



Haslett Community Church
United Church of Christ

Sunday, February 12, 2023
10:00 AM

We strive joyfully and prayerfully to warmly welcome all, freely share our blessings, and humbly explore God's love.

haslettcommunitychurch.org

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We strive to ensure that all are comfortable worshipping with us. Therefore, we:

- Offer three ways to worship: in our Sanctuary, from your car in our south lot (radio to 88.7 FM - turn up your volume) and via livestream ([see website for details](#)).
- Provide large print worship bulletins and hearing assist receivers in the sanctuary upon request – an usher would be happy to help you
- Have a building that is barrier free with accessible restrooms. Gender neutral bathrooms are downstairs and are accessible by stairs and elevator.
- Are an Open & Affirming Church which means we welcome and affirm persons of every gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, ability, age, race, nationality, economic status, faith background, marital status, or family structure.

Three Ways to Worship
Sundays at 10:00 am



1. In person
2. Parking lot (car radio on 88.7FM)
3. Remotely (via YouTube)

The church office is open for On-site Office Hours Tuesday & Thursday 10:30am - 1:00pm.

Pastor Betsy is in the office Tue-Fri. Appointments recommended, or come for her drop-in office hours on Wednesdays from 11:30am - 1:00pm.

We love to see you, so please stop by!

Your staff continues to be available to serve you by email and phone outside these on-site hours as well.

We welcome families and households of every size and age and want children to know they are welcome here. Therefore, we:

- Don't mind when children wiggle and make noise in church-your whole family is welcome here! We also have nursery care downstairs staffed by safety-trained volunteers.
- Have preschool through 5th Graders begin each week in worship, and then offer Sunday School following the Children's Moment most weeks
- Have vibrant and active middle and high school youth groups for 6th-12th graders

Our Vision:

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and humbly explore God's love.*

**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 12, 2023 10:00 am**

*When you see an *, you are invited to stand as you are able. When text is in **bold**, you are invited to speak aloud.*

For Your Meditation: "If you break down a seed you will not find the tree there; you can dissect it but you will not find a tree hidden there. And you can say there is no tree and people were just foolish saying that a great tree is hidden in this seed when there is nothing ... there are things which are known only in their wholeness; you cannot dissect them." - Osho, *The Mustard*

Gathering

Welcome

Prelude

"God Who Built the Swirling Planets"

Courtney

Call to Worship (by Nancy C. Townley)

What mysteries there are in God's world!

We stand in awe at the wonders of the natural world.

We look at the tiniest of seeds and wonder what will happen

From that small seed will grow a large shrub.

Although we consider our gifts to be small and insignificant,

God will use our gifts in miraculous ways. Praise the God of small seeds and mighty power. Let us worship together.

***Hymn**

"Haslett Hymn: Built Through Love and Work"
(please see insert)

BFF

Prayer of Approach

Merciful God,

you plant each of us like seeds in the same field and together we are nourished and nurtured by the sun. We sway in the wind and are refreshed by the rain. We are blessed by the knowledge that you want us to grow towards what you call us to be.

When we deprive others of that same opportunity,
forgive us.

(continued...)

When we want to uproot those whom we believe do not belong in our part of the field,
forgive us.

When we are reluctant to acknowledge that we ourselves are a mixture of weeds and wheat,
forgive us.

When we are afraid to look into the fields of our own lives to see what is growing there,
forgive us.

O God, you know us inside and out, through and through.

**We pray that you will help us to reach out to the uprooted and rejected,
and to develop and grow the good in ourselves, in others and in the world. Amen**

Hymn Response

“I Delight To Do Your Will”
(sing 2 times)

Haugen
trad. Spiritual

Response *Unison*
A7 D G A7 Bm G D/F# Em7 A7 G/D D

I de - light to do your will, O my God, I de - light to do your will.

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 13: 24-30

Jesus put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away.²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’²⁹ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Anthem

“Empty of Me”

Boersma
Lantz

Children's Moment - HAPPY HEART!

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 13: 31-43

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

³⁴ Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. ³⁵ This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

"I will open my mouth to speak in parables;
I will proclaim what has been hidden since the foundation."

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Sermon

"That's a Little Harsh"

*Hymn #495

"Called As Partners"

Huber
BEECHER

Happy Heart Ministry Moment

Invitation to Share Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Christ all creatures here below; One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.

Prayers of The People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Announcements

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction Response

“God Be With You ‘Til We Meet Again”
(please see insert, verse 1)

Rankin

Postlude



You are welcome to join us after Worship for Coffee Fellowship in Friendship Hall.

We worship every Sunday at 10:00 am, and you are welcome to join us.

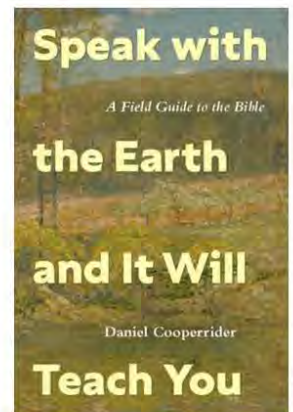


**Tuesdays, 7 -8 p.m.
February 7 – March 28, 2023**

Grand Traverse Pie Co., E.L.
Community Room
1403 E. Grand River Ave., E. Lansing

***Speak with the Earth and It
Will Teach You: A Field Guide
to the Bible*** by D. Cooperrider

Available from
Pilgrim Press and Amazon



Book Study Group with
Addy Stuever, Environmental Justice Fellow



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Ministry Connections
Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community
February 12, 2023

 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST We heartily welcome all to our service of worship. May the comfort and challenge of God's loving presence renew and inspire you this morning and throughout the coming week.

Haslett Community Church welcomes You!

If you are visiting, please take a purple dove cup with a sweet treat and helpful information on your way out!

We worship every Sunday at 10:00 am.



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CHURCH CALENDAR (February 12 - February 19)

Sunday 2/12/2023 Happy Heart Sunday	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
	11:15 AM	Knitters, Crocheters, etc. (L)
	Afternoon	YOUTH: All Youth Activity (stay tuned for info)
Monday 2/13/2023	6:00 PM	Property Committee Meets (Z)
	7:00 PM	Green Team Meets (Z)
	7:30 PM	Social Committee Meets (Fr)
Tuesday 2/14/2023	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
	7:15 PM	Church Council Meets (FH,Z)
Wednesday 2/15/2023	11:30 AM - 1PM	Pastor Betsy Office Hours (Ofc)
	6:00 PM	YOUTH: 10th Gr Dinner (FH,K)
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (S)
Thursday 2/16/2023	9:00 AM	Pastor Betsy Bible Study (Z)
	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
Saturday 2/18/2023	9:00 AM	Men's Grp Meets (Z)
Sunday 2/19/2023	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
	11:15 AM	Coffee With Jesus (MM)
	6:00-8:00 PM	YOUTH: MS Olympics
	8:00 - 10PM	YOUTH: HS Olympics

Legend: FH= Fellowship Hall; FP= Food Pantry; Fr = Friendship Hall; L=Library; MM= Mary & Marth's; Ofc=HCC Office; PL=Parking Lot ; S=Sanctuary; SS=Sunday School Rooms (downstairs); YR=Youth Rm; Z=Zoom



TODAY is

Happy Heart Sunday, when we celebrate and remember how and why

our volunteer teams started, refresh some of those team practices, and RECRUIT new folks to join our teams.

Please look over [the Happy Heart insert](#) in today's bulletin and prayerfully consider signing up to be scheduled on one or more of our worship volunteer teams in 2023. (Training & guides available).

If you have questions, members of each team will be available after worship today, and you can always e-mail the office at hcc1@att.net or call 517.339.8383.

Thank you to all our Happy Heart volunteers who help make worship at HCC possible!

Thank you for continuing to support Haslett Community Church as you are able. We receive your gifts with gratitude. We have some no-touch options to help make your giving easy and safe:

- Use your phone camera to scan the QR code below to access our Online Giving.
- Text GIVE to our secure giving number: 517-200-3995
- PayPal us at: HCCgenerosity@gmail.com



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Michele Booher	Office Manager	hcc1@att.net	517.339.8383 x10
Sally Sanchez	Custodian		

Our thanks this morning to:

Reader:	Becky Leefers
Greeters:	Ann McGrath & Cindy Meteyer
Ushers:	Tom Nelson & Sylvia Davis
Coffee Hosts:	Carol Cramer & Kelly Flagg
Audio/Visual Techs:	Jon Lineberry & Ambrose Meteyer
Tellers	Cheryl Edwards & Bob Heisler

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Thank you for worshipping with us! If you are visiting, or would like to know more about Haslett Community Church, you are invited to:

- Take a “Purple Dove Cup” for your household on your way out – it has some helpful info and a treat inside.
- Fill out a “Welcome!” card available in the seat in front of you, and drop it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher so that we might be in touch with you in the ways you indicate would be helpful.
- Ask questions if you have them; our Pastors, ushers, and the people sitting around you are great sources of information and are happy to help you feel comfortable here.

No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome at Haslett Community Church where we strive to welcome everyone with the same unconditional hospitality demonstrated by the love of God in Christ for all people.

Built Through Love and Work

Words and Music by Barbara Freeman
For the 50th Anniversary Celebration
of Haslett Community Church
April 24, 2004

I. Opening Prayer and Melody I (Choir and Bells)

*Lord, we thank You for this good church,
For weaving Time and Love together,
For these years, Lord, from this people,
Hear our song of gratitude.*

*Built through love and work
Of teachers, craftsmen,
Spirits find a home here
Open to all.*

*Trusting God to guide us,
We walk together,
Work to help the needy,
Family in Christ, our family;*

II. Bridge and Melody II (Choir, Bells, then All; Congregation stands)

*For this good church, born of community,
Lord, we thank you. (Congregation joins here.)*



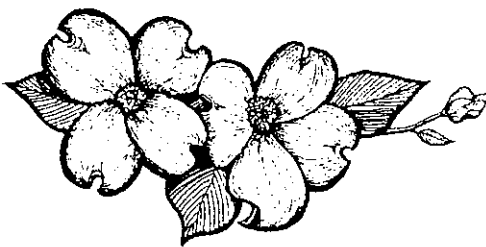
1. For this good church, Lord we thank you, Week by
2. Through the struggles, work - ing, play - ing, Teach us
3. Lord, be with us, guide our church as we face



week through years to - geth - er, Help us now, Lord, as Your
pa - tience, un - der - stand - ing, Teach us now, Lord, go - ing
chal - leng - es a - head now. Teach us, Lord, and lead us



peo - ple gath - ered here, to do Your will.
for - ward. we would pray to do Your will. (interlude)
out - ward where we pray to do Your will. A - men.



Called as Partners in Christ's Service

495

Jane Parker Huber, 1981

John 15:12-17; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 2:14-22



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life



We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
That sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



E-equal part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
Blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
Bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
Mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.



One of Jane Parker Huber's most widely sung texts, this hymn was originally written for a women's breakfast at the 1981 Presbyterian General Assembly meeting to celebrate the partnership of women and men in service of the church.

(Back)

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.

John Zundel, 1855

For another key, see 43, 368

Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880; alt.

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; By good coun-sel guide, up - hold you,
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; Wings of shel-ter safe - ly hide you,
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; When life's per - ils thick con-found you,
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; Keep love's ban-ner float - ing o'er you,

With a shep-herd's care en - fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 Dai - ly man - na still pro-vide you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 Put un - fail - ing arms a - round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 Smite death's threat-ening wave be - fore you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain, till we meet,

till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

Written during his last pastorate, at First Congregational Church in Washington, D.C., Jeremiah Rankin's hymn spread quickly throughout America and England by way of Moody and Sankey's revival meetings. Rankin later served as the seventh president of Howard University.

Tune: GOD BE WITH YOU 9.8.8.9. with refrain
 William G. Tomer, 1880

(Back)



In 2014 we created a new way that we could organize all the opportunities folks have to serve HCC on Sunday mornings. We created the **Happy Heart** team- the greeters, ushers, Scripture readers, sound techs, coffee hosts and tellers who are so vitally important to our Sunday morning worship services.

The idea behind **Happy Heart**, is that when we serve others, not only are our own hearts filled with joy, but we also make happy the hearts of those we serve, and as a result, they make happy the hearts of those around them as well- the joy ripples outward into our community.

Folks were invited to indicate which roles they would be happy to serve in on Sunday mornings and a year-long calendar was created. If you were assigned a date that did not work for you, switching with someone else on the list was easy to do - you had a whole list of folks in front of you who you could call or email to easily switch Sundays (this helped lighten the load of our office staff). This easy-to-use calendar replaced the overlooked, often left blank, dust collecting sign-up sheets that hung in Friendship Hall.

After 9 years, especially post-pandemic, we've decided to have a **HAPPY HEART SUNDAY** to remember the reasoning behind it, to refresh some of the practices, and to RECRUIT new folks to join our **Happy Heart** Teams! At the start, we hoped no one would have to serve in any role more than TWICE per year. The more folks who sign up for each role, the closer we can get to that goal. ONCE per quarter in each role would be great.

What follows are descriptions of each of the **Happy Heart** roles. Even if you've served on the **Happy Heart** team for years, please take a minute to read through it as some of the roles have been refreshed or changed (in response to feedback we've received from volunteers and other changes).



Greeters: Our Greeters are the first to welcome folks into the building. They're encouraged to stand in Friendship Hall, near door #1 and the church office (this prevents too much of a bottle neck where the nametag table is now, near the sanctuary doors).



Ushers: Ushers distribute worship bulletins before the service. They also count everyone in attendance, as well as close/open the sanctuary doors. During the offering, they pass the offering plates and a basket for prayer requests, placing the offering plates on the communion table during the Doxology.



Scripture Reader: This person will do the first Scripture reading of the Service. The church office emails you the reading for the week so you are able to become familiar with it and practice it prior to Sunday morning.



Sound Techs:

These folks (usually 2 per Sunday) run the sound system. The people who work the system have been/ will be trained and are on a rotating schedule.



Coffee Hosts:

Coffee Hosts host our time of fellowship following the worship service. The coffee materials and instructions are posted in the kitchenette in Fellowship hall. Hosts are encouraged to arrive 45 minutes prior to worship to get the coffee started. Treats are not a requirement, but are enjoyed by the congregation when offered. Juice or punch (non-red) is nice for the children & non-coffee drinkers. There are also usually GLUTEN FREE options to use in the freezer in the HCC Main Kitchen.

Two recommended changes that we're making for our coffee hosts:

1. You can now **CHOOSE** which method of making coffee you are most comfortable with: brewers & air pots or the traditional percolators. Directions and supplies will be provided for both.
2. You can also **CHOOSE** whether to use one-time-use cups or washable mugs and cups.



Tellers: Tellers are specially-trained to count the offering. They are on a rotating schedule. If this is something you are interested in doing, and aren't already on the team, please contact Pastor Betsy or Pastor Erin.



You are invited to fill out the ways you would be interested in serving the Happy Heart team in 2023. Return it to the HCC office, place in the offering plate, or email the church office at hcc1@att.net to sign up.

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

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|---------------|-------------------|
| _____ Greeter | _____ Coffee Host |
| _____ Usher | _____ Sound Tech |
| _____ Reader | _____ Teller |

I would prefer to shadow someone on my first time as _____