

Haslett Community Church



HCC Connections

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

August 2022



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"If you're always racing to the next moment, what happens to the one you're in?"

The question quoted above is attributed to inspirational web content creator, Nanette Mathews. But I don't find that quote to be inspirational ... I find it hits a little too close.

Anyone else?

I know I have a difficult time settling in to one task, in a crowd I even have a hard time focusing on one conversation sometimes. And I certainly have not mastered the art of enjoying the moment I am in without thinking about what is next.

But, I also know that time is precious. And I know that this God-given life, which can be stunningly beautiful, is also unpredictable. And I realize that it would be healthy if I could fully embrace moments as they come: to pause and focus and enjoy the good things, and not be afraid to be fully present for the hard things. That seems to me the kind of intentional presence that Jesus demonstrates.

But it is not always easy to put what I know into practice.

Soon and very soon, my household will become constrained by schedules. It happens every fall. And it isn't bad. Most of the events and responsibilities that fill our family calendar are things we enjoy doing, and it is part of the rhythm of life. But, it is a sudden shift from the less structured summer months. Maybe that's the case for your household, too?

I am going to really try, especially in these next fleeting days before the fall schedule takes over, to be present in the moment instead of racing to the next task, conversation, or activity. I am

going to try to appreciate the beauty of what this season has to offer, with fireflies and thunderstorms and opportunities to eat outside. I am going to try to recognize details about where I am standing instead of always worrying about where I'm going. I invite you to join me.

That doesn't mean that this newsletter is devoid of any information about future events (embracing the moment does not actually stop time, after all!) but, I hope to cultivate a practice of presence with you, with God, and with my friends and family over the next few weeks. Who knows, maybe it will even carry over into fall ... and maybe not ... but I won't worry about that in *this* moment.

Yours In the Journey,

Pastor Betsy

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Pastor Betsy will be on vacation and unavailable August 4-7, 2022, returning to the office August 9. She will also be gone August 23-26.

Therefore, Betsy will not hold office hours on August 24, nor will there be Thursday morning Sermon Prep on August 25.

Please contact Pastor Erin if you need a pastor while Betsy is away. Contact information is on the back page of this newsletter.



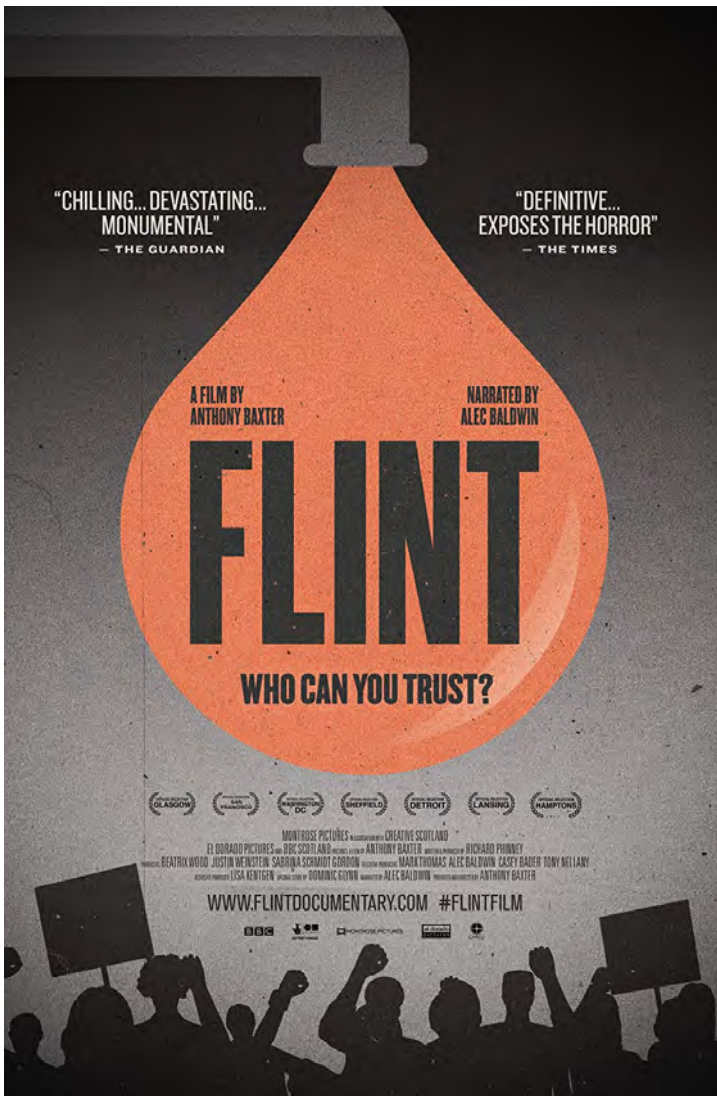
Lansing Pride Festival! Saturday, August 13, in Old Town!

Haslett Community Church has a table reserved at the Lansing PRIDE Festival in Old Town on August 13! We will display our Open & Affirming Banner, pass out mini water bottles and bags of snacks, have info about HCC, and generally support the LGBTQ+ community and festival events!

We could use at least two people at our table in shifts during the festival, which runs from Noon - 9:00 p.m. on August 13, and we invite donations of water and snacks that can be dropped off at church the week of the event.

To sign up for the table (3-hour shifts) or to donate water/snacks click [HERE](#) or contact the main HCC office. Those who sign up will be given more specific information.

Thank you for supporting our Open & Affirming Covenant!



FLINT: Who Can You Trust?

An evening with documentary cinematographer, David C. Jones!

Wednesday, August 10, 6-9 p.m.

You might know Dave from working with spouse, Helen, at the A/V desk during worship, or contributing his talents as a drummer every once in a while in church.



Dave is also an accomplished cinematographer, and was part of the crew for the documentary, “FLINT: Who Can You Trust?” This important film, years in the making, was finally released earlier this year. Dave spoke some about his experiences during our Lenten series on water justice in the early spring, but now that the documentary is available, we are thrilled to host the Haslett Community Church Premier of FLINT, with an opportunity to hear from David after we watch the movie together.

Join us in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, August 10, beginning at 6 p.m. for the movie, and stay for David’s comments and time for Q&A!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
August 2nd – 4th
5-7pm

All children from preschool (3 years old and potty-trained) up through 5th grade (grade completed 2021-2022 school year) are invited to join us for this fun week of discovering our superpowers!

Register your child [here!](#)
Registering helps us have the correct number of supplies prepped and ready.

If you're interested in volunteering, please email Pastor Erin (erin.heisler@att.net)

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING

Just a reminder that all adults who volunteer with our children's ministry are asked to complete our online Safe Church Training. It is a quick training that can be done entirely from home. You can find that training [HERE!](#)
If you have any questions about our Safe Church training or policy, please talk to Erin.



August means it's time to go back to school, which means it's time to STUFF BACKPACKS for children in Meridian Township!

Starting in August, you are invited to donate any school supplies (crayons, markers, pencils, pens, notebooks, scissors, binders, erasers, rulers, folders, binders, and most importantly BACKPACKS).

The children of HCC will take all the donated supplies and fill backpacks. Once stuffed, we will take the bags to Meridian Township for them to distribute.

You can donate supplies between Sunday, August 7th and Sunday, August 14th.

We ask you to hold off bringing bags or supplies until Sunday, August 7th because that will allow Vacation Bible School to wrap up.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14th is the day we will stuff backpacks.

That gives Meridian Township plenty of time to distribute the bags before school starts!



Mark your calendars to join us at Lake Lansing Park North on Sunday, August 28th for our Outdoor Worship service!



August is when we begin recruiting Sunday school teachers for the upcoming school year. Teachers are asked to sign up for a three week block; this gives our families some consistency.

Sign-up coming soon! For now, take a look at these dates and figure out when you might want to volunteer.

Thinking about signing up for the first time? Please know that Pastor Erin provides a detailed lesson plan (written almost like a script) and gathers all of the needed supplies. If you want to test out teaching, Pastor Erin or another Children's Ministry volunteer would be willing to teach with you as well!



Starting on Sunday, September 11th NURSERY CARE will be offered every Sunday for children from birth through age 3 (and potty trained).

We are looking for folks to serve on a team of two people. The teams then work on a rotating basis; serving two weeks in a row every 6-8 weeks.

If you're interested in serving on a team, please contact Pastor Erin (erin.heisler@att.net).



**Vacation Bible School is August 2nd-4th
from 5-7pm
YOUTH HELP NEEDED!
Join us for this fun week of
discovering our superpowers!
Contact Erin if you want to help!**



Discovering YOUR Superpowers!



**CURIOUS ABOUT
CHAPERONING
A MISSION TRIP?**

"I would love to talk with anyone interested in chaperoning a future mission trip about the benefits I personally gained from being a chaperone on this year's Mission Trip. I presumed certain benefits and challenges would naturally occur on such a trip, and they did; but what I personally experienced was so much more. Patience, tolerance, understanding, compassion, trust, friendship, growth, compromise, sympathy, appreciation, meaningful work, perspective, priorities, and God's Love are just some aspect of my life that were given new life. Sometimes we need a shake up from our everyday routine to experience new things, grow, and hopefully gain perspective.

For me, this experience was SO MUCH MORE than just keeping some kids safe while they tried to experience doing good deeds for others. Bottom line, I would highly recommend taking the leap of faith for those of you who may be considering but just need that extra push.

Please feel free to reach out."
~Jim Durr



**Join us for worship on Sunday, August 7th
as we welcome back HCC youth group alum,
Griffin Doran.**

**Griffin will be our guest preacher that day,
sharing stories from his recent mission trip
to Costa Rica!**

**CAN & BOTTLE
DRIVE
Sunday, August 7th
from noon-4pm
Youth are collecting
returnables as a
fundraiser for our 2023
mission trip!**

**DO YOU GET REGULAR HCC YOUTH GROUP EMAILS
FROM ERIN? IF NOT, PLEASE EMAIL HER AT
ERIN.HEISLER@ATT.NET TO GET SIGNED UP! DO IT NOW
BEFORE ALL THE BACK TO SCHOOL INFO GETS SHARED!**

**MORE INFORMATION ABOUT
YOUTH
GROUP
KICK-OFF
COMING SOON**

Our Church Family



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

- To Dave Vietti, Rich Baumgartner, and the Men's Group members for help with setup for the Red Cross blood drive in July and then the reset of the sanctuary after.
- To the Pat Dalton and other members of Men's Group for becoming the Loaves and Fishes team for August.



Danna Hodge Dixon

July 22, 1947 -
July 20, 2022

Memorial Service & Reception held on Saturday, August 20, at 2:00 pm at

The Black Barn Brewery
1195 Haslett Rd.
Williamston, MI

Condolences and/or gifts to help offset funeral expenses can be sent to Danna's daughter:

Kari Hodge
16400 Upton Rd., Lot 213
East Lansing, MI 48823



Member Caring is taking the summer off and will meet again in September.



Knitters, Crocheters, & Wannabees

Our Next Meeting will be **Sunday, August 14, 2022**, right after Worship (~11 am), in the HCC Library.



Mission Outreach meets next: **Monday, August 1, @ 7:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall.

Philanthropy Matters

Thoughts on Faith & Giving

We talk a lot about financial gifts in the church. But isn't it important to also give our time and talents in addition to our treasure?

Yes! While giving money (*treasure*) to the church is what we tend to hear about most, it is true that when one volunteers for the church with their *time*, or helps the church be successful by sharing their knowledge or skills (*talent*) with the church, the community and the kingdom of God are more rich in all ways because of those contributions! In fact, a healthy church values and seeks contributions from all of those categories. There are countless stories of churches with multi-million dollar endowment funds closing due to lack of participation, or churches with the best volunteer involvement that cannot afford to stay in their building or pay their staff. At Haslett Community Church, United Church of Christ, we have a good culture of giving financially, volunteering, and sharing knowledge and skills with the congregation which is wonderful! However, we also could stretch a little in all of those ways, too, and you are part of that stretching!

As we move toward fall and the start of the 2022-2023 program year, look for ways your gifts of time, talent, and treasure are invited, needed, utilized, and appreciated. Stretch with us!



Choir rehearsals begin on August 31, at 7:00 pm, and all are invited to join our group. A love of singing is all that's required to join this fun group, and there will be many around you that are very helpful singers. The epidemic has created many adjustments in our lives, and maybe it has created for you some time to make a commitment to our great and friendly group.

New microphones have been installed over the choir loft that will greatly increase a more balanced sound both in the sanctuary and for the recorded services. I know that you will notice a great difference.

Many thanks to our July musicians: Becky Leefers, Mary Trebilcock, The Bischoff and Lilje Clan, and Jordon Smith. We have more interesting music coming this month.

~Judy

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Meet Your Committees!

Much of the important work of the church is done through our active Committees, which are open to anyone who would like to participate. Being part of a committee is a wonderful way to connect to the people, community, ministry, and mission of Haslett Community Church!

Throughout 2022, this space in HCC Connections will be dedicated to highlighting a different committee each month so that everyone can learn or get a refresher on the work of the committees and meet the leadership of each committee, so you feel comfortable reaching out to learn more. You are always welcome to try out various committee activities and see if they are a good fit for you without commitment. (See info on many committee meeting on [pages 5, 7, 8, 11, & 12](#)).

Greetings from the **HCC Tech Team!** We are the group that works every Sunday to make sure the sound, video, and streaming of Worship are all high quality. Our team is small but mighty! Current members include Rich Newport, Jim Gornick, Jon Lineberry, David Jones, Helen Jones, and Kirk Riley, and we would love to have additional members to help with our services.



We've made significant upgrades over the past couple years, and we're still taking steps to improve. For example, we just installed new microphones for the choir area to improve the sound there. Rich Newport's time and talents have been especially important in building our new system.

The A/V tech especially helped during COVID when streaming of audio and video were our priority. Our current priority is the quality of the sound during Sunday worship inside and on streaming.

We are always looking for additional techs. The system is surprisingly easy to learn given the custom work Rich has done, and we can do a training session with you during a service - the best way to learn is to see it in action. Please contact team leader, **Kirk Riley**, to join the team:

rileyki@msu.edu.

Kirk Riley chairs the Technology Team at Haslett Community Church. Kirk and his wife,



Katie, have been members of HCC since 1997. Their sons, Nathan and Graham, grew up in Haslett and in the church, participating in youth group, mission trips, and going through confirmation in the church.

Kirk also sings in the HCC choir, which can present challenges when his job is to work on tech on a given Sunday. He's thankful for the great team we've assembled to work the technology and for the wonderful people he gets to sing with on Sunday.

Kirk is a long time academic and nonprofit leader in Lansing, with 25 years' experience at Michigan State University and 10 years in nonprofit leadership positions. Kirk especially enjoys working to make technology accessible to everyone. That passion is at the heart of the use of technology at HCC. How can we make the worship experience more meaningful using technology? In his spare time, Kirk enjoys playing pickleball, hiking and being in nature, and traveling, especially to the West Coast to see his kids.



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, August 8 @ 7:30pm in HCC's Friendship Hall

HCC Camping

You are invited to the HCC Camping Weekend in 2022!

Social Committee has made reservations at **Pioneer County Park in Muskegon, August 18 - 21**. We have 16 sites back-to-back and side-to-side, near the bathrooms and just a short walk to the Lake Michigan beach.



You can sign up and pay online [HERE](#) or by signing up on the clipboard on the wall outside the church office, making out a check to Haslett Community Church, and getting it to Kim Carnes as soon as you have decided to come.

After you have reserved (with payment), we will send out letters with more details by the end of July.

Members of our church have been camping together for over 30 years. Be a part of this fun tradition, which may include but is not limited to: lots of beach time, campfires, potluck breakfast, swimming in Lake Michigan, sandy snacks, hammock reading, the famous garbage can dinner, relaxing, visiting with friends, s'mores, and so much more! One of the benefits of group camping is there's always someone there who has remembered the one thing you forgot! :)

If you are not sure right now but are interested or need more info, please contact Kim Carnes so we know of your interest and can hold a place for you until you pay or know for sure. Please know that you can change your mind and cancel up to 7 days before and get back all but \$10.

The price for camping is **\$98 for three nights**.

Any questions you may have, please text or call Kim at 517.331.3586.

Mark August 18 - 21 on your calendar and reserve your site today! See you in the sun!

Looking Ahead...

- Camping Trip Meeting Aug. 15 HCC Sanctuary or FH
- Camping Aug. 18-21 Pioneer County Park, Muskegon
- Chicken BBQ Sep. 18 Noon at HCC
- Thanksgiving Dinner Nov. 13 Noon at HCC
- Hanging of the Greens Nov. 27 4:00 pm at HCC
- Christmas Caroling Dec. 18 TBD, leave from HCC

* Social Comm. Meets Aug. 8, Sept.12, Oct.10, Nov.14, Dec. 12

Women's Group -

Our group is **taking a break for Summer**, and plan to be back in Fall, with possibly a retreat of some sort.



We hope you can join us. To get involved, please email hcc1@att.net.



The various groups sponsored by the Spiritual Life Committee help us reflect on, and grow in, our spiritual life, as well as foster closer ties between us. The committee currently consists of Don Flagg, Carolyn Lucas, Katie Riley, and Jenn Tafel.

We meet on the third Tuesday most months. We are taking a break in July and will be back in August. Please feel free to contact any of us with questions you might have.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, August 16, @ 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall.

HCC Spiritual Life Committee has worked hard to refine, clarify, and focus the mission of our committee. We have defined our overall vision as one in which “we provide an inclusive and supportive spiritual environment for Haslett Community Church and our greater society.” This vision puts us in the center of the overall vision of the church body, a vision that others are also seeking to embody in different ways. Spiritual Life sees our particular mission centering on three particular areas out of which specific goals are emerging: Supporting our clergy and staff in liturgical activities, Creating and enhancing individual spiritual growth opportunities, and Facilitating spiritual connections among our community.

We notice, are glad for, and fully support the emergence of other groups attuned to spiritual growth.



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

The Coffee with Jesus group meets **the third Sunday most months downstairs, in Mary & Martha’s room** (next to Youth room), right after Worship.

Our **Next Meeting will be: Sunday, August 21, at 11:15 am** (after worship). Come to engage and experience the supportive spiritual community our small group shares.

Outdoor Worship

is scheduled for **Sunday, Aug. 28, at 10am** at Lake Lansing Park North. This is a tradition we look forward to continuing! We will meet at **Lake Lansing Park North’s Main Shelter** (straight, then left after entrance fee gate).

The entrance fee is being covered by a donor. We look forward to seeing you there!



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



Join Pastor Betsy for a weekly Bible Study based on the Scripture passages for the upcoming Sunday sermon.

No preparation is needed, but the group will be given scripture passages in advance if participants would like to read ahead. This discussion is appropriate for those who are new to Bible study, and those who have been at it for years, and you can come any weeks that are convenient for you.

Sermon Preview will not meet on Aug. 25, while Pastor Betsy is on vacation.

Zoom Meeting ID: 879 0122 4109
Passcode: *usual HCC code*



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, August 13, 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: *usual HCC code*
Call In** 301.715.8592

Ageing On Our Own Terms

- Nancy and Paul White

Earlier this year, Pastor Betsy asked us to help put together an opportunity for members of our church family who, like us, are either nearing or are in our retirement years, or who may have parents or family members who are reaching their “golden years.”

The intent of this series is to provide an opportunity for interested members of our church family to:

- (1) learn about the physical and mental changes related to ageing,
- (2) how to maintain desired activities and interests, including *Independence*, *Privacy*, and *Empowerment* in decision making, including medical and end of life situations, and
- (3) to possibly develop an ongoing common interest/mutual support group within our church family.

We have covered various issues related to ageing as follows:

Part One - Physical and mental changes (June newsletter)

Part Two - Legal challenges of ageing (July newsletter)

Part Three - Residential challenges and choices (August newsletter)

Part Four - Facilitated group discussion including personal experiences and questions (September/October) - This will include at least two opportunities for anyone interested in discussing these topics to get together for an hour or so as a group.

Ageing On Our Own Terms - Residential Issues

This is the last of three articles in the **Ageing On Our Own Terms** series. Our hope is that the information serves as food for thought and that those thoughts will be shared during the facilitated discussions that will take place on Thursday, September 29, at 7:00 pm and on Sunday, October 2, at 11:30 am. We hope you will join us for one of these discussions!

Residence changes and options

Historically, care for the elderly or infirm was accomplished within the extended family unit. Hospitals were a last resort, and nursing homes did not exist. If there was no other recourse, the elderly and infirm were put in poor houses or asylums.

But beginning in the mid-twentieth century, as massive improvements in medicine came along (antibiotics, vaccines, blood pressure medications, advanced surgical techniques, chemotherapy, kidney/heart/lung/liver transplants, to name just a few), hospitals became places of hope and cure, rather than of sickness and despondency. Communities could not build hospitals fast enough. With massive government funding starting in the 1950s, over 9,000 community medical centers were built in the next two decades. Nursing homes were built by hospitals to house those patients who needed to recover and/or rehab. Nursing home growth was accelerated by new funding when Medicare was passed in 1965.

The problem with this medical model for the care of the sick and the old is not that medical providers have had an incorrect view of what makes life significant. The problem is that they have had almost no view at all. Medicine's focus is narrow. Medical professionals concentrate on repair of health, not sustenance of the soul.

In 1991, Dr. Bill Thomas, MD became the staff doctor at a nursing home in upstate New York soon after graduating from Harvard Medical School. He coined the phrase “the Three Plagues” of nursing home existence: boredom, loneliness, and helplessness. He set out to address those conditions at his nursing home. He secured a grant from the state along with waivers for a number of regulations, and brought in
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plants and parakeets for every room, along with dogs and cats for every floor. The lawn was converted to a vegetable and flower garden, along with other, similar changes.

In a subsequent study comparing his facility with a traditional facility, it was found that the number of prescriptions required per resident fell to half that of the control nursing home. Psychotropic drugs for agitation, like Haldol, decreased in particular. The total drug costs fell to 38 percent of the comparison facility. Deaths fell by 15 percent. Dr. Thomas believed that the difference in death rates can be traced to the fundamental need for a reason to live. He says, "You should not need to sacrifice your autonomy just because you need help with your life." Dr. Thomas has gone on to found several nationally acclaimed alternative elder care programs and is an internationally recognized expert.

We typically define "autonomy" in our lives as living completely independently, free of coercion and limitation.

Philosopher Ronald Dworkin said that there is a second, more compelling sense of autonomy.

"Whatever the limits and travails we face, we want to retain the autonomy -the freedom- to be the authors of our lives. The value of autonomy...lies in the scheme of responsibility it creates: autonomy makes each of us responsible for shaping his own life according to some coherent and distinctive sense of character, conviction, and interest. It allows us to lead our own lives rather than to be led along them, so that each of us can be, to the extent such a scheme of rights can make this possible, what he had made himself."

Thankfully, there are now more options that allow us to maintain our autonomy in response to physical and mental changes. The options range from ageing in place at home to full time care in a nursing home.

Ageing in place:

What is it? When an older adult lives in their own home or with family.

Who is it good for? An older adult who is still relatively independent or can get the level of care or help they need.

How it works. Simple home repairs or modifications to make the home safer, such as installing bathroom grab bars, a medical alert system, or installing a wheelchair ramp. The use of in-home caregivers to provide assistance with activities of daily living along with the use of meal delivery services, like Meals on Wheels and a house cleaning service.

Relative cost? Low to medium but can require more help from family and friends.

Independent Living

What is it? Any housing designed exclusively for seniors, usually including retirement communities, retirement homes, senior housing, and senior apartments.

Who is it good for? Older adults who want to live in an active community setting, without having to be concerned with daily chores like house maintenance, cooking, or housekeeping.

How it works. Somewhat like a campus-style setting where people of similar age live together in a community that provides opportunities for socialization. In general, the housing is more compact, easier to navigate, and includes help with outdoor maintenance.

Relative cost? Medium to high. Depending on the location and services, costs can range from \$1,500 to \$10,000 per month.

Residential care

What is it? Small facilities that offer personalized service to small groups of adults. They are also known as adult family homes, board and care homes, or personal care homes.

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Who is it good for? Someone who needs more individual, home-setting care.

How it works. They provide lodging, meal services, and assistance with activities of daily living.

Relative cost? Medium. They can often be half the cost of nursing homes and, in some states, are more affordable than assisted living care.

Continuing Care Retirement Community

What is it? These communities are part independent living, part assisted living, and part skilled nursing facility.

Who is it good for? Older adults who want to live in one location for the rest of their life and don't want to worry about arranging for future care needs. They are also good for spouses who want to stay close to one another even if one requires a higher level of care.

How it works. Residents can start out living in the independent living section and move to different parts of the same community as they need increasing levels of care.

Relative cost? High. CCRSs are the most expensive of all long-term-care options. There is a significant entrance fee as well as monthly fees that increase as higher levels of care are needed.

Nursing home/skilled nursing facility

What is it? This option is for older adults who need 24-hour supervised care with meals, activities, and health management.

Who is it good for? Older adults with severe or debilitating physical or mental illnesses who are unable to care for themselves.

How it works. A licensed physician supervises each resident's care, and a nurse or other medical professional is almost always on premises. Some facilities have physical and occupational therapists on staff. Others have special services for Alzheimer's or dementia memory care.

Relative cost? High. Costs vary according to the level of daily help requires and the type of living space.

Some of us have had experience with one or more of these options with a parent, spouse, or sibling. Some of us have not.

There are no easy answers to the challenges of ageing. The best we can do is educate ourselves as to the changes we can expect in ourselves and our loved ones, and constantly plan for how we will manage our physical and psychological changes as we age so that we can live our best lives on our own terms as much as possible. As we move to the discussion parts of this series, we hope we will be able, as a church family, to help each of us find resources to help on our life journeys.

Source material

dailycaring.com/senior-housing-options-overview/

[Being Mortal: medicine and what matters in the end](#), Atul Gawande, MD

[Google.com](#): "William H. Thomas (physician)"



Church Council meets on the second Tuesday of most months.

**Council meets next on:
Tues., August 16, 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 on **Tuesday, August 9,** at 7pm in Fellowship Hall.



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

Climate Justice Fellowship Opportunity!

Haslett Community Church, in partnership with Edgewood United Church UCC, is thrilled to announce that we have received a \$5,000 grant from the National Setting of the United Church of Christ to support a Climate Justice Fellowship over the 2022-2023 academic year!

HCC and EUC both have made strides toward responsible earth stewardship and climate justice advocacy, and the Fellow selected to fulfill this role will partner with both congregations to further that work. This eight-month Fellowship is open to undergraduate, graduate students and non-students, ages 18-25, who are passionate about community-based work and climate justice.

The full posting is available [HERE](#), and you are invited and encouraged to share widely to your networks. If you or someone you know is interested, please see the full posting; submission deadline is August 12.

We are thankful that the National Setting of the United Church of Christ selected Edgewood Church and Haslett Community Church as one of the recipients for the inaugural year of the Climate Justice Fellowship!!

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!

HCC Green Team meets next on:

**Monday,
August 8, at
7pm via Zoom:**

<https://msu.zoom.us/>
Meeting ID: 969 2424 2887
Passcode: usual HCC code



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Information for the September 2022 Newsletter is due to Michele on the 3rd Tuesday of this month - August 16, 2022

Please send to: hcc1@att.net

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 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. She is away from the office August 5-7 and August 23-26.

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

Because of the increased level of activity in the building, this What's Happening no longer shows individual committee meetings. Instead, you can find specific committee meeting information on [pages 5, 7, 8, 11, & 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). She's also happy to continue to setup virtual meetings where desired. Here's a list of events scheduled, online and other, so you can stay connected.

WEEKLY

Worship Service

Sundays, 10:00am: *guest preacher August 7;*
Sanctuary*, parking lot via 88.7 FM, [YouTube](#)
**Mask wearing is encouraged*
(Outdoor worship Aug. 28 - Lake Lansing Park N)

Sunday School (p3)

Sundays during worship
Downstairs

Coffee Fellowship

Sundays after worship
Friendship Hall

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 apptmnt. Tue-Fri, and is on vacation August 4-7 & August 23-26)
HCC Office

Sermon Preview Group (p8)

Thursdays, 9:00 - 9:45am; no meeting August 25
Zoom

Men's Group (p8)

Saturdays, 9:00am
Zoom (except July 16 - in-person @ Blondie's)

HCC Camping Trip (p7)

Thursday, Aug. 18 - Monday, Aug. 21
Pioneer County Park, Muskegon

Coffee With Jesus Meets (p8)

Sunday, Aug. 21, 11:15am (after worship)
Mary & Martha's room (downstairs)

Outdoor Worship (p8)

Sunday, August 28, 10:00am
Lake Lansing Park North, Main Shelter

1st Choir Rehearsal of Fall (p6)

Wednesday, August 31, 7:00pm
Sanctuary

ONCE THIS MONTH

Meridian Township Primary

5th Precinct Polling
Tuesday, August 2, 7am-7pm
Friendship Hall & Sanctuary

Vacation Bible School (p3)

Tues.-Thur., August 2-4, 5:00-7:00pm
HCC

YOUTH: Can & Bottle Drive (p4)

Sunday, August 7, Noon - 4:00pm
Sanctuary

Watch "Flint Who Can You Trust?" (p2)

Wednesday, August 10, 6:00pm
Sanctuary

Lansing PRIDE festival (p2)

Saturday, August 13, Noon-9pm
Old Town

Men's Group Breakfast at Blondie's (p8)

Saturday, August 13, 9:00am
Blondie's in Haslett

Knitters, Crocheters, Wannabees (p5)

Sunday, August 14, 11:15am (after worship)
Library

YOUTH: Stuff Backpacks for school (p3)

Sunday, August 14
(collect school supplies Aug. 7-14)
Sanctuary

HCC Camping Meeting (p7)

Monday, August 15, 7:30pm
Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall

Newsletter Items Due (p12)

Tuesday, August 16
Email items to hcc1@att.net

Church Council Meets (p11)

Tuesday, August 16, 7:15pm
Fellowship Hall & Zoom

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



HCC Connections

August 2022

Haslett Community Church

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

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3 Ways to Worship Sundays at 10:00 am: In the sanctuary <> Via 88.7 FM <> [YouTube](#)

A digital version of HCC Connections, with working links, can be found at: haslettcommunitychurch.org

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