

# Haslett Community Church



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

**December 2020**



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"Advent is the time of promise; it is not yet the time of fulfillment." – Alfred Delp, *Advent of the Heart: Seasonal Sermons And Prison Writings 1941-1944*

Let us sink into Advent more fully this year than ever before.

Let us soak up the promise of what is to come as we enjoy every twinkling light display and soft candle glow. Let us dwell deeply in moments of longing, as we sense the missing rituals of gathering that simply cannot be part of the season this year.

Advent is a season of waiting, of anticipation. And we have been waiting for oh, so long. So let us sink into Advent more fully this year than ever before.

There is a sense of joy around the season of Advent because we know its duration, and we know how it ends. It begins four Sundays before Christmas, and its conclusion is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ and all of the feasts, fellowship, worship, songs, and gift exchanging that have become part of our Christmas celebrations!

But this year, while we know we will celebrate the birth of God With Us, Emmanuel, at the conclusion of our season of waiting, we do not know when our gatherings and familiar traditions will start to look like those we remember.

This year, Advent will truly be a season of promise and not yet fulfillment. And promise is so much a part of our Christian identity. We live and walk and worship and love in this world in anticipation of the fulfillment of Christ's promise of the world that is yet to come, the world that we strive to move toward in our faith and in our living.

In such a time as this, the promises of our faith are mingled with the promises of effective COVID-19 vaccines on the horizon, that will allow us to gather safely together again in ways that feel much more familiar. We have been waiting for a long time. We have become experts on waiting.

As Advent is a season of waiting, of promise, let us sink into Advent more fully this year than ever before. After all, you are an expert at waiting; you are a master of anticipating the goodness that is to come. And while our Advent and Christmas worship and celebrations must look different this year – so much different – there is still hope and promise on the horizon! Christmas Day will still arrive, right on time. God still sent Jesus to be God With Us. And while not all of our hopes are realized in this moment, the promise for fulfillment is still very real.

Advent is a season of waiting, and we have become experts at it. Let us sink into Advent more fully this year than ever before.

Yours In the Journey,  
Pastor Betsy

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Haslett Community Church is committed to the safety of our congregation and community. The current Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Epidemic Order, known as "Pause to Save Lives," is in effect until December 8, 2020.

As we continue to plan for Advent and Christmas events, we will keep an eye on the latest health information and weather, and we ask for your patience and flexibility. We may add or modify plans throughout this season, but the newsletter comes but once a month. You will notice that not all worship outlines are included for the month, as we

want to remain flexible with our plans for streaming services for Christmas Eve and following.

For the most updated information, please keep an eye on weekly email updates and our website, [haslettcommunitychurch.org](http://haslettcommunitychurch.org). If you are a Facebook user, our [Facebook page](#) is also a good source of information. Mailings will be sent as needed to keep our non-digital house-holds informed.



**A New Experience in Celebration of Advent**

This Advent season, HCC has a tree outside, on the property, to be decorated by all of us throughout the coming weeks! We're excited to have you help us bring the spirit of Christmas to all who come by our church.

The tree is generously donated by Dave and Nancy Ferguson. And it was raised, made stable, and lit by the Men's Group. Thank you to all for this wonderful addition to our tradition!

Please see [pages 3 & 4](#) for the How, What, and When of how you can help decorate our tree!

**Hanging of the Greens 2020**



In preparing for Advent at Haslett Community Church, decorating our church is a long time tradition - from making and hanging wreaths to sharing a soup supper and service to bring our spirits into the season. Hanging of the Greens looks different this year, just as everything we know is a little different this year.

Social Committee has purchased some live wreaths to hang in the windows of Friendship Hall, and the Men's Group, led by Dave Vietti, hung them for us during the first weekend of Advent. Thank you, Men's Group!



**NEW!** Social Committee has purchased 10 additional wreaths to be decorated by you. If you'd like to "adopt a wreath" to decorate, stop by the south porch of HCC to pick up a "blank" wreath, and then, once you've decorated it, drop it back off at church and attach it to a metal sign holder near the sidewalk by Door 1. These wreaths will bring some cheer to our Christmas Giving families and all who walk or drive by our lot. (Keep in mind the wreaths will be displayed outside and that your items won't be returned to you).

If you mail a holiday card to HCC, Betsy and Erin will attach it to the inside of the sanctuary windows as a reminder that the greetings from you are shining love outward to the community! A visible reminder of our common connection and God's light shining out!



*Thanks to Susan Schwaderer and Rebecca Reagan for the idea!*

# Help decorate HCC's outdoor tree

Each week of Advent you are invited to bring Advent themed decorations for the Christmas tree that will adorn the HCC lawn through the Christmas season.



## **Week 1: PEACE**

Dates: Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>

Decoration: Paper peace doves  
(instructions on reverse side)

## **Week 2: HOPE**

Dates: December 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

Decoration: birdseed ornaments  
(sample ideas on reverse side)

## **Week 3: LOVE**

Dates: December 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>

Decoration: cranberry garland

## **Week 4: JOY**

Dates: December 20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>

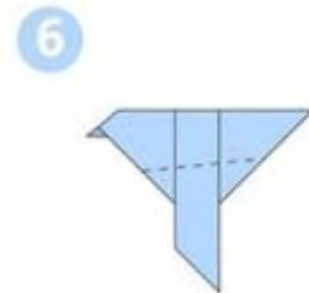
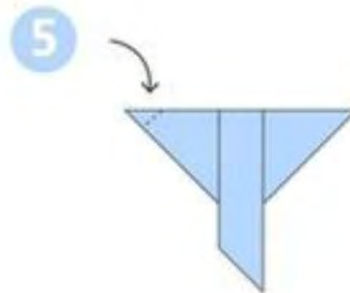
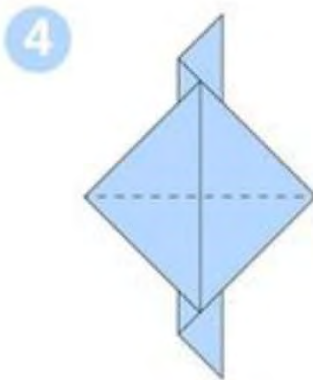
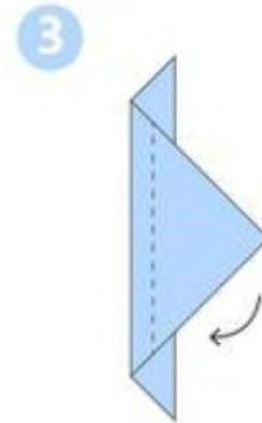
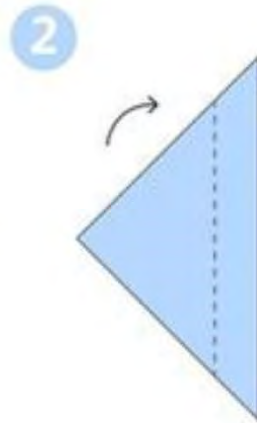
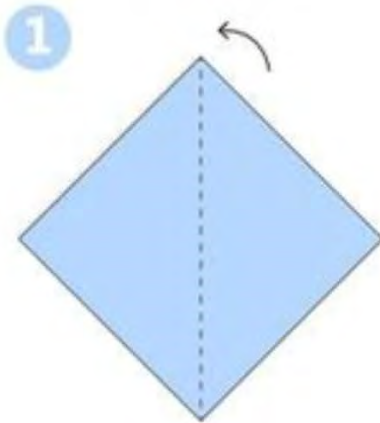
Decoration: popcorn garland

You are invited to bring your decorations for the tree at any time during the week.

When you come to decorate the tree, please wear masks and practice social distancing if others are decorating at the same time.



# ORIGAMI DOVE



**Birdseed ornaments:** For these you can use any nut butter and birdseed as their primary ingredients. You can spread the nut butter of your choosing over a pinecone or toilet paper cardboard tube and then cover in birdseed. Gingerbread ornaments would also work as a base for the nut butter and birdseed. Creativity welcome, we just ask that they use environmentally friendly components (no plastic, glass, metal, etc).



# ADVENTURE CLUB

ADVENTure Club in 2020 is going virtual!

Through our virtual Sunday school classroom, we are going to get to explore different parts of the Christmas story.

The updated classroom will get emailed out every Sunday during Advent.



Reminder that our 10am worship service on December 20<sup>th</sup> is especially geared toward our children.

During what would traditionally be the sermon time, we will be reading from a new Christmas themed children's book.

We hope that you will be able to join us virtually for this special service.

One part of ADVENTure Club that we will miss this year is making gingerbread houses with Mrs. Lovett. Here are some fun alternatives to try this year:

This savory house is made out of cheese & crackers! The pepperoni shingles on the roof are especially creative (as is the mozzarella ball snowman)!



This healthier version is made from cut up vegetables like carrots & celery. The red pepper door feels especially festive!



Pretzel rods or sticks give it a log cabin feel! Brainstorm what other snack foods you can use to decorate your house with!



If sweet is your preference, try building with Pop Tarts, graham crackers or sugar cubes!



We once again are offering devotionals and coloring pages from Illustrated Ministry.

There are three options available:

1. Illustrated Devotional for Individuals
2. Illustrated Advent Family Devotional
3. Christmas Coloring Pages

All will be available on our website starting on Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. They can be shared by email as well.

If you would prefer to have a printed copy, please reach out to Pastor Erin and she will make sure you get a hard copy of the devotional.

Enjoy this coloring sample!





Per the new restrictions in place, youth group will be meeting virtually through December 8<sup>th</sup>. Decisions about the youth group schedule in December will be made as restrictions are lifted or extended. WATCH for PARENT EMAILS & REMIND notifications.

Just a reminder that when youth group meets virtually, middle school youth group (all grades 5-8) meets at 5pm and high school youth group (all grades 9-12) meets at 7pm.

When we are able to meet in person, the youth group Sunday schedule is as follows:

- 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders 5-6pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders 6-7pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> graders 7-8pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> graders 8-9pm

Always use door #1 when arriving for youth group (main entrance at center of the building). Students should use hand sanitizer as soon as they enter the building (provided in the vestibule). All groups will be meeting in the sanctuary, so that we can socially distance. The sanctuary is immediately right of door #1. Youth are asked to bring their own chair each week, so that we can minimize the need to clean surfaces between groups. Masks are required. Thanks for your cooperation in keeping everyone safe!



The seniors have selected a high school mission trip for 2021!

Which means, mission trip reveal could be happening ANYTIME NOW!

You won't know where or when, and you definitely won't be able to guess how they plan to reveal this big news!  
**BE READY!**

The high school trip is currently set for June 19-26<sup>th</sup> (with June 26<sup>th</sup>-July 3<sup>rd</sup> set as a last resort back up).

Middle schoolers will be invited to participate in a local mission week- working in various settings around Michigan, but returning home each night for sleep.

Middle school mission week is set for July 25-30<sup>th</sup>.

ALL PARENTS should watch for mission trip/week information coming in JANUARY! And chaperones will be needed for both weeks, so start thinking & praying about if you feel called to serve with us!



If we aren't able to have a Christmas Party in December, we will have one at some point!



This December, every Tuesday we will have a movie night on Zoom to watch different Christmas movies! *Don't worry- Erin won't make you watch her favorite Christmas movie, "Die Hard."*

Each movie night will begin at 7pm for ALL YOUTH.

Zoom link will be shared via parent email and Remind app.

Put on your favorite Christmas PJs, grab some popcorn and join us on ZOOM.

December 1<sup>st</sup> is "ELF"

December 8<sup>th</sup> is "A Christmas Story"

December 15<sup>th</sup> is "Home Alone"

December 22<sup>nd</sup> is "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (the original, animated one)



We're busy putting our finishing touches on this year's YOUTH ADVENT CALENDAR!

Watch for more information about how to join in this fun way to countdown to Christmas, while remembering what this season is all about!

 **CHOIR/CHIMES  
NEWS & NOTES**



Dear Friends, this is a year that we will be singing our beloved carols alone, but together in spirit. We hope as you come upon them in our services, you will join in at home and know that we are all singing with you. In those times of worship there will be a variety in the types of music, special instrumental guests, and a surprise from the choir. Don't miss a Sunday.

Many thanks to Nancy White, the choir of 2018, Tana Denning and Fred Johnson, Mark Garrod, and Gwen Dease for providing the special music during November. We have so many talented musicians among us. Special thanks to Barbara who is musically keeping us together.

Blessings to all of you this Christmas, and may we be singing our favorite carols again in 2021.

There will be a **December virtual choir gathering on Wednesday, Dec.16 at 7:00pm**. Those with ugly sweaters are encouraged to wear them, but other holiday garb is also welcome.

**Virtual Choir Gathering Dec. 16, at 7pm**

Join: [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)

Meeting ID: 878 6642 5968

To Call In\*: 301.715.8592 or  
312.626.6799

*\*Long distance charges may apply*

**Additional Fall Food Pantry Campaign**

The Haslett Community Food Pantry has been selected to be the recipient of another **Simply Give** campaign.

The campaign will run in **the Okemos Meijer store only through Saturday, January 2, 2021.**

Meijer will **double Simply Give donations** at the **Okemos store** on:

- Tuesday, December 1
- Saturday, December 12

On those two days, for every \$10 donation card purchased, Meijer will provide an additional contribution of \$20, resulting in a total donation of \$30.

While other days are not double matched, every \$10 Simply Give card purchased, on any day, is welcomed, as the total campaign produces much valuable food pantry assistance!!

Thanks to generous customers and Meijer Foundation support, the Simply Give campaign generated over \$57 million in food donations for more than 430 food pantries throughout the Midwest since 2008.



**Virtual Check-in with Betsy**

**Pastor Betsy hosts a weekly informal congregation check-in via Zoom every TUESDAY at 12:30 pm**

This will continue until we can be together in person again. You can participate any weeks you'd like by calling in with a phone (high-tech or low-tech)\*, or with the ZOOM app on a computer or tablet to add video capabilities. See [the Zoom tips section](#) for more information.



All are invited to use this time - it's good to hear familiar voices, see familiar faces, and be "together" as we can!

Betsy looks forward to connecting with you!

**Join Zoom Meeting:** [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)

**Meeting ID:** 885 3274 6045

**To Call In\*:** 646.876.9923 or  
301.715.8592

*\*Long Distance charges may apply*

Our Church Family



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

- To Pat Lokey for graciously volunteering to distribute the blood drive posters on Grand River! So very much appreciated!
- To Regula Arnosti for doing such a great job as clerk.
- To Paula Fry for collecting and delivering the meal to Loaves & Fishes, and to Carol Cramer Nancy White, and Kelly Flagg for preparing the meal in December.
- To Pastor Erin and Pastor Betsy for doing such an outstanding job under difficult circumstances.
- To Ruth Linnemann and her Christmas Giving Project team for all the behind-the-scenes work.
- To Jim Durr for single-handedly moving some shelves out of the Food Pantry serving room.
- To the Ruonavaara family for hosting a movie night; thanks also to Pastor Betsy and Phil Aho for technical assistance.



**Annual Congregational Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of Haslett Community Church will take place **Sunday, December 6, 2020, at 11:00 a.m.** (see Zoom info below).

The purpose of the meeting will be to vote on the 2021 Budget, elect new Council Members, and discuss other church business as needed. **Due to COVID-19 Restrictions, the Annual Meeting will take place via Zoom.**

Ahead of the meeting, relevant documents will be emailed. Recognizing that Zoom and email are not accessible to all of our members, we will also mail documents to those who do not have email. Information on voting if you don't have online capabilities will be included in the mailing.

If you have questions, please contact the church office at [hcc1@att.net](mailto:hcc1@att.net) or 517.339.8383.

Join Zoom meeting: [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)  
 Meeting ID: 896 3547 4937  
 To Call In\*: 312.626.6799  
*\*Long Distance Charges may apply*



In preparation for the Congregational Meeting, there will be a **Special Council Meeting on Tuesday, December 1 at 7:15 p.m.** Please contact Michele for Zoom information.



The Red Cross thanks us for a very successful blood drive in November - We received 41 life-saving units! That's the best we've had all year! Next HCC Blood Drive: Jan. 15, 2021

**Accessing Remote Worship**

Each Sunday, worship is aired on the church [Facebook page](#) at 10 am and all are welcome!! If you do not have a Facebook account, here are additional ways you can join us in worship:



- Enter [www.facebook.com/HaslettCommunityChurch/live](http://www.facebook.com/HaslettCommunityChurch/live) into your web browser, then scroll down until you see the worship video. You may have to refresh your screen at the 10am start time (see below for Refresh instructions).
- You can go to our webpage, [haslettcommunitychurch.org](http://haslettcommunitychurch.org) and click the ACCESS WORSHIP HERE link. You may have to refresh your screen at the 10:00am start time (see below for Refresh instructions).

**To Refresh a webpage:** You can either press the **F5** key at the top of your keyboard, or you can click on the Refresh icon near the top of your screen.

If you need help connecting with us, please reach out to Michele, our Office Manager, at [hcc1@att.net](mailto:hcc1@att.net) or 517.339.8383.

While you worship with us remotely, please feel free to follow along in our **WORSHIP GUIDES**, which can be found on our website under Worship. We hope to see you Sunday for remote worship!





**Social Committee** is here to guide and encourage us to stay connected, even while we all practice physical distancing. The members of the Social Committee are keeping our minds a-brewing with ideas for creative ways to bring us together during this time of staying apart. Most of these events are weather and restriction dependent.

Please keep a lookout for these events that we are trying to bring your way when the weather is best and they can be done in a healthy way. We know that emotionally, we all need to be together, and physically, we all need to stay in our own space. This is a list of the fun stuff we are hoping to bring forth in the coming months:



- Bonfire - burning of the old, bringing in the new
- Remote Game Night
- Sledding/tubing at Hawk Hollow or a big hill somewhere
- Photo Scavenger Hunt

Look for more information in Betsy’s weekly email and the [HCC monthly newsletter](#).

If you have any ideas for us to promote, please let us know. We are still hoping people can be creative with their Pick-A-Party ideas, with social distancing and caring for the health of all of those who participate in the activity. Being creative may be a little more work, but can be worth it if fun and laughter is happening! Let us know! **Call or text Kim Carnes at (517)331-3586** with your brewing thoughts, or, if your idea is a safe, distanced **Pick-A-Party, please contact Karla Hiller** at michst8alum@gmail.com.



**HCC Annual Ski Trip**

This year would have been our 24th year at Treetops Resort for our HCC Annual Ski Trip!

With no great surprise and a sad heart, the Social Committee has decided that January 2021 is not the time to gather closely in the Hospitality Suite at Treetops. In looking out for each other, for our good health, we are looking forward to making January 2022 our 24th year at Treetops!

We already have reservations for **January 6-9, 2022!** So turn your calendar ahead a few pages and circle in red, these dates for a grand old time!

**Advent 2020**

Please check out all the opportunities we have to come together responsibly during this 2020 Advent season on pages 2-4 of this newsletter! We look forward to celebrating the season with you!

*Articles for the January 2021 Newsletter are due on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of this month (December 15, 2020)*

**Women’s Group Re-Imagining**

Our group meets **this Tuesday, December 1, at 10 am**. We are discussing the survey results from last month regarding ideas for possible new meeting times that could be more inclusive, and for service projects our team could take on to benefit our church family and wider community. Please join us if you can - we’d love to hear your ideas!



Join Zoom Meeting: [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)  
Meeting ID: 872 9362 4318  
To Call In\*: 312.626.6799 or 646.558.8656  
*\*Long distance charges may apply*

If you can’t join us Tuesday and still have ideas to share with us, meeting times that would help you connect with us in the future, or want to know how to get involved, please contact Michele at the church office at hcc1@att.net or 339-8383.



The various groups sponsored by the Spiritual Life Committee help us to reflect on and grow in our spiritual life as well as foster closer ties between us. The committee consists of Donna Ellis Cornell, Don Flagg, Karen Klein, Becky Leefers, Carolyn Lucas, Katie Riley, and Angie Wilson. Please feel free to contact any of us with questions you might have or with your ideas for other groups or events we might sponsor.



**Coffee With Jesus  
(Exploring our Questions about  
Faith, Life, and Spirituality)**

The Coffee with Jesus group is continuing on our spiritual journey together, exploring our questions and providing support for meeting the challenges of living and callings of our lives as followers of Christ. Love has been our overarching theme.

This fall we will be learning from the experience and challenges shared by Valerie Kaur in her powerful memoir *See No Stranger, a Memoir of Revolutionary Love*. From the book jacket we read: "HOW DO WE LOVE IN A TIME OF TURMOIL?" Valerie Kaur declares revolutionary love as the call of our time, a radical, joyful practice that extends to others, to our opponents, and to ourselves. Drawing from the wisdom of sages, scientists, and activists, Kaur reclaims love as "an active, public, and revolutionary force that creates new possibilities for ourselves, our communities, and our world."

Parker Palmer says of Valerie and her book: "Tested and tempered by suffering, but rising up with hope and joy, Kaur shows us how to love others, opponents, and ourselves in ways that will bring us closer to the Beloved Community. This book will change your life."

Join Coffee with Jesus  
**every Sunday at 11:15 am:**

Join Zoom Meeting:  
[www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)  
Meeting ID: 327 644 165  
To Call in\*: 253.215.8782  
301.715.8592  
*\*Long distance charges may apply*



The **Men's Group** will continue to meet regularly this year in different ways, including **online Zoom meetings every Saturday morning during physical distancing at 9:00 am** (see info on how to join below).

Please **contact Dave Vietti** if you're interested in connecting with this group!

517-339-5731 [vietti@msu.edu](mailto:vietti@msu.edu)

Join Zoom Meeting:  
[www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)  
Meeting ID: 416 360 920  
To Call In\*: 253.215.8782  
301.715.8592  
*\*Long distance charges may apply*



**Bring your own Book:**

Read some great books lately?  
Looking for some more?  
Book Lovers Unite!

We have enjoyed getting together to share some of our favorite stories, and we'll be continuing through the fall!



We will meet next on:  
**Tue., Dec. 15 at 3pm,**  
**via ZOOM** (see below).  
Any questions, contact  
Karen Klein:  
[kklein76@aol.com](mailto:kklein76@aol.com).

Join Zoom Meeting: [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)  
Meeting ID: 872 2559 0098  
To Call In\*: 646.558.8656  
301.715.8592  
*\*Long distance charges may apply*



**Christmas Eve  
Worship Service**

Service will be  
streamed at 7:00 p.m.  
on December 24. More  
details and a worship  
outline to follow!



## Christmas Giving Project 2020 - Gifts

There are new features in the 2020 Christmas Giving Project to make it safe and easy for everyone to contribute and participate. You and your family and friends are invited to purchase gifts.

**WHAT:** The project offers five gifts to each child. When you decide to purchase gifts, you will receive a gift list that includes all gifts for a single child. We ask one person to register for the child even if you decide to share the gift purchasing for that child with a family member or friend. You can select any number of children.

### HOW:

**Remote Gift List:** You can make a request remotely by sending an email with "Gift Request" in the Subject line to [hccChristmas@att.net](mailto:hccChristmas@att.net).

Put three things in your email:

- 1) **your name and phone number**
- 2) **list the number of children** you wish to purchase gifts for (remember, you will be responsible for five gifts for each child you request)
- 3) Tell us **your preference of the child's age: 0 to 5 years old; 6 to 12 years old; or 13 to 18 years old.** You can include a gender preference, but that is not required.

You will receive a gift list and gift preparation instructions via return email. We will do our best to match your request. A gift list will be emailed to you within a week after we receive your request.

**In-Person Gift List:** You can pick up a gift list from the gift table in the vestibule just inside Door #1 of HCC (west side of building). Volunteers will be available to give out gift lists and receive wrapped gifts **between 1 and 2 pm every Saturday and Sunday until December 13. Wrapped gifts are due December 13.**

**Financially:** If you choose to support the project financially, without shopping, you can donate online on the Giving page of our website or by texting the word Give to (517) 200-3995 and **choosing Christmas Giving Project as the fund** you're donating to.

You can also send a check to HCC, P.O. Box 217, Haslett, MI 48840, with **Christmas Giving Project in the memo line.**

## Many Volunteers Needed for Christmas Giving Project 2020

We need many volunteers AND it is very, very important to have people COMMIT to a specific time in advance, so we have a SMALL number of volunteers at any one time. The sign up pages you can access with the links below are set to send email reminders. We need advance sign-up to keep every team SMALL and SAFE.

**Gift Helpers** - Volunteers are needed each Saturday and Sunday afternoon to distribute gift lists to donors and to collect wrapped gifts.



Click the link below to select a day to help:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48a9a623a4f5c52-gift>

**Shoppers and Wrappers** - In early



December, there will be gifts that still need to be purchased and wrapped. Volunteer shoppers are reimbursed for purchases they make. Send email to [hccChristmas@att.net](mailto:hccChristmas@att.net) with

"Shopper" or "Wrapper" in the subject line to volunteer.

**Packing Groceries** - Groceries given to families will be packed in a streamlined manner by small teams, from December 14-16.

It is VERY important to sign up in advance. Click the link below to make a commitment to pack groceries: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48A9A623A4F5C52-grocery>



**Distribution** - Three types of volunteers are needed in three separate shifts on the day recipients pick up gifts and food. All distribution will be done on Saturday, December 19. Descriptions for each role can be found at the bottom of the signup page at the link below: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48A9A623A4F5C52-christmas>

If you wish to volunteer without using the signup links above, you can send an email to [hccChristmas@att.net](mailto:hccChristmas@att.net) to say how you want to help, or call Ruth Linnemann at 517.339.6138.



**Boxes, Boxes, Boxes**

We need many boxes for the Christmas Giving Project. Copy paper boxes, including their covers, are

ideal; any box approximately 11" by 17" by 10" is helpful.

Since the church building is not open, we ask that boxes be left outside of Door #1 (the door closest to the sanctuary main entrance, on the west side of the building) unless not appropriate due to weather. If you do leave boxes, please phone Richard Baumgartner at 339-0438 to let him know, or to arrange for a meeting. This is a landline and cannot accept texts.



**HCC Generosity**

Thank you for continuing to support Haslett Community Church as you are able. We are still The Church with a mission and a staff, even as we gather in new ways, and we receive your gifts with gratitude. There are several options to make giving more convenient:



1. You can mail checks, and they will be accounted for weekly.
2. You can also go to [PayPal.com](https://www.paypal.com) or use the PayPal app and use your existing account or register for a new one, and enter [HCCgenerosity@gmail.com](mailto:HCCgenerosity@gmail.com) to route payments to Haslett Community Church.
3. Online Giving, Text Giving, and Giving via Mobile App are all now available to help make your support of HCC even easier! Visit [www.haslettcommunitychurch.org/giving](http://www.haslettcommunitychurch.org/giving) for more information.

- **Online Giving** - This secure option is available through our relationship with easyTithe™ and is accessible through our website.
- **Mobile Giving** - This secure option utilizes the easyTithe™ Giving App which you can download from [The App Store](https://www.apple.com/app-store) or [Google Play](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.easytithe).
- **Text Giving** - Just text GIVE to our secure giving number: 517-200-3995

Thank you for your generosity & support during this time!

**zoom Tips**

Zoom is a handy social-distancing meeting tool, no matter how technical you are. You can use anything from a home phone to the fanciest computer and still join! Until we can be together, we will use Zoom for meetings, classes and programs and want them to be accessible to as many as possible! Please don't hesitate to be in touch with Michele in the office for help connecting:

[hcc1@att.net](mailto:hcc1@att.net) or 517.339.8383.



**Our next Green Team meeting is December 7, at 7 pm via Zoom.**

Join Zoom Meeting:  
[www.msu.zoom.us](https://www.msu.zoom.us)

Meeting ID: 827 0943 9761  
Use the usual HCC passcode



Church Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month.

**The next regular Council meeting will be Dec. 8, at 7:15 pm, via ZOOM.**

There is also a **Special Meeting of Council** on **Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 7:15 pm** in preparation for the **Annual Congregational Meeting on Dec.6 at 11am.**

If you would like to join us for any of these, please be in touch with Michele, Office Manager, for details: [hcc1@att.net](mailto:hcc1@att.net) or 339-8383

## What's Happening at HCC

For everyone's safety, most meetings are happening by phone or computer, via ZOOM videoconferencing or Facebook Live, but there are also a few in-person opportunities. In place of the usual HCC Calendar, here is a list of meetings scheduled, online and other, so you can stay connected.

### WEEKLY

#### [Worship Service](#) (p8)

Sundays, 10:00am  
(Dec. 20 is Family Christmas)  
[Facebook Live](#)

#### [Coffee With Jesus](#) (p10)

Sundays, 11:15am -12:45pm  
Zoom

#### [Virtual Sunday School](#) (p5)

Sundays  
Email  
See Children's Page for details

#### [Youth Groups](#) (p6)

Sundays starting at 5:00pm  
See Youth Page for details

#### [Decorate HCC for the Season!](#) (p2 ,3, & 4)

HCC grounds  
Weekly themes for Advent

#### [Virtual Check-In with Betsy](#) (p7)

Tuesdays, 12:30pm  
Zoom

#### [Youth Movie Night](#) (p6)

Tuesdays in December, 7:00pm  
Zoom

#### [Men's Group](#) (p10)

Every Saturday, 9:00am  
Zoom

#### [Christmas Giving Project](#) (p11-12)

Saturday & Sunday through Dec. 13, 1:00-2:00pm  
HCC, Inside Door 1 (west side)  
\*ALL GIFTS DUE BACK WRAPPED ON DEC. 13

### ONCE THIS MONTH

#### [Women's Group Re-Imagining](#) (p9)

Tuesday, December 1, 10:00am  
Zoom

#### [Special Council Meeting](#) (p8)

Tuesday, December 1, 7:15pm  
Zoom

#### [Annual Congregational Meeting](#) (p8)

Sunday, December 6, 11:00am  
Zoom

#### [Green Team Meets](#) (p12)

Monday, December 7, 7:00pm  
Zoom

#### [Council Meeting](#) (p12)

Tuesday, December 8, 7:15pm  
Zoom

#### [Bring Your Own Book Discussion](#) (p10)

Tuesday, December 15, 3:00pm  
Zoom

#### [Spiritual Life Meets](#) (p10)

Tuesday, December 15, 7:00pm  
Zoom

#### [Choir Virtual Gathering](#) (p7)

Wednesday, December 16, 7:00pm  
Zoom

#### [Christmas Eve Service](#) (p10)

Thursday, December 24, 7:00pm  
*Details to follow*

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