

Haslett Community Church



HCC Connections

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

July 2021



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Jesus said to them, "Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money - not even an extra tunic. Whatever house you enter, stay there, and leave from there." - Luke 9: 3-4

Hearing about and seeing photos of many of you traveling or reuniting with friends and family is balm for the soul. My family is journeying and reuniting this summer as well. I

will be on vacation from July 9 - July 24; returning just in time for outdoor worship on July 25, where we will share Holy Communion, celebrate a Baptism, and induct new members into our church family!

Journeys look different for each of us. Some may be traveling great distances, making up for lost vacations and time with loved ones. Some may be taking a journey of the heart as you stay close to home but have opportunities to enjoy people and experiences that have been put on hold as of late. Some journeys may be within as the future is approached differently, with whatever wisdom and soul searching the last fifteen months have bestowed upon you.

When Jesus sends the apostles out to travel, for the purpose of preaching, healing, and sharing the Gospel, he tells them not to bring anything with them. An exercise in trust. Trusting God, trusting others.

I still plan to pack for my vacation, though. In fact, I will probably over-pack.

But what can we leave behind as we journey this summer? Whether physically traveling, or embracing journeys of the heart, or facing journeys within, where do we make room for trusting that Jesus is providing what we need? You may still need to pay for a hotel or that beach read you are finally making time for, but can we leave behind baggage that doesn't serve our best selves and embrace what the future holds?

Wherever you are led this summer, I pray the journey is a blessed one.

Yours in the Journey,

Pastor Betsy Aho

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Help us collect supplies for this year's Vacation Bible School!

Starting on Tuesday, July 6th, swing by the church to pick up a supply card (located in one of the document holders on the church lawn). Purchase the supply listed on your card and return to the church by Sunday, July 25th.

If you would prefer, you are invited to shop off our Amazon wish-list as well ([Check out my list on Amazon](#)) and have supplies shipped to the church parsonage (1415 Haslett Road in Haslett).

Thanks so much for your support!



**Outdoor, In-Person
Worship Services!**

Bring a blanket or camp chair (or use one of ours) and join us on the lawn for worship on the last Sunday of each month this Summer. God provided a break

in the rain for us to hold our June 27 service outdoors, and did we ever celebrate being together in-person! We hope you join us for the other in-person opportunities this summer.

In-person coffee fellowship, hosted by the Spiritual Life Committee, following each service. Coffee and individual snacks provided!

Bathrooms available at all services.

- **Sun., July 25 10:00 a.m.** – HCC West Side green space
 - We will share Holy Communion (individual elements provided), celebrate a Baptism, and induct new members into our church family
 - New Member information will be available in the August *HCC Connections*
- **Sun., August 29 10:00 a.m.** – Lake Lansing Park North (more details to follow)

This, along with the other in-person opportunities detailed on [page 6](#), are moving us toward our **Return to In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary on September 5!**


Accessing Remote Worship

Each Sunday, worship is aired on the church [Facebook page](#) at 10am, and all are welcome!! The service can also be found on our [YouTube channel](#). Below are ways you can join us in worship.

This month, there will be Outdoor Worship at HCC on July 25 that will include Communion and New Member Induction!



- Enter www.facebook.com/HaslettCommunityChurch into your web browser, then scroll down until you see the worship video.

- Visit our webpage, haslettcommunitychurch.org and click the  in the upper right corner, then scroll down until you see the worship video.
- There is also a worship link shared at haslettcommunitychurch.org at 10:00 am that will take you to that morning's worship video on [YouTube](#).

If you need help connecting with us, please reach out to Michele, our Office Manager, at: hcc@haslettcommunitychurch.org or 517.339.8383.

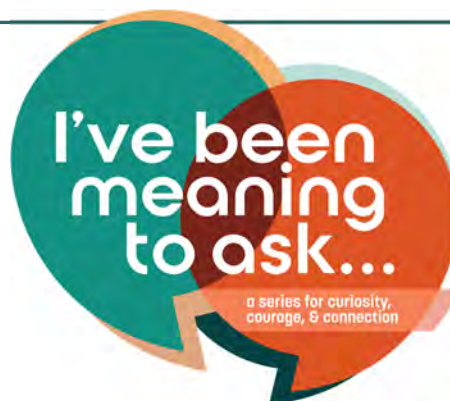
Summer Preaching and Interview Series is Underway!

The heart of this preaching and interview series is fostering deep connection and cultivating curiosity by asking, in the context of Biblical narratives, four connecting questions:

- Where are you from?
- Where does it hurt?
- What do you need?
- Where do we go from here?

If you have gotten away from attending virtual service, please consider trying again! We have some wonderful guests sharing their wisdom and stories with us.

You can always find our past services from our [website](#), [Facebook page](#), and [YouTube channel](#).



Thanks to Barry Sedgwick for his participation on June 20.

On July 4, we welcome Rev. Bethany Joy Winn, a Hospice Chaplain with Spectrum Health, engaging in the question, "Where does it hurt?"

Please stop by the church and help yourself to a full color study journal to guide you through the summer as well!

With original art, meditations, poetry, perspectives, and questions to ponder, you will find the journal a rich resource.

Be in touch with Michele or Betsy if you would prefer we drop off or mail a journal to you, as we would be happy to!



Vacation Bible School

August 2-4, 2021



5-7pm

Come learn about how much you are loved and treasured by God!



Open to all children from preschool through fifth grade! Older youth are invited to help out as group leaders!



Please REGISTER ALL children by emailing Pastor Erin (erin.Heisler@att.net) their names and the grade completed this spring.

On Saturday, July 31,
come to the
**Youth on a Mission
Lemonade Stand
at Cheesy D's**
from **12-5pm.**



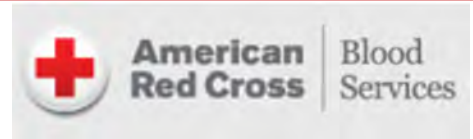
Cheesy D's is on the corner of Marsh Road and Lake Lansing Road.

Thanks to them for this new opportunity to kick off our fundraising for the 2022 mission trip!



Red Cross Blood Drive

The Red Cross, due to COVID-19 creating a shortage in blood drives, has an immediate need for blood donations.



There will be a blood drive at HCC Friday, July 16, from Noon - 6pm

Red Cross already has stringent safety protocols, and they've implemented additional **COVID safety protocols** as well, including:

- Donation **by appointment only** (NO WALK IN appointments). Visit www.redcrossblood.org/give.
- Face masks required
- Health screenings/temperature checks upon entering building
- Physical Distancing (NO guests with donors)
- Hand sanitizer use before and during donation process / sanitization between donors



During June we have been having chime choir meetings at 7:00 pm on Wed. evenings at the church, and we plan to continue that throughout Summer.

There is still time for anyone to join this group.

Also the worship hymn leaders have been meeting with Barb to prepare and record for our Sunday services.

During the month of August the choir will have some outdoor rehearsals at 7:00 pm to get our voices warmed up. All are invited to come: long-time singers and anyone new that would like to

join. The dates for this will be August 11 and 25.

We're putting together another Virtual Choir! Choir members, HHS choir graduates, and others who are familiar with "Irish Blessing", usually sung at graduation time, are joining in.

Thanks to the quartet of Mary Trebilcock, Regula Arnosti, John Leckrone, and David Weight, and to the Virtual choir and Kirk Riley for the HCC recording of "River of Judea" during the month of June.

~Judy

judy58connelly@earthlink.net



Barbara Freeman has been offering Music to Soothe the Soul for us on **Friday mornings at 11:00 am!** She will play on July 2 and July 9, then will be taking a break for the summer.

Meeting ID: 816 7318 9681 To Call In*: 312-626-6799

**Long distance charges may apply*



THURSDAYS, 7-8 p.m.

Bring a blanket or chair and join the community for an evening of free, family-friendly, entertainment on the lawn of Haslett Community Church!

Thank You to Our Sponsors:



2021 Inaugural Season Line-up:

Featuring local talent!

July 8: Denning & Johnson

Acoustic Guitar, Fiddle and Harp

July 15: Haslett House Productions

An evening of Musical Theater – Jenny Ribeiro, soprano, and Friends

July 22: Turquoise Trio

Barbara Freeman, keyboard; Richard Illman, trumpet & flugelhorn; Gretchen Morse, oboe & English horn

July 29: Open Mic Night

Celebrating the Talent of the Community; registration info coming soon on website and Facebook

Aug. 5: Circle of Friends

Traditional songs from Celtic to Gospel on a variety of instruments like hammered dulcimer and accordion

Aug. 12: Andrew Pomerville

Scottish folk and classic Americana

All concerts are weather dependent. Website & social media will communicate cancellations if necessary.



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Bring a blanket or lawn chair and join us! Feel free to invite neighbors, friends, and family. Flyers are available in the document holders of the church - you're invited to take a couple and ask local businesses that you patronize to post them. Let us welcome the whole community to Haslett Community Church!

Our Church Family



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

- To Malinda Barr for obtaining the sponsors for the summer concert series.
- To Mike Parent, Laura Clark-Roumpz, and the Property committee for all the leadership and behind-the-scenes work that has been done in and around the buildings so far this year.
- To the Loaves and Fishes team for July: Carol Cramer, Nancy White, Bev Schmidt, and Paula Fry.



Church Open for Office Hours!

Have some church business you would like to take care of in person? Have a question and tired of email? Just want to remember what the inside of the church looks like and say hello? Grab a mask and stop by for office hours!

The church office is now open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30am - 1:00pm.

Michele Booher, Office Manager, will be in the office on Tuesdays, and Pastor Betsy will be in on Thursdays.

We love to see you, so please stop by!



Pastor Betsy will also continue outdoor office hours on weather-permitting Wednesdays from 11:30am - 1:00pm.

There will not be Outdoor Office hours on July 14 or July 21, as Pastor Betsy will be on vacation.



Church Meetings of Up to 25 People!

Church committees, teams, and groups, of up to 25

people can now meet in the Sanctuary. We are not currently allowing outside groups to meet inside but are moving in that direction.

To schedule your HCC group meeting in the Sanctuary, you must contact Michele Booher, Office Manager. Michele will work to ensure there are no conflicts with building use and will share safety protocols.

We are also happy to set up a virtual option if you would like to continue meeting remotely, or if your group members prefer a hybrid remote/in-person model.



Thank you very much for your generous donations to the World Vision GLOBAL 6k for Water! Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

The team raised \$1,115, bringing clean water to 22+ people. On behalf of everyone who will receive clean water, thank you for your support.

~Cathy Rowe



Improvements continue!

Please feel free to come by and enjoy all the improvements happening around the buildings and grounds! The southside projects are nearing completion, and the new bike rack is ready to use. The parsonage is getting some much-needed kitchen updates for safety and functionality.

Next up is the parking lot. Over the course of Council, Property, and Finance meetings, the decision was made to resurface the entire parking lot, rather than just repair the south side entrance where the sewer project took place, especially since the entire lot is long past the point of some tar and sealant being helpful.

Flowers and Foundations will cover a portion of the cost, and the remainder coming from a low-interest loan/line of credit. We hope and expect the lot to be complete before returning in September, but do not yet have dates. We will keep you posted!





Social Committee is here to guide and encourage us to stay connected. The members of the Social Committee are keeping our minds a-brewing with ideas for creative ways to bring us together. Many of these events are weather and restriction dependent. Please keep a lookout for fun events that we are trying to bring your way when the weather is best and they can be done in a healthy way. We, like many committees, are taking somewhat of a Summer break, but are looking forward to camping in August, and we are planning to bring you more in the Fall. **Call or text Kim Carnes at (517) 331-3586** if you'd like to be involved, or have ideas. We typically meet at 7:30pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, July 6 at 7:30pm at Lake Lansing Park North. This meeting also has a Zoom option: Meeting ID: 330 584 4904, Passcode: 48451

Women's Group

Our group meets most months on the **first Tuesday, at 10am**. Our group is breaking until August, when **we plan to meet in-person on Tue., August 3**.

If you'd like to join us, please be in touch with Michele at the church office at: hcc@haslettcommunitychurch.org or 339-8383



HCC 2021 Camping Weekend is coming in August!

The Social Committee has reservations for 16 sites at **Pioneer County Park in Muskegon for August 19 - 22**. They're back-to-back and side-to-side, near the bathrooms and just a short walk to the beach of Lake Michigan.



Come join in a fun tradition in the making for over 30 years! We'd love to share in beach time, campfires, potluck breakfast, swimming, hammock reading, the famous garbage can dinner, s'mores, and more with you!

The price is **\$96 for 3 nights**. You can:

- **Pay online [HERE](#)** (choose "Social Committee" as the fund, then "Camping2021" as the sub fund you're donating to).
- **Pay by check** - Make it out to Haslett Community Church, with "Camping2021" in the Memo. Get it to Kim Carnes as soon as you decide to come. After you reserve (with payment), you will be included in the Camping Details mailing we will send out by the end of July.

If you are hesitant because of all the unknowns right now, please know you can change your mind and cancel up to 7 days before and get back all but \$10.

We will be using up-to-date protocols, current at the time, to keep all of us safe and healthy...more on that in the July letter.

Any questions you may have, please text or call Kim: 517-331-3586.

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, 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 to route payments to Haslett Community Church.
 3. Online Giving, Text Giving, and Giving via Mobile App are all available to help make your support of HCC even easier! Visit 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](#) or [Google Play](#).
 - **Text Giving** - Just text GIVE to our secure giving number: 517-200-3995

Thank you for your generosity & support during this time!



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

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, July 25, after Outdoor Worship, then Tuesday, August 11, @ 7:15pm, in the HCC Sanctuary



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

Coffee with Jesus has a **new Date and Time!** We're meeting for the rest of the Summer **every other Friday morning.** Our meeting on **7/2 will begin at 9:45am.** The others (**7/16, 7/30, 8/13, & 8/27**) will be at **10:00am, by Zoom (info below).**



We have a different focus each meeting so that you may come to whichever week you choose, to sample our discussion and the supportive spiritual community our little group shares. All are welcome!

The focus of our meetings will be on short chapters from **An Altar in the World, a Spiritual Geography** by Barbara Brown Taylor, described as "The most practical but everyday mystical book I have ever read," by singer-songwriter Kate Campbell.

Taylor wonders with us about being religious or spiritual, or maybe both? She asks, "Have you ever become 'tired of arguing about your religion, tired of reading about spirituality, tired of talk-talk-talking about things that matter without doing a single thing that matters yourself?' If so, this book is dedicated to you." Another reviewer says: "with a delightfully deft touch, [Barbara... goes to the heart of her matter and of ours] finally a recovery of genuine prayer, the prayer of a heart awakened to God's Presence - here, and now, and ever." - Scott Cairns, author.

We would love to have you join us! The book has been ordered through Schuler's and should be on the book club table under Haslett Community Church with Coffee with Jesus.

Zoom Meeting ID:
327 644 165
To Call in*:
253.215.8782
**Long distance charges may apply*



Men's Group continues to meet regularly this year in different ways, including **online Zoom meetings on Saturday morning at 9:00am,** Zoom info:

Saturday AM:
Zoom Meeting ID: 416 360 920
To Call In*: 301.715.8592
**Long distance charges may apply*

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

517-339-5731 vietti@msu.edu

Information for the August 2021 Newsletter is due to Michele on the 3rd Tuesday of the month - July 20, 2021
Please send to:
hcc@haslettcommunitychurch.org



It's Summer in Michigan! At HCC, that typically means many of our committees and teams take a break in activities in July and come back in the Fall refreshed and ready to tackle new projects.

Below is info on when the HCC teams plan to meet next. Please stay tuned for details on where and how the meetings will take place.



HCC Green Team meets next on:

Monday, August 9, at 7pm at HCC.

There is also an option to join via Zoom:

[https://msu.zoom.us/](https://msu.zoom.us/Meeting ID: 928 2067 4905)
Meeting ID: 928 2067 4905
Passcode: usual HCC code

Safety Team meets next on:

Tuesday, July 27, 7pm



The group plans to meet in the Sanctuary. Please contact Sally Heisler for details about this group: 517-230-4043 or sally.m.heisler@gmail.com

Garden Team has been busy on the grounds this Spring and Summer already. There are 2 new trees and 3 new bushes around Door 1. Thank you to the crew who came with saws and shovels to dig up huge roots and over-grown weeds!



To get involved with Garden Team, please contact Sally Garrod: 517.282.9626 or swgarrod@gmail.com



Church Council meets on the second Tuesday of most months. Council takes a break in July, and comes back in August:

The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, August 17, at 7:15 pm.

If you would like to join us, please be in touch with Michele, Office Manager, for details: hcc@haslettcommunitychurch.org or 517-339-8383



Member Caring hasn't met as a whole over the last 15 months. Many of the members have been helping provide the

monthly Loaves and Fishes meals. The team hopes to resume meetings and other duties in September.

For details about this group, please contact Kelly Flagg: 517.256.8392 or kj.flagg@icloud.com



Mission Outreach meets next on **Monday, August 30, at 7pm. at HCC.**

To join, or for info on this committee, contact Mary Trebilcock: 517.974.7142 trebil.jm@att.net

What's Happening at HCC

As you can see throughout this newsletter, our building is beginning to open up more than it has been for the last 15 months. For everyone's safety, we are holding off meeting for indoor in-person worship until September 5. In the meantime, HCC group meetings are beginning to happen (by appointment when team leaders/committee chairs contact Michele in the office: 517.339.8383 or hcc@haslettcommunitychurch.org). Other meetings continue to happen by phone or computer, via Zoom videoconferencing or Facebook Live, and there are also a few hybrid in-person/virtual opportunities, along with some outdoor in-person gatherings. Here is a list of meetings scheduled, online and other, so you can stay connected.

WEEKLY

Worship Service *(p2)*

Sundays, 10:00am – *(Holy Communion, Baptism, & New Member Induction at July 25 Outdoor Worship @ HCC)*

[Facebook](#) & [YouTube](#)

Virtual Sunday School *(emails from Erin)*

Emails on Fridays

In-person Office Hours *(p6)*

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:30am-1:00pm
HCC Office

Outdoor Office Hours* - Betsy *(p6)*

Wednesdays, 11:30am - 1:00pm

**No hours 7/14 and 7/21*

Outdoors at HCC

Chime Choir *(p5)*

Wednesdays, 7:00pm

HCC Sanctuary

Summer Concert Series *(p5)*

Thursdays, beginning July 8, 7:00pm

HCC Lawn

Coffee With Jesus *(p9)*

Every other Friday, 10:00am

(July 2 @ 9:45am)

(July 6, & 30, & August 13 & 27 @ 10:00am)

Zoom

Music To Soothe the Soul *(p5)*

Fridays, 7/2 & 7/9, 11:00am

Zoom

Men's Group *(p9)*

Saturdays, 9:00am

Zoom

ONCE THIS MONTH

Independence Day Holiday Observed

Friday, July 2

VBS Supplies Donation *(cover)*

July 6 - 25

Contact Pastor Erin

Social Committee Meets *(p8)*

Tuesday, July 6, 7:30pm

Lake Lansing Park North & Zoom

Pastor Betsy on Vacation *(cover)*

July 9 - July 24, 7:00pm

Zoom

Red Cross Blood Drive *(p4)*

Friday, July 16, Noon - 6pm

HCC Sanctuary

Newsletter Info Due for August *(p9)*

Tuesday, July 20

Email to: hcc@haslettcommunitychurch.org

Spiritual Life Meets *(p9)*

Sunday, July 25, after Outdoor worship

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Safety Team Meets *(p10)*

Tuesday, July 27, 7:00pm

HCC Sanctuary

Youth Lemonade Stand *(p4)*

Saturday, July 31, Noon - 5:00pm

Cheesy D's - Haslett

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July 2021

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Wed., 11:30am - 1:00pm (outdoor)

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Worship by Facebook and YouTube, Sundays at 10:00 am

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