

Haslett Community Church



HCC Connections

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

February 2022

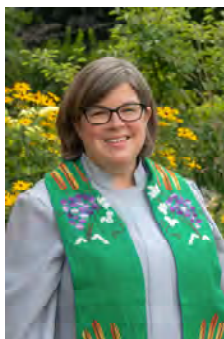


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"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." - John 13: 34-35

When I was growing up, one of the games I liked to play with my mom was "Othello," a two-person game consisting of an 8x8 grid and disks that were black on one side and white on

the other. You tried to surround a row of discs with your own color and "flip" the in between discs from your opponent's color to your own so that at the end, the board had more discs with your color showing. Othello is great for all ages because while the rules were simple enough for me to understand early on, the strategy could get more advanced as I got older.



I always remember the tagline on the side of the Othello box: "A minute to learn...a lifetime to master!"

That is how I think about Christ's commandment to love one another. We know that we are called to love one another. It's not a complicated commandment. Jesus even adds, "Just as I have loved you..." A reminder that he has shown us what to do, how to love one another, and now all we need is to go and do likewise.

Love one another. A minute to learn...a lifetime to master!

As a kid growing up, what helped me get better at Othello was playing often. Trying new strategies and working on my game over and over again. I didn't always get it right, but I learned something each time I tried.

I hope in this month of Valentine's Day and Black History and

still moving together through a slow pandemic, that we will keep trying to love one another well. We can look to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. And we can look to the great cloud of witnesses: those who love us well and have demonstrated love before our eyes, those who have challenged us to love better and those who have helped us recognize where we have gifts that share God's love.

We won't always get it right, and neither will those around us, but we can keep trying to love one another. It only takes a minute to learn, but it takes a lifetime to master. And know that through it all, you are loved and worthy of love.

Yours in the Journey,

Betsy

Pastor Betsy generally works at home on Saturdays, so is taking Mondays off as regularly as possible. She will respond to emergency pastoral care calls, but will let other communication wait until Tuesday.

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LENT BEGINS with Ash Wednesday on March 2.

There will be more details forthcoming, and a full list of Lent and Holy Week plans in the March Newsletter. Until then, here's a glimpse:

Lent is a six-and-a-half-week season of preparation for the highest holy day on the Christian calendar: Easter Sunday (April 17)! Lent invites us to turn away from things that distract us from the divine, or to consider practices that open us to the divine. The length of Lent

is 40 days (not counting Sundays) because of Jesus' time in the wilderness.

This year, during the season of Lent, we will be partnering with Edgewood United Church, UCC in East Lansing around the theme of water. We will explore scriptural narratives around water, recognize the holy nature of water as it is connected to life and baptism, and do some learning about the challenges of water as a valuable resource today. We will even offer opportunities to learn from those who have first-hand knowledge of the Flint Water Crisis and more. Stay tuned for more details! For now, mark your calendar.

Ash Wednesday Services with the imposition of ashes*:

Wednesday, March 2, at noon, via Zoom,
led by Pastor Liz Miller of Edgewood United Church, UCC

Wednesday, March 2, at 6 p.m. in person,
(with livestream and parking lot options)
led by Pastors Betsy and Erin at Haslett Community Church, UCC.



*Ashes provided in HCC document holders for those wishing to participate via Zoom, livestream, or parking lot. Links will be shared at a later time.

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

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

Meeting ID: 879 0122 4109
Passcode: usual HCC code (message if needed)

No prep necessary · Come when you can



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Zoom Meeting ID: 879 0122 4109
Passcode: usual HCC passcode





It seems like the whole world lately has been talking about not talking about Bruno. This catchy song comes from the new Disney movie "Encanto." The movie tells the story of la familia Madrigal and their magical gifts.

Without giving too many spoilers for those who haven't yet watched the film, I want to share a brief excerpt from an article written by Facundo Gonzalez Icardi entitled, ["Disney's 'Encanto' teaches us to see God in ourselves and others."](#)

"Mirabel is longing, yearning for a gift, something out of the ordinary and grandiose to prove that she belongs, that she is worthy of her family's love. She begs and pleads for something to happen. How often do we pray, and plead, and beg for God to perform something extraordinary in our life? How often are we waiting on a miracle?"

Someone once told me that miracles are nothing but God's ordinary truth seen with surprised eyes... St. Ignatius reminds us that we can find God in all things since all creation reveals God's majesty and grandeur. God's presence is all around us, and recognizing that presence is recognizing a miracle.

Toward the end of the movie, Mirabel realizes that the true miracle is not the extraordinary gifts that her family has, but rather the ordinary ways in which they can show each other how they love, care for and support

one another. She realizes, as do we, that the miracle that she is yearning for has been around her this whole time.

The real miracle is... all of them, coming together, loving each other and embracing their true selves, without reservations, and unconditionally.

In one of the most moving scenes in the film, Mirabel and Abuela Alma talk by the river where the family's magic was born. The younger Madrigal acknowledges and centers Alma's pain and suffering at raising her three kids after losing her husband and home. Together, both women listen to one another and help each other heal.

Each family member, in one way or another, learns that the miracle — the magic — was in who God created them to be. They embrace and love every aspect of themselves, recognizing the fearful and wonderful miracle that we each possess as human beings.

"Encanto" is a story of self-discovery and self-worth, where the characters learn to embrace and love their true, authentic selves through intergenerational familial healing."



"Encanto" Movie Night
for HCC children

Saturday, February 5th
6-8pm

Come in comfy clothes and a mask, bring pillows, sleeping bags, to get cozy on the sanctuary floor for our movie.

Families (with kids of all ages) are welcome to stay for the movie, if they choose, or adults can return at 8pm for pick-up.



HCC Families with children 5th grade and under are invited to the Ruonavaara's for **OUTDOOR FROZEN FUN** Saturday, February 26th at 2pm

(their address will be shared via email)

Kids & parents, bundle up for outdoor fun together! Bring skates, sleds, and snow toys to enjoy the snowy outdoors and the frozen pond! Parents, don't worry, they have a fire pit too! If the event needs to get postponed due to weather, we will share that information with our families via email.



Regular youth group meetings on February 6th, February 20th and February 27th.

We will not meet on February 13th (due to the Superbowl). Middle school youth group meets on Sundays from 5-6:30pm. High school meets on Sundays from 7-9pm.

New friends are always welcome!

Our year long youth calendar is available on the HCC website ([here](#)).

If possible, guests are encouraged to fill out a registration form and waiver before attending. The link to the form can be found [here](#).

We appreciate students masking for youth groups at this time.



We still need ADULT help EVERY SUNDAY during BOTH youth groups!

This is part of our church's safety plan that requires there to be a second adult in the building. Parents keep watch over the upstairs door while youth group meets in the basement.

Sign up to help [here!](#)



7th grade GATHER
February 16th
6-7:30pm

9th & 10th grade GATHER
February 23rd
6-7:30pm



Milwaukee Mission Trip
for ALL YOUTH
June 18-25th!

Cost is \$400 scholarships available.
IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP! Trip info [HERE](#)
2nd payment was due at the end of January. At this point each participant should've paid \$250.



February 21st
7-8:30pm

Okemos Culvers
Please bring money for your order. You can find us in one of the corner booths!

Watch emails and youth group Remind messages about winter fun on Sunday, February 13th (since we do not have youth group that evening).



NEW STRAWBERRY FUNDRAISER

Starting Sunday, February 6th youth will be selling FRESH strawberries!

The berries will be picked and delivered to HCC in mid-March (right at the time when we are all ready for a taste of spring)!

\$25 for a flat
(a flat = eight 1 pound tubs).

Links for the sale will be shared on HCC's website, social media as well as in our weekly emails. You can also place an order by contacting Erin (erin.heisler@att.net).
Berries must be paid for at the time of ordering.

In addition to berries, the sale includes many **salsas, jams, butters, sauces and other specialties** (for \$10).

We are only selling full flats, so if a flat is too much for you we recommend finding friends to **split it with** (each flat is comprised of eight 1 pound tubs).

We do not have an exact delivery date at this time, but expect them **mid-March**. Truck travel is coordinated with other deliveries in the area and obviously can be impacted by weather. We hope to have a more exact date at the beginning of March.

This fundraiser supports future youth mission trips!

We hope that all of our youth families and HCC folks will help spread the word by **sharing the order link** with friends and family!





Our Church Family

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

- To the Loaves and Fishes team for February: Marie & Doug Holem, Heidi Dalton, Carolyn Solomon, Carol Cramer, and Paula Fry.
- To Menetta & George Kass and Don Flagg for serving as youth group security in January.
- To Carol Preston and Bob & Sally Heisler for helping finish boxing up the food from the youth service day in January.
- To Katie Riley for helping prep the nursery, and to Dave Vietti and the Men's Group for helping prep the main floor for carpet cleaning in January.
- Also to Dave Vietti and the Men's Group for recent clean-up efforts around the church.
- To Stefanie Zin for her service on Council.
- To Ruth Linnemann for her leadership in the Christmas Giving Project, and to all the volunteers and leaders of the project.
- To Sally Sanchez for her outstanding job keeping the church safe and clean.



Meet Our New Members

On Sunday, Jan. 9, we were thrilled to induct and welcome three new members into our HCC family! Get to know them a bit better below. A huge welcome to Fran & David Sowders and Barb Tranberg!



Fran and David Sowders live a couple of blocks from HCC, and their two boys went to preschool here in the 80's. They also knew Pastor Betsy from People's Church, so it was an easy decision for them to choose HCC as their new church home.

Their children are now grown and live away/out of state, along with their grandchildren, but they have two Italian greyhounds who share their home.

Fran is retired and enjoying life as it comes. She and David both enjoy cars as a hobby. David is also a drummer in three area bands.



HCC Member Carolyn Solomon is **Barb Tranberg's** closest friend – they met 45 years ago as Pediatric nurses at Ingham Regional Medical Center. And even though Barb and her husband Dan now live in Traverse City, Barb was visiting Carolyn and attended worship with her on the Sunday Pastor Betsy conducted her first sermon at HCC. Barb said then that if she was living down here, she'd join this church, based on that message.

When the pandemic began, Barb was struggling with feelings of helplessness, hopelessness, and anxiety, especially around her children living away in Chicago and New York. She began trying to reconnect with her faith through

reading scripture and starting a Bible study with close friends and family. After Carolyn let her know HCC was worshipping together online, Barb began joining us remotely and felt that Betsy's sermons were speaking to her personally. She began to remember she wasn't on life's journey alone and that she had the support of an entire community of people who would help her become a better person through Christ.

Barb and her husband Dan grew up in northern Minnesota and moved to Lansing when Dan began his PhD program at MSU. They've been married 46 years and have raised two children together who both graduated from Okemos High School. They have a 4-yr old granddaughter in Chicago.

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Barb spends most of her time in nature – it’s where she feels the closest to God and can feel His presence. She has a dog who accompanies her on her outdoor adventures: hiking, gardening, and visiting the lake.

Fun Facts:

Barb jokes that Carolyn Solomon, besides being her closest friend, is also her oldest friend, because she is three weeks older than her.

Pastor Betsy’s husband, Phil Aho, was Barb’s daughter’s fifth grade teacher at Wardcliff Elementary.



During the month of January, neither Choir nor Chimes met, due to the health crisis. We are hopeful that, after the results of the February Council meeting, things will again

open up and we can safely make music again. If so, the plan is for Choir to rehearse at 7pm on Wed., Feb. 16 (Sanctuary), and Chimes to rehearse at 7pm on Wed., Feb. 23 (Choir Room).

Thanks to Kirk Riley for providing former choir recordings, and to Kim Huston for playing her dulcimer, we had anthems to share during January.

Former HCC member Ron Pulcer and his wife Sarah visited early this fall. They’ve moved to Rutland, Vermont, where Ron has pursued his love of music with his guitar. He has compiled, arranged, and recorded several hymns for guitar. We will have a chance to share some of them in our coming services.

Hoping for a musical February!!!

~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 meetings on pages 8, 9, & 11).

HCC Children’s Ministry Team (CMT)

is dedicated to providing a caring, safe, and fun environment where children can learn about God’s love. Our goal is to help the children of our church build their faith and feel the love and support of our congregation. We provide Sunday School and Summer Vacation Bible School - in person or virtual - as well as nursery care when church meets on-site. We also offer other fun activities such as watching a movie together, decorating the church for Christmas, and celebrating Advent and Lent.

If you would love to join or help our team in any way, please contact chair, **Katie Riley:**
katier357@gmail.com.

Team chair, Katie Riley, is passionate about the team’s mission and believes it is our privilege to support kids and their families in this



mission. She is grateful for the team of HCC people who help make this work a reality.



Katie has been attending HCC since 1998 and became involved with the Children’s Ministry when her own children were small. Her sons (Nathan and Graham) are all grown up and living in Seattle and San Francisco now. Katie’s day job is as a physical therapist in Eaton County schools, assisting children with disabilities. She and her husband, Kirk, enjoy spending time outdoors hiking, working out at Boot Camp, and throwing a frisbee for their dog. Katie plays soccer, jogs with her running buddies, and has recently taken up two new hobbies: playing pickleball and caring for a backyard fishpond.

Our CMT welcomes input and involvement!



YOUTH
STRAWBERRY
SALE STARTS FEB. 6TH!

See details
on the
Youth Page
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Haslett Community Church is one of the nearly 5,000 congregations of the United Church of Christ denomination in the United States!

While our polity recognizes that decisions are made at the local church level in the UCC, we also maintain a covenantal connection to, and relationship with, other local churches, our area Association, the Michigan Conference, and the National Setting of the United Church of Christ.

Here are a few simple ways to learn from, and stay connected to, the wider church:

- Browse the UCC website at ucc.org and the Michigan Conference website at michucc.org.
- Consider signing up for the UCC Newsletter from the National Setting, at ucc.org/news/. It's delivered weekly to your email. You can also sign up for news from the Michigan Conference at the bottom of the homepage at michucc.org.
- Enjoy short, thoughtful, inspiring daily devotionals from the UCC's Still Speaking Writers Group, at ucc.org/daily-devotional/. You can also sign up there to have the daily devotionals delivered to your inbox.

Philanthropy Matters

Insights on faith & giving

On February 12, the church Council, leadership and Pastors will gather remotely for a half-day Leadership Retreat called "From Silos to Starlings: Moving Together in a Changing Landscape". Part of our time together will be spent in a "Holy conversation with Henri Nouwen," discussing some of the wisdom shared in his book, *A Spirituality of Fundraising*.

Nouwen believes that fundraising in Christian communities is more than keeping the lights on or saying, "please can you help out because it's been hard lately." But rather, when done correctly, stewardship and fundraising is a matter of relation-

ship, a sincere invitation and honest declaration that the church has "a vision that is amazing and exciting. We are inviting you to invest yourself through the resources that God has given you – your energy, your prayers and your money – in this work to which God has called us."¹

What excites you about the work to which Haslett Community Church has been called? In what ways do you strive to invest in that work? How can the church clarify its vision and be sincere about relationship as we do the work?

¹Nouwen, Henri. *A Spirituality of Fundraising*. Mogabgab, John S., Editor. © 2010 The Henri Nouwen Legacy Trust. (p 16).

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

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



HCC Sledding Day!

When: Saturday, Feb. 12
2:00 pm

Where: Mickey Mouse Hill
(behnd [McDonald Middle School](#) in East Lansing)

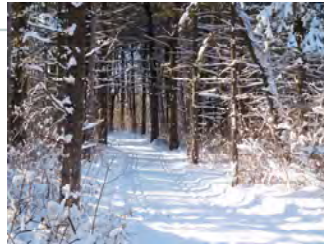
Who: All are invited

Cost: No Cost

Needs: Bring your own sled

Ready to get together with friends? Want to join us in a fun outdoor winter activity with friends and family? It's time! Get your friends & family together and join us for an afternoon of sledding in East Lansing.

Interested? Call or text Kim Carnes: 517.331.3586



A Walk In the Woods

When: Sunday, March 6
Noon - 2pm

Where: Lake Lansing Park North (Meet at Main Pavilion)

Who: All are invited

Cost: \$3/car for residents/
\$5/car for non-res

Come hang out with friends & get some fresh air while we hike together! Sign up [HERE](#) or on the wall outside the church office.

HCC Camping

Our annual HCC Camping trip is scheduled August 18 - 21, at Pioneer County Park. More details to come. If interested, sign up [HERE](#) or on the wall outside the church office.

Breakfast in April!



It may not seem like it now, but Spring is only 7 weeks away - it will be here before you know it! At HCC, that means it's time for Lent, Holy Week, Easter, and...
Breakfast in April!

This annual tradition plans to return in 2022, with our Social Committee (and friends) preparing breakfast **on two Sunday mornings in April: April 10 and April 24**, before worship. *(This is a change from previous years when it was every Sunday in April).*

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.

Looking Ahead...

- Sledding Feb. 2022
- Walk in the woods Mar. 2022
- Breakfast in April Apr. 2022
- Sundae Sunday Jun. 2022
- Camping Aug. 2022



Women's Group

Our group meets most months on the **first Tuesday, at 10am. NEXT MEETING: Tues., Feb. 1, via Zoom** (see info below).

We hope you can join us!

If you can't join us Tuesday but would like to get involved, email hcc1@att.net. We'd love to have you!

Meeting ID: 872 9362 4318
Passcode: usual HCC code



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 are planning a retreat in February, where we will explore, in more depth, our role and possibilities for service as a community. **New members are welcome.**

We meet on the third Tuesday each month. Please feel free to contact any of us with questions you might have, to get involved, or with your ideas for other groups or events we might sponsor. We are looking for ways to define the mission of our committee in a new way.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 15, @ 7:15pm in Friendship Hall.



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

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

Next Meeting: Sunday, February 20, after church.

We will continue our exploration and discussion around Richard Rohr's books. Come to engage and experience the supportive spiritual community our small group shares.



Men's Group

continues to meet regularly in different ways, including **online Zoom meetings on Saturday mornings at 9:00am.**

MEN'S GROUP

Zoom Meeting ID: 416 360 920
To Call In** 301.715.8592
**Long distance charges may apply*

Please **contact Dave Vietti** if you're interested in connecting with this group:

517-339-5731 vietti@msu.edu

Brown Bags & Beliefs

Wednesdays, 6-7pm via Zoom.

February 2: Conclusion of Hymns We Love, presented by Mark Garrod. This series has been well received and attended. You're welcome to join us for the conclusion.

Zoom Meeting ID: 849 8361 1037
Passcode: usual HCC passcode



For the rest of February, Brown Bags & Beliefs will take a pause as we look ahead to our Lenten series; THIRSTING: A Lenten Journey of Water and Wisdom in the Wilderness.

Brown Bags & Beliefs Presents:

**FAVORITE HYMNS:
History Behind Them and
Their Relevance Today**



Come to church or Zoom in to join us.
Wednesdays, January 12 – February 2, 2022, 6-7 p.m.

Mark Garrod leads this exploration of the history and meaning behind some beloved hymns.

No preparation needed. Come when you can!

To join by Zoom use Meeting ID: 849 8361 1037 Passcode: usual code



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Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2 (see Page 2), with the THIRSTING series continuing each week until Holy Week starts with Palm Sunday on April 10. Stay tuned for more details!

We welcome you to Worship with us!



In the spirit of inclusivity and welcoming, we offer three ways for you to worship with us:

1. In person in the Sanctuary* There are some ways we are lowering risks as we gather inside to keep our community safer:
 - Currently, masks are required in the building, this includes during worship as we have young worshippers who cannot be vaccinated, and worshippers in higher risk categories.
 - Chairs are spaced out, and you can put an open seat holder on either side of your household to keep some distance.
 - Bulletins are distributed on paper and electronically if you prefer.
 - Music is one of the many important elements of worship at Haslett Community Church and will be part of our services. At this point, that doesn't include in person Congregational singing.
 - Please worship remotely if you answer 'yes' to any of the questions on the health checklist below.
- * **Indoor in person worship is temporarily paused through February 6.**
2. In the Parking Lot via radio Want to be present at church, but you aren't quite ready to come in - side? Join us in the parking lot!
 - Park near the sanctuary (south side is best), turn your radio to 88.7 FM , and turn up the volume. You will hear everything that our sound system picks up, and we can wave to you from the sanctuary! You can find the bulletin online [HERE](#).
3. Remote via Livestream Continue to find the service each Sunday morning at haslettcommunitychurch.org or on our [YouTube channel](#). You can find the bulletin online [HERE](#).

IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE, BEFORE YOU ATTEND ANY CHURCH ACTIVITIES, PLEASE REVIEW THESE QUESTIONS. IF YOU ANSWER YES TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS, WE ASK THAT YOU REFRAIN FROM ATTENDING THE HCC EVENT THAT DAY.	ARE YOU OR ANY MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD CURRENTLY WAITING FOR COVID TEST RESULTS?	HAVE YOU OR ANY MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAD A POSITIVE COVID RESULT IN THE LAST 14 DAYS?
IN THE PAST 24 HOURS HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED:	HAVE YOU OR ANY MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD BEEN WITH A PERSON WHO HAD A POSITIVE COVID RESULT IN THE LAST 14 DAYS?	THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND COOPERATION!
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At the time of this newsletter's publication, we do not yet know if the pause of in-person worship will continue after February 6, 2022. The Council will be deciding that at their monthly meeting on February 8.

We will be sure to update our website, Facebook page, and office voicemail, and we will share the news via weekly email.

Virtual Coffee Fellowship will continue for as long as in person worship is paused.



Virtual Coffee Fellowship

When the worship livestream ends around 10:45 a.m., hop onto ZOOM and join your church family.

Zoom Meeting ID: 865 9376 7180

Passcode: usual HCC passcode



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**Green Team Tidbits:
Your Foodprint**

We're all familiar with what a carbon footprint is, but have you heard of a Foodprint? Your "foodprint" is the result of everything it takes to get your food from the farm to your plate. Many of those processes are invisible to consumers.

Industrial food production — including animal products like beef, pork, chicken and eggs and also crops — takes a tremendous toll on our soil, air,

and water, as well as on the workers and the surrounding communities.

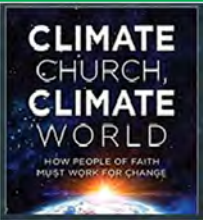
Check out this educational website: <https://foodprint.org/> to find out more about making food choices that do less harm to the environments, animals, and people. You can even take a quiz to find out your "Foodprint"

HCC Green Team meets next on:

**Monday,
February 21, at
7:00 pm via
Zoom:**

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

Meeting ID: 967 4142 3781
Passcode: usual HCC code



Join us for a five-week **Book Study** discussion on **Jim Antal's** book, *Climate Church, Climate World*, **Thursdays 6:30-7:30 pm, beginning February 10.**

Led by Pastor Erick Johnson and Pastor John Burow, this group will have the opportunity to prayerfully consider together: Why and how do we, people of faith, respond to the moral challenge of the climate emergency? **To register** for the study: <https://bit.ly/ClimateChangeClimateWorld>

Questions: erickj74@gmail.com (Erick Johnson) or pastorjburow@yahoo.com (John Burow)

Sponsored by the Synod Environmental Stewardship Task Force

**The Holle Speaker Series presents
Rev. Dr. Jim Antal**

**Saturday, April 23, 2022 Faith Lutheran Church
9:30 am - 3:00 pm 4515 Dobie Rd.,
Okemos, MI**

Rev. Jim Antal, the author of the book *Climate Church, Climate World*, is a public theologian, award-winning activist, and national spokesperson on climate change for the United Church of Christ.

This event is free to the public. **Register here:** <https://bit.ly/HolleSpeakerSeries>

For info, call Pastor Ellen Schoepf: 517.974.5570

Due to Covid-19, lunch will NOT be served. There will be a 1 hour break.

Safety Team meets next on:
Tuesday, Feb. 22 @ 7pm

The group meets in the Sanctuary and also offers a Zoom option:



Meeting ID: 826 2826 2157
Passcode: usual HCC passcode

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

Knitters, Crocheters, & Wannabees



Our Next Meeting will be **Sunday, February 13, 2022**, right after Worship (~11 AM), in the Choir Room downstairs.



Mission Outreach meets next:

Monday, Jan. 31, @ 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary, then again in March.



Church Council meets on the second Tuesday of most months.

**Council meets next on:
Tuesday, Feb. 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.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Information for the March 2022 Newsletter is due to Michele on the 3rd Tuesday of this month - February 15, 2022

Please send to: hcc1@att.net



Simply Give at Bath Meijer

The Haslett Community Food Pantry has been selected once more to be the recipient of the Winter **Simply Give** campaign. The campaign will run in the **Bath Meijer through Saturday, April 2, 2022.**

Meijer will **double Simply Give donations** made at the Bath store on:

- **Saturday, March 5, 2022**
- **Saturday, March 26, 2022**

On those 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 our food pantry.

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

Thanks to generous customers and Meijer Foundation support, the Simply Give campaign generated over \$69 million in food donations for more than 430 food pantries throughout the Midwest since 2008.

HCC Generosity

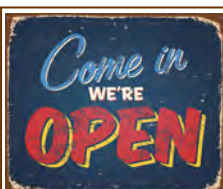
Thank you for continuing to support Haslett Community Church as you are able. We are still The Church with a mission and a staff, and we receive your gifts with gratitude.

There are several options to make giving more convenient:



1. You can mail checks, which are accounted for weekly.
 2. You can also PayPal us at: HCCgenerosity@gmail.com.
 3. Online Giving, Text Giving, and Giving via Mobile App are all available to help make your support of HCC even easier! Visit www.haslettcommunitychurch.org/giving for more information, or use the QR code above to access our Giving page.
- **Online Giving** - is available through our relationship with easyTithe™ and is accessible through our website.
 - **Mobile Giving** - utilizes the easyTithe™ Giving App which you can download from [The App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).
 - **Text Giving** - Just text GIVE to our secure giving number: 517-200-3995

Thank you for your generosity & support!



Church Open for On-site Office Hours!

Have some church business you'd like to take care of in person? Have a question that's easier face-to-face? Just want to say hello? Grab a mask and stop by for office hours!

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

Pastor Betsy will also continue office hours on Wednesdays, 11:30am - 1pm, and by appointment.

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.

New HCC Photo Directory - Take 2!

Many of you may remember that back in 2020, before the world shut down, we were working with Lifetouch photos to create a new photo directory for HCC. Lifetouch has sadly since closed their church directory department, but that hasn't stopped us from moving forward and finding a way accomplish this! Later this month, we will begin collecting updated contact info and photos for this project. Stay tuned for details! We will be in touch.



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

Red Cross had a blood donation goal for our drive of 32 units collected, and we beat that goal by collecting 33 much-needed units.

Our **next drive** is scheduled for: **Friday, March 18**

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 8, 9, & 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). 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 (p10)

Sundays, 10:00am
Sanctuary*, parking lot via 88.7 FM, [YouTube](#)
**Worship in the Sanctuary temporarily paused thru Feb 6*

Sunday School

Sundays during worship
Friendship Hall or Outdoors @ HCC (using Door 2)

Coffee-less/Virtual Coffee Fellowship (p10)

Sundays, after worship
Zoom until Indoor In-Person Worship begins again,
Friendship Hall when indoors

Youth Group (p4)

Sundays - Feb. 6, 20 & 27
MS: 5:00-6:30pm; HS: 7:00-9:00pm
Youth Room

Onsite Office Hours (p12)

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

Office Hours - Betsy (p12)

Wednesdays, 11:30am-1:00pm, & by appt.
HCC Office

Brown Bags & Beliefs (p9)

Wednesday, Feb. 2, 6:00-7:00pm
Zoom

Choir & Chime Rehearsal (p6)

Wednesdays, 7:00pm (Feb. 16 - Choir;
Feb. 23 - Chimes)
Begins in HCC Sanctuary; CR

Sermon Preview Group (p2)

Thursdays, 9:00 - 9:45am
Zoom

Men's Group (p9)

Saturdays, 9:00am
Zoom

KIDS: Outdoor Frozen Fun (p3)

Saturday, Feb. 26, 2:00pm
Ruonavaara's

ONCE THIS MONTH

Women's Group (p8)

Tuesday, Feb. 1, 10:00am
Zoom

KIDS: Encanto Movie Night (p3)

Saturday, Feb. 5, 6:00 - 8:00pm
Sanctuary

YOUTH: Strawberry Fundraiser (p4 & 7)

Begins Sunday, Feb. 6

Church Council (p11)

Tuesday, Feb. 8, 7:15pm
Sanctuary & Zoom

Council/Leadership Retreat (p7)

Saturday, Feb.12, 9:00am - 1:00pm
Zoom

Sledding Day (p8)

Saturday, Feb. 12, 2:00pm
Mickey Mouse Hill on Burcham, in E.L.

Knitters, Crocheters, Wannabees (p11)

Sunday, Feb. 13, 11:10am (after worship)
Choir Room

Newsletter Items Due (p11)

Tuesday, Feb. 15
Email items to hcc1@att.net

YOUTH 7th Grade GATHER (p4)

Wednesday, Feb. 16, 6:00 - 7:30pm
Friendship Hall

Coffee With Jesus (p9)

Sunday, Feb. 20, 11:10am (after worship)
Choir Room

YOUTH: Culver's Night (p4)

Monday, Feb. 21, 7:00 - 8:30pm
Okemos Culvers

YOUTH: 9th & 10th Grade GATHER (p4)

Wednesday, Feb. 23, 6:00 - 7:30pm
Friendship Hall

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February 2022

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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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