

Haslett Community Church



HCC Connections

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

November 2021



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HCC Thanksgiving Dinner

The HCC Social Committee is excited to invite you, your family and friends to the return of our annual **Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 14, at noon.**



We are taking precautions in separating tables a little more, providing sanitizer and wipes in several locations, and requiring that we all wear masks while filling our plates and moving around. We will also provide a to-go option, and fire up the fire pit for those desiring to sit outside.

The entertainment for this year is being finalized, and we will announce it when everything is in place. The Social Committee will provide the turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, rolls, and drinks. Keeping with our tradition of this being a potluck meal, please bring a favorite dish to share with all.

Please sign up online [HERE](#), with Michele in the church office, or on the form on the wall in Friendship Hall to let us know how many people you will bring and what dish you plan to share.

If you are willing to cook a turkey (we provide it), carve a turkey and/or help in the kitchen, clean up or set up, please let us know that, too.

The cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for 12 years and under. Mark your calendar for November 14, and join us in gathering and giving thanks for all we have!



"Imagine Abundance" Stewardship Campaign 2021

While our Stewardship Campaign officially ended in October, we receive your pledges with gratitude when they arrive! If you have not yet made your 2021 pledge of financial support for Haslett Community Church, you still have time!



- You can: (1) complete a 2022 pledge card and mail it to the church office at: PO Box 217
 Or
 Haslett, MI 48840
 (2) email your 2022 pledge to hccfinance@att.net.

Thank you for your response, so Haslett Community Church can continue to grow and bring hope to the community from our abundance.



*Let us come into the Lord's presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to the Lord with songs of praise! - Psalm 95:2*

I try to live my life with gratitude.

And sometimes gratitude and giving thanks come so easy! I think about all of the ways we now offer worship, and how we have many in person and hybrid ways of being together, how our church keeps inviting in and reaching out to the greater community and I am thankful! Even with the many losses and memorials our church family has endured these last many weeks, I have felt deeply grateful that we were able to be together in our grief to support one another and recognize well the lives of the saints among us.

But sometimes I feel like I have to dig deep to tap into that feeling of thankfulness. Because we are still mired in health & safety decisions at every bend, we are still navigating a COVID world, and Michigan & Ingham County's numbers are trending in the wrong direction (see below) even as the nation is looking at a predicted decline in COVID cases over winter.

So where does that leave me? Where does that leave us?

I think it leaves us all over the place! With a variety of feelings and responses and comfort levels. I think the present circumstance leaves us with all kinds of opportunities to love our neighbors as ourselves and to trust God is in the midst of it.

In this season of gratitude, I am going to try to be thankful that in some moments, I can be strong and clear-headed and optimistic enough for not just me, but those who are counting on me. And I am going to try to be equally thankful, in the moments where I feel out of sorts or downhearted, that I have a church, a God and a community that can be strong for me when needed. That's the beauty of faith and community, and faith in community. We can lean on each other.

However you move through this season of gratitude, your feelings are valid. We are navigating together how to continue to be in community with very different comfort levels, but whether remote or in person, digital or paper, with gratitude or grumbling, we are in community with God at the center. THAT is something to be thankful for.

Yours in the Journey,

Pastor Betsy Aho

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COVID-19 in Ingham County and Michigan

I think we can all agree that COVID precautions are exhausting! Fear

not - there are signs of hope: vaccines recently approved for children ages 5-11, and encouraging national trends! However, Ingham County (and our state as a whole) is trending up in all of the markers for COVID: hospitalizations, incidence curve, and percent positive cases. Some have asked why we are still masked in worship and in the building,

why we are having coffee fellowship outside, and when things will return to pre-pandemic normal. The graphs on page 3 (up-to-date as of October 19, 2021) are offered to show a visual snapshot of why we are still taking precautions. But we move forward in hope.

Please get vaccinated against COVID19 when you are eligible. Please get a booster if you are eligible. Please stay home if you do not feel well (**Refer to our COVID-19 Health Questionnaire on pg. 11 before attending any in-person events**), and we will get through this together, by God's grace.

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Click [HERE](#) for updated information from the Ingham County Health Department.

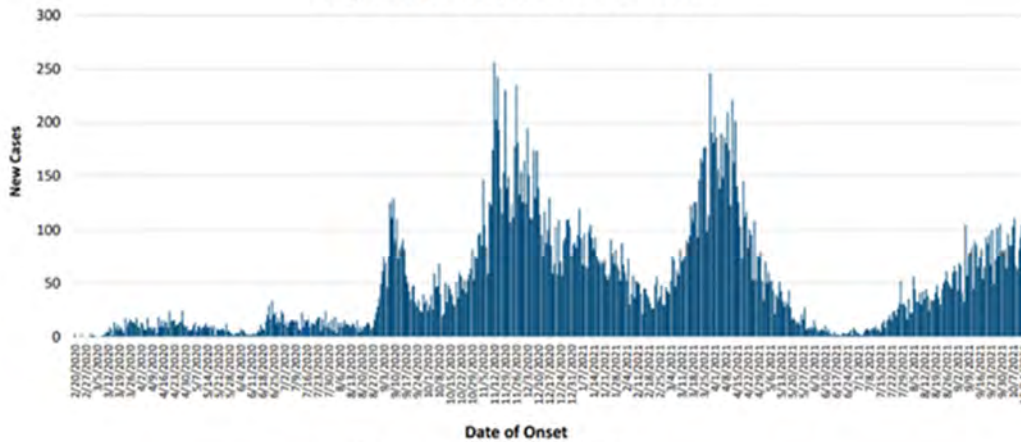
Thank you for being safe and showing your love for God by showing love for yourself and your neighbor. We will walk this continued COVID journey in community.

Ingham County: COVID-19 Hospitalizations (Data from Sparrow Hospital and McLaren Greater Lansing*)



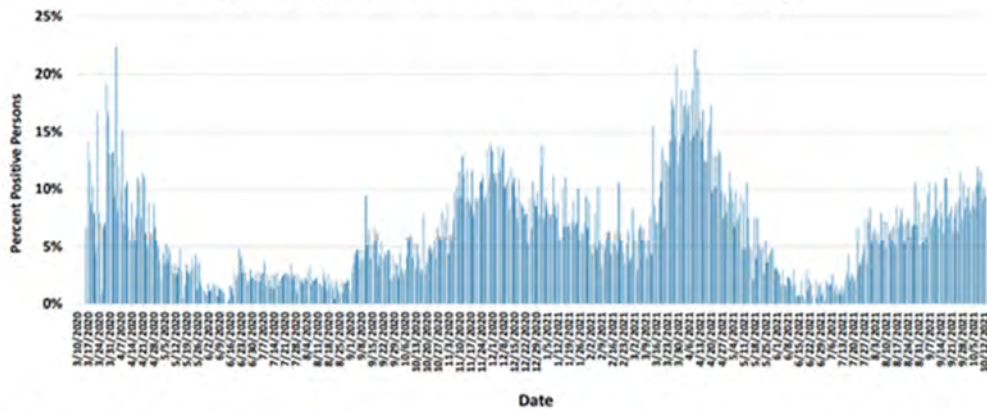
*Based on bed occupancy at Sparrow and McLaren, not exclusively for Ingham residents. Source: EMResource. Data current as of 12 AM, 10/19/2021.

Ingham County: Incidence Curve



Data are current as of 12 AM, 10/17/2021.

Ingham County: Percent Positive COVID19 Tests by Day



Note: 100% of Tests were positive on 3/12/20. This observation being an outlier has been removed from the graph to improve the y-axis scale visualization. Data source: MIHAN. Starting 12/1/2020, 2020, data are available for the rolling last 90 days, up to 10/13/2021, and are current as of 12 AM, 10/17/2021.

Source for all graphs: <https://hd.ingham.org/Portals/HD/Home/Documents/cd/coronavirus/ICHDCOVIDstats.pdf>



GRATITUDE GAME

- Name a Person You are Thankful for
- Name a Place You are Thankful for
- Name a Food You are Thankful for
- Name a Thing You are Thankful for
- Name Anything of Your Choice

Teach Beside Me



Create your own Gratitude Game!

Using skewers and markers, you can create this fun game to help us remember all we are thankful for during this season of thanksgiving!

Bamboo skewers can be found at most stores, including the Dollar Tree. For an added challenge, try it with toothpicks. Just color the skewers/toothpicks according to the chart above. Then pile them up and play pick-up-sticks.



Sunday, November 28th is the first Sunday of Advent.

Children will be in worship for the entire service so that our entire church family is together for the celebration of Holy Communion.



Sunday, November 28th

is a Communion Sunday, which means our children are in worship for the entire service. Usually, on such Sundays they collect their **Joyful Offering**, as a way of including them in the service, and to give them a time to be more active.

At this time, we are not having folks move around in the sanctuary during worship, so the offering collection will look a little different. You are still invited to bring loose change on the 28th and drop it in our Joyful Offering bucket, in the sanctuary.

Our Joyful Offering goes to help support the child HCC sponsors through World Vision!



ADVENTure Club
Wednesdays, Dec. 1, 8, 15
5:30-7pm (no dinner this year)
Open to kids from preschool through 5th grade
Youth help welcome!

DIY Advent Wreaths for your family

Advent wreaths need not be big, expensive, or even look exactly like the one we use at HCC. Here are some fun examples of ones you can create at home with your family. But these are just examples, get creative! Anything can work!



Pipe cleaners & buttons. I love how they curled the green one!



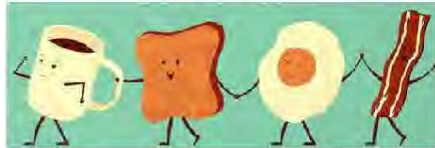
Playdough, birthday candles and a tea light.



For this one, the wreath is made of cut-out handprints on green paper and colored toilet paper tubes. I would recommend battery operated tea lights for safety.



Paper Plate & Construction paper is used for this fun creation!



NO SCHOOL MEANS
All youth Breakfast at Blondies
Tuesday, November 2nd
10am

Please bring \$ for your breakfast!



Saturday, November 6th
6-9pm

All youth will be divided into teams who have to work together to prepare a bag of groceries into delicious dishes for our judges!

In celebration of our FIFTH chopped challenge, we decided to mix it up this year and all our teams will remain at the church to cook OUTDOORS! This means, we need families to loan us their small firepits and/or grills!

We could also use a few brave adults to help each team!

This is one of our favorite traditions, and we are excited to have it back on our calendar in a new and fun way!



Before school Bagels
Wednesday, November 23rd
7am at HCC!

2022 MISSION TRIP
DESTINATION
REVEAL
←SCAVENGER→
HUNT*

Sunday, November 7th
7pm

ALL YOUTH (middle school and high school) meet at HCC for their first clue! Teams will follow the clues to figure out where our 2022 mission trip will be headed!

PARENTS needed for driving AND to help be clue stops along the route! Please watch parent emails for a sign-up link! Youth CANNOT drive themselves for this event!

Participants will be masking while in cars.

GATHER

10th grade GATHER
Wednesday, November 10th

8th grade GATHER
Wednesday, November 17th
6-7:30pm

GATHER is a time for a specific grade to come to church for small group. We will check in, play games, chat, etc. it gives us a smaller group to interact with, to get to know each other, etc. GATHER is taking the place of grade dinners for 2021-2022. Grade dinners will return when it's safe to be unmasked together!

Hanging of the Greens
Sunday, November 28th
4pm
ALL youth families invited to join us!
(no youth groups that evening)

REGULAR YOUTH GROUPS
on November 14 & 21st
Middle school (6th-8th grade)
5-6:30pm
High school (9th-12th grade)
7-9pm

Special events on
November 7th and 28th.



Sunday, November 21st
From 2-5pm

All HCC & Youth Family Women are invited to a new fun fundraiser at the Barrn at Ralya House! Join us for Women & Wax... Beeswax, that is!

Enjoy an afternoon with the ladies, including rolling your own beeswax candles or pouring your own tealights, as well as yard games, a fire pit and chick-flicks on the big screen!

Cost is \$20/person.

Invite friends for this open-house style event to benefit our mission trip fund! A percentage of additional sales will also go to the mission trip fund.



November 30th
7-8:30pm

All youth invited to gather for a time of fun conversation together. Please bring money for your food. Find us in one of the corner booths. (note: this is not a fundraiser, just a fun, monthly event).

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Our Church Family



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

- To the Re-engagement Team, who continues to navigate the ups and downs of COVID-19 in Ingham County and for helping keep all of us at HCC safe throughout.
• To Judy Connelly for her tireless efforts to bring the choir back together to SING, while respecting the limitations of COVID.
• To the Loaves and Fishes teams for November: Sally Heisler, Heidi Dalton, Carol Reid, Carol Cramer, and Paula Fry.
• To the team of people who came to spread mulch around the building to prep for winter: Rich Baumgartner, Stephanie & Dan Bollman, Laura Clark-Roumpz, Kelly Flagg, Sally & Mark Garrod, Zsa Mahon, Rich Newport, and Anne Pierce.
• To the Spiritual Life Committee and friends who led Laity Sunday: Mark Garrod, Ruth Linneman, Malinda Barr, Don & Kelly Flagg, Carolyn Lucas, and Jenn Tafel.



Irmie Neils

September 5, 1926 - October 17, 2021

There will be a Memorial Service for Irmie Neils on

Monday, November 1, at 1:00 p.m. at HCC. A visitation and dessert reception will occur after the service at 2:00 p.m.

https://www.lansingstatejournal.com/obituaries/ljsj075001



NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place following worship on December 5, 2021, at 11:15 a.m. The agenda will be shared prior to the meeting via email (and mailed to those who receive the newsletter in the mail). We hope to offer this meeting as a "hybrid" meeting so there is both in person access (in the Sanctuary, following worship) and Remote Access (via Zoom). More information, including remote access details, is forthcoming.



Knitters, Crocheters, & Wannabees

We are finally ready to meet together again after a very long break.

On Sunday, November 14, we will meet in the Choir Room downstairs after the worship service - at 11:00 a.m.

Bring any projects you have completed and ideas for places to donate them. We're looking forward to seeing everyone.



Church Council meets on the second Tuesday of most months.

The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 9, 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

Daylight Saving Ends



At 2am Sunday, Nov. 7, clocks turn back 1 hour to 1am.

Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, Nov. 6.



Cold and darkness have shut down outdoor choir rehearsals, so our Wednesday 7:00 pm time is now devoted to playing chimes.

New members to this group are always welcome. Since no singing is involved we will be able to share our music occasionally during the live Sunday services. Keep watching for that.

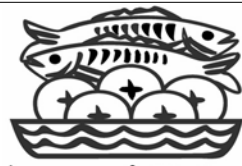
A highlight of October was the chance to share

“The Haslett Hymn” commissioned for the 50th anniversary of HCC. Our own Barbara Freeman was given the honor of composing both words and music. The singable tune was designed to be shared with both the congregation and choir. Hopefully the next few times we all will be singing our own parts.



~Judy judy58connelly@earthlink.net

Would you help provide the Loaves and Fishes monthly Meal?



Loaves & Fishes

Loaves and Fishes Ministries was established in 1979 as a short-term overnight homeless shelter.

Loaves and Fishes Ministries offers overnight shelter to guests in a comfortable, safe and home-like environment. They have space to house 6 men and 4 women every night. Guests are welcome to stay at Loaves and Fishes up to 30 nights.

Haslett Community Church provides the evening meal for the guests once a month. This ministry has been a part of the church for approximately 20 years. There are four parts to the meal; a main course, a vegetable, a salad and a dessert. The meal serves 15 people.

If you would like to volunteer and help provide the meal, please send an email to Nancy White at nancylwhite@comcast.net, and Nancy will add you to the list. Nancy sends out the sign-up sheet and communicates with the respondents.

Paula Fry coordinates the collection of the food and delivers the meal to the shelter.

Thank you for sharing and caring.



American Red Cross Blood Services

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, November 19, 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 then scroll through the Drives listed in the left panel to find Haslett Community Church and an appointment time that works for you.
- Face masks required
- Physical Distancing (NO guests with donors)
- Health screenings / temperature checks
- Hand sanitizer available
- Sanitization between donors

Safety Team meets next on: **Tuesday, Nov. 30 @ 7pm**



The group plans to meet in the Sanctuary and also offer a Zoom option:

Meeting ID: 826 2826 2157
Passcode: usual HCC passcode

Please contact Sally Heisler for details about this group: 517-230-4043 or sally.m.heisler@gmail.com



Mission Outreach meets next:

Monday, Nov. 1, @ 7:00 pm
in the Sanctuary



Parking Lot Re-Surface!

The parking lot has been taken down to its base and completely resurfaced! This much needed

change makes the whole property look more inviting, well kept, and ready to welcome one and all.

Last month, the newsletter stated that the parking lot resurface would be paid for with a combination of a line-of-credit from the UCC Cornerstone Fund, and using some of our available fund balance. At the last Council meeting, it was instead decided to use a combination of the line-of-credit (\$40,000) and a portion of the memorial funds (\$18,000) rather than the fund balance to pay for the project, so as to not bring our fund balance down too low. We wanted to make the congregation aware of the change. This is a great example of the kinds of work that can be done thanks to memorial gifts!

Volunteers also spread mulch around where it was needed so the property is really looking wonderful! Stop by and see for yourself sometime if you haven't yet, and thank you for your generosity to Haslett Community Church!



BEFORE



DURING

AFTER

Information for the December 2021 Newsletter is due to Michele on the 3rd Tuesday of the month - November 16, 2021
Please send to: hcc1@att.net



Social Committee is here to guide and encourage us to stay connected. The members of the Social Committee keep 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 we are trying to bring your way. We are looking forward to spending time with you this fall!

Call or text **Kim Carnes** at **(517) 331-3586** if you'd like to be involved, or have ideas. We usually meet at 7:30pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 2 @ 7:30pm in HCC's Friendship Hall



24th Annual HCC Ski Trip and Meeting

Another exciting tradition of HCC is returning! **Our 24th Annual Ski Trip will be held January 6-9, 2022, at Treetops Resort in Gaylord.**

All are invited....you, your family and friends!

Being a skier is not necessary to enjoy this weekend in the snow. There is tubing, game playing and puzzles, lots of visiting, eating, relaxing, watching football and basketball, swimming..... so much for all to enjoy. Oh... and skiing too! **Sign up on the Social Committee wall in Friendship Hall.**

Please plan to attend the informational meeting on **Sunday, November 7, right after worship** to get all the details and make your reservation. For answers to any questions, please connect with Kim Carnes at (517) 331-3586.

Come play in the snowy winter at Treetops!

Hanging of the Greens

Our tradition of decorating our church for Advent is happening again! Please plan to gather on **Sunday, November 28, at 4 p.m.** for the Hanging of the Greens. We will hand make wreaths for the doors and windows of our beautiful church.



We need many hands, and even if you've never made a wreath before, you can help and learn from others who have. Keeping with tradition, the youth will decorate the tree in the sanctuary, and the children will do a holiday craft. There will be a worship service for all and a soup supper to follow. **Please sign up on the Social Committee wall in Friendship Hall or email / call the church office.**

Please wear a mask during this event. Please bring gloves and cutters if you have them. Hoping you all join in, in creating a festive spirit of peace and comfort while in our church for the holidays. Thank you for this ahead of time!



Women's Group

Our group meets most months on the **first Tuesday, at 10am.**

NEXT MEETING: Tues., Nov. 2, via Zoom (see info below).

At that meeting, we're hoping to plan for the rest of the year, so we hope you can join us!

If you can't join us but would like to get involved, email hcc1@att.net. We'd love to have you!

Zoom Meeting ID: 872 9362 4318
Passcode: usual HCC code



Looking Ahead to HCC Social Events:

- Ski Trip Meeting Sun., Nov. 7, 11am
- Thanksgiving Dinner Sun., Nov. 14, Noon
- Hanging of the Greens Sun., Nov. 28, 4pm
- Christmas Caroling Sun., Dec. 19, 5pm
- Ski Trip Jan. 6-9, 2022 @ Treetops Resort in Gaylord
- Bingo Night Feb. 2022



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 Don Flagg, Carolyn Lucas, Katie Riley, and Jenn Tafel. We are losing three of our members to health concerns. We shall miss you, Karen, Angie, and Donna!

We are planning a retreat in February, where we will explore, in more depth, our role and possibilities for service as a community. **We would very much welcome other members of our congregation to consider joining our committee. Please pray about your calling in this.**

We meet on the third Tuesday each month. 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. We are looking for ways to define the mission of our committee in a new way.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 16, @ 7:15pm in Friendship Hall.



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

The Coffee with Jesus group meets the **third Sunday of each month** downstairs in the **HCC Choir Room**, right after Worship.

Next Meeting: Sunday, November 21, 11:10 am

Come to engage in discussion and experience the supportive spiritual community our small group shares.



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

MEN'S GROUP

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



Brown Bags & Beliefs Presents:

**Texts of Terror:
Bible Stories Too Terrible
for Sundays**

WEDNESDAYS, 6:00 – 6:57 p.m



There are some narratives in scripture that are just too terrible for Sunday School, and even for Sunday morning. And yet, they are part of Scripture and can teach us about our world and our God when we take time to talk about them. Curious? Join us as Pastor Betsy leads us in discussion **Wednesdays, October 20 - November 17, 2021.**

No preparation needed. Join us when you can - in the Sanctuary or by Zoom

To join by Zoom use Meeting ID: 829 3489 3729 Passcode: *usual HCC code*



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Santa's Helpers Needed for the Christmas Giving Project



Christmas Giving Project 2021 - Gifts

The 2021 Christmas Giving Project will operate very similar to 2020 so that it is safe and easy for everyone to contribute and participate. You, your family and friends are invited to purchase gifts.

WHAT: The project offers five gifts to each child. Donors will receive a gift list that shows 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: You can make a request remotely by sending an email with Gift Request in the Subject line to: 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. The gift lists will be sent out beginning November 14.

You can also pick up a gift list from the gift table in Friendship Hall Sunday morning after worship beginning November 14, or Saturday morning just inside Door #1 (west side of building).

If you choose to support the project financially, without shopping, you can donate online **HERE** by **choosing Christmas Giving Project as the fund** you're donating to.

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

Christmas Giving Project 2021 - Volunteering

Gift Helpers - We need volunteers each Saturday and Sunday to distribute information about gifts to purchase, and to collect wrapped gifts. Instructions will be provided. Click on the link below to view the online sign-up sheet to pick a date and time to volunteer.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48A9A623A4F5C52-gift1>

Shoppers and Wrappers - After Thanksgiving there may be gifts that still need to be purchased and wrapped. Volunteer shoppers are reimbursed for purchases they make. Send an email to hccChristmas@att.net with Shopper or Wrapper in the subject line to volunteer.

Food Packing & Distribution - Watch the December newsletter to sign up to help with packing groceries on December 14 or December 15, and to help on December 17, when the gifts are distributed to families.



Boxes for the Christmas Project

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. They can be placed on top of the coat rack near the Food Pantry storage room. HCC is open Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday mornings for drop off.

If you need to leave boxes at a different time please call Richard Baumgartner at 339-0438 to let him know, or to arrange for a pickup. (This is a landline and cannot accept texts.)



Christmas Giving Project continued...



Storage Needed in At Home Units -

Refrigerator and freezer space is needed a couple weeks in December for approximately 100 packages of OJ, margarine, cheese slices, eggs and some meat.

Please contact Barb Szkotnicki: 517-420-1071 or barb.szkotnicki@gmail.com if you have some space to offer.

Christmas Giving Project 2021 – Home Shoppe

Families will stay in their vehicles the entire time, which means we will NOT operate the Home Shoppe (sharing used household items) in 2021.

You are encouraged to take your used items to St. Vincent DePaul, who anticipates serving 700 refugees within the next year:
<https://stvcc.org/donating/in-kind-donations/>.

We welcome you to Worship with us!



In the spirit of inclusivity and welcoming, we offer three ways for you to worship with us:

1. In person in the Sanctuary There are some ways we are lowering risks as we gather inside to keep our community safer:
 - Currently, masks are required in the building, this includes during worship as we have young worshippers who cannot be vaccinated, and worshippers in higher risk categories.
 - Chairs are spaced out, and you can put an open seat holder on either side of your household to keep some distance.
 - Bulletins are distributed on paper and electronically if you prefer.
 - Music is one of the many important elements of worship at Haslett Community Church and will be part of our services. At this point, that doesn't include in person Congregational singing
 - Please worship remotely if you answer 'yes' to any of the questions on the [health checklist below](#).
1. In the Parking Lot via radio Want to be present at church, but you aren't quite ready to come inside? Join us in the parking lot!
 - Park near the sanctuary (south side is best), turn your radio to 88.7 FM , and turn up the volume. You will hear everything that our sound system picks up, and we can wave to you from the sanctuary! You can find the bulletin online [HERE](#).
3. Remote via Livestream Continue to find the service each Sunday morning at haslettcommunitychurch.org or on our [YouTube channel](#). You can find the bulletin online [HERE](#).

IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE, BEFORE YOU ATTEND ANY CHURCH ACTIVITIES, PLEASE REVIEW THESE QUESTIONS. IF YOU ANSWER YES TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS, WE ASK THAT YOU REFRAIN FROM ATTENDING THE HCC EVENT THAT DAY.

- IN THE PAST 24 HOURS HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED:**
- NEW OR WORSENING COUGH
 - SHORTNESS OF BREATH OR DIFFICULTY BREATHING
 - LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL
 - FEVER OF 100 OR HIGHER
 - CHILLS
 - MUSCLE ACHES
 - SORE THROAT
 - DIARRHEA
 - NAUSEA OR VOMITING

ARE YOU OR ANY MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD CURRENTLY WAITING FOR COVID TEST RESULTS?

HAVE YOU OR ANY MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAD A POSITIVE COVID RESULT IN THE LAST 14 DAYS?

HAVE YOU OR ANY MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD BEEN WITH A PERSON WHO HAD A POSITIVE COVID RESULT IN THE LAST 14 DAYS?

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND COOPERATION!



**Green Team Tidbits:
Eco-Friendly Dining for all Occasions**

Green your gatherings this holiday by giving up the foam plates and bringing out the "fancy" dinnerware. If you don't have enough place settings, ask your guests to bring their own, and when dinner is served ask your guests to sit at a setting that doesn't belong to

them. This can lead to fun discussion starters and easing your guests into meeting people they may not now. As for washing, ask your guests to join in and it will be done in a jiffy!

**HCC Green Team meets next on:
Monday, November 8, at 7:00 pm by Zoom:**

<https://msu.zoom.us/>

Meeting ID: 961 7352 9851

Passcode: usual HCC code

Capital Area Chapter

Michigan Interfaith Power & Light



Join us on Tuesday, November 16th, 2021, 7 p.m.

Michigan's Renewable Energy Future is in Your Hands!



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Energy Poverty, Energy Justice: Shaping Michigan's Renewable Energy Future

Operating since 2009, Chart House Energy's role as an independent power producer is to provide discounted, emission-free electricity to governmental, commercial, and private customers. We develop, own, and operate sustainable, clean, on-site solar energy generation systems.

Chart House Energy has designed and built over 5MW of solar, but we believe there is more to simply increasing solar PV in Michigan. Our goal is to increase access and affordability of solar to all populations. We believe in steering individuals toward a path to obtain a career with a living wage or better. Chart House Energy helps transform distressed communities, one individual at a time by using solar development as a job training platform.

Zoom Webinar: Join us

Nov 16, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/98071127429>

Meeting ID: 980 7112 7429

Passcode: IPL

For more on Chart House Energy: www.youtube.com/watch?v=V-wbrxGES14



Simply Give at Bath Meijer

The Haslett Community Food Pantry has been selected once more to be the recipient of the Holiday **Simply Give** campaign. The campaign will run in the **Bath Meijer through Saturday, January 1, 2022.**

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

- **Saturday, December 11, 2021**

On that day, for every \$10 donation card purchased, Meijer will provide an additional contribution of \$20, resulting in a total donation of \$30 that comes to our food pantry.

While other days are not double-matched, a Simply Give donation on any day is welcome, as the total campaign produces 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.

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, which are accounted for weekly.
 2. You can also PayPal us at: HCCgenerosity@gmail.com.
 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, or use the QR code above to access our Giving page.
- **Online Giving** - is available through our relationship with easyTithe™ and is accessible through our website.
 - **Mobile Giving** - 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!



Church Open for On-site Office Hours!

Have some church business you'd like to take care of in person? Have a question that's easier face-to-face? Just want to say hello? Grab a mask and stop by for office hours!

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



Pastor Betsy will also continue outdoor office hours on weather-permitting Wednesdays from 11:30am - 1:00pm. * Now that weather's getting a bit iffy, on Wednesdays when the weather isn't cooperating, she'll hold indoor office hours instead. 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.

* **No Office Hours on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 25.**

What's Happening at HCC

Our building is getting busier. Because of the increased level of activity in committees, this What's Happening no longer shows individual committee meetings. Instead, you can find specific committee meeting information on [pages 6, 7, 9, 10 & 13](#) of this newsletter and [HERE](#).

Because more groups are using the physical space, please remember to check with Michele in the of-ice to coordinate building and grounds space use for your group (hcc1@att.net or 517.339.8383). She's also happy to continue to setup virtual meetings where desired.

Here is a list of special events scheduled, online and other, so you can stay connected.

WEEKLY

Worship Service [\(p12\)](#)

Sundays, 10:00am – (*Confirmation, All Saints, & Advent Begins*)
Sanctuary, parking lot via 88.7 FM, [YouTube](#)

Sunday School [\(p4\)](#)

Sundays during worship (*no Sunday School on Nov. 28 - 1st Sunday in Advent*)
Outdoors @ HCC (using Door 2) or Friendship Hall

Coffee Fellowship

Sundays, after worship
Outdoors @ HCC

Youth Group [\(p5\)](#)

Sundays - Nov. 14 & 21
MS: 5:00-6:30pm; HS: 7:00-9:00pm
Youth Room

Onsite Office Hours [\(p14\)](#)

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

Outdoor Office Hours - Betsy [\(p14\)](#)

Wednesdays, 11:30am - 1:00pm
Outdoors at HCC

Brown Bags & Beliefs [\(p10\)](#)

Wednesdays, through Nov. 17, 6:00pm
HCC & Zoom

Chime Rehearsal [\(p7\)](#)

Wednesdays, 7:00pm
HCC Sanctuary

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

Saturdays, 9:00am
Zoom

ONCE THIS MONTH

Irmie Neils Memorial [\(p6\)](#)

Monday, November 1, 1:00pm
Followed by Visitation & Dessert Reception
Sanctuary/Outdoors

Women's Group [\(p9\)](#)

Tuesday, Nov. 2, 10:00am
Zoom

Daylight Saving Time Ends [\(p6\)](#)

Saturday/Sunday, November 6/7

Church Council [\(p6\)](#)

Tuesday, Nov. 9, 7:15pm
Sanctuary & Zoom

Knitters, Crocheters, etc. [\(p6\)](#)

Sunday, Nov. 14, after worship
HCC Choir Room

HCC Thanksgiving Dinner [\(cover\)](#)

Sunday, Nov. 14, Noon
Outdoors @ HCC

Red Cross Blood Drive [\(p7\)](#)

Friday, Nov. 19, Noon - 6:00pm
(extras sold Sunday, Oct. 17 11am-Noon)
Outdoors @ HCC

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

Sunday, Nov. 21, 11:10am (after worship)
Choir Room

Women & Wax -Youth Fundraiser [\(p5\)](#)

Sunday, Nov. 21, 2:00 – 5:00pm
The BARRN @ RalyaHouse

Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed

Thursday, Nov. 25

Hanging of the Greens [\(p9\)](#)

Sunday, Nov. 28, 4:00pm
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HCC Connections

November 2021

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Office Hours: Tue. & Thu., 10:30am - 1:00pm (indoor)
Wed., 11:30am - 1:00pm (outdoor when weather permits)

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3 Ways to Worship Sundays at 10:00 am: In the sanctuary <> Via 88.7 FM <> YouTube

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