



Haslett Community Church
United Church of Christ

Sunday, October 8, 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.*

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost & CROP Hunger Walk Sunday
October 8, 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 *“Life is a delicate dance between holding on and letting go, finding balance in the ever-changing rhythms of existence.” – Aloo Denish*

Gathering Music

Welcome

Choral Call to Worship

“Come, Come, Whoever You Are”

Rumi

Call to Worship

We come to remember

To love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

We come to remember

To love our neighbors as ourselves.

We come to remember

The story of scripture, the love of God.

We come to remember

The good all around us.

We come to remember

To hold fast to what is good.

Let us worship together,

for God is good, and God's love endures forever.

*** Hymn #1**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”
(verses 1-3)

Smith
ST. DENIO

Prayer of Approach

Holy God, you love us relentlessly, generously, steadfastly. You ask that we hear your promises and your commands and that we keep them close, that we hold on to that which is good. And, in being transformed by your goodness, that we share your generous love ... with you, with our neighbours, with our community. Forgive us when we hold fast to worldly trinkets and treasures but forget your blessings. Help us to discern what is holy, what is truly good and meaningful so we might hold on to those things and keep them close. Amen.

Moment of Quiet Reflection

Hymn Response

“Sanctuary”
(sing through twice)

Scruggs /Thompson

Lord pre- pare me to be a sanc- tu - ar - y, Pure and ho - ly,
7
tried and true. With thanks giv - ing I'll be a
12
liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - ry for You.

First Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 6: 4-9

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord is one. ⁵You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸Tie them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

Anthem

“Offertory”

Beck

* Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you;
And also with you.

Preschool through 5th graders are invited to Sunday School.

Second Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-21

Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise prophecies, ²¹ but test everything; hold fast to what is good.

Sermon

“Tie, fix, write ... hold fast to what is good”

*** Hymn #563**

“We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky”

Duck / Lowry

Announcements

Invitation to Fully Fund the Church We Love

Offertory

*** Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all creatures here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.

Prayers of The People & 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.

*** Benediction**

Choral Benediction

“Three-fold Amen”

Danish

Postlude



After worship, you are invited to join us for Coffee Fellowship in Friendship Hall.

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

CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



2023 Greater Lansing CROP Hunger Walk at Haslett Community Church

This year's HCC CROP Hunger Walk is TODAY at 1 pm. It will once again be a walk (or run) around Lake Lansing. We hope you will join us!

When: **TODAY, October 8, 2023, at 1 pm**

Where: Starting at HCC and walking in small groups around some or all of Lake Lansing. Runners are welcome!

Who: You! Everyone is welcome. We would love to have you walk or run with us.

Why: Join with others in Greater Lansing as together we work to end hunger and poverty in our community and around the world.



To give online or to sign up to walk with us, please use the QR Code to the right, OR visit this website: <http://bit.ly/48uWlw3>.

We look forward to having you join us TODAY at 1pm.



Ministry Connections
Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community
October 8, 2023



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.



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 Haslett Community Church

CHURCH CALENDAR (October 8 - October 15)

Sunday 10/8/2023	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)
	1:00 PM	CROP Hunger Walk
	5:00 PM	All HCC Bonfire (<i>info at right</i>)
Monday 10/9/2023	5:00 - 6:30 PM	YOUTH: MS Youth Grp (YR)
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	YOUTH: HS Youth Grp (YR)
	6:00 PM	Property Committee Meets (Z)
Tuesday 10/10/2023	7:00 PM	Green Team Meets (FH)
	7:30 PM	Social Committee Meets (Fr)
Wednesday 10/11/2023	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
	7:15 PM	Church Council Meets (FH)
Thursday 10/12/2023	11:30 AM - 1PM	Betsy Onsite Ofc Hours (Ofc)
	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Wisdom & Wondering (FH)
	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal (CR)
Friday 10/13/2023	9:00 - 9:45 AM	Sermon Preview Bible Study (Z)
	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
	1:30 PM	Mission Outreach Meets (FH)
Saturday 10/14/2023	7:00 - 7:45 AM	YOUTH: Hot Cocoa for HoCo (D3)
	9:00 AM	Men's Group Meets (Z)
Sunday 10/15/2023	7:00 - 9:30 PM	YOUTH: MS Movie Night (Fr)
	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)
	5:00 - 6:30 PM	YOUTH: MS Youth Grp (YR)
7:00 - 9:00 PM	YOUTH: HS Youth Grp (YR)	

Legend: CR=Choir Rm; D3= Door3; FH= Fellowship Hall; Fr = Friendship Hall; L=Library; Ofc=HCC Office; K =Kitchen; PL=Parking Lot; S=Sanctuary; SS=Sunday School Rooms (downstairs); YR=Youth Rm; Z=Zoom

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.

ALL HCC BONFIRE

TODAY, October 8, 2023, at 5pm. at Malinda Barr's Barn at 1867 Lake Lansing Rd, Haslett



Social Committee is hosting an all-HCC Bonfire. Music will be furnished by Mark Garrod and friends. Social Committee will furnish hot dogs, buns and fixing's, marshmallows, chocolate, and graham crackers. We ask that you bring a chair, beverage and your appetite!! This will be a fun event **for everyone** in the church. Sign up is online [HERE](#) and on the wall by the church office.



Hot Cocoa for Hoco!
Friday, October 13
7am-7:45am

All youth are invited to swing by HCC on their way to school to grab a cup of hot cocoa in honor of Haslett's homecoming!

Come to door #3 at church (in the kitchen). Maybe there'll be donuts too!

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 to access our Online Giving.
- Text GIVE to our secure giving number: 517-200-3995



We are so grateful for your generosity!

The Staff:

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

Our thanks this morning to:

Reader:	Carolyn Lucas
Greeters:	Barb Szkotnicki
Ushers:	Barb & Mike Szkotnicki
Coffee Hosts:	Kelly Flagg & Carol Cramer
Audio/Visual Techs:	Rich Newport
Tellers	Don Flagg & Rich Baumgartner

Sanctuary flowers today are donated by Carol Cramer, in memory of Mary Nelson, who loved flowers.

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Thank you for worshiping 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.

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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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Walter C. Smith, 1867; alt.

1 Tim. 1:17; Ps. 36:6

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 Your life is life - giv - ing— to both great and small;
4 So per - fect your glo - ry, so bril - liant your light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
not want - ing, not wast - ing, but rul - ing in might;
in all life you're liv - ing, the true life of all;
your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves and as flowers,
All praise we now ren - der as your an - gels do:

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise.
your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish— but naught dims your powers.
in awe at the splen - dor of light hid - ing you.

Walter C. Smith, minister of the Free Church of Scotland and later moderator of the Assembly, wrote poetry as a retreat from work and to say what could not be fully expressed in the pulpit.

(Back)

Tune: ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11.
Adapt. from a Welsh ballad in John Roberts' Caniadaeth y Cysegr, 1839

John 10:10

Ruth Duck, 1984; rev. 1989



1 We can - not own the sun - lit sky, the moon, the wild - flowers
 2 When bod - ies shiv - er in the night and, wea - ry, wait for
 3 God calls hu - man - i - ty to join as part - ners in cre -



grow - ing, for we are part of all that is with -
 morn - ing, when chil - dren have no bread but tears, and
 a - ting a fu - ture free from want or fear, life's



in life's riv - er flow - ing. With o - pen hands re -
 war - horns sound their warn - ing, God calls hu - man - i -
 good - ness cel - e - brat - ing. That new world beck - ons



ceive and share the gifts of God's cre - a - tion, that
 ty to wake, to join in com - mon la - bor, that
 from a - far, in - vites our shared en - deav - or, that



all may have a - bun - dant life in ev - ery earth - ly na - tion.
 all may have a - bun - dant life in one - ness with their neigh - bor.
 all may have a - bun - dant life and peace en - dure for - ev - er.

Ruth Duck wrote this text while she was serving as a corporate member of the United Church Board for World Ministries. In it, she wanted to "emphasize humanity's shared partnership with God in caring for one another and the whole creation."

Tune: ENDLESS SONG 8.7.8.7.D.
 Attrib. to Robert Lowry in Bright Jewels
 for the Sunday School, New York, 1869



Happy Heart Helpers Needed!

Have you ever wondered who makes Sunday mornings go so smoothly? YOU DO! Join the Happy Heart Team, and just see what smiles you can bring to people.

Being a Happy Heart volunteer is a great way to serve the church when you're already here on a Sunday morning! We hope to have enough volunteers that you would not need to fulfill a role more than about once a quarter!

See the back of this flyer for descriptions of all roles, and know that we are always happy to train you or have you shadow someone until you are comfortable. Every effort is made to work around your schedule, and if something comes up substitutions can be made.

Fill out the form below and place it in the basket during offering, or give to a Pastor, or email hcc1@att.net to tell us which role(s) you are interested in and we will be in touch.



You are invited to fill out the ways you would be interested in serving the Happy Heart team in 2024. 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: _____

PHONE: _____

I am interested in these Happy Heart Team roles (check all that apply):


- | | |
|---------------|---|
| _____ Greeter | _____ Coffee Host (training video avail.) |
| _____ Usher | _____ Audio Visual Tech (training provided) |
| _____ Reader | _____ Teller (training provided) |

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







Happy Heart




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.




A/V Techs: Our Audio/Video Techs work in pairs to run the livestream camera and sound system during worship. This role requires a little extra training, so our friendly, current A/V techs will work with you until you're comfortable.



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 the office.

