Harrison, Herbert Pifer, Wm. Youatt, and Max Hoffman.

## Time to Step Down

Americans enjoy an abundance of freedoms. From what we'll pursue to what we'll eat for lunch, we're constantly making decisions about what we want out of life. So it's hard to find peace when our plans go awry and we lose control of our circumstances.

A wise person suggested, "For peace of mind, resign as general manager of the universe." What if we stepped down and let God be God? He created the universe, after all. Shouldn't we trust him to run it?



**T**he Latin phrase *Ecclesia semper reformanda est* means "The church is always reforming"; implied is "And that's good!"

Ongoing change and growth are important for individuals, too, but for many of us, change is hard. Use this prayer poem to embrace positive change, safe in the arms of our unchanging God.

Cradle to grave —  
 How shall my life flow?  
 Always the same,  
 Never daring to grow? Since  
 GOD is the same, always faithful and near,  
 I'm free to move forward in spite of my fear. So...  
 Naming the Lord as my Power through strife, I  
 Go forth braving newness — in faith and in life!  
 —Heidi Mann



## 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. We are incorporating a new curriculum developed by the United Church of Christ, called Faith Practices, into many of these discussion groups. The Spiritual Life Committee members are Becky Leefer, 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. They have now started meeting at the home of John and Mary Trebilcock (649 Casey Lane, Bird's Strawberry Farm) after worship, about 11:30am. As the basis of their discussion, the Bible Study group is using I Corinthians and following the life of Paul. Mary Trebilcock is the facilitator of the group and she can be contacted at trebilco.john@att.net or 339-3974.

**Spiritual Development: Practicing our Faith:** This group meets the third Sunday of the month after worship. The next meeting will be Sunday, October 16, at 11:00am, in the Youth Room. The new UCC curriculum materials, Faith Practices, along with other books and resources, is used as a basis for the discussion. Questions can be addressed to Becky Leefer at 337-0560.

**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.

**Jesus Seminar:** A Jesus Seminar will be offered in Michigan this fall: **Jenison, MI - Oct 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>:** *Peter, Paul, and Mary: Three Early Christian Voices.*

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. More information can be found and registrations can be made through [events@westarinstitute.org](mailto:events@westarinstitute.org) or mail-in forms are available on the Spiritual Life board. In addition registrations can be made by phone at 877-523-3545 (toll-free).

**College-Age Young Adults:** A new group for College-Age Young Adults has begun this fall. Each month, meetings will be on the first and third Sundays, 3:00 - 4:30pm at the church and on the second and fourth Tuesdays at Grand Traverse Pie Co. (at Grand River and Hagadorn in East Lansing). The theme for discussion is "Adjusting to Opportunities and Challenges of College Life". More information can be found from Erin Heisler (339-8383) or Don Ricks (655-3641).

### Life Stories, God Stories:

Where did you grow up? What are some of your main childhood memories? How about those middle school and high school years- were they good, bad, or somewhere in between? What did you do after high school? What jobs have you had? What hobbies have you pursued? What travels have



you taken? What have been among the most significant joys and challenges of your adult life? What relationship with church or other religious communities have you had at different times and places? How have your ideas about God changed? When has God's presence been most real or vivid to you? If you'd like to think about such questions and share your answers with others, come to the "Life Stories, God Stories" groups that Kurt Kirchoff will lead after worship on the last Sunday of each month during this coming year. These groups will be a follow-up to last fall's "Life Stories, God Stories" retreat, but you don't have to have taken part in that retreat in order to take part in these groups. You also don't have to commit to coming every time. The next meeting will be at the front of the sanctuary on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there.

## We Continue to Welcome Your Feedback

**In** April we instituted some changes to our Sunday morning order of worship, thanks to feedback we had received from you. In our May and June newsletters we asked for your response to those changes and have continued to make adjustments in response. With our choir back from its summer break, those changes are again in place throughout the service. We continue to welcome your feedback.

As a reminder, here are the basic changes we've made:

- Beginning time for worship is 9:30am.
- Worship begins with the Choir processing followed by an acolyte and the pastor(s) processing for the lighting of the candles. After a brief welcome, worship begins with Prelude, Call to Worship, and Opening Prayers.
- Opening Prayers begin with a brief time to speak aloud our joys and concerns followed by silence for self-examination and confession.
- Announcements are at the start of the final "Sending Forth" part of worship.
- During the last verse of the closing hymn, the acolyte re-lights the taper and extinguishes the candles.
- The congregation is seated for the Benediction and Benediction Response.
- During the Benediction Response, the acolyte leads the pastor(s) down the middle

aisle to the back of the sanctuary with the lighted taper symbolizing the gospel light of God's love that's with us as we go. The end of the Benediction Response signals the time to begin leaving the sanctuary.

Please contact any member of the Spiritual Life Committee with any feedback you have. Our names are listed below. Thanks!

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### "I Believe"

I believe in sunshine;  
but I cannot clasp its ray.  
I cannot capture ocean tides;  
just watch them day by day.  
I believe in thinking;  
yet no brick can think a thought.  
I believe in loving;  
though love can't be boxed or bought.  
I believe in gifts from God ...  
diverse, yet clear ... and thus:  
I believe God's Love enfolds,  
sustains, and blesses us!

—Peggy Ferrell, *Poems and Prayers*


### + Christian Symbols +

#### Harp

This multi-stringed musical instrument is associated with David, who played to soothe King Saul and later wrote many Psalms. The harp also represents praise music in general, as well as all the instruments people use to glorify God (see Psalm 71:22). The idea that angels play harps comes from Revelation 14:2 ("And I heard a voice from heaven like the sound of ... harpists playing on their harps").



***Haslett Community Church Calendar for October 2011***

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY</b> 9:30 AM Worship and Church School; nursery care provided 11:30 AM - Bible Study @ Trebilcocks 3:00-4:30 PM Young Adult Group 7:00-9:00 PM -HS Youth Group	<b>3</b> 2:30-4:30 PM MS/HS Study Hours 6:00 PM 6 <sup>th</sup> grade dinner 7:00 PM Mission Outreach	<b>4</b> 10:00 AM Women's Coffee	<b>5</b> 5:30-7:00 PM MS Youth Group 7:00 PM Adult Choir	<b>6</b> 6:30 PM Haslett Women's Club	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 10:00 AM HS Senior breakfast at Blondie's 5:00 PM Ladies Wine Tasting at Burgdorf's Winery
<b>9 CROP WALK</b> 9:30 AM Worship and Church School; nursery care provided 10:45 AM - Member Care 11:30 AM - Bible Study 5:30-7:00 PM - Confirmation	<b>10</b> No Study Hours	<b>11</b> 7:15 PM Church Council	<b>12</b> 5:30-7:00 PM MS Youth Group 7:00 PM Adult Choir	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> MS/HS Movie Night
<b>16 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE BIBLES</b> 9:30 AM Worship and Church School; nursery care provided 11:00 AM Spiritual Development 11:30 AM - Bible Study @ Trebilcocks 3:00 PM - Inquirer's Meeting 3:00-4:30 PM Young Adult Group 5:30-7:00 PM - Confirmation 7:00-9:00 PM -HS Youth Group	<b>17</b> 2:30-4:30 PM MS/HS Study Hours 7:00 PM Youth Ministry	<b>18</b> 8 AM Newsletter articles due 7:30 PM Social Committee	<b>19</b> 5:30-7:00 PM MS Youth Group 7:00 PM Adult Choir	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:30 AM Worship and Church School; nursery care provided 11:30 AM Bible Study @ Trebilcocks 5:30-7:00 PM - Confirmation 7:00-9:00 PM -HS Youth Group	<b>24</b> 2:30-4:30 PM MS/HS Study Hours 6:00 PM 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Dinner	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 5:30-7:00 PM MS Youth Group 7:00 PM Adult Choir	<b>27</b> 7:00 PM Church Growth meeting	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:30 AM Worship and Church School; nursery care provided 11:00 AM Life Stories, God Stories 11:30 AM - Bible Study @ Trebilcocks 5:30-7:00 PM - Confirmation 7:00-9:00 PM -HS Youth Group	<b>31</b>					

*Newsletter articles are due the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 8:00 AM.*

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## Worship for October 2011

Sermon titles and Scripture readings include:

**Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30 am**  
**World Communion Sunday**  
"Thy Kingdom Come"  
Isaiah 52:7-10 & Mark 4:26-33

**Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am**  
"Thy Will Be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven"  
Genesis 45:4-8 & Matthew 26:36-39

**Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am**  
"Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread"  
Philippians 4:10-13 & Mark 6:34-42

**Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:30 am**  
"Forgive Us Our Trespasses . . ."  
Psalm 103:8-13 & Matthew 6:12-15

**Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am**  
"Lead Us Not Into Temptation . . ."  
I Peter 5:6-11 & Luke 4:1-13

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