

Haslett Community Church



HCC Connections

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

April 2023



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But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead...'" - Matthew 28: 5-7

Dear Haslett Community Church,

I will never take Holy Week and Easter gatherings for granted, about this I am sure! I relish each and every opportunity to remember well the story of the resurrection of Jesus with you all!

And Easter is not just a day, not even just a week, for each Sunday when we worship together, we celebrate new life and love and another week of living into the love God has for you, your neighbor, and creation. We reciprocate that love through worshipping our Triune God of Grace, accepting the grace offered to us, and loving God and self and neighbor as best as we are able (and trying again when we don't get it quite right).

While Holy Week and Easter are certainly the centerpiece and focus of our early April, and this edition of *HCC Connections* has information on those important services, please keep reading and participating.

Being in community with one another, whether we are learning, serving, teaching, asking for support, or having fun together, are all ways of practicing discipleship and following in the ways of Jesus. We celebrate our healthy community of faith by being together and inviting others to be with us. You will see that as this busy spring continues, there are many ways to do just that from Social Committee, Spiritual Life Committee, Green Team, and so much more!

Let us live into the hope and promise of Easter by living as resurrection people, wholly and dearly loved. I hope you will continue to journey with us.

Yours in the Journey,

Pastor Betsy

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We worship together each Sunday at 10 AM.

Services are in person with a livestream option on our website (haslettcommunitychurch.org) and YouTube channel (youtube.com/HaslettCommunityChurch).

Consider following us on Facebook (facebook.com/haslettcommunitychurch) for activity photos, up-to-the-minute updates and reminders, and more!



Holy Week 2023



Haslett Community Church
United Church of Christ

Every service throughout Holy Week is important to the story of Easter Sunday!

Join us!



April 2 10 a.m. Palm Sunday with Palms to Wave



April 6 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday with Communion



April 7 7 p.m. Good Friday with Choir



April 9 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service
10 a.m. Easter Sunday with Choir

all services in person · all but easter sunrise also live-streamed
haslettcommunitychurch.org for livestream and more info

Palm Sunday · April 2 · 10 a.m.:

Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem to cheering and honor by the crowds who welcome him and lay palms along his path. We celebrate with a family friendly Palm Parade and Blessing of the Palms!

Scripture: Matthew 20: 29- 21:17

Maundy Thursday · April 6 · 7 p.m.:

We set the table to remember when Jesus shared a special meal with his disciples on the night he was arrested. The last supper is the convocation of what we know and celebrate as Holy Communion. This service will put communion at its center as we remember Jesus' invitation to the table. Scripture: Matthew 26: 17-30 (Communion elements are gluten-free and alcohol free)

Good Friday · April 7 · 7 p.m.: We remember the crucifixion of Jesus. We remember that Jesus took violence and evil to the cross with him so that humanity might know reconciliation and love. this night ends with sacrifice but the story does not end there. There is yet hope. Scripture: Matthew 27: 27-61

Easter Sunrise · April 9 · 7:30 a.m.: Connecting the waiting and mystery of Holy Saturday with the joy of Easter Sunday. We light a fire outside, and lighted candles are brought into the sanctuary for song, prayer, communion and the joy of the resurrection! Scripture: Matthew 28: 1-11

Easter Sunday · April 9 · 10 a.m.: Celebrate the empty tomb and the resurrection of Jesus Christ! We learn again that we worship a God of hope, life, love and promises fulfilled! You can add a flower to the cross outside, enjoy a Sanctuary full of spring blooms, and participate in a joy filled service that includes favorite Easter hymns, meaningful prayers, scripture and preaching, and a children's message for our young worshipers! Scripture: Matthew 28: 1-11





Sunday, April 2nd is PALM SUNDAY!



Kids will gather in Fellowship Hall (by the kitchen) at the start of the service. During the first hymn, they will be invited to parade all around the sanctuary, waving their palms as we sing and remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Following the hymn, they're invited to gather on the chancel steps for a Children's Moment & a Blessing of the Palms before going down to Sunday School!

Thursday, April 6th is MAUNDY THURSDAY



Friday, April 7th is GOOD FRIDAY



We do not have children-focused programming during the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. They are welcomed, as always, to experience those services with the whole worshipping community.



Sunday, April 9th EASTER CELEBRATION

for children during the 10am service. Kids will start in worship and will go downstairs following a Children's Moment, for crafts and games. The celebration will conclude with an egg hunt. Children are encouraged to bring an empty basket with them to church that morning (labeled with their name). ALL ages (even nursery) will participate in the egg hunt!



If you are looking for a resource to explore Holy Week with your family, "God's Big Easter Story" by Dwell is great! This daily devotional for Holy Week starts with Scripture, offers "wondering questions" to think about with your family, and ends each day with a prayer. Copies will be available at HCC for interested families or reach out to Pastor Erin.



This month in Sunday school we will start with Palm Sunday on April 2nd and Easter on April 9th.

Then, for the rest of the month we will learn about appearances of the resurrected Jesus!

There will be Sunday school on April 16th, 23rd, and 30th.



Thank you to everyone who has contributed ideas for our upcoming Joyful Offerings! Keep the ideas coming! It's fun to see the variety of ways that our children's offerings can have impact in different communities!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Vacation Bible School





We are finalizing plans for our 2023 mission trip to Nashville! We have 8 middle schoolers, 17 high schoolers, and 8 chaperones (3 of whom are HCC alumni) looking forward to serving the people of Nashville.

We are again partnering with Service Learning Camps (they organized our Milwaukee worksites last summer). Our mission coordinator, Brady Banks, is hard at work planning what organizations we will be partnering with for our work.

Here are four of the organizations we will work with in Nashville (their logos link to their websites):



Grace Works knows that local low-income residents have diverse needs – food, clothing, housing support, and financial assistance – yet, most area nonprofits/churches focus on only one or two services. By pooling resources, Grace Works has been able to offer wraparound services to a large number of individuals and families in need!



Dream Streets' mission is to protect and empower individuals living in distress. They provide supplemental groceries & family-strengthening tools; including classes, connection and employment for single mothers,

programs for children & teens to learn Biblical stories and values, as well as opportunities for mentorship, character development and life skills. They also offer a job-readiness program preparing individuals to go into the culinary arts and a grant program to help individuals become home owners.



Feed America First's mission is to provide food to those who feed the hungry. They do so through saving food on a large scale from manufacturers, distributors, farms and stores; rescuing up to 4 million pounds of fresh food every month! They supply this rescued food to over 200 food pantries across the region, reaching over 40,000 families in need every month!



Soles4Souls turns shoes and clothing into opportunities for education & employment to build a more hopeful future through three specific programs (4Relief, 4Opportunity, 4EveryKid). 4Relief focuses on getting new shoes and clothing to people in crisis, freeing up financial resources that can then be used toward other needs. 4Opportunity uses donated, gently worn shoes, to help individuals become entrepreneurs and start small businesses that help them climb out of poverty, while at the same time helping their communities (and the world by keeping 80 million pounds of textiles out of landfills). 4EveryKid focuses on

giving kids needed shoes. Many organizations focus on critical needs of food and shelter, but school officials continually report that shoes are also essential to helping students succeed in school. Kids who receive new shoes have more confidence, attend school more regularly and are more physically active.

We will be launching a new mission trip fundraiser in April. More information coming soon about how you can support this trip!



We've reached the time of the school year where the grand plans we made on our year-long HCC youth ministry calendar in August often have to be changed, adjusted or rescheduled based on the busy lives of our students. It is more important than ever that our youth families watch for communications: weekly parent emails, snail mail mailings, Remind text messages, social media posts, etc.

Youth Groups will meet at their regular times (middle school 5-6:30pm, high school 7-9pm) on the following April Sundays:

- April 2nd
- April 16th
- April 23rd
- April 30th

Youth Groups will NOT meet on Sunday, April 9th (Easter Sunday), but youth are invited to help with the children's Easter celebration during our 10am morning worship that day. Please arrive by 9:15am to help!

Our Church Family



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

- To Liz Newport & Stefanie Zin for teaching Sunday School this month.
To Katie Riley, Barb Decker, & Stefanie Zin for helping with Lent Event this month.
To Nancy Clark for donating a new couch for the youth room.
To the Loaves and Fishes team for April: Barb Szkotnicki, Kelly Flagg, Carol Cramer, & Paula Fry.
To Dave Vietti for organizing Men's Group and for setting up the sanctuary for events.
To the many volunteers that have filled in as substitutes in the Food Pantry recently.



Donna Bates

December 20, 1926 - March 18, 2023

Memorial Service will be held on Friday, April 21 at HCC:

Visitation 10 am
Service 11 am
Luncheon to follow

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Military Order of the Purple Heart or Disabled American Veterans.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Information you'd like included in the May 2023 Newsletter is due to Michele no later than April 18, (the 3rd Tuesday of this month)
Please send to: hcc1@att.net

Save the Date:
Celebrating the Music Ministry of Judy Connelly
May 21, 2023



Judy Connelly, beloved Choir Director at Haslett Community Church for over 50 years, retired in August, 2022, and we have yet to celebrate her many years of music ministry!

Plan to join Haslett Community Church for a music infused worship service on May 21, 2023 at 10 a.m., followed by a celebratory lunch in Judy's honor.

Please feel free to share the date with others who you think may want to attend. As we well know, Judy has impacted the lives of generations of musicians, so let's get the word out! More information to follow in upcoming weeks!

Dear HCC folk,



As I work on the music for the end of Lent and for Holy Week, I am realizing how meaningful the lyrics are in some of the new music chosen for this year's Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. They are simple, yet truly beautiful in the way they depict this most important time in Jesus's life. All the times we have Communion throughout the year are really based on what happened on what became the first Maundy Thursday, and 2,000 years later we still can share that very blessing with one another. And I find myself wanting to urge folks to come and experience this time together in a new way, one that opens our eyes and our hearts and minds.

~ Barbara (517-881-9976, call or text)

It's the perfect time to see if HCC Choir is for you - it's always open to all who would like to try it! You don't need to be a musician or have choral expertise to try.

We practice each Wednesday from 7-8:30 pm. Join us!



Happy Heart Schedule for April

Sunday, April 2 – Palm Sunday	
Ministry	Name(s)
Reader	Becky Leefers
Greeters	Malinda Barr & Linda Bennett
Ushers	Cambria Decker-Larkin & Sylvia Davis
Coffee Hosts	Steve & Barb Decker
A/V Techs	Jon Lineberry & Ambrose Meteyer
Tellers	Sylvia Davis & Jim Durr

Sunday, April 16 – Breakfast in April #1	
Ministry	Name(s)
Reader	The Dudasik Family
Greeters	The Dudasik Family
Ushers	Ron Rowe & Liz Newport
Coffee Hosts	No Coffee Hour
A/V Tech	Rich Newport
Tellers	Bob Heisler & Cambria Decker-Larkin

Sunday, April 9 – Easter Sunday 10am	
Ministry	Name(s)
Reader	Rich Baumgartner
Greeters	Sylvia Davis & Tom Nelson
Ushers	Rich Baumgartner & Ann Pierce
Coffee Hosts	NO Coffee - Easter
A/V Techs	Helen & David Jones
Tellers	Rich Baumgartner & Barb Szkotnicki

Sunday, April 23 – Breakfast in April #2	
Ministry	Name(s)
Reader	Becky Leefers
Greeters	Sheila Fink & Deb Klein
Ushers	Dave & Nancy Ferguson
Coffee Hosts	No Coffee Hour
A/V Tech	Jim Gornick & Ambrose Meteyer
Tellers	Larry Leefers & Dave Ferguson

Sunday, April 30 – Breakfast in April #3	
Ministry	Name(s)
Reader	Don Flagg
Greeters	Bob & Sally Heisler
Ushers	Don & Kelly Flagg
Coffee Hosts	No Coffee Hour
A/V Tech	Helen & David Jones
Tellers	Don Flagg & Rich Newport



NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

Help welcome several New Members to Haslett Community Church, UCC on Sunday, April 23 during our 10 am worship service!

SEE SOMEONE YOU DON'T RECOGNIZE?

If you are comfortable at HCC and see a new face or faces, consider inviting them to Coffee Hour with you after church so they feel comfortable! Social spaces can be intimidating if you don't know anyone, so let's share that famous HCC hospitality with all.



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 dependent. Please keep a lookout for fun events we are trying to bring your way. We are looking forward to spending time with you!

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 2nd Monday** of each month. **NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 10, @ 7:30pm** in **HCC's Friendship Hall**



Breakfast in April!

It may not seem like it now, but **Breakfast In April** is only 2

weeks away. It will be here before you know it!

This annual tradition returns in 2023, with our Social Committee (and friends) preparing breakfast **on three Sunday mornings in April: April 16, April 23, and April 30**, starting at 8:30 am, before worship.

Many people come together to make this event possible. **If you'd like to assist** with food prep, serving, set-up, clean-up, or you have new ideas for the menu, we'd love to have you.

Please contact Kim Carnes (517.331.3586) to let us know how you'd like to help.

HCC Camping

Our annual HCC camping trip is scheduled for **August 10-13, 2023** at Pioneer County Park near Muskegon.



We have 15 camp sites reserved and the cost for three nights is \$110.00. More details to come, but mark your calendar.

If interested, sign up [HERE](#) or on the wall outside the church office.



Looking Ahead...

Social Committee

- Social Committee Meets April 10, 7:30 pm Friendship Hall
- Breakfast in April April 16, 23, & 30 HCC Fellowship Hall
- Sundae Sunday June 25 HCC, after Worship
- All HCC Camping August 10-13, 2023 Pioneer County Park Muskegon

- Chicken BBQ September 10, Noon HCC
- Bonfire and Music October
- Thanksgiving Dinner November 12, Noon HCC



Spiritual Life’s members, Don Flagg, Cambria Decker-Larkin, Carolyn Lucas, Katie Riley, Jenn Tafel, Kris Belonge, and Jon Lineberry meet each month to envision ways of carrying out our three-part mission: supporting our clergy and staff in liturgical activities, creating and enhancing individual spiritual growth opportunities, and facilitating spiritual connections among our community. Our committee expresses appreciation for the hard work of our pastor and staff for the many details attended to (e.g., implementation of new nametags, and many other details) as well as overall planning and direction of our worship and programming! Anyone interested in our group’s activities, please contact current chair, Carolyn Lucas.

Plans in the Works:

- Some plans are in the making to sponsor the showing of a documentary entitled *Mama Irene: Healer of the Andes*, with discussion and more afterwards. Look for information in Weekly Emails as details emerge.
- Plans are also in the making for an upcoming 2-3 hour committee retreat. And Outdoor Worship in the Park will take place Sunday, August 20, 2023.

We usually meet on the third Thursday each month. Our **next meeting is Thursday, April 20, at 7:15 pm in the Sanctuary and on Zoom**. If you would like to attend, please send your request to Carolyn Lucas at csrucas@aol.com or text her at 517.881.4241.



Coffee With Jesus is a group sponsored by the Spiritual

Life Committee to help us reflect on and grow in our spiritual life, as well as foster closer ties between us. We continue with a focus on our journey of prayer and support for the journey in a difficult world.

We usually meet on the third Sunday each month, **after worship in Mary & Martha’s room** (next to Youth room downstairs).

Our next Meeting is: Sunday, April 16, at 11:15 am.



Men’s Group continues to meet regularly in different ways, including **online Zoom meetings on most Saturday mornings at 9:00am** (see info below).

**** On Saturday, April 15, we will be meeting in-person for breakfast at Blondie’s Restaurant in Haslett, at 9am.**

Please **contact Dave Vietti** if you’re interested in connecting with this group: 517-339-5731 vietti@msu.edu

Zoom Meeting ID:	416 360 920
Passcode:	48840
Call In**	301.715.8592

Wednesday Wisdom & Wonderings will be back!

Later in April, this series, led by Pastor Betsy, will return with a new focus. Stay tuned for details.

Join us the weeks you are able, you are always welcome.



A Shared Meal to Learn About Food Security and Environmental Justice

Wednesday, April 12, 6 p.m. at Edgewood United Church, UCC

Immerse yourself in issues of environmental justice and food security over dinner. Join us at 6pm on April 12 at Edgewood United Church alongside your friends from Haslett Community Church, United Church of Christ and Edgewood United Church of Christ. The meal will be hosted by Addy Stuever, our Environmental Justice Fellow, and will be a dinner experience like no other!



Earth Day associated activities

We've compiled a list of activities that link to Earth Care, this month:

April 2: Documentary *Kiss the Ground* documentary + discussion with Prof. Maria Davis (Biology, Olivet College) 1st Congregational, Charlotte, 11:30 a.m.

April 15 and 29: Book Club: *What Climate Justice Means and Why We Should Care* (Elizabeth Cripps) 1st Congregational, Charlotte, 10:00 a.m., in the Annex

April 12: UCC Climate Justice Fellow Addy Stuever leads a **Justice & Food Security Dinner**, Edgewood United UCC, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

April 16: Dedication of the Presbyterian Church of Okemos new 40 kW ground-mounted solar array, 2:00 p.m.

April 16: Rep. Elissa Slotkin joins people at Faith Lutheran for conversation and fellowship (Okemos), 9:30-11:00 a.m. (part of adult education: Civic Engagement)

April 16: Documentary *Earth Days* documenting the development of the modern environmental movement, Haslett Community Church, 6:00 p.m.

April 23: Roxanne Case from Ingham Co. Land Bank speaks at People's Church about our Lansing Solar Home project, 9:30-10:30 (Robertson Room)

April 30: Dedication of new pollinator garden, paid in part by a Green Grant from Meridian Township, Haslett Community Church, 11:10 a.m.

documentary & discussion with
David C. Jones
documentary cinematographer

Sunday · April 16, 2023 · 6-9 p.m.
Haslett Community Church
1427 Haslett Rd · Haslett, MI

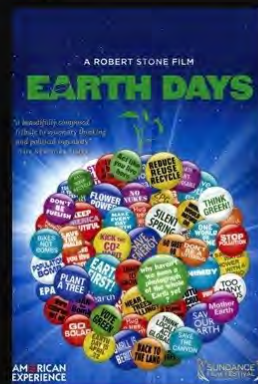
Come Watch: "Earth Days"

Then engage in discussion, led by HCC's own David C. Jones, about how we care for the aging members of our families and communities.

Haslett Community Church, United Church of Christ is wheelchair accessible and has gender neutral bathrooms available.



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In celebration of Earth Day, the HCC Green Team is rolling out the Red Carpet.

Join us for a Documentary & Discussion of *Earth Days*.

Earth Days tells the extraordinary stories of the modern environmental movement, and the road to the first Earth Day on April 22, 1970. We will view the movie and discuss humanity's complex relationship with earth and a great history of revolutionary achievements plus missed opportunities of ground breaking eco-activism. Please join us!



EVERY STEP YOU TAKE IS ONE THEY WON'T HAVE TO!

Walk, run or roll a 6k from where ever you are. Last year, I completed my 6k on the Inca Trail in Peru.

Local fun. Global impact.

Whether you join from the treadmill, your favorite trail, or in person at Lake Lansing Park North, when you and thousands of others around the world walk or jog your way to 6k (the average distance that has to be walked numerous times a day to collect water that is dirty) on **May 20, 2023**, you'll empower children in need with lasting clean water. Now more than ever clean water is essential to protect vulnerable children and families. Will you join me?

When: May 20, 2023 at 10am

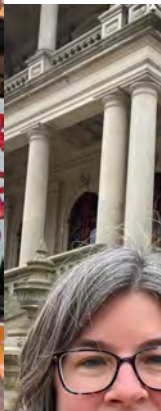
Where: Lake Lansing Park North, 6260 Lake Drive, Haslett

Register online at: <https://global6k.worldvision.org/team/haslettwaterwarriors2023>

Your registration brings life-changing clean water to a child in need. Adult registration - \$50, child registration - \$25 If you prefer to support Haslett Water Warriors, you can donate at: <https://global6k.worldvision.org/participant/cathyrowe6k>

Questions: Contact Cathy Rowe: Cell: 517.242.3895 or cathymrowe@gmail.com

On March 22, Pastor Betsy participated in an ecumenical, solution-focused Advocacy Day to End Gun Violence in Michigan. Organized by the Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church (but attended by an ecumenical group). The day involved worship, prayer, speaking with law makers, a press conference, and more.



Property Committee Update



April already?!?! Yes, spring is here! Last May the Property Committee began researching and collaborating with other HCC committees regarding the suggested removal of the church’s eastside trees, specifically, the walnut nearest the garage and the maple nearest our drain systems.

After much deliberation, the Property Committee recommended to Council, and it was approved, to remove the trees. This work is scheduled to take place on April 26, dependent on weather.

First, we will remove the walnut tree due to its proximity to the children’s playground area, the trip hazard associated with fallen walnuts in our northeast parking lot, and the upkeep required to avoid limbs falling on the playground and/or the garage roof. Unfortunately, the tree isn’t straight enough to sell. More details to come.

Second, the removal of the maple tree, currently sporting an orange ribbon, is needed due to its proximity to the French Drain systems we have on the east side. The maple has also been a “highway” for the nuisance squirrels we have been dealing with on a regular basis, although, I believe that the HCC staff will miss the reduced sounds of their “pitter patting” above their heads in the office.

Third, because of the amount of tree work, and because the Property Committee and HCC leadership are already aware of some of the unsafe conditions of our beloved playground, we will be removing the playground equipment in the coming weeks. Rest assured, we will salvage what we can, sell what we can, and recycle what we can. As soon as a date is set, we will inform the membership. Please note, the Property Committee will be organizing new “future of the playground” discussions and/or group to help us decide how to move forward. The accessible playground grant we were hoping for was not approved at this time, but we hope to continue in our efforts to offer the community an accessible playground for all; more details to come this spring/summer.

Of course, if you have any questions regarding any of the above projects, please contact me at 517.712.0976 or by email at laura_roumpz@hotmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of HCC’s Property Committee, and its friends.

Be well and join us in prayer for the safe removal of the trees and equipment.

Laura Clark-Roumpz
HCC Property Chair



Property Committee meets next:

Monday, April 10, @ 6pm
via Zoom.

Contact Laura Clark-Roumpz if interested.



Knitters, Crocheters, & Wannabees

Our Next Meeting will be **Sunday, April 9, at 11:15am** after worship, in the Library.



HCC Green Team meets next on: **Monday, April 10, at 7pm, via Zoom:**

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

Meeting ID: 910 9450 8188
Passcode: 48840



Church Council meets on the second Tuesday of most months.

Our next meeting will be: Tues., April 11, at 7:15 pm

If you would like to join us, please be in touch with Michele, Office Manager, for details: hcc1@att.net or 517-339-8383.

Safety Team meets next: **Tuesday, April 25, at 7pm** in Fellowship Hall.



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

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:



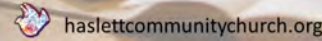
1. You can mail checks, which are accounted for weekly.
2. You can also PayPal us at: HCCgenerosity@gmail.com.
3. Online Giving, Text Giving, and Giving via Mobile App are all available to help make your support of HCC even easier! Visit www.haslettcommunitychurch.org/giving for more information, or 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!

Sermon Preview Bible Study
Thursdays 9-9:45 a.m.
Via Zoom

Weekly Bible Study based on the Scripture for the upcoming Sermon · Lead by Betsy

Meeting ID: 879 0122 4109
Passcode: 48840



Sermon Preview Bible Study Continues!

Did you know:

- Sermon Preview Bible Study happens every Thursday
- You can drop in any weeks you want and do not have to attend regularly to benefit
- You are not expected to study the texts in advance and do not need to have a history of Bible study to attend
- No one is put “on the spot” to share or contribute
- Our learning is rich, and our discussions often help shape the sermon that week
- The Zoom format of this group makes it accessible to people near and far
- We stick to the 45-minute window of time
- You are invited to give it a try any time



Over the past 92 drives at HCC the following blood has been donated:

3,873 units of blood by 4173 donors

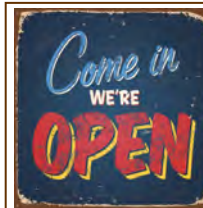
The following units have been collected recently:

November 2022	36 units
January 2023	38 units
March 2023	38 units

Thank you for your donations! Your gifts save lives!

The next Red Cross Blood Drive at HCC will be:

Friday, May 19
Noon - 6pm



Church 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 is usually in the office Tuesday - Friday. You can make an appointment or swing by during her drop-in office hours on Wednesdays, 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.

What's Happening at HCC in April

What's Happening no longer shows individual committee meetings. Instead, you can find specific committee meeting information on [pages 7, 8, & 11](#) of this newsletter and [HERE](#). Please remember to check with Michele in the office to coordinate building and grounds space use for your group (hcc1@att.net or 517.339.8383).

WEEKLY

Worship Service

Sundays, 10:00am *Palm & Easter Sundays
Sanctuary, parking lot via 88.7 FM, [YouTube](#)

Sunday School

Sundays, during worship, Downstairs

Breakfast in April (p7)

Sundays: April 16, 23, & 30, 8:30am
Fellowship Hall

Coffee Fellowship

Sunday, April 2, after worship, Friendship Hall
*No Coffee Fellowship other Sundays in April

Youth Group (p4)

Sundays, Youth Room*
5:00-6:30pm Middle School (MS)
7:00-9:00pm High School (HS)
*April 9 - No Youth Group (Easter Sunday)

Onsite Office Hours (p12)

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

Pastor Betsy's Drop-In Office Hours (p12)

Wednesdays, 11:30am-1:00pm
(She is also available by appointment Tue-Fri)
HCC Office

Wednesday Wisdom & Wonderings (p8)

Stay tuned for which Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00pm
Sanctuary

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Sermon Preview Group /Bible Study (p12)

Thursdays, 9:00 - 9:45am, Zoom*

Men's Group (p8)

Saturdays, 9:00am
Zoom (except March 4 - in-person @ Blondie's)

Tree Removal (p11)

Wednesday, April 26

Justice Fellow Addy Stuever preaches

Sunday, April 30 during worship

Pollinator Garden dedication (p9)

Sunday, April 30, 11:15am

ONCE THIS MONTH

Maundy Thursday Service (p2)

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Sanctuary

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Outside Door1, Sanctuary

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Knitters, Crocheters, etc. (p11)

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Library

Church Council Meets (p11)

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Fellowship Hall & Zoom

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Edgewood United Church

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Blondie's

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Mary & Martha's room (downstairs)

Documentary & Discussion (p9)

Earth Days
Sunday, April 16, 6:00 - 9:00pm
Sanctuary

Newsletter Items Due (p5)

Tuesday, April 18, 10:00am
Email to hcc1@att.net

Donna Bates Memorial (p5)

Friday, April 21, Sanctuary
Visitation 10am, Memorial 11am
Light Luncheon to follow

New Member Induction (p6)

Sunday, April 23, during Worship

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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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