

Haslett Community Church



HCC Connections

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

October 2021



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CROP Hunger Walk + Church Picnic = An Afternoon of Fun for All!



When: Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 11:00 am. We will have lunch, games, and other activities, too!

Where: Start and end at Haslett Community Church, and, if you're one of the walkers, walk around Lake Lansing.

How: Register to walk or sponsor a walker online: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021>

Why: To help alleviate hunger locally and globally!

Who: Everyone is welcome to participate in any or all parts of the day! You don't have to be a walker or sponsor to enjoy lunch and fun.

What do we do when the uncertainty of the parking lot re-surfacing causes the cancellation of the Chicken BBQ? We plan a Church Picnic, CROP Hunger Walk, Fall Fun Extravaganza!

You are welcome to join us for games, a sandwich & snack lunch, a hot dog & s'more roast, CROP Hunger Walk, crafts, learning about hunger, and more. This family friendly Sunday afternoon Fall-Fest Extravaganza is for everyone! If you are participating in the CROP Hunger Walk, or if you're not, there will be plenty to do for everyone. This event will take place outside, and all are welcome!

[NOTE: If you would like to walk, run, or ride your bike the approximately 3 mile local CROP Hunger Walk route, that begins

and ends at HCC, or sponsor a participant, you can register and sponsor [HERE](#) or go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021> and search for Haslett Community Church. You can also contact Mary Trebilcock at 517-974-7142 (call or text).]



Our 2022 Stewardship Campaign, **Imagine Abundance**, celebrates the ways in which we have come through a very difficult season with enough.



How can our continued commitment to giving our gifts of treasure and time bring hope to the community around us as we move forward in that spirit of abundance?

In the upcoming days, the Stewardship Team will send more information about how to pledge to HCC for the coming year. We ask that you prayerfully consider your 2022 pledge and complete and return the pledge card, or email your 2022 pledge to hccfinance@att.net.

We are looking forward to a great response, so Haslett Community Church can continue to grow and bring hope to the community from our abundance.



Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day..." - Exodus 16:4a

We are in a season of abundance!

Like the bread from heaven that God provides to the Hebrews as they wander in the wilderness, we have enough for this day. And then some. I don't know everyone's individual circumstances, needs or excesses, but as a church community, we have so very much to be thankful for; and I certainly pray and hope that you do, too.

To begin, we are about a month into our "worship 3 ways" Sundays. It is so good to have some gathered in the sanctuary, some listening from their car radios, and to continue offering remote worship via livestream. If you would like to hear more about worship in the sanctuary, don't hesitate to ask how we are balancing safety and community – we would love to see you when you're ready!

We are also looking ahead to a major improvement with the resurfacing of our parking lot, and celebrating that, each other, and CROP Hunger Walk, and the beautiful fall on October 10, after church ([see cover](#)).

And we are looking ahead to our fall stewardship campaign, Imagine Abundance, with grateful hearts that we have come through a very difficult season with enough.

I have faith that as we move forward with a renewed sense of purpose and mission to give back to this community out of our abundance, that we will grow in our welcome and become a beacon of renewal and hope for this area. I hope that you will partner with Haslett Community Church, United Church of Christ in that mission. We have a strong foundation from which we are able to grow back, thanks be to God!

When you receive your stewardship materials this month, and as you consider how you can give back to God a portion of your treasure and time, I hope you are able to recognize abundance in your own life and give from that.

We are in a new season of engagement and opportunity at Haslett Community Church, and we will be most successful in responding to God's call to us if we all join together in recognizing our abundant, varied, blessings and gifts and move ahead joyfully and together! I hope you join in.

Yours in the Journey,

Pastor Betsy Aho

NOTE: Pastor Betsy will be on vacation
October 23 – October 27.

Phone: 517.339.8383 x11
Cell: 517.282.7443
Email: aho.betsy@att.net



Laity Sunday

We'll celebrate this year's Laity Sunday on October 24.

Through the initiative of our Spiritual Life Committee, our entire worship that day will be led by lay members of our church. It will be a special time

to receive further gifts of ministry from our lay members. Without those gifts we'd have no ministry at all! Our thanks to everyone on our Spiritual Life committee. We look forward to your leadership of our worship!

**Information for the
November 2021 Newsletter is due
to Michele on the 3rd Tuesday of
the month - October 19, 2021**

Please send to: hcc1@att.net



SIDEWALK SUNDAY SCHOOL continues in October!

We are hoping for a warm fall, that will allow our Sunday school children to gather outside for as long as possible! If it is dry (no rain or snow) children will be outside, so dress accordingly!

On Sunday mornings, preschool-5th grade children begin in worship and will head to Sunday school following a children's moment (approx. halfway through the service).

On rainy days, children will gather (spaced out) in Friendship Hall.

Our younger children are invited to be in the sanctuary with their families. Or, if families are more comfortable, you can sit in Fellowship Hall (near the kitchen) where children can enjoy some of our nursery toys and have more room to move around.



ADVENTURE IS COMING



Sunday, October 3rd is World Communion Sunday

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



Sunday, October 3rd

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 3rd 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!

STAY TUNED...

for information about a new group for 4th & 5th graders that is starting soon! This group will meet once/month!



Sunday, October 10th

EVERYONE is invited to stay after worship on the 10th for an after-church picnic to send off our CROP Walkers. Families are invited to walk, ride bikes, skate or blade around the lake (or to the boat launch and back).

Not a walker? No problem, stay at church and help set up a campfire for when the walkers return. We'll have yard games for all to enjoy as well!

After church picnic will include subs, chips, fruit and drinks!

As walkers return we'll enjoy popcorn, hot dogs and s'mores!

Come spend a beautiful fall day with your church family and support a good cause!



On Sunday, October 31st during our morning worship service, we will present Bibles to our 3rd graders! We do this every year to live out our HCC commitment to partner with families to help children discover God's love and construct a foundation for their Christian faith!

We hope that our entire HCC family will be able to gather in-person or virtually to celebrate this special tradition with our 3rd graders!



Friday, October 1st
7am-7:45am

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

*This event is subject to change based on the parking lot resurfacing at HCC. Please watch parent emails & Remind app for up to date information.



7th grade GATHER
Wednesday, October 6th

9th grade GATHER
Wednesday, October 27th

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!



Sunday, October 10th
All of our youth and their families are invited to participate in the CROP Walk!

We will walk (run, bike, rollerblade, skateboard, etc) from HCC around Lake Lansing (or to the boat launch and back to HCC). We also have an opportunity for youth who want to be involved in a new way, but don't want to walk. Talk to Erin.



Saturday, October 16th
10am-2pm

Come pick your pumpkins at the HCC pumpkin patch! Donate any amount to our youth mission trip fund for a pumpkin!

Youth families- watch the mail for more information about how you can help pick up the pumpkins and how to sign up to HELP!

Remaining pumpkins will also be available for purchase after church on Sunday, October 17th from 11-noon.

*Note: unfortunately, we will not be able to take orders for pre-decorated pumpkins this year.

REGULAR YOUTH GROUPS
on October 3rd & 17th
Middle school (6th-8th grade)
5-6:30pm
High school (9th-12th grade)
7-9pm

Special events on
October 10th & 24th.
No youth groups on Halloween.



Haunted Corn Maze
Sunday, October 24th
(in place of youth group)
Watch the mail, parent emails & Remind app for more information!



On Sunday, October 31st
from noon-1:30pm

The entire congregation & all youth families are invited to prepare a dish to contribute to our CROCKTOBER FEST!

Soup, casserole, main entrée, side dish, sweet or savory- anything goes! The only requirement is that it is made in a crock-pot or instapot.

Everyone is then invited to purchase tickets to taste samples of these delicious dishes! Tickets are \$5 for 5 samples. The proceeds will support our first ever combined middle school & high school mission trip!

If you are interested in cooking please email Erin (erin.heisler@att.net) and let her know what dish you plan to make.

This is an OUTDOOR event, weather dependent



With three nice Wednesday evenings during September, we were able to have outside rehearsals and produce 4 different anthems to use during services.

When the choir cannot meet, the Chime choir rehearses and is planning to present a live anthem in a future service.



We are losing to chilly air, rain, and early darkness but will hope to get a few more rehearsals in.

Besides having the choir sing two times, we would like to thank Mark Garrod for his solo on Sept. 26. ~Judy judy58connelly@earthlink.net

HASLETT COMMUNITY CHURCH YOUTH ON A MISSION

PUMPKIN PATCH

COME SUPPORT OUR 2022 YOUTH MISSION TRIP!

OCTOBER 16TH
10am-2pm

1427 HASLETT ROAD, HASLETT

Come buy your pumpkins at Haslett Community Church!
No set price for pumpkins just make a donation to our mission trip fund.

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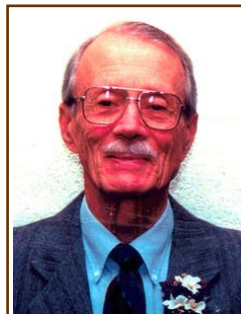
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Our Church Family



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

- To Mary Trebilcock for her many years as chair of the Mission Outreach Committee. She will be stepping down.
- To the team who helped prepare the building for reopening: Liz Newport, Katie Riley, Jenn Tafel, Sally Heisler, and Amy Lerg.
- To Barbara Freeman and Mary Trebilcock for help with the mums.
- To the Loaves and Fishes teams for September & October: Ann McGrath, Kelly Flagg, Carol Cramer, Ruth Linnemann, Laura Roumpz, Sally Heisler, Carolyn Solomon, and Paula Fry.
- To Ruth Linnemann and Regula Arnosti for cleaning up after Messtival.
- To Sally and Mark Garrod for coming with their tractor to move dirt for the southside project, along with the entire crew who pitched in to help.
- To Don and Kelly Flagg for painting the railing and post on the southside.
- To the team members who assembled food pantry pre-packs weekly from April 2020 until August 2021, and team leaders Ann Pierce and Bev Wegener with Sally Heisler, Cindy Warnell, Carol Preston, Sonya Ribnicky, Ann McGrath, and Connie Detjen.



Barry Sedgwick

November 6, 1923 -
September 17, 2021

There will be a Memorial Service for Barry Sedgwick on **Saturday, October 9, at 11:00 a.m. at HCC**. A reception is being planned after the service.

A Committal Service with Military Honors will also take place on Thursday, Oct. 7, at 11:00 a.m. at the Great Lakes National VA Cemetery, 4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Barry's family will be present, and friends are welcome to attend as well.

Meal Train for the Decker-Larkins

Addyson Ruth, daughter of HCC members Sarah Larkin and Cambria



Decker, was born on August 29, 2021. After a month in the NICU and step down unit, she was finally able to come home. The family is thrilled, and meals would be a huge help, as this family of six adjusts to life with sweet Addy and the extra care she needs for cystic fibrosis. *(Continued on page 12)*



Dear Haslett Community Church,

On behalf of the family of Dorothy Curtis, I would like to extend our extreme gratitude for all the support we received during mom's illness and passing. HCC- UCC was her Church home for many decades, where she made lifelong friends. It truly was a place she dearly loved. We are all grateful for Pastor Betsy's support, the prayers from the prayer chain, the calls, texts, cards and gifts of food. We felt extremely well cared for, loved and supported. Mom's celebration of life was perfectly beautiful, Mike and

Linda Parent did a fine job of ushering, the music Barbara provided soothed our aching hearts, Pastor Betsy's words brought us comfort, and the cookie reception provided by the Member Caring Committee was just right. We are so thankful for our Church Family. ~ Heidi Dalton

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, or you have the option to access a digital version on your phone if you prefer.
 - An offering is collected, but without passing the collection plates.
 - Music is one of the many important elements of worship at Haslett Community Church and will be part of our services. At this point, Congregational singing only takes place outdoors sometimes after the service as part of our fellowship and coffee time. Masks are not required for outdoor activities.
 - Please worship remotely if you answer 'yes' to any of the questions on the health checklist below.

2. 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. From the comfort of your car, 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](#).
 - Enjoy the service wherever you are. And if you want to worship while wearing bunny slippers and sipping cocoa with too much whipped cream, no one will know!



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.

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?

IN THE PAST 24 HOURS HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> NEW OR WORSENING COUGH | <input type="checkbox"/> CHILLS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SHORTNESS OF BREATH OR DIFFICULTY BREATHING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSCLE ACHES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL | <input type="checkbox"/> SORE THROAT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FEVER OF 100 OR HIGHER | <input type="checkbox"/> DIARRHEA |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> NAUSEA OR VOMITING |

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!



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from noon-1:30pm

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This is an outdoor, weather-dependent event



Parking Lot Re-Surface!

Financed through a combination of our available fund balance and a line of credit from the UCC Cornerstone Fund, the church parking lot resurface began Thursday, September 30th and will take about 5 business days to complete.

The lot will be available for use on Sunday, October 3rd, to park for church and coffee fellowship. Please note that there will be gravel and stones on the surface over the weekend so please drive with caution.

If you prefer a finished surface, you may park on Tonawanda or Monterey streets in the neighborhood to the south of the church, being careful to respect driveways, etc. Work is expected to conclude by Wednesday, October 6. When the lot is inaccessible during the construction, we will post signs. We will also post updates on our Facebook page, website, and voicemail message.



Simply Give at Bath Meijer

The Haslett Community Food Pantry has been selected once more to be the recipient of the fall **Simply Give** campaign. The campaign will run in the **Bath Meijer only from Sunday, October 3, 2021, 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!

MI UCC Annual Gathering 2021

From the Michigan Conference Office of the United Church of Christ: **All are welcome to the 2021 Annual Gathering of the Michigan Conference UCC on Saturday, October 16, 2021, from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. via Zoom.**



Each congregation in the Conference is encouraged to bring as many visitors as they wish and is allowed two adult delegates and one youth (under the age of 22) delegate. Delegates are allowed to vote. If you would like to attend, please register [HERE](#). If you would like to be a voting delegate, be in touch with Pastor Betsy. It would be wonderful to reach our full slate of delegates!

On Saturday October 16th from 9:30 AM – 12:30

delegates from every congregation and setting in our UCC Michigan Conference are called to come together via ZOOM to share the

leadership of the church. We begin with Holy Communion, placing our Annual Gathering and the tasks we will be doing into the context of worshipful work. As we conduct our needed business we will also share in the stewardship of prayer, learning about and sharing in expressive ways to care for one another even in remote settings.

Please Register by October 14, and plan to join the Zoom by 9:15 a.m. on October 16 to address any tech glitches prior to the start of the meeting. Register in advance for this meeting by clicking [HERE](#) or contacting the church office. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



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 (October is a different schedule).

NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 11 @ 7:30pm in HCC's Friendship Hall

Looking Ahead...

Social Committee is Looking Ahead!

Though we were disappointed to cancel the Chicken BBQ on October 3 due to the uncertainty around the parking lot resurfacing, we are brainstorming new ways to socialize together in 2021!

At our October 11 meeting, we'll be working out details about the activities below and others. Come join the conversation if you're available (meeting info above), and Stay Tuned for what we have in store!

- Hot Dog Cookout
- Light Night
- Bingo Night
- Service Day



Women's Group

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

We plan to meet **next on Tues., Oct. 5, 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*



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. ** 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.

**** There will not be Outdoor Office hours on October 27, as Pastor Betsy will be on vacation.**



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, Karen Klein, Katie Riley, Donna Ellis Cornell, Angie Wilson, and **NEW MEMBER Jenn Tafel!** Welcome, Jenn!

We usually 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, October 19, @ 7:15pm in the Sanctuary.



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

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

Next Meeting: Sunday, October 17, 11 am

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!

We are currently using conversation starters from the "I've Been Meaning To Ask" series, the series we used for this summer's sermon series, along with Richard Rohr's book, *"The World, the Flesh, and the Devil"*.



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

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

Brown Bags & Beliefs

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 p.m., hybrid: in person and via Zoom



Brown Bags & Beliefs Presents:
OUT OF CONTEXT;
Understanding Commonly
Misinterpreted Bible Passages
WEDNESDAYS, 6:00 – 6:57 p.m



The current BBB series, **Out of Context: Understanding Commonly Misinterpreted Scripture Passages continues through October 13.** In the next couple of weeks, Pastor Betsy will invite to consider those passages that have been used to exclude or harm LGBTQ folks, and more.

Beginning October 20, just in time for the spooky Halloween season, we will dive into Texts of Terror: Bible Stories Too Terrible for Sundays.

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. No prep needed, you can come whichever dates you are available, and are welcome to join in person or via Zoom.

To join in person, come to Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., or join by Zoom:

Meeting ID: 829 3489 3729
Passcode: regular HCC passcode



Haslett Community Church is blessed to be a thriving, vibrant part of our wider community! As you can see throughout this newsletter, we have several committees and teams who are actively working to support our missions - it truly takes a village, and we are always looking for more people to help lighten the load as you share your gifts and talents. Please consider helping out in the activities below or any other opportunities you see here, on our website, or social media. We appreciate you!

As HCC moves forward with all the building maintenance and improvement activity...it seems a great time to get our GROWTH committee in motion as well. We are **looking for 4-6 people to serve on the Growth Committee**. DO NOT FEAR...this is not another meeting to attend!! We are an ACTION committee.



We will be functioning in these 3 basic manners ~ helping visitors get comfortable & familiar with HCC, following up with new members and assisting with resources/information of all that is HCC, and participating in outreach efforts to engage and introduce HCC to our community. Input and ideas are encouraged and welcome during our development of the committee. Please send your thoughts directly to Malinda Barr: malibarr339@gmail.com or call (517) 749-5278.

Food Pantry Help Needed

After many years of service, Paul White has retired as Food Drive Coordinator with our thanks for his faithful operation of this important part of the Haslett Food Pantry resources. We are hopeful that someone will step forward to fill this position so that we do not need to turn down any food drive offers.



This position is intermittent and can be adjusted to the volunteer's availability. Primary tasks include communicate with organizations that sponsor food drives to arrange receiving donations, sort and store donated food, and recruit volunteers to sort food.

For more information contact Ruth Linnemann, 517-339-6138 or Carl Wegener, 517-648-1257.



Christmas Giving Project Opportunities

It's that time of year again, where our HCC Community gears up for the Christmas Giving Project!

Volunteers are needed to interview recipient families. Each volunteer makes phone calls to six or more recipient families to gather information about gifts for the children. You will receive instructions and supplies.

Please contact Ruth at 517-339-6138 or rinnemann3@aol.com for more information and to offer your help.



Boxes for the Christmas Giving Project

Please begin bringing boxes and their covers to the church. **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. If you have boxes to donate but can't get them to the church, call Richard Baumgartner at 339-0438 to let him know, or to arrange for a pickup. (This is a landline and cannot accept texts.)

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Consider helping with the meal train by clicking [HERE](#). The family has freezer storage if you'd prefer to purchase or make a dish that they can heat up when needed. Purchasing Grub Hub coupons is also an option. Please note that kid friendly meals that are not spicy are preferred, and no fish. Thank you!





Local interfaith group bringing solar power to south Lansing community center

At a time when divisiveness and conflict are often in the news, several Lansing area religious congregations are working together for a good cause.

The Capital Area Chapter of Michigan Interfaith Power and Light is raising \$35,000 to put solar energy panels on the roof of the South Side Community Coalition (SSCC) Center in south Lansing, which provides programs and services for low-income minority children, youth, and families. When completed in early 2022, the solar panels will provide all of the center's electricity, saving thousands of dollars annually.

The cost savings will support the SSCC's programs and services for children (education and recreation), teens (life-skill-building programs, a computer lab, and health care outreach), and senior citizens (health care, nutritional support, and social programs).

Currently, the interfaith group has raised approximately \$20,000 of the needed \$35,000 from its member houses of worship and community supporters. There will be a reception next week at the SSCC Center to thank organizations and individuals who have already donated to the project and to provide information to others who may be interested in donating:

Green Energy Project Reception & Presentation, South Side Community Coalition Center - 2101 W. Holmes, Lansing, MI 48910

**Thursday, October 7, 2021,
5:00-7:00 p.m.** (entire event outdoors)

5:00-5:30 Welcome and light refreshments.

5:30-6:00 Presentation by South Side Community Coalition on the impact of the center on the community. Remarks by representatives of the Lansing area houses of worship participating in the solar panel project. Overview by the solar panel contractor of the timeline and details of the project.

6:00-7:00 Conversation and media opportunities for interviews. In addition to those giving presentations, reception attendees will include project donors and other community partners. There may be typical SSCC outdoor program activities in progress as well.

Additional background information about the project and the local congregations planning and supporting it are below:

South Side Community Coalition Center

www.southsidecommunitycoalition.com

In the menu, click on Green Energy Project for more information about the project or to donate via the link on the same page.

Michigan Interfaith Power and Light

www.miipl.org

Based in Detroit, this statewide, nonprofit organization offers practical ways to put faith into action by promoting energy efficiency, renewable energy, and other sustainable practices that lead to a cleaner, healthier, and more just world.

The Capital Area Chapter of Michigan Interfaith Power and Light

includes these local congregations:

- All Saints Episcopal Church (E. Lansing)
- Edgewood United Church (E. Lansing)
- First Presbyterian Church of Lansing
- Haslett Community Church
- The Islamic Center of East Lansing
- Presbyterian Church of Okemos
- Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lansing
- University Lutheran Church (E. Lansing)

The Shaarey Zedek Racial Justice Task Force
proudly presents

Calling in the Calling Out Culture

Professor Loretta J. Ross
Smith College



Tuesday, October 19, 2021
7:00 PM

Registration for this program is required.


Please register [here](#):

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/register/tZwof-qqrT4pGt1IP63-cRgKs2EnasmHgsvc>

Congregation Shaarey Zedek Racial Justice Task Force is sponsoring a Zoom event on Tuesday, October 19th at 7:00 PM. This event is free but does require advance registration. All are welcome, so please feel free to share.


A seasoned activist and visiting professor at Smith College, Loretta Ross offers “call in” culture as an antidote to “call out” culture. Since the 1970s, Ross has been a tireless advocate for marginalized groups. She is a highly sought consultant on many issues including Reproductive Justice, Appropriate Whiteness, Human Rights, Violence Against Women, and Calling In the Calling Out Culture. She has appeared on CNN, BET, and "Good Morning America," and has been featured in the *New York Times*, *Time Magazine*, *The Los Angeles Times*, and *The Washington Post*, among others. Please join us for a presentation and conversation guaranteed to challenge and enlighten!

A *New York Times* article about Ross's work can be found at: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/19/style/loretta-ross-smith-college-cancel-culture.html>



HCC Green Team meets next on: **Monday, October 11, at 7pm by Zoom:**

<https://msu.zoom.us/>
Meeting ID: 977 4398 7305
Passcode: usual HCC code



Mission Outreach meets next on **Monday, October 4, at 7pm. Via Zoom.**

Meeting ID: 847 4133 9805
Passcode: 48840



Church Council meets on the second Tuesday of most months.

The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, October 12, 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

Safety Team meets next on:

Tuesday, Oct. 26 @ 7pm

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

Meeting ID: 826 2826 2157
Passcode: usual HCC passcode

SAFETY TEAM

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

What's Happening at HCC

Our building is starting to open up more and get 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 10, 11 & 14 of this newsletter and [HERE](#).

Because more groups are using the physical space, please remember to check with Michele in the office to coordinate building and grounds space use for your group (hcc@haslettcommunitychurch.org 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 (p7)

Sundays, 10:00am – (Communion, Baptism, Stewardship, Laity, & 3rd grade Bible Sundays this month)
Sanctuary, parking lot via 88.7 FM, [YouTube](#)

Sidewalk Sunday School (p3)

Sundays during worship (no Sunday School on Oct. 3 - World Communion Sunday)
Outdoors @ HCC (using Door 2)

Coffee Fellowship

Sundays, after worship
Outdoors @ HCC

Youth Group (p4)

Sundays
MS: 5:00-6:30pm; HS: 7:00-9:00pm
Youth Room

Onsite Office Hours (p10)

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

Outdoor Office Hours - Betsy (p10)

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

Brown Bags & Beliefs (p11)

Wednesdays, Sept .8 - Oct. 13, 6:00pm
HCC & Zoom

Choir / Chime Rehearsal (p5)

Wednesdays, 7:00pm
Outside Door 1 / Sanctuary @ HCC

Men's Group (p11)

Saturdays, 9:00am
Zoom

ONCE THIS MONTH

Women's Group (p10)

Tuesday, Oct. 5, 10:00am
Zoom

Parking Lot Resurface (p8)

Through Wednesday, October 6

Barry Sedgwick Memorial (p6)

Saturday, October 9, 11:00am
Sanctuary

HCC Stewardship Campaign (cover)

Sunday, Oct.10 - Sunday Oct. 31

CROP Hunger Walk & Fall Fest. (cover)

Sunday, Oct. 10, begins @ 11am
Outdoors @ HCC & Lake Lansing

Church Council (p14)

Tuesday, Oct. 12, 7:15pm
Sanctuary & Zoom

Youth Pumpkin Patch (p5)

Saturday, Oct. 16, 10:00am - 2:00pm
(extras sold Sunday, Oct. 17 11am-Noon)
Outdoors @ HCC

Coffee With Jesus (p11)

Sunday, Oct. 17, 11:00am (after worship)
Choir Room & Zoom

Crocktoberfest (p8)

Sunday, Oct. 31, Noon - 1:30pm
Outdoors @ HCC

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HCC Connections

October 2021

Haslett Community Church

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

Email: hcc@haslettcommunitychurch.org

Phone: 517-339-8383

www.haslettcommunitychurch.org

Minister for Youth & Children: Pastor: Rev. Betsy Aho
Rev. Erin Heisler
Office Manager: Michele Booher
Choral Director: Judy Connelly
Organist/Pianist: Barbara Freeman

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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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