

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 2023



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For the full, witty, reflection from Lillian Daniel [CLICK HERE](#). For highlights of worship, keynotes, resolutions, and more, please find a full spectrum of succinct articles, packed with info, by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Interested in the inner workings of our denomination? Let me know! I can talk to you about being a delegate for Haslett Community Church, UCC for regional and statewide meetings. You can often attend by Zoom if you prefer, and it's rather interesting!

In the meantime, let's keep [investing in](#) and celebrating Haslett Community Church.

Yours in the Journey,
Pastor Betsy

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*Making
all things
New*
Isaiah 43:18-19



Dear Haslett Community Church,

Perhaps the most impactful takeaway from General Synod 34, which Erin and I participated in at the beginning of July in Indianapolis, was the power, sense of belonging, and healing energy that gathering in community with God at the center can provide.

This isn't a new revelation. I know this from the community of Haslett Community Church, United Church of Christ. You know this, too. To quote excerpts of Michigan Conference Minister, Lillian Daniel's reflections of General Synod:

"The General Synod of our denomination is a fiery and feisty family reunion... We need each other, friends. Our struggles are not unique.

Many churches are looking at how best to work with part time clergy... Lately, too many of our Michigan Conference churches have had their welcoming Open and Affirming signs or pride flags vandalized.

We don't need to wait for a national biennial or triennial gathering to encourage each other.

Our own Michigan annual meeting is coming up October 28 in Grand Rapids, with a speaker to inspire us with real examples of church growth and partnership, and an opportunity to gather the night before just for casual conversation and connection in person. I didn't realize how much I had been missing that kind of thing until I got it at General Synod, and I realized we can do a lot more of that here in Michigan, with better weather..."



August Preaching Series: Congregation’s Choice

What passages are being preached on in August?
You decide!

Send Betsy an email, or hand her a note on Sunday, with the Scripture passages you’ve always wanted to hear more about, and a few sentences on why. Betsy will select a suggestion or two to preach on each Sunday in August. The one caveat is you need to have your name on the email or note so Betsy can be in touch with any clarifying questions if needed. Thanks for your help!



2023

2024

- Aug. 20: Outdoor Worship
- Sept. 10: Fall Kick-off and Annual Chicken BBQ
- Oct. 1: World Communion Sunday & Joyful Offering
Holy Ground Festival (details to follow but trust us that this event, which will take place after worship, will be fun, invitational, and invite connection for all ages and stages, and whether you are new to HCC or have been around for generations or anywhere in between... and yes, there will be food)
- Oct. 7: Blessing the Pets
- Oct. 8: Greater Lansing CROP Hunger Walk
- Nov. 12: Thanksgiving Dinner
- Nov. 26: Hanging of the Greens
- Dec. 3: First Sunday of Advent; Communion & Joyful Offering
- Dec. 10: Songfest
- Dec. 24: 10 a.m.: Children’s Christmas Service
7 & 9 p.m.: Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
- Dec. 31: NYE coffee hour with Countdown to 12:00 (noon)!

- Jan. 5-7: Annual Ski Trip to Treetops
- Jan. 7: Epiphany; Communion & Joyful Offering
- Jan. 14: Annual Meeting
- Jan. 21: Laity Sunday
- Feb. 10: Lip Sync Battle
- Feb. 14: Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 18: First Sunday of Lent; Communion and Joyful Offering
- Mar. 24: Palm Sunday
- Mar. 28: Maundy Thursday
- Mar. 29: Good Friday
- Mar. 31: Easter Sunday!
7:30 a.m.: Sunrise Service with Communion
10 a.m.: Traditional Easter Sunday
- Apr. 21: 70th Anniversary Celebration and Choir Sunday!
- May 19: Pentecost; Communion and Joyful Offering

*Is your committee planning something that you don’t see listed here? Fear not, this is a preliminary Calendar, and additions and corrections can be made. Is there an event listed that you need more details on? Fear not, details will be provided as things near. Also, this calendar does not list things like regular meetings, weekly programming, etc. These are special events, once a year happenings, etc. that involve the whole church. Keep listening to announcements in church, check weekly emails, read monthly newsletters, and follow us on Facebook for continued updates and comprehensive information!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
August 1st – 3rd
5-7pm

All children from age 1 through 5th grade ('23-'24 school year) are invited to join us for this fun week!

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

You can shop our Amazon wishlist [here!](#)

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

Many thanks

THANK YOU!

A big Thank You to everyone who has donated supplies for Vacation Bible School!



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 6th and Sunday, August 13th.

We ask you to hold off bringing bags or supplies until Sunday, August 6th because that will allow Vacation Bible School to wrap up.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13th 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 20th 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 10th 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 1st—3rd
 from 5-7pm
YOUTH HELP NEEDED!
 Join us for this fun week of
 exploring God's light!
 Contact Erin if you want to help!



**SUNDAY
 AUGUST 27TH**

MUDSTIVAL RETURNS
AT HASLETT COMMUNITY CHURCH
MIDDLE SCHOOL 3 TO 4:30
HIGH SCHOOL 5 TO 6:30

DO YOU GET REGULAR
 HCC YOUTH GROUP
 EMAILS FROM ERIN?
 IF NOT, PLEASE EMAIL
 ERIN AT
 ERIN.HEISLER@ATT.NET
 TO GET SIGNED UP!
 SIGNING UP NOW EN-
 SURES YOU'LL RECEIVE
 ALL OF THE BACK TO
 SCHOOL AND YOUTH
 GROUP KICK OFF INFO
 THAT'S COMING SOON!

**REGULAR YOUTH GROUPS WILL KICK-OFF
 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH**
Middle School 5-6:30pm
High School 7-9pm

We ask families to help us out in
 TWO IMPORTANT ways:

by bringing snacks or dinner to youth group a couple of
 Sundays a year AND by helping as "security" during
 youth groups. Sign ups can be found linked below:

[FOOD](#)

[SECURITY](#)

Our Church Family



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

- To Mark Garrod and Barbara Freeman, who stepped in to make an HCC Concert happen on July 13 without much notice ,when our original act cancelled! And to Becky Leefers for hosting our last concert of this Summer Concert Series.
- To Dave Vietti, Rich Baumgartner, and friends, who helped with setup for the Blood Drive, even after it was moved to a different day than originally scheduled in July.
- To the Loaves and Fishes Team for August: Barb Szkotnicki, Sally Heisler, Kelly Flagg, Carol Cramer, and Paula Fry.

Greetings HCC Folks and Friends!

First of all a big thank you to the singers and musicians who so generously helped out for the 5 Sundays in the month of July (chronologically):


Jiyuan Zhang subbed for Barbara early in July; then Regula Arnosti & Cambria Decker-Larkin (singers) along with Jim Gornick (guitar) and Dave Jones (drums); Regula Arnosti & Becky Leefers, then Mary Trebilcock, and Tessa Pauls (singers). We are truly blessed to have such fine musicians among us who give so generously of their time and talent!

And while we may all regret that the end of summer is at hand, that also means the beginning of HCC Choir and some beautiful and fun musical opportunities! This church year we are very happy to welcome Landon Black, a gifted singer studying at MSU, who will be assisting Barbara Freeman in the music program, and will be conducting the choir - SO helpful! Landon generously worked with the choir on 2 of the pieces for Judy Connelly's "jubilee" last May, so you may have seen him in action conducting that special day.

It's an exciting time with lots of possibilities before us.

If you have been thinking of giving choir a try, now is the time. We have a choir dinner and first rehearsal of the year on Wednesday, August 30, at 6:30 pm, at HCC.

After that, regular choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7 pm. Call/text Barbara Freeman at 517-881-9976 for more info!



Every other month, HCC hosts the American Red Cross blood drive.


The following units have been collected this year:

January 2023	38 units
March 2023	38 units
May 2023	37 units
July 2023	29 units

Thank you for your donations!
Your gifts save lives!

The next Red Cross Blood Drive at HCC will be:

Friday, September 15, Noon - 6pm



Mary L. Nelson Memorial Food Pantry

Food Pantry Participation!

The Mary L. Nelson Memorial Food Pantry at HCC is inviting donations of specific items each month that can be used throughout the year. Most months, the request will be for non-food items, and in August, we're requesting:

Paper towels

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.

The Food Pantry now has a new phone number: (517) 339-8430

documentary & discussion with
David C. Jones
documentary cinematographer

Sunday · August 20, 2023 · 6-9 p.m.
Haslett Community Church
1427 Haslett Rd · Haslett, MI

Come Watch: "Apollo 11"

Then engage in discussion, led by HCC's own David C. Jones, about this completely surprising movie that captures the moon landing in a way you have never seen before.

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



haslettcommunitychurch.org



Join us in the sanctuary on Sunday, August 20 from 6-9 p.m. for an evening watching and discussing a documentary with HCC's own documentary cinematographer. For August, we will watch a documentary that won 3 Emmy awards, and is (to infinity and) beyond expectations!

What critics are saying about the 2019 documentary, Apollo 11: "Edifying and inspiring in equal measure, Apollo 11 uses artfully repurposed archival footage to send audiences soaring back to a pivotal time in American history." ([rottentomatoes.com](https://www.rottentomatoes.com), where this movie earned a 99%!)

What Dave Jones is saying about Apollo 11: "I didn't see it when it was released, thinking it was just another documentary about the moon landing. But when I finally saw it, it was mind blowing!"



Making Strides in Green Housing

Under the leadership of HCC's own David Arnosti, the Capital Area Chapter of Michigan Interfaith Power & Light collaborated with the Ingham County Land Bank to turn the dream of Lansing's first all electric home with solar panels into a reality!

The home was dedicated on June 28 with wonderful representation from the participating houses of worship. The home was built for a low-income family in Lansing and will have almost no utility bills because of the energy efficiency.

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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 14, @ 7:30pm** in HCC's Friendship Hall.

HCC Camping

Our HCC Camping Trip is almost here!

We are camping Aug 10-13 at Pioneer County Park in Muskegon.

And there are still a couple of sites available if you'd like to join in the fun! Contact Kim Carnes for more information: (517) 331-3586.

There will be a camping planning meeting Monday, August 7, @ 7:30PM in the Sanctuary. Please have at least one member of your camping group attend if possible - to get information and to help plan for our group dinner together!



Please let Kim know if you can't attend, so she can connect with you for details. We're so excited to go camping with you!

Looking Ahead...

- Camping Planning Mtng August 7, 7:30 pm HCC
- All HCC Camping August 10-13, Pioneer County Park - Muskegon
- Social Committee Meets Aug. 14, 7:30 pm Friendship Hall
- Chicken BBQ September 10, Noon, HCC
- Bonfire and Music October
- Thanksgiving Dinner November 12, Noon, HCC
- Hanging of the Greens November 26, HCC
- HCC Ski Trip January 5-7, 2024 Treetops, Gaylord

Making Strides in Green Housing

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Congratulations to all involved in this project, and thanks to David for his leadership!

Photo credit: Regula Arnosti





Spiritual Life's members, Don Flagg, Cambria Decker-Larkin, Carolyn Lucas, 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:

- We plan to meet **on August 6, 1-4 pm, for a retreat** to deepen our relationships as a team and to determine our focus and plans for the coming year. Anyone interested in joining us is welcome. If you plan to come, please contact Carolyn Lucas or Cambria Decker-Larkin for further information.

We usually meet on the third Tuesday or Thursday each month. **Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 19, @ 7:15 pm.** If you would like to attend, please send your request to Carolyn Lucas at csrlucas@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). **We are taking a break in August.**

Our next Meeting will be: Sunday, September 17, at 11:15 am.



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 5, 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

The Spiritual Life Committee thanks Malinda and Dave Barr -

You may have noticed a new candle holder appear on the Communion Table in early May. This beautiful piece was commissioned and donated by long-time church member, Malinda Barr and her husband Dave. The symbolism behind this piece is extraordinary.

This candelabra was created by Jon Boza of Broken Brain Woodworking in Williamston, MI. Mr. Boza is a recent stroke survivor. During and after his recovery he learned much about himself, through loss of skills to gaining of new talents. While physically he recovered well from the stroke, his memory hasn't been the same. Once a master mechanic, he no longer can remember how he did

things or recreate them. Despite his previous skills being taken from him, he has persevered and honed new talents. Jon is able to take what he sees in his mind and bring it to life. He takes great pride in restoring wood from antique pianos and organs, breathing new life into it with the art he creates. He credits his higher power for this inspiration.



In the summer of 2022, Dave and Malinda met Mr. Boza at the Williamston Farmers Market and were immediately drawn to his art. Given that HCC's previous candelabra had been broken since before the pandemic, it was crystal clear to them that

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(New Candelabra continued from pg. 8)

Mr. Boza was the perfect choice to create a beautiful, symbolic piece of art to replace it. The main wood used in the new candelabra is from a 1920's piano. The three pillars that hold the candles are built in denominations of 3, representing the Holy Trinity. The cross insert is called "Purple Heart" wood and is the only wood not from the piano. This was chosen specifically to represent the HCC signature color, purple.

The Spiritual Life Committee would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Dave and Malinda Barr for their very generous donation of such a thoughtful piece that will be enjoyed by our congregation for years to come. Thank you!

We worship together each Sunday at 10 AM.

Services are in person with a live-stream 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!



Weekly Sanctuary Flowers

It's time to bring back another HCC Tradition - weekly fresh flowers in the sanctuary!

We're bringing back the opportunity for you all to help provide some of the beauty in our

weekly worship service by providing fresh flowers for the altar/sanctuary on weeks other than Easter and Christmas!

You can sign up [HERE](#) or on the sheet on the wall outside the HCC office. Choose one week or multiple weeks (there are 2 slots per week), then bring a by 9:30am that Sunday morning for all to enjoy!



Happy Heart Schedule for August 2023

Sunday, August 6	
Ministry	Name(s)
Reader	Barb Szkotnicki
Greeters	Lucretia Hildabridle & Liz Newport
Ushers	Don & Kelly Flagg
Coffee Hosts	??
A/V Tech	Rich Newport & Jon Lineberry
Tellers	Don Flagg & Barb Szkotnicki

Sunday, August 13 - HCC Camping / Backpack Wknd	
Ministry	Name(s)
Reader	Cambria Decker-Larkin
Greeters	Lynn & Russ Wilson
Ushers	Ruth & Jim Linnemann
Coffee Hosts	Tim & Laura Roumpz
A/V Tech	Helen & David Jones
Tellers	Rich Baumgartner & Dave Ferguson

Sunday, August 20 – Outdoor Worship	
Ministry	Name(s)
Reader	Don Flagg
Greeters	N/A
Ushers	Carol & Dan Reid
Coffee Hosts	N/A
A/V Tech	N/A
Tellers	Rich Newport & Jim Durr

Sunday, August 27	
Ministry	Name(s)
Reader	Roberta Otten
Greeters	Kathleen Denisi & Linda Bennett
Ushers	Tom Nelson & Sylvia Davis
Coffee Hosts	Steve & Barb Decker
A/V Tech	Kirk Riley & Ambrose Meteyer
Tellers	Sylvia Davis & Rachel Bullock





Beyond Beauty: Native Plants are Valuable to the Ecosystem

by Betsy Aho

When I see a flower blooming around the church, I frequently find myself saying, “That’s so beautiful.” And I am often gently reminded that when it comes to native plants, there is a deeper purpose than beauty. Native plants help foster and sustain the ecosystem by providing sustenance and shelter to local pollinators, birds, and more, and some are even host to butterfly larva. There is beauty in the purpose of native plants that runs deeper than their appearance.

As some of the traditional plants that were planted long ago die off, and as other more invasive species are removed,

Haslett Community Church grounds are increasingly becoming host to native plant species. This is a brief update on what is happening in the gardens around the church, followed by a new HCC Connections monthly feature, “What’s Blooming,” in which Sallay Garrod, who has been, and continues to be, instrumental in the move toward native plantings, will teach us a bit about one of the native plants you can find on the grounds of our church.

Garden Update:

South Side: The garden just outside the Sanctuary’s south side is all planted with native plants. They were chosen in part because, while they will grow as they get established, they will not get too large. Keep watching and note the changes. There is some drainage work yet to be done near the south porch, so that area is still a work in progress. Also on the south side, just to the west of the parking lot entrance, is a prairie study being conducted by an MSU Student. What may look like “a bunch of weeds” is actually serving an educational purpose, and soon you will see signage and some marking of the study area.

West Side: The crown of the west side of the church is our Memorial Garden. It is full of native plants and is also a registered Monarch Waystation. Also on the west side are some raised beds, currently growing Zinnias (not native, but not invasive, and good pollinators), some shrubbery outside the sanctuary’s south facing windows that need to be addressed in the future, and the lovely garden along the west wall of Friendship Hall. The latter, informally and lovingly referred to as “Mary (Nelson)’s Garden” is being nurtured so that as some of the original plants lose viability, they are replaced with native plants.

North Side: The north side of the grounds has the newly dedicated native plant pollinator garden with informational sign and bench. This garden is intentionally close to Haslett Road for visibility, enjoyment, and education! Other areas of the north side still need attention, but much progress has been made! And the east side is currently on hold as we prepare for future changes in that area. So stay tuned!

WEEDING HELP: If you are willing to take on weeding one of the small garden plots this summer, **please be in touch with Kelly Flagg**. Call or text: 517.256.8392.

You can just stop by at your convenience, and it sure will help keep the grounds looking beautiful! Thanks for all who have signed up, or who have helped with weeding already this summer!



What's Blooming in our Native Plantings?

by Sally Garrod

- Common Name: Purple Prairie Clover
- Scientific Name: Dalea purpurea
- Sun: Full sun
- Soil Moisture: Medium to dry, well-drained
- Height: 1-2 feet
- Flower: Thimble-shaped, purple dotted with gold anthers
- Habitat: Prairies, savannas & limestone glades
- Bloom Time: July - August
- Benefits: Pollen, nectar and seeds support Bumblebees and other pollinators, birds
- Larval Host: Dogface Sulfur butterflies and Reakirt's Blue butterflies



Fun Fact: Plants in the genus Dalea are legumes. Most legumes host beneficial bacteria on their roots. These bacteria aid in the fixation of atmospheric nitrogen, improving the fertility of the soil.

Safety Team has a special meeting on **Tuesday, Aug. 1 at 7pm** at HCC & then meets regularly on **Tues., Aug. 29 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. Our next meeting will be: **Mon., August 14, at 6pm, via Zoom**



Church Council meets on the second Tuesday of most months.

Our next meeting will be: Tues., August 8, 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.



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

Our next meeting will be: **Mon., August 14, at 7pm, in Fellowship Hall.**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Information you'd like included in the September 2023 Newsletter **is due to Michele no later than August 15.** (the 3rd Tuesday of this month)

Please send to: hcc1@att.net



Knitters, Crocheters, & Wannabees

Our Next Meeting will be **Sunday, August 13, at 11:15am** after worship, in the Library.

HCC Generosity

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

There are several options to make giving more convenient:



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

• **Online Giving** - is available through our relationship with easyTithe™ and is accessible through our website.

Mobile Giving - utilizes the easyTithe™ Giving App which you can download from [The App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

Text Giving - Just text GIVE to our secure giving number: 517-200-3995

Thank you for your generosity & support!

Church 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 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.

Pastor Betsy will be working from home August 14 - 18.

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.

September 10 is HCC Kickoff of our new programming year, and will include the rollout of our brand new Church Photo Directory! **Stay tuned throughout August for more details.**



In the meantime, please be sure Michele in our office has your most updated photo and contact info to include. (Email hcc1@att.net)

Simply Give at Bath Meijer

The Haslett Food Pantry be the recipient of the **Fall Simply Give campaign through Saturday, September 30, 2023.** The campaign will run in the Bath Meijer only.



Meijer will **double Simple Give donations made at the Bath store on Saturday, August 12, and Saturday, September 9.** On those two days for every \$10 donation card purchased, Meijer will provide an additional contribution of \$20, resulting in a total donation of \$30 that comes to the food pantry.

While other days are not double matched, a Simply Give donation on any day is welcome. as the total campaign produces valuable food pantry assistance!!

Thanks to generous customers and Meijer Foundation support, the Simply Give campaign generated over \$57 million in food donations for more than 430 food pantries throughout the Midwest since 2008.

What's Happening at HCC in August

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

*Sanctuary, parking lot via 88.7 FM, [YouTube](#)

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, *except Aug. 16*
(She is also available by appointment Tue-Fri)
HCC Office

Men's Group (p8)

Saturdays, 9:00am
Zoom (except August 5 - in-person @ Blondie's)

Docu. & Discussion- Apollo11 (p6)

Sunday, August 20, 6:00-9:00pm
Sanctuary

YOUTH: MUDSTIVAL! (p4)

Sunday, August 27, Outdoors at HCC
MS: 3:00 - 4:30pm
HS: 5:00 - 6:30pm

Choir Dinner & 1st Rehearsal for Fall! (p5)

Wednesday, August 30
Dinner at 6:30, Rehearsal after
Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, Sanctuary

ONCE THIS MONTH

Vacation Bible School (p3)

Tuesday-Thursday, August 1-3
5:00-7:00pm

Men's Breakfast (p8)

Saturday, August 5, 9:00am
Blondie's

Spiritual Life Retreat (p8)

Sunday, August 6, 1:00-4:00pm
Fellowship Hall

Camping Meeting (p7)

Monday, August 7, 7:30pm
Sanctuary

Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 8, 9:45am
Fellowship Hall

Church Council Meets (p11)

Tuesday, August 8, 7:15pm
Fellowship Hall & Zoom

HCC Camping trip (p7)

Thursday-Sunday, August 10-13
Pioneer County Park, Muskegon

Backpack Sunday (p3)

Sunday, August 13, during Sunday School

Knitters, Crocheters, etc. (p11)

Sunday, August 13, 11:15am
Library

Newsletter Items Due (p11)

Tuesday, August 15, 10:00am
Email to hcc1@att.net

Outdoor Worship (p2 & 3)

Sunday, August 20, 10:00am
Lake Lansing Park North

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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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