

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 2024



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Dear Haslett Community Church,

Here is what Church Council members are saying about the new Mission, Vision, and Values statements of Haslett Community Church, which were adopted unanimously and enthusiastically at the March Council meeting...

From Pat Dalton, Council Rep. for Property Committee:

"I can honestly say in my lifetime I have never looked at a mission/vision statement as part of a

decision I needed to make about a group, organization, corporation. They always look and sound good on a website but to me, just fluff...until now. Having seen how three Pastors, and the countless contributors, with love, devotion, and pure boldness, are moving HCC into the future, is truly a spiritual game changer for me. Hopefully over the next few weeks as Pastor Betsy explains in layers what these changes are, we as a Community, listen, absorb, and learn that we will all be advancing our journey of spirituality and faith with Christ. Come on along, it will be a great ride!"

From Mark Garrod, Council Member at large: "'Strong Words' was my immediate response to the new HCC Mission Statement. A powerful Mission Statement that contains Strong Words:

- Three Bold Words that leave no question about HCC's commitment to our shared future,
- Three Defining Words that grabbed my attention and made me excited about being a part of that future, and
- Three Strong Words with the power to hold me accountable to the pledge I made when joining the church.

Our future awaits..."

From Ann McGrath, Council Rep. for Social Committee:

"Just as people all over the world need food, water, and shelter, people also need a place to belong, a place to fit in, a community of support. HCC has always been a welcoming church and now has a vision that would encourage and develop this idea of a place for all to feel at home. The vision encompasses our own community, and hope for the world. This vision is ambitious, for it challenges the congregation to not only welcome, but purposefully work toward building a place where everyone will feel they fit in, and where they will experience a community of support and love."

Prior to voting on adopting the new Mission, Vision, and Values statements, Church Council was given a presentation that honor our current vision statement, explains the information and theological grounding of

the new statements, and shows how the whole congregation contributed to their formation! You have two opportunities to hear a similar presentation, and to be part of the big reveal to the whole congregation!

April 7, 2024, 10 a.m.: The Mission, Vision, and Values are presented within the context of worship; the "Big Reveal" will be part of the sermon.

April 14, 2024, 11:15 a.m.: If you cannot be in church on April 7, please come to the presentation after worship on April 14, so you know the story behind the formation of the mission, vision and values.

On April 21, part of our 70th Anniversary will be celebrating how we are being called into the future and how our Mission, Vision and Values are part of answering that call! Read more about the 70th Anniversary celebration [on pg. 2.](#)



You are invited
TO JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION OF
THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF
Haslett Community Church
SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

THE CELEBRATION WILL BEGIN WITH A SPECIAL WORSHIP AT 10AM.
CELEBRATORY LUNCHEON FOLLOWING THE SERVICE
(MAIN DISH WILL BE PROVIDED. ALL GUESTS ARE ASKED TO BRING
A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE POTLUCK STYLE).

PLEASE SHARE THIS INVITATION WITH PAST FRIENDS AND MEMBERS OF HCC. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Built Through Love and Work



70th Anniversary Celebration: Built Through Love and Work

On April 21, 2024, we will gather for a morning of celebration and connection!

What you will experience that morning:

- ◇ Joyful worship for all ages at 10 a.m. that honors our history and points to our call in the world today
- ◇ Recognition of past ministers and leadership
- ◇ Reflections from Rev. Lawrence Richardson from the Michigan Conference Office (see below)
- ◇ A celebratory lunch following worship (main dish provided will be lemon chicken; a gluten free vegetarian lasagna will be available).
- ◇ Some HCC goodies to take and to purchase that celebrate our new Mission & Vision

How you can help make the morning a success:

- ◇ Bring a side dish or dessert to add to the lunch. We will move into lunch fairly quickly after worship, as the Sanctuary will be set with long tables & chairs.
- ◇ Invite friends who have moved from the area who may want to return, or whom you just haven't seen at HCC in a while. Personally invite them to come with you that morning! If a postcard to mail or share would help, you will find them available at church beginning on Palm Sunday.
- ◇ Add information to the timeline from your own history – any significant moments from your life that happened at the church from long ago or very recently are welcome! Timeline will be up and ready for your additions beginning April 7.

We do hope you will join us to celebrate the history, present, and future of Haslett Community Church, United Church of Christ. A church built on love and work that is ready to live into God's call!



Welcome Rev. Lawrence T. Richardson, Associate Conference Minister for Transitions and Vitality on April 21!

Rev. Lawrence T. Richardson has been an ordained minister for 20 years. He has served as a new church start pastor, a local church pastor, a multi-staff church pastor, on national staff, in for-profit and nonprofit settings, and is a member of the United Church of Christ (UCC) national board of directors, where he chairs the Development Committee. Rev. Richardson is the Associate Conference Minister for Church Vitality and Transitions for the Michigan Conference UCC. He is a St. Catherine University and Liberty Seminary graduate and is a doctoral candidate at Berkeley School of Theology, where his focus is Christian Spirituality and Formation.





Here's what the rest of Spring will look like for Sunday School:

April 7th: Sunday School (the Great Commission of the Disciples)

April 14th: Sunday School (Jesus' Ascension)

April 21st: Kids in worship (no nursery)

April 28th: Sunday School (Saul to Paul)

May 5th: Kids in worship (Senior Sunday)

May 12th: Sunday School (Pentecost & the Holy Spirit)

May 19th: Kids in worship (Pentecost, Communion, Joyful Offering)

May 26th: Sunday School (Paul's Letters)

June 2nd: Kids in worship (Choir Sunday)

June 9th: Summer Sunday School kicks off (read more about this in right hand column on this page).



Looking WAY ahead:
BACKPACK SUNDAY

(the Sunday where our children stuff backpacks full of school supplies for kids in Meridian Township) will be **Sunday, August 4th!**

Meridian Township needs the backpacks EARLIER in the month for easier distribution.

That means we will begin collecting school supplies & backpacks in JULY!

Haslett Community Church is turning SEVENTY!



Sunday, April 21st we will celebrate the 70th anniversary of H.C.C. We want our WHOLE church family to be together that morning so all children will be in worship for the whole hour. **There will not be Sunday school or nursery care that morning.**



Our Lenten Joyful Offering (collected in February) raised \$145 for Meridian Cares. You can read a letter of thanks from Meridian Township on the children's ministry bulletin board in Friendship Hall.

Our next Joyful Offering will take place on **Sunday, April 21st** and will go to support **Our Church's Wider Mission** (OCWM). OCWM supports the United Church of Christ in various ways at both the national as well as the local settings (the Michigan Conference and our Covenant Association).

On Pentecost, **May 19th**, our children will collect a Joyful Offering to support **Loaves and Fishes** (a local ministry that supports unhoused individuals). HCC already supports Loaves & Fishes by providing a meal for their residents once a month.



This summer's Sunday School curriculum will focus on our **EMOTIONS!**

Summer Sunday School kicks off on Sunday, June 9th.

We will be looking for volunteers to teach Sunday school as well as be in the nursery each Sunday.



Mark your calendars for VBS! **June 11-13th from 5-7pm**

Our summer theme of exploring our emotions will continue with our VBS theme.

We hope ALL of our HCC **Children (ages 3 & potty trained through 5th grade) will journey with us through the FEELINGS FOREST!**

As always, we will be looking for volunteers to take this journey with us! Helpers are needed for everything from decorating the church, shopping for supplies, to working with the kids. If you are interested in being a part of VBS in this way, please talk to Pastor Erin. Families stay tuned for sign-ups IN MAY!!

Feel free to start spreading the word to neighbors & friends!



Spring is so busy! Our year long calendar comes out in August, so by April, naturally there are some date changes. Read this page carefully & watch Remind texts and parent emails for important information!

YOUTH GROUP in April:
 On April 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th
 both groups meet at their regular times:
Middle School 5-6:30pm
High School 7-9pm
*if you have students in **both groups**, feel free to do drop off and pick up at 6:45pm.*



SENIOR DINNER
****Important senior Sunday planning!****
Wednesday, April 10th
6-7:30pm at HCC

REMINDER:
Senior Sunday will be Sunday, May 5th.
All youth and their families are invited to join us for this special worship service led by our graduating seniors.

Youth Group Senior Farewell is the evening of May 19th.



Wednesday, April 3rd
 7-8:30pm

All youth invited to gather for a time of fun conversation together. Please bring money for your food. We are usually in one of the corner booths.



By April, you should be paid in full for both mission trips.

If you have a question about remaining payments, please contact Erin.

WE NEED CHAPERONES FOR BOTH MISSION TRIPS!

The High School mission trip to Duluth, Minnesota is June 22-29th.

The middle school mission trip to Toledo, Ohio is July 28th-August 1st.

Reminder that there is a discount offered for families with more than one participant attending (includes chaperones). Each additional family member is \$500/person.



Saturday, April 20th
Middle School Prom Party
 Come dressed in your wackiest outfit! Maybe you thrift a prom dress from the 80s. Maybe you mismatch all your clothes. Anything goes! Come & party from 8-10pm. We will Just Dance, play games, eat, and have fun!



From April 15th through May 15th you will have the chance to send a flock of yard flamingos to be placed in the yard of a fun-loving-friend, family member or neighbor!

\$20 for 12 flamingos
\$35 for 24 flamingos
(for an additional \$10 the sender will remain anonymous)

Flamingos will be delivered by youth and their families after dark and will remain in place for 24 hours (removal is free).

Flamingo insurance (prevents flocking) is available. \$15 prevents flocking for one week, \$50 prevents flocking for the whole month.

This fundraiser will support the TWO youth mission trips taking place this summer!



FLOCK IT FORWARD

Youth Families- please watch the mail for a VERY IMPORTANT mission trip packet arriving after spring break! It will have additional FUNDRAISING INFO!



APRIL 15TH THROUGH MAY 15TH

SEND A FLOCK OF YARD FLAMINGOS TO BE PLACED IN THE YARD OF A FUN—LOVING—FRIEND, FAMILY MEMBER OR NEIGHBOR!

\$20 FOR FLOCK OF
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24 FLAMINGOS

FOR ADDITIONAL \$10
SENDER CAN REMAIN
ANONYMOUS

FLOCK BLOCK INSURANCE (PREVENTS FLOCKING) IS AVAILABLE.
\$15 PREVENTS FLOCKING FOR ONE WEEK, \$50 PREVENTS FLOCKING FOR THE WHOLE MONTH.

FLAMINGOS WILL BE DELIVERED BY YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES AFTER DARK AND THE FLOCK WILL REMAIN IN PLACE FOR 24 HOURS (REMOVAL IS FREE).
YOU CAN ORDER A FLOCK OF FLAMINGOS BY CLICKING GRAPHIC AT TOP OF THE PAGE
LINK ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE HCC WEBSITE AND HCC'S FACEBOOK PAGE.
YOU CAN ORDER FLOCK BLOCK INSURANCE BY EMAILING HCCFLAMINGOFUNDRAISER@GMAIL.COM
PLEASE INCLUDE DATE(S) FOR INSURANCE (\$15 FOR ONE WEEK OR \$50 FOR WHOLE MONTH).

Our Church Family



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

- To Sally Heisler, Susan Fisher, Julie VanAcker, Josh Schaefer, and Cindy Meteyer for helping with and driving for the youth road rally in March.
- To Stefanie Zin and Barb Decker for helping with Lent Event.
- To Natalie Bollman for helping with high school youth group.
- To the Loaves and Fishes team for April: Sally Heisler, Carol Cramer, Nancy White, Carolyn Solomon, and Paula Fry.
- To Jon Lineberry who is helping plan and organize the Summer Concert Series this year.
- To Susan Turney for hosting and leading the Church & Society reboot.
- To Becky Leefers for providing music at the Easter Sunrise Service.
- To Rich Baumgartner, Dave Vietti, Dave Ferguson, and Men's Group for setting up and resetting for / after the March Blood Drive.
- To Larry Leefers, Dave Vietti, and Rich Newport for setting up the flower stand for our Easter flowers.

Dear Friends,

I hope many of you were able to experience HCC's Holy Week services this year, either in person or online. Musically now, we are moving right into Spring! There is a lot of music already in the works, especially for the April 21 celebration of our 70th Anniversary, featuring some of your favorite hymns and special pieces for the choir, too. :) Lots of music (did I already say that?). We're looking forward to celebrating with friends old and new. We hope you can join us!

I am including an update on our church's recognition of the value that African-American gospel music and spirituals contributes to our worship services. To this end, HCC has been taking a collection to support African-American musicians locally when we have gospel or spiritual music in our services. We will hear more about this effort toward compensation in the April 14 worship service. Happy Spring, HCC!!

~ Barbara Freeman (517.881.9976)

Choir rehearses Wednesdays at 7pm.

Lessons in Leading

Sunday, May 19, Noon - 2:30 pm



Have you thought about leading a small group or becoming more involved in the leadership of the church? Does leading a group or participating on a leadership board seem interesting but intimidating? Or would you simply like to learn some new leadership skills?

Pastor Betsy will lead this workshop style program, *Lessons in Leading*, for all who would like to participate. Topics will include group dynamics, listening is leading, different meeting styles, and more!

Save the date... sign-up coming in May!

There will be a **Church & Society Potluck FRIDAY, April 5, at 6:30 PM**, at the home of Susan Turney. The group will discuss how to be church in the world.

Please RSVP to Susan: 517.243.4691.



April 2024's "Safety Snippet"

This month Safety Team would like to remind all

HCC-ers to please remember not to leave outside doors standing/propped open when moving things in and out of the building.

Besides being a potential safety issue, we have been dealing with animal/pest issues in the building and would appreciate your help keeping our building safe and secure!

Should anyone have any ideas about Safety related projects, please don't hesitate to reach out to us!

Sally Heisler: sally.m.heisler@gmail.com.

Don Flagg: obdon47@icloud.com

Stefanie Zin: zinst4364@gmail.com

Thanks for any contributions you might have to promote the safety of all members of the HCC Congregation!



2024

Apr. 21:	HCC 70 th Anniversary Celebration!	Jun. 22-29:	High School Mission Trip
May 5:	Youth Senior Sunday	June 30:	Mission Trip / Sundae Sunday
May 19:	Pentecost; Communion & Joyful Offering	Jul. 28-Aug.1:	Middle School Mission Trip
Jun. 2:	Choir Sunday	Aug. 4:	Backpack Sunday
Jun. 11-13:	Vacation Bible School	Aug. 15-18:	HCC Camping Trip

This is a "living" calendar of special events and once-a-year happenings that involve the whole church. It does not list things like regular meetings and weekly programming. Also, additions and corrections can be made, and details will be provided as things near. *If your group is planning something you don't see listed here, please let the office know (hcc1@att.net).

HELP WANTED!

Here are some big and small ways to be involved with the life of the church. From one time, to seasonal, to ongoing commitments, here are some volunteer opportunities to be aware of, and who to contact if you'd like to learn more or help out!



One Time/Occasional Opportunities:

- Handywork: We would like to turn the old name tag board into a bulletin board. It is a beautiful piece of woodworking that was made by a member long ago. Is there a way we could preserve it but secure corkboard over it? Can you help? Let the office know.
- Grant Writing: Many non-profits benefit from grant funding. In the recent past, our church has received Higher Education Grants from the Michigan Conference UCC to help fund programs for our Youth Group Alumni, and from Meridian Township for Green Team Projects. It's possible we could find some funding for building improvement and other projects, but it will take some research and someone who has experience grant writing. Is this something you could help with? Please be in touch with Michele Booher, Office Manager, and let her know!
- Driving: The church has a member, Marlene B., who lives independently but who no longer drives. She has family close who gets her most places but could occasionally use additional transportation support. She lives in Laingsburg and her husband, Bob, is currently being cared for in Charlotte. If you could occasionally drive Marlene to visit her husband or on shorter errands closer to home, please be in touch with Pastor Betsy.

Seasonal Opportunities:

CROP Hunger Walk: Kirk Riley has faithfully organized HCC's involvement in the CROP Hunger Walk for many years. Kirk would love to work alongside someone for the walk in October, 2024, who can continue to organize HCC's involvement in 2025. If you would like to hear more, please be in touch with Kirk:

rileyki@msu.edu

Christmas Giving Project: The Christmas Giving Project takes a lot of volunteer power from the church and community! For many years, Ruth Linnemann has coordinated many parts of the project including client intake, gift donation, and distribution. Jim Durr has coordinated many parts of the project including food procurement and packing. Both are ready to teach others how to do these important tasks! If you would like to hear more about either role, please contact Ruth or Jim.



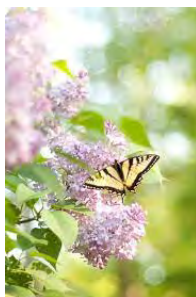
Happy Heart Schedule for April 2024

Sunday, April 7 – Breakfast in April #1	
Ministry	Name (s)
Reader	Brett Meteyer
Greeters	Carolyn Schuster & Kristin Schuster
Ushers	Lynn & Russ Wilson
Coffee Hosts	N/A – Breakfast in April leftovers
A/V Tech	Jim Gornick
Tellers	Cheryl Edwards & Bob Heisler (Train Kristin Schuster)



Sunday, April 14 – Breakfast in April #2	
Ministry	Name (s)
Reader	Rachel Bullock
Greeters	Cambria Decker-Larkin & Carol Cramer
Ushers	Liz Newport & Ron Rowe
Coffee Hosts	N/A – Breakfast in April leftovers
A/V Tech	Rich Newport & Aaron Copeland
Tellers	Sylvia Davis & Jim Durr

Sunday, April 21 – HCC 70 th Anniversary!	
Ministry	Name (s)
Reader	Fred Schmidt
Greeters	Malinda Barr & Barb Decker
Ushers	Dave & Nancy Ferguson
Coffee Hosts	N/A – 70 th Anniversary Celebration!
A/V Tech	Jon Lineberry
Tellers	Larry Leefers & Dave Ferguson



Sunday, April 28 – Breakfast in April #3	
Ministry	Name (s)
Reader	Jim Linnemann
Greeters	Kathy Baker & Kim Carnes
Ushers	Don & Kelly Flagg
Coffee Hosts	N/A – Breakfast in April #3 leftovers
A/V Tech	Helen & Dave Jones
Tellers	Don Flagg & Rich Newport (Train Kris Belonge)

This is a proposed schedule for April 2024. If for any reason you are unable to serve, please try and find a sub and let Michele in the office know who that may be as soon as possible. If you're unable to find one, please let her know that soon. :) Thank you for serving on our Happy Heart Teams!



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 1st Monday** of each month. **NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 1, 2024, @ 7:30pm** in HCC's Friendship Hall.



Breakfast in April!

It may not seem like it yet, but Spring is here! At HCC, that means it's time for Breakfast in April! This annual tradition returns in 2024 with our Social Committee

(and friends) preparing breakfast **on three Sunday mornings in April: April 7, 14, & 28, 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 15-18, 2024** at Pioneer County Park near Muskegon. We have 17 camp sites reserved, and the cost for three nights is \$122.00. More details will come, but mark your calendar.



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



Looking Ahead...

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| • Social Committee Meets | April 1
Friendship Hall
7:30 PM | • Chicken BBQ | TBD - September |
| • Breakfast in April | April 7, 14, & 28 | • Bonfire and Music | September |
| • Sundae Sunday | June 30
After worship | • Thanksgiving Dinner | TBD - November |
| • HCC Camping | August 15-18 | • Hanging of the Greens | TBD |

And if anyone has ideas about events we could sponsor, please contact Kim Carnes at 517-331-3586.



The Spiritual Life Committee cooperates with our clergy to empower laity to continue building a healthy, Christ-centered, Spiritual Community and respond to the spiritual needs of the HCC congregation. Our members are: Kris Belonge, Cambria Decker-Larkin (chair), Don Flagg, Jon Lineberry, and Carolyn Lucas. We would love to welcome new faces to our committee. If you are interested, please contact chair, Cambria Decker-Larkin.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, @ 1:00 pm via Zoom. If you have questions or are interested in learning more about becoming a member of this committee please contact Cambria Decker-Larkin at cambriawhitta@gmail.com or 517-505-6442.



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 will be paying attention to our experiences with the Bible this year. The book, *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans, will be our focus.

We usually meet on the third Sunday each month, after worship, **but in April, we will be meeting on the 4th Sunday.**

Our next Meeting will be: Sunday, April 28, at 11:15 am, in Mary & Martha's room (next to Youth room downstairs).



Men's Group

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 6, we will be meeting for in-person breakfast at 9am, at:**

Coral Gables

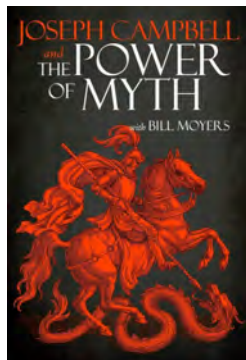
2838 Grand River Ave, East Lansing

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

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

Mythology & Beliefs: Joseph Campbell study

Beginning April 4, at 7pm, spend an hour with Joseph Campbell and hear his ideas on mythology and beliefs. Hosted by Don Flagg, this will be our initial encounter based on the PBS series with Bill Moyers.



Following the video, we will have time for discussion.

Currently, the series is scheduled to meet on four Thursdays in April and May (April 4 & 18, and May 2 & 9). **We meet from 7 - 8:30 pm in the Mary & Martha room,** next to the Youth Room downstairs.

Sermon Preview Bible Study
 Shining a Light on Scripture
 Thursdays 9-9:45 a.m.
 Via Zoom.

Weekly Bible Study, lead by Betsy, based on readings for the upcoming Sunday

Meeting ID: 870 5721 1746
 Passcode: 48840

no preparation expected · join when you can



Food Pantry Donation Request

The Mary L. Nelson Memorial Food Pantry at HCC is inviting donations of specific items each month that can be used throughout the year.

In April, we're requesting:

Pancake mix and/or syrup.

You can bring your donations to church on Sunday mornings – there will be a cart near the sanctuary. If you bring your donation during the week, you can use the wooden box by the Food Pantry on the north end of Friendship Hall.

Meijer Spring Simply Give Campaign



The Haslett Community Food Pantry has been selected by the Bath Meijer store to be a beneficiary of the **Spring 2024 Simply Give** campaign.

The campaign will run in **Bath Meijer from March 31 through Sat., June 29, 2024.**

Meijer will **double donations** on one upcoming day in June - stay tuned for details in the following months. While other days are not double matched, a Simply Give donation on any day is welcome as the total campaign produces much valuable food pantry assistance!!

Thanks to generous customers and strong commitment from food pantry partners, Meijer's *Simply Give* program has generated over \$90 million in food donations throughout the Midwest since November 2008.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Information you'd like included in the May 2024 Newsletter **is due to Michele no later than April 16** (3rd Tuesday of this month). *Please send to: hcc1@att.net*



SAVE THE DATE

2024 World Vision Global 6k

May 18, 10AM
Lake Lansing Park North

Big Thanks to all who participated in the March Red Cross Blood Drive at HCC!



There were 38 donors and 37 total units of much-needed blood collected.

Our next drive is scheduled for: Friday, May 17. You can schedule to donate by Finding our drive here:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>

Thank You for Giving!

Thank you for continuing to support Haslett Community Church as you are able. We receive your gifts with gratitude. We are still The Church with a mission and a staff, and we receive your gifts with gratitude.

- Use your phone camera to scan the QR code to access our Online Giving.
- Text GIVE to our secure giving number:
517-200-3995
- You can mail checks, which are accounted for weekly.
- You can also PayPal us at:
HCCgenerosity@gmail.com.



We are so grateful for your generosity!

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? Stop by for onsite office hours!



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

Pastor Betsy is in the office Tuesday - Friday. You can make an appointment or swing by during her drop-in office hours 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.



Safety Team meets next on **Tues., April 2, at 7pm** in Fellowship Hall.

Please contact Sally Heisler for details about this group:

517-230-4043 or sally.m.heisler@gmail.com



HCC Property Committee usually meets the 2nd Monday each month.

In April, we are also meeting for a special dinner for anyone interested in helping with HCC infrastructure. That **dinner will be Wed., April 3, 6 pm** at Laura Clark-Roumpz's home.

Our next regular meeting: Mon., April 8, 6pm in Fellowship Hall.

Mission Outreach now meets on the 2nd Wednesday each month.

Our next meeting will be:

Wed., April 10, @ 2:30pm in Fellowship Hall.



Knitters, Crocheters, & Wannabees

Our Next Meeting will be **Sunday, April 14, 11:15am**, after Worship, in the HCC Library.



HCC Green Team usually meets the 2nd Monday each month.

Our next meeting will be:

Monday, April 8, at 7pm, in Fellowship Hall

For more info, you can contact Doug Holem: douglasholem@gmail.com

GREEN TEAM BOOK CLUB!!!

The Green Team book club will meet again on **Tue., April 23, at 7pm in Fellowship Hall.**

We will be discussing *Not the End of the World* by Hannah Ritchie. (The book may still be available at Schuler Books on the Book Club Table).

Contact Kim Huston if you are coming / interested! kimahuston@gmail.com



Church Council meets on the 2nd Tuesday of most months.

Our next meeting will be: Tues., April 9, at 7:15 pm, in Fellowship Hall. (Zoom option).

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 9, 10, & 12](#) 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

Breakfast in April (p9)

3 of 4 Sundays (**April 7, 14, & 28**), 8:30-9:30am
Fellowship Hall

Worship Service

Sundays, 10:00am *April 7 - New Mission/Vision
Sanctuary, [YouTube](#) April 21 - 70th Anniversary

Sunday School (p3)

Most Sundays, during worship *No SS April 21
Downstairs

Coffee Fellowship

Takes a break in April. We'll be back in May!

YOUTH: Youth Groups Meet (p4)

Most Sundays, *MS: 5:00-6:30pm; HS: 7:00-9:00pm
Youth Rm

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, HCC Office
(She is also available by appointment Tue-Fri)

Choir Rehearsal (p6)

Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:30pm
Choir Room

Sermon Preview Bible Study (p10)

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

Mythology & Beliefs: Joseph Campbell (p10)

Thursdays (Apr. 4 & 18, May 2 & 9), 7:00 - 8:30pm
Mary & Martha Room (next to Youth Rm downstairs)

Men's Group (p10)

Saturdays, 9:00am
Zoom (except April 6 - *in-person breakfast at
Coral Gables, East Lansing*)

ONCE THIS MONTH

Staff Meeting

Tuesday, April 2, 9:45am
Fellowship Hall

YOUTH: Culver's Night (p4)

Wednesday, April 3, 7:00-8:30pm
Okemos Culvers
(see pg.4 for all Youth Events this month)

Church & Society Potluck (p6)

Friday, April 5, 6:30pm
Susan Turney's home

Men's Breakfast (p10)

Saturday, April 6, 9:00am
Coral Gables, East Lansing

Church Council Meets (p12)

Tuesday, April 9, 7:15pm
Fellowship Hall & Zoom

YOUTH: 12th Grade Dinner (p4)

Wednesday, April 10, 6:00pm
Fellowship Hall

Knitters, Crocheters, etc. (p12)

Sunday, April 14, 11:15am
HCC Library

YOUTH FUNDRAISER BEGINS (p4-5)

April 15-May 15, Flock A Friend Fundraiser

Newsletter Items Due (p11)

Tuesday, April 16, 10:00am
Email to hcc1@att.net

YOUTH: Prom Party! (p4)

Saturday, April 20, 8:00-10:00pm
HCC

HCC 70th Anniversary Celebration! (p2)

Sunday, April 21, Begins 10:00am
HCC

Green Team Book Club (p12)

Tuesday, April 23, 7:00pm
Fellowship Hall

Coffee With Jesus (p10)

Sunday, April 28, 11:15am
Mary & Martha's Rm downstairs

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April 2024

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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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