

## Haslett Community Church



# HCC Connections

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

September 2010



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The start of a new school year means the start of a new year of curriculum down in our **Kingdom Makers Workshop** for our children and **FaithSpeak for the middle schoolers**. Our year will kick-off on **Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**. Our children will be learning about the story of creation. To help us celebrate the gift of animals being part of creation, Cheryl Edwards will

be helping out and bringing some friends and animals from Potter Park Zoo during Sunday school.

Following worship the Youth Ministry Team and the Children's Ministry Teams will be hosting a coffee hour Sunday School Open House. Come downstairs to learn more about what happens in each of our classrooms. There will be information about all of the units that we will cover in Kingdom Makers Workshop and FaithSpeak and opportunities to get involved in many ways!

**Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> will also kick-off our youth group year.** High School youth will meet from 7-9pm every Sunday. Middle School Youth Group will be from 6-7:30pm on Tuesdays. (see more info on pages 3 and 4)



## HCC Annual chicken BBQ

You are officially invited to our HCC Annual Chicken BBQ on **September 19<sup>th</sup>** at high noon!! School will be starting before you know it, days are getting shorter, (and a little cooler), and the Social Committee is shopping, planning, and will be cooking and serving the chicken for everyone! We provide the chicken (BBQ or plain), rolls, drinks, and ice cream sundaes. This is a potluck, so please bring a dish to pass that will serve twelve. Mark your calendars so you don't miss the wonderful time of food, fun and fellowship! Please bring your favorite lawn games so everyone can play. We ask that you sign up on the Social Committee board in Friendship hall and let us know how many people you will be bringing. Bringing a friend is a good thing, too! The cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for youth 12 years and younger. If you are willing to grill the chicken, clean the chicken, set up or clean up, sign up for that, too! Thank you very much! See you there!



## Pastor's Corner

This summer during my time away on sabbatical and vacation I had the opportunity again to visit and worship in other congregations. That always helps renew my sense of what a unique gift the church is. It's been around for such a long time in our culture and it's been a part of the personal lives of many of us for so long that it becomes easy to take for granted. But you go to a different part of the country and gather for worship with people you don't know and suddenly the specialness of it stands out again. I sing, pray, and listen to the Word with folks in congregations in Collinsville, Edwardsville, and Belleville, Illinois and realize that though I'm a stranger among them I'm still at home with them. I'm at home with them in receiving and sharing treasures which the church offers that can't be found just anywhere. They're not shiny, trinket, dime-a-dozen baubles that we pick up and discard at whim, but *life* treasures that shape and move us to the core if we let them.

In a sermon earlier this year, I spoke of three of them that came to mind for me again as I worshiped this summer with all these people who were strangers yet friends. I want to remind us of them once more as many of us return from summertime away to life together

at HCC. It's always worth remembering how extraordinary they are.

In the church, we gather, welcome, and affirm each other not on the basis of family, nation, race, class, gender, health, age, political party, sexual orientation, looks, school, money, possessions, intelligence, talent or any of the other markers we so frequently use to divide and separate. Instead, we gather, welcome, and affirm each other simply as equally beloved children of God. In a world where our relationships frequently are tit for tat and where many of us are isolated, lonely, cut off, and put down, caring on the basis of "You're God's child" doesn't happen just everywhere.

In the church, we also regularly slow down. We slow down and stop so that we can seriously listen to and reflect both on our personal lives and the life of our larger world. We struggle to go beneath the surface and bustle of things to gain deeper and better understanding of who we really are, of what's actually going on with us, and of what truly matters most. In a rush, rush, skim, skim, and go, go, go world that kind of slowing down and reflecting doesn't happen just everywhere.

In our slowing down and searching we also, and above all, wrestle openly with what otherwise is almost always ignored in our everyday lives and relationships- namely, the question of God. In the church we remember that everyone, always and unavoidably, has some God that we put our faith in. We remember that all of us

have that ultimate Someone or Something which we hold to be Most Real and Most Important and in relation to which we believe that we'll find our genuine happiness and fulfillment.

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

Instead, the true God is the Eternal, Triune One who has created everything, who loves passionately everyone and everything that God has made, and who forgives and embraces all of us even when we go astray, even when we do the worst wrongs. From the Jesus gospel which gathers us, we hear that the authentic meaning and satisfaction of our lives will be found in learning to love as this God does. We hear that this love ultimately cannot be defeated, that in the end this God who really is God will be all in all so that death and mourning and crying and pain will be no more. In a world where so often we flounder, stumble, and get hurt in trying to figure out what we're already worshiping, this is great news that we don't hear just everywhere we go.

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY @ HCC

### Kingdom Makers Work- shop 2010-2011 Schedule:

#### September

- 6<sup>th</sup>: Give & Serve - Backpacks
- 12, 19, 26<sup>th</sup>: Creation

#### October

- 3<sup>rd</sup>: World Communion Sunday (children upstairs)
- 10, 17, 24<sup>th</sup>: Joseph
- 31<sup>st</sup>: Ruth & Naomi

#### November

- 7 & 14<sup>th</sup>: Ruth & Naomi (cont.)
- 21<sup>st</sup>: Youth Sunday (children upstairs)
- 28<sup>th</sup>: Communion (children upstairs)

#### December

- 5, 12 & 26<sup>th</sup>: Mary
- 19<sup>th</sup>: Advent Cantata (children upstairs)

#### January

- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Give & Serve - Baby Shower for Hannah's House
- 9<sup>th</sup>: Communion (children upstairs)
- 16, 23, & 30<sup>th</sup>: Jesus in the temple

#### February

- 6<sup>th</sup>: Give & Serve
- 13, 20 & 27<sup>th</sup>: The Feeding of the 5,000

#### March

- 6<sup>th</sup>: Give & Serve
- 13<sup>th</sup>: Communion (children upstairs)
- 20 & 27<sup>th</sup>: Lord's Prayer

#### April

- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Lord's Prayer (continued)
- 10 & 17<sup>th</sup>: The Empty Tomb!
- 24<sup>th</sup>: Easter! The youth will host an Easter celebration for the children during the 9am service.

#### May

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Teacher Appreciation (children upstairs)
- 8, 15 & 22<sup>nd</sup>: Pentecost



### KICK-OFF Sunday!

September 12<sup>th</sup> will be the beginning of our new year. That morning to help us get started learning about Creation we will have some very special & furry friends come visit us from Potter's Park Zoo. Be sure to mark your calendars!



## Sunday School Open House

On Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> Youth Ministry Team & Children's Ministry Team would like to invite you to attend a **Sunday School Open House**, following our morning worship. In addition to coffee and treats this will be a great opportunity for everyone in the congregation to **come learn more** about what happens in our Sunday School program. We will have calendars with all of the special events we have planned. There will also be opportunities to sign up to **be involved** in the fun that is Kingdom Makers Workshop and all of our children's and youth programs!



**Remember we are still collecting school supplies to stuff in backpacks to donate to children in Meridian Township who can't afford school supplies. Bring to church by September 6<sup>th</sup>!**



## YOUTH News & Events

**A** new school year's here & that means lots of new, fun youth group activities & information. This page is possibly the most important newsletter page you will get all year! Read it, share it with your parents, hang it on the fridge, share it with a friend. It's everything you need to know about youth group this year!

We'll continue some traditions and try some new things, too!

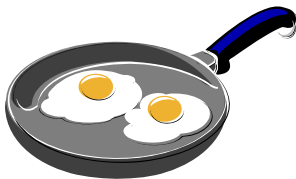
I can't wait to see y'all- I've missed you over the summer!

High school youth group kicks off on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm. Middle School Youth Group begins on its new day Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30pm. See you then!

### Attention SENIORS:

On **September 18<sup>th</sup>** you are invited to breakfast at Blondie's at **10am**.

This is when Erin will present you with the mis-



sion trip options for 2011. You must be present to **vote** on our 2011 destination.



### Coffee Shop Hours:

On Tuesdays & Thursdays Erin will be @ Coffee & Friends Café from 2:30 -4pm. Both middle school & high school youth are invited to walk or drive over to have coffee and hang out. Coffee & Friends Café is on the corner of Marsh Road & Central Park drive, less than a mile from the high school.

### Study Hours:

On Wednesday afternoons the church will be open from 2:30-4:30pm for you to come study & do your homework. It will be a quiet place free from the distractions of TV, internet, video games, etc. at home. In January & June there will be special, extended hours for youth to come and study around final exam times.



### Mark Your Calendars!

Next summer might seem far away, but we've already begun planning our 2011 mission trips.

That's right, I said tripS. Next summer both the high school AND the middle schoolers will each have the opportunity to serve.

The **high school mission trip** will be **June 26<sup>th</sup> - July 2<sup>nd</sup>** (destination revealed soon).

The **middle school mission trip** will be **July 31<sup>st</sup> - August 5<sup>th</sup>** in Benton Harbor.

**Watch for more info & sign-ups coming soon!**

### PARENT MEETING:

On Monday, **September 13<sup>th</sup>** all middle school & high school parents are invited to attend a parent meeting. We will meet @ 6pm to go over the major plans for the year. You will have a chance to fill out all the necessary paper-work for the year as well as sign up to help out in various ways. Youth Ministry Team will be providing food and they invite any parent interested to stay then for the 7pm Youth Ministry Team meeting that will follow. If you are not able to attend please talk to Erin so she can get you the important information that will be shared.

### Reminder:

Youth Groups will meet @ the following times:

**High School:**  
Sundays 7-9pm  
(beginning Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>)

**Middle School:**  
Tuesdays 6-7:30pm  
(beginning Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>)

### **High School Fall Retreat in Cleveland, Ohio**

On October 14<sup>th</sup> we will travel down to Cleveland, Ohio. We will be spending Friday night at the church of Anne & Mike Horvath who used to be members @ HCC. On Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> we will attend a Pathways Retreat, & will return Saturday night by 9pm. Cost is \$40/person.

Sign-up @ youth group!

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But we do hear it in church. We receive and share it along with the gifts of unconditional welcome and Sabbath rest. We receive and share these gifts with each other and reach out to share them with the world. We don't find them just anywhere, but always at the heart of the church's life. When we let these treasures shape and move us to the core, we become more and more of who we're meant to be. So how can I not look forward eagerly to being with all of us here again at HCC this fall? I DO look forward as we'll be renewed in our life together. We'll be as mindful as ever of the unique gift that the church is. We'll receive and share the extraordinary treasures given to us in the one-of-a-kind Body of Christ.



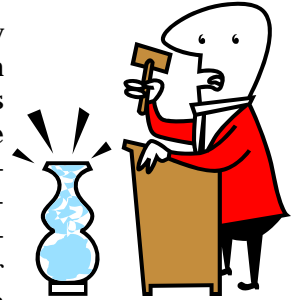
Our church recently received the following letter from Nimet Alpay. Nimet and her family have been leading members of the Great Lakes Society for Friendship and Culture (now the Niagara Foundation), the local Muslim group that has done so much in recent years to reach out to us and other faith communities in our area. We give thanks in return for the generous and gracious friendship that the Alpays have given to so many of us.

*"As we move out of Michigan to a new community in Ohio, we'd like to express our thanks to the people of Haslett Community Church. Over the years, HCC has opened its doors to us and welcomed our hand for friendship, and we made very good friends. We thank everyone at HCC for their friendly, welcoming, and open-minded spirit. We are so glad that our paths have crossed and pray that we find people as good as you all are down in Columbus. Please remember us in your prayers. You will be in ours.*

*With love and peace,  
The Alpay Family  
Nimet, Zafer, Aytakin, Dilora,  
Esad*

**Banquet & Silent Auction**

Open Door Ministry at Central United Methodist Church located at 215 N. Capitol Ave. in downtown Lansing is holding a silent auction to be held on Saturday, October 9th, beginning at 5pm. A delicious eclectic meal will be served in the Open Door Day Shelter Community Area, which includes your choice of homemade desserts. Tickets, \$20 per person, can be ordered by calling 517-485-9477, ext. 29, or by email to [crisodm@yahoo.com](mailto:crisodm@yahoo.com). Everyone attending will have three chances to win a door prize.



If you can help by donating a service or other valuable item to be auctioned, please call Rev. Tony Patrick at 517-449-3032, or Elena Patrick at 517-339-3387, or deliver to Central UMC desk, M-F 8:30-4:00. Questions can also be addressed to HCC member, Richard Baumgartner, (339-0438) who serves on the Open Door Ministry's board.

**Is Your Pledge Up to Date?**

This year we need \$4660 each week to remain current in our pledged giving receipts. At the end of May, we were \$2948 ahead in the amount of those gifts received, but now as a result of folks being away on vacations during the summertime we're behind at the end of July by \$7860. Any effort we can make to catch up and keep our pledges current is a major help to our congregation's cash flow and to the ministry that everyone's giving makes possible. Thanks to all!



## Blood Drive

Thank you to **Steve Decker** who has stepped up to help fill in the spots that George Swanson has had to give up with his work for the Red Cross Blood Drive. George will continue doing other parts of the process and we thank him for his dedication.

**We are still looking for some help** for another dedicated person, **Barry Sedgwick**, in setting up the sanctuary and unloading the supplies for the blood drive. The blood drives are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every other month at HCC and the set up has to be completed by that starting time of 1 PM. Our next blood drive will be held on **Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, from 1 - 7 pm**. If you are able to help with the blood drives, please contact **George Swanson** at 655-5682 or [cswanwhale@gmail.com](mailto:cswanwhale@gmail.com).



There is still room for more singers in the Adult Choir. Singers in grades 7-12 and adults of all ages are invited to join. Rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 -8:30 PM in the choir room downstairs. Please feel free to drop in and give the group a try. You'll find a fun, welcoming group of singers of all abilities who love to make music and provide an important part of our Sunday worship services.

Any questions please contact either **Judy Connelly** (339-8478) or **Barbara Freeman** (339-2818).



## Commendations

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

- To **Judy Connelly, Erin Heisler, Carol Ingells and Bill Burrus** for worship leadership during Pastor Kurt's sabbatical.
- To **Bill Burrus** for the committal service for Teri Henner's mother.
- To the Space Use Task force: **Deb Gulliver, Bob Heisler, John Trebilcock, Julie Fedewa, and Ruth Linnemann**.
- To **Ruth Linnemann and Dick Ledebuhr** for their help getting the Volunteers of America drop off box approved by the township.
- To **Karla Hiller** for all her work as Social committee co-chair.
- To **John and Mary Trebilcock** for the new water hose reels in the garden areas.
- To our chaperones from Mission Trip 2010 **Mike Dixon, Barbara Freeman, Erin Heisler, Sally Heisler, John Leefers, and Devin Mongrain**.



Mission Trip

## FUNDRAISER

How would you like to have yummy new recipes from our church family? And get new ideas to try in the kitchen and wonderful foods you make that remind you of special people at HCC?

If so, here's what you need to do:

1. Email your favorite recipe(s) to Erin at [hccrecipes@gmail.com](mailto:hccrecipes@gmail.com) for the church cookbook. If you want, you can include information about the recipe, i.e., where it came from, when you use it, etc. OR you can write your recipe out and drop it off at the church office. Deadline for recipes is Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.

2. Then buy one of our homemade HCC cookbooks in November and help raise money for our middle school and high school mission trips next summer.

**Remember: help support our youth - bring in your recipes today!!! Thanks!**

## Spiritual Life

**A**s usual, the Spiritual Life Committee is looking for ideas of activities, discussion groups or topics that will encourage the congregation on their spiritual journeys. We will be incorporating a new curriculum developed by the United Church of Christ, called Faith Practices, into many of the existing discussion groups. This month, we will have an information table set up after worship to let you know the suggestions for discussion groups and topics and to find out who is interested in them. 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.

Here are the groups we've had that we intend to continue:

**Bible Study:** This group will resume meeting following Sunday service at 10:45, beginning on September 26th, and using the book of Romans as the basis of their discussion. Mary Trebilcock is the organizer of the group and she can be contacted at [trebilcock.john@att.net](mailto:trebilcock.john@att.net) or 339-3974.

A resource this group may want to use is *Eclipsing Empire*, a DVD-based course featuring preeminent New Testament scholars Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan on location in Turkey, Greece and Italy as they trace the Apostle Paul's footsteps throughout the Roman Empire. This course explores fresh insights into Paul's mes-

sage of the Kingdom of God, its challenge to Roman imperial theology, and the apostle's radical relevance for today.

**Spiritual Development: Practicing our Faith:** This group is deciding how to precede – when to meet and what to discuss. This month, there will be a meeting to wrap up the discussion of the book *Winning with People*, by John Maxwell. Then discussion will be centered on the new UCC curriculum materials, *Faith Practices*. Questions can be addressed to Becky Leefers at 337-0560.

**Sermon Discussion:** Beginning again in the fall on Sunday, September 26, 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.

**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 through the movie, *THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS*. This movie is part of a national outreach effort that includes a community conversation campaign. The focus is on the emergent understanding of contemporary clinical and academic research that shows forgiveness is validated as having real potential for personal and spiritual transformation. At the same time the film points to the centrality of forgiveness as a virtue in many of the world's great religions and the struggle that people of all faiths have in honoring it. The

film combines character-driven stories of dramatic transgressions with those of more commonplace annoyances, examining the role forgiveness can play in alleviating the resulting anger and grief and physical, mental and spiritual benefits that come with forgiveness. These stories assure us there is hope if we are open to seeking it and accepting it. We've hosted several showings and discussions of the film earlier this year, and further discussions based on the film's accompanying book will continue in the fall. Watch the Sunday announcements for further information. Questions can be addressed to the facilitator of the group, Joyce Bischoff, 339-9935.

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

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

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tact Joyce Bischoff at 339-9935 or Becky Leefers at 337-0560 with any questions.

### Jesus Seminar:

Last April, Haslett Community Church co-hosted the Jesus Seminar at People's Church in East Lansing. The Jesus Seminar is presented by Westar Institute, a group of Biblical scholars with a double mission: to study ancient biblical texts to discover who Jesus was and how early Christianity evolved and to share this information with the general public. Someone from The People's Church said, in summarizing a particularly valuable lesson from the Seminar, "...before we were a people of faith, we were a people of the way." The Seminar emphasizes that digging deeper into the words and deeds of Jesus helps people today uncover what inspired people in the first 300 years of Christianity to transform their lives, often at great personal risk, by following the way of Jesus. This knowledge can similarly inspire us to move beyond belief to action and change.

That's why we want to inform you of another Jesus Seminar that will be held in Jackson, MI on Fri. and Sat., September 17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>. The speakers will be Bernard Brandon Scott and Arthur J. Dewey, with the topic "Rediscovering Paul". More information about Westar Institute, the Jesus Seminar, the topics to be presented, and registration can be found at <http://www.westarinstitute.org/index.html>

In Spring 2011, we at HCC will be co-hosting another Jesus Seminar, and it may be held right here at our church! As a co-hosting church, we would be responsible for supplying volunteers to help with hospitality, registration and selling books. We would also be asked to supply cookies for the break-times during the seminar. Please contact Becky Leefers, 337-0560, about helping out. Again, all are invited to attend any of the Jesus Seminars to get a potentially transformative perspective on the life and times of Jesus and of our early Christian heritage.

Specific books that could be discussed in conjunction with the Jesus Seminar include:

***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.

Convinced that scientific knowledge has stripped Christianity of the mythical matrix in

which the creeds were conceived and that 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 have 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.

## Suggestions for New Groups and Activities

### New UCC Curriculum:

The new curriculum, Faith Practices, will be useful for providing activities and discussion topics for all groups...children, youth, and adult. More information will be forthcoming.

### Books to Discuss:

***Love Revolution*** by Joyce Meyer.

Joyce Meyer is not satisfied with the status quo. She believes that we each need to become a revolutionary and practice love every day. And if Joyce has her way, the revolution will spread - person by person, house by house, town by town, until the old culture of selfishness and greed gives way to a new culture of concern for others. The book is a revolutionaries' manual, a hands-on primer for bringing the Golden Rule to life in the twenty-first century. She goes on to say that although crisis is global, the solution is local. We can't solve the world's

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problems, but that isn't a reason to remain idle. *Love Revolution* focuses on personal behavior on the local scale.

***Stones to Schools*** by Greg Mortenson.

Mortenson's best-seller, *Three Cups of Tea* (2009), introduced his commitment to peace through education. He now continues the story of how the Central Asia Institute (CAI) built schools in northern Afghanistan. Mortenson also shares his friendships with U.S. military personnel, including Admiral Mike Mullen, and the warm reception his work has found among the officer corps. The careful line CAI threads between former mujahideen commanders, ex-Taliban and village elders, and the American soldiers stationed in their midst is poetic in its political complexity and compassionate consideration. Mortenson writes of nothing less than saving the future, and his adventure is light years beyond most attempts. Mortenson did not reach the summit of K2, but oh, the heights he has achieved.

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

***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?"

Other activities/discussions:

- **Financial Planning**
- **Women's Retreat**
- **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.
- **God Stories retreat** - led by Kurt Kirchoff to provide an opportunity to reflect on and share stories of our experiences of God.



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## About Your Mail . . .

**F**rom time to time, your mail is returned to the church by the post office. Usually, you have been on vacation, or gone for a few weeks, or for the winter months. When this happens, we mark our records so that newsletters and mail are no longer sent to your home.

Since we have no way of knowing when you return, many times your mail code will remain on inactive status. If you have not been receiving your newsletter or church mailings, call the church office, M-F, 9 am - noon, and we can check your mail status in our records and update them if necessary.



**D**uring our worship services, we hear many requests for prayer and keep them with us. But many folks miss this opportunity to ask for prayer or to hear these requests. Back when telephone was the main communication tool, we tried a Prayer Chain as a way of extending our church's prayer life, but messages often didn't get through or the chain was otherwise broken.

We think e-mail can help us overcome that problem, so now we'd like to try again. If you have e-mail and would like to be one of those who pray as part of the Prayer Chain, please e-mail Kurt Kirchoff, pastor, kurt53@att.net, to let him know. If you don't have e-mail, but would like to be part of a phone Prayer Chain, we're happy to try that again, too. Give Kurt a call at 339-8383, ext. 11.

Once we get the chain set up, we'll start soliciting your prayer requests for it. Look for information on that in future newsletters.



**Members  
in  
Ministry**

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

September 5<sup>th</sup>

- READER:
- USHERS:
- GREETERS:
- COFFEE HOSTS: June Peabody & Nellie Mack

September 12<sup>th</sup>

- READER:
- USHERS:
- GREETERS:
- COFFEE HOSTS: Youth & Children's Ministry Team

September 19<sup>th</sup>

- READER:
- USHERS:
- GREETERS:
- COFFEE HOSTS:

September 26<sup>th</sup>

- READER:
- USHERS: Liz & Rich Newport
- GREETERS:
- COFFEE HOSTS:

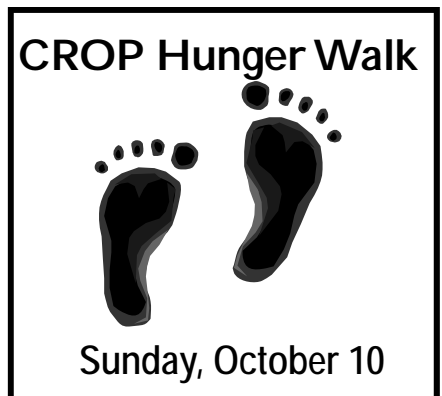


**CROP Walk's  
10-10-10 Challenge**

**T**his year's CROP Walk, which will be on **Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**, has been offered a special challenge grant. If a church sends a representative to the CROP Walk Rally on September 9<sup>th</sup>, \$50 will be added to that church's total CROP Walk contribution. Fifty more dollars will be added to the contribution of any church that meets **one** of these three goals:

1. A 10% increase over the number of CROP walkers the church had in 2009.
2. A 10% increase over the amount of money the church raised for the Walk in 2009.
3. A 10% increase in the average dollars per CROP walker the church had in 2009.

Here's to doing our best to make sure HCC is one of the churches that contributes an extra \$100 by meeting the 10-10-10 challenge. If enough churches do it, the Walk will receive an extra \$4000 this year!



# Haslett Community Church

## September 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 7 PM Adult Choir	<b>2</b> 7:00 PM Spiritual Life	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9:25 AM Worship, nursery care provided;	<b>6</b> Office Closed	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7 PM Adult Choir	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6 AM – 8 PM MS/HS 1 By Youth
<b>12</b> 9:25 AM Worship and Church School; nursery care provided 10:45 AM - Member Caring 7:00 PM - HS Youth Group	<b>13</b> 6 PM - HS/MS parent mtg 7 PM Youth Ministry 7 PM Mission Outreach	<b>14</b> 7:15 PM Church Council 6-7:30 PM MS Youth Group	<b>15</b> 2:30-4:30 PM HS/MS Study hour 6 PM 6 <sup>th</sup> grade Dinner 7 PM Adult Choir	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 1-7 PM Blood Drive	<b>18</b> 10 AM HS youth @ Blondies
<b>19</b> 9:25 AM Worship and Church School; nursery care provided 12 noon – Chicken BBQ 3 PM - Inquirer's Meeting 7:00 PM - HS Youth Group	<b>20</b> 4 PM - close Culver Food Bank Nite	<b>21</b> 8 AM Newsletter articles due 6-7:30 PM MS Youth Group	<b>22</b> 2:30-4:30 PM HS/MS Study hour 7 PM Adult Choir	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 1-4:00 PM Circle of Friends
<b>26</b> 9:25 AM Worship and Church School; nursery care provided 10:45 AM - Sermon Discussion 7:00 PM - HS Youth Group	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6-7:30 PM MS Youth Group	<b>29</b> 2:30-4:30 PM HS/MS Study hour 6 PM 9 <sup>th</sup> grade Dinner 7 PM Adult Choir	<b>30</b>		

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

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## Worship for September 2010

Sermon titles and Scripture readings include:

**Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:25 am**

"Ouch"

Jeremiah 18:1-11 & Luke 14:25-33

**Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:25 am**

"Mercy in the Rough and Tumble"

Psalm 113 & Luke 16:1-9

**Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:25 am**

"Sought and Found"

I Timothy 1:12-17 & Luke 15:1-10

**Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:25 am**

"Come Together"

Psalm 146 & Luke 16:19-31

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