

Haslett Community Church



HCC Connections

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

July 2022



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"It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows. For everything we know about God's Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others as you love yourself. That's an act of true freedom." - Galatians 5:13-14

Summer always seems to pass quickly, I think. It's already July!

In the life of the church, July means a little bit of break from routine. For example, the church Council does not meet in July. The church staff doesn't have a monthly staff meeting in July. The Youth Mission Trip was in June, and VBS is in August, July continues Sunday School, but special programs pause. Worship of course continues, but I wouldn't say we log our highest attendance in July!

July seems to be a time of lazy summer days, ice cream for dinner, and trips to the beach. It is a month to revel in some freedom from schedules and routines, and to think about freedom as we enjoy 4th of July picnics and fireworks.

Freedom is a word that has many interpretations, uses, and meanings. Freedom of expression. The Freedom of Information Act. Personal freedom. Freedom of speech. Freedom of religion. Land of the free. I'm sure you can add your own ideas and phrases to the list.

I think one of the most beautiful ideals around freedom is in the Scripture passage above: "Use your freedom to serve one another in love...Love others as you love yourself. That's an act of true freedom." Amen and amen.

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As we enjoy whatever freedom this month brings, let us remember what a true privilege it is to be called by God to enjoy the freedom that comes with being loved by our Triune God of Grace by being free to love others with compassion and mercy. It is in loving God and neighbor that freedom grows.

Yours In the Journey,

Pastor Betsy

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Pastor Betsy will be on vacation and unavailable July 1-12, 2022, returning to the office July 13.

Therefore, Betsy will not hold office hours on July 6, nor will there be Thursday morning Sermon Prep Bible Study June 30 or July 7.

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



Michigan and Lansing Pride

The Michigan Pride Rally at the Capitol on June 26 was well attended, including participation from Haslett Community Church that was 16 people strong! HCC also plans to participate in Lansing Pride’s event in Old Town on Saturday, August 13. The festival-style event will take place from 1-10 p.m., so look for opportunities to stand at the HCC booth handing out water, being friendly and supportive, and having HCC Open & Affirming info on hand to pass out to folks who are interested! For now, save the date!

With Thanksgiving and Joy!

This month, there will be a planned change of leadership on the church Council. David Arnosti, who has served as Moderator since 2019 will step away from the position, and Malinda Barr will step into the role. This was voted on at our Annual Meeting in December 2021 and allowed David to complete the program year.



David became the Moderator during a time of change in the life of Haslett Community Church – right in the middle of a Pastor Search! He then remained steadfast in his role during the upheaval of the COVID shutdown and through the unpredictability of re-opening, providing stability during a long season of unknowns and great change. David has led the Council and the church with great integrity, compassion, wisdom, good humor, creativity, and a depth of faith that reflects his love for God and creation. He listens well and kept Council moving forward while also allowing all voices to be heard.

As we welcome Malinda into the role of Moderator with joyful anticipation, let us also express our gratitude to David for a job well done!

[NOTE: Churches use strange vocabulary sometimes. The term “Moderator” refers to the chairperson of the Church Council. The Church Council is the governing board of Haslett Community Church.]

Philanthropy Matters - Mid-Year Insights from the Finance Chair

Ah, summer is here! And church is less of a staple in many of our schedules as we go to the lake, the cabin, or the campground. And we should enjoy summer, because it is short and glorious in Michigan! However, Church persists nonetheless! Isn't it nice to have a spiritual community all year long when we aren't out and about?

This is first of all a thank you note for those of you who have committed to pledging your offering to the church and have been so faithful over these past few years in particular! During the pandemic our pledged giving has never dipped or wavered! We have consistently remained ahead of schedule with pledges coming in month to month!

Since we have been meeting back in person, loose plate offerings are back up again to our projected levels! The one area that is still lagging behind is identified non-pledged giving.

We are currently looking at a deficit of \$31,000. That means we have already had \$31,000 more in expenses than income thus far this year. The congregation did approve a deficit budget, so we knew we'd be dipping into our cash reserves to pay this year's bills, but we'd love that deficit to be as small as possible! We hope to still make up this difference by the end of the year with a new and renewed focus on fully funding the cost of the church we love!

Currently the only line item that is right on course for this time of year is personnel. This means we are keeping our obligations to our staff, which is exactly where we want to be! The only line item overspent at this time is building repair and maintenance as we continue to make sure our building is safe and up to date. Every other line item is currently below budget!

Whether you pledge or give without pledging, or you're just venturing into HCC and your offering is loose in the passed plate, we encourage everyone to consider this summer what it means to have a church community to call home. We remember that all of our financial contributions are essential. Whether you give \$5 a month or \$500, what matters is that each of us contributes faithfully and regularly to the life, ministry, and mission of our congregational community! And even though there are dozens of ways to think about how to give, I encourage everyone to at least take a moment to consider their weekly offering. Consider how much you spend each week on groceries, gasoline, being caffeinated, and general leisure. How does this compare to your weekly church offering?

Take a few minutes this summer to consider again your role in fully funding the life, mission, and ministry of this church that you love. And maybe you can breathe easily knowing you are already doing what you can. Or perhaps the Spirit is moving in a new way. Give out of gratitude and it will always be enough!

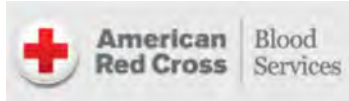
If you find yourself traveling, consider setting up a secure recurring gift at <https://app.easytithe.com/app/giving/haslettcc> (or scan the QR code to the right with your cell phone camera).

Thank you for your continuing support! ~Kyle Carnes, Finance Chair



Red Cross Blood Drive

There will be a blood drive at HCC Friday, July 15, from Noon - 6pm



Red Cross safety protocols:

- Donation **by appointment only** (NO WALK IN appointments). Visit www.redcrossblood.org/give then scroll through the Drives listed in the left panel to find Haslett Community Church and an appointment time that works for you.
- Face masks required
- Physical Distancing (NO guests with donors)
- Health screenings/temperature checks upon entering building
- Hand sanitizer use before and during donation process / sanitization between donors



SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK DOWNSTAIRS!

Our children moved back downstairs for Sunday school each week!

If you were here on Easter you saw how many kids we had attend! We are looking for TWO volunteers to teach Sunday school each week through August.

Sign up for multiple weeks, or try it out for one Sunday.

The Sunday School teacher sign up can be found [HERE!](#)



We are again offering NURSERY CARE for children from birth through age 3 (and potty trained).

Typically, nursery volunteers work on rotating teams who serve two weeks in a row every 6-8 weeks. Our nursery teams will begin again in September.

For now, we are looking for folks who would be interested in serving in the nursery for a week at a time this summer. The sign up is available [HERE!](#)

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. That training can be found [HERE!](#)



In May, it was announced that our summer Sunday school theme was going to be based on a book called *The Promises of God*. There has been a change to that plan. Instead we are spending summer Sunday school exploring theme's inspired by Matthew Paul Turner's book *I am God's Dream*. (The picture of the book below is linked to Amazon.)

New volunteers are always welcome to work with our kids! Sunday school activities include crafts, games, cooking, and sometimes videos.

Sign up to teach using the link in the left-most column on this page or by contacting Pastor Erin.



VBS 2022

We hope ALL of our HCC Children (ages 3 & potty trained through 5th grade) will join us for Vacation Bible School this summer!

August 2nd – 4th from 5-7pm

This year's theme for VBS will be "Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness" and will pair well with our summer of exploring God's promises!



As always, we will be looking for volunteers to take this journey with us!

Helpers are needed for everything from decorating the church, shopping for supplies, to working with the kids. If you are interested in being a part of VBS in this way, please talk to Pastor Erin.

Watch weekly emails for info about how you can help to provide VBS supplies!

Families stay tuned for sign-ups to come later this summer! Feel free to start spreading the word to neighbors & friends!

Our Church Family



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

- To Kelly Flagg for painting the new safety doors in the basement and for teaching Sunday School.
- To Regula Arnosti, Michele Booher, and Dave Ferguson for continued work on the HCC directory.
- To Zoe Aho for volunteering to update and streamline our website: haslettcommunitychurch.org
- To Paul and Nancy White for their work on the Aging series that began in the June newsletter and will go through September.
- To David Arnosti for his great job as Moderator.
- To Pastors Betsy and Erin for getting endorsements for our summer concert series.
- To the Loaves and Fishes team for July: Bev Schmidt, Ann McGrath, Carol Cramer, Sally Heisler and Paula Fry.
- To Bob Heisler, Steve Decker, Jim Durr, Courtney Stolicker, Nathan Sestak, and Anna Porritt for chap-eroning this year's Mission Trip.



HCC Photo Directory

Thank you to all who participated in Photo Directory Days! An extra special thanks to Dave Ferguson and team for organizing and taking photos for those who wanted!

We will be working on compiling the new directory over the summer in order to publish it to the congregation and friends as soon as possible.

It's not too late! You can still send your updated contact info and directory photo to us:

PROVIDE OR UPDATE INFO: Provide current contact information (if we don't have it) or update information so it is accurate. Most directory listings include name of person(s) in your household, mailing address, email address(es), and phone number(s). **Email info to:** haslettccdirectory@gmail.com.

PHOTO: Photos can be submitted for inclusion in the new directory as well. Feel free to email a recent picture you already have or snap a selfie, or ask a friend to grab a picture of you,. **Email your picture to:** haslettccdirectory@gmail.com

We encourage you to submit your info and picture to help make the HCC Directory as complete as possible, so that our church friends can know one another!



HCC SUMMER CONCERT SERIES CONTINUES THROUGH JULY!

Thursdays @ 7PM, JUNE 16 – JULY 28

Bring along a blanket or lawn chair and your favorite picnic supplies ad join us for a free evening of entertainment! All ages welcome!

July 7: Jeff the Magician - family fun night - an evening of magic!

July 14: Jonathan Townley - young composer who wowed us last year at open mic night

July 21: Turquoise Trio - HCC's own Barbara Freeman on keyboard, Richard Illman on trumpet & flugelhorn, and Gretchen Morse on oboe & English horn

July 28: Andrew Pomerville - Scottish folk and classic Americana, guitar & vocals

Thanks to our Sponsors:





Germain Bindika

In sadness, we share the news that Germain Bindika, a longtime friend of

Haslett Community Church, passed away in the afternoon on Sunday, June 19, 2022, after a long illness. Please keep those who are grieving in your prayers.

Condolences can be sent to Jeanine at:
 Jeanine Louboucasse
 46 Route Nationale,
 Arthies 95420
 France



Choir is taking a break for summer, and we're planning to start back up in August. Stay tuned for a potential get together in July :)

During the summer, we have a variety of musical experiences to share with you during worship, so we hope to see you there.

Chimes is also on break, but stay tuned for when we may get together next.

Enjoy Summer! ~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 7, 8, & 11](#)).

HCC Spiritual Life Committee has a new focused mission and vision that includes providing an inclusive and supportive spiritual environment for HCC and our greater society. We see our particular mission centering on three areas out of which specific goals are emerging:

- Supporting our clergy and staff in liturgical activities
- Creating and enhancing individual spiritual growth opportunities
- Facilitating spiritual connections among our community

Our "Have You Noticed" newsletter and bulletin articles, Negro Spiritual Royalty Project, Coffee With Jesus group, Brown Bags & Beliefs, and other activities help us serve our mission. What's next? A Bible study? Women's Retreat? A general spiritual growth retreat? The possibilities are endless and resources in our congregation are many.

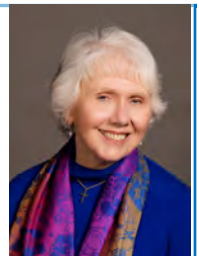
The invitation to join us in the creative endeavor to carry out our mission in any way you feel is wide open. Please contact chair, **Carolyn Lucas**, to get involved: csrlucas@aol.com or 517-881-4241



Committee Chair, Carolyn Lucas, has been a member of this welcoming and loving community

since the fall of 2012, after first participating in the choir. Her husband, Ross, visits from time to time (he's an interim pastor at a different church, making Carolyn a pastor's wife for 20 years). Their children and grandchildren live close enough to sometimes visit HCC for worship and VBS, too.

Besides being a pastor's spouse, Carolyn has taught elementary school, served as a commissioned home missionary with Ross, and then found her calling in counseling and earned her doctorate in Counseling Psychology. She has served as part-time Christian Ed director at a church and as a psychologist for a counseling center, and now is in private practice, where she gets to do something she loves - sit with, listen to, and help people from all walks of life create new stories from old. Carolyn also loves music, expressive arts, Jesus, people, ideas, causes, and more, and she so appreciates being a part of HCC.





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, July 11 @ 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.

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! :)

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



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.

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.

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...

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| • Camping | Aug. 18-21 | Pioneer County Park, Muskegon |
| • Chicken BBQ | Sep. 18 | Noon |
| • Thanksgiving Dinner | Nov. 13 | Noon |
| • Hanging of the Greens | Nov. 27 | Afternoon |



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.

We are taking a break in July, and our Next Meeting will be: Sunday, August 21, at 11:15 (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.

Mark the date - more details to come.



Men’s Group

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

**** On Saturday, July 16, 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

**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 July 7, while Pastor Betsy is on vacation, but will return on July 14.

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

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 plan for 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.

The series will address three topics over the course of four months, with three newsletter articles, one per month, on one of the topics. The fourth month will offer a facilitated discussion group, probably on two different dates and times.

Part One - Physical and mental changes (June newsletter)

This includes an overview of normal changes that affect just about everyone, such as deteriorating vision or hearing, cognitive health changes, etc., as well as common individually specific conditions such as Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, osteoporosis, diabetes, mental health/depression, malnutrition, physical disabilities, etc.

Part Two - Legal challenges of ageing (July newsletter)

This includes an overview of difficulties seniors face in managing their own health care, and options to help manage these challenges, such as a durable medical power of attorney, an advance care directive, and controlling end of life decisions.

Part Three - Residential challenges and choices (August newsletter)

This includes an overview of the difficulties of staying in one’s home as we age. It will look at “ageing in place” and ways to facilitate staying in one’s home, including home modifications and in-home assistance. It will review options when “ageing in place” is not reasonable, such as, independent and assisted living facilities, group homes, nursing homes, etc.

Part Four - Facilitated group discussion including personal experiences and questions (September)

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. We expect to have at least one discussion following a September worship service, and one discussion on a weekday evening.

This is the first of three topics which will be part of the **Ageing Our Own Terms** series. The hope is that the information serves as food for thought and that those thoughts will be shared during the facilitated discussion that will take place in September.



Part Two: Legal Challenges of Ageing

This is the second 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 discussion that will take place in September.

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Legal Challenges of Ageing

We would all like to think we are going to live forever. But as Jesus taught in Matthew 24:36, “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”

The time to think about the end of life, whether yours or those of your loved ones, is now, while you are mentally and physically able to thoughtfully consider your preferences, and not after you have just been slammed by a devastating diagnosis or incurred a catastrophic injury. Now is also time to think about who would be best to see that our wishes and preferences are honored when we cannot do so for ourselves. Once we have made these decisions, it is time to express them in the form of an advanced medical directive and a durable medical power of attorney, designating a trusted person to make treatment decisions for us if we are not able to do so for ourselves.

When we do not know how much time we have, our natural expectation is that we have much more time than we often actually do. When we receive a difficult diagnosis, our impulse is to fight, to pursue any and all treatment offered. The fact that it may be shortening or worsening the time we have left does not seem to register. We imagine that we can wait until the doctors tell us that there is nothing more they can do. But there rarely is nothing more that doctors can do. They can offer experimental, sometimes toxic, drugs of unknown efficacy, operate to try and remove part of an “inoperable” tumor, put in a feeding tube if a person can’t eat, or provide palliative drugs that relieve our pain but leave us mentally addled. Or they can bounce us to yet another specialist.

We want choices, but don’t necessarily want to make the choices ourselves. So we make no choice at all and fall back on the default of asking the doctor to do something, to fix something. Terminal cancer patients who opt for these treatments aren’t thinking about a few added months. They typically are thinking years. But if their doctor is honest with them, the doctor will admit that the likely outcome is weeks or maybe a few months, and may make the quality of the patient’s remaining life worse than doing nothing at all.

One’s end of life preferences can be expressed by answering four questions.

- 1) Do you want to be resuscitated if your heart stops?
- 2) Do you want aggressive treatments such as intubation and mechanical ventilation?
- 3) Do you want antibiotics?
- 4) Do you want tube or intravenous feeding if you cannot eat on your own?

Studies have shown that persons who have discussed these questions while still in good health with their loved ones are more likely to have advanced care directives, and to receive the care they desire. A community-wide program started in 1991 in La Crosse, Wisconsin, encouraged people to discuss these questions and develop advanced directives. Medicare statistics found that, over time, people in La Crosse spent half as many days in the hospital in the last six months of their lives as the national average, and their life expectancies increased by a full year over the national mean, despite average rates of obesity and smoking.

If we have answered these “end of life preference questions” honestly and with due consideration, we are much better prepared to deal with our natural impulses from a position of strength and control. We can better direct our own medical care in partnership with our medical providers, rather than surrendering control of our treatment.

End of life situations frequently include a palliative care specialist and Hospice care. There are five questions that the care provider should discuss with the patient, and have an agreement on the answers before care decisions have to be made:

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(Ageing On Our Own Terms cont...)

- 1) What do you understand your prognosis to be?
- 2) What are your concerns about what lies ahead?
- 3) What kind of trade-offs are you willing to make?
- 4) How do you want to spend your time if your health worsens?
- 5) Who do you want to make decisions if you can't?

Some of us may have already answered the “end of life preference questions” for ourselves. Some of us may already have an advanced treatment directive. Some of us may have already experienced Hospice care for a parent 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 progress through the next few 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:

Matthew 24:36 (NIV)

Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End, Atul Gawande, MD

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Information for the August 2022 Newsletter is due to Michele on the 3rd Tuesday of this month - July 19, 2022

Please send to: hcc1@att.net



Knitters, Crocheters, & Wannabees

Our Next Meeting will be **Sunday, July 10, 2022**, right after Worship (~11 am), in the HCC Library.

HCC Green Team meets next on:

Monday, July 11, at 7pm via Zoom:

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

Meeting ID: 969 2424 2887
Passcode: usual HCC code



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.



Mission Outreach meets next:

Monday, July 11, @ 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.



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

Safety Team is going to take a break for Summer in June and July. We will restart in August. Have a great Summer!



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



THANK YOU!

HCC Friends, you are amazing!! Your participation and support for the World Vision Global 6K was inspiring.

We had ten participants and many supporters. Haslett Water Warriors donated \$2,178, making it possible to bring life changing clean water to more than 46 people. We sure did it as a global team, with more than 24,460 people walking, running or rolling so that 43,865 people will have access to clean water.

And 6K-ers all around the world are already fired up to help change lives again next year. SAVE THE DATE: May 20, 2023.

Thank you for making this year's Global 6K a success.

Grateful, ~Cathy Rowe

The Elephant In the Room

On Friday, June 24, 2022, The Supreme Court, in a 5-4 decision, overturned Roe v. Wade, the landmark ruling that established the constitutional right to abortion in the U.S. in 1973. As is expected and warranted, this decision has been met with very strong feelings across the nation, and in our church community. I have heard from many of you, and will continue to listen.

I thought it would be helpful to share with all of you how the National Setting of the United Church of Christ, our denomination, responded to the SCOTUS decision. You can find the full response online by clicking on [THIS LINK](#). To request a paper print out of the response, entitled, 'We will stand with you in protest': *National Officers Speak Out After SC Overturns Roe v. Wade*, please contact the church office and we will get you one.

Please note that the UCC is not a hierarchical nor creedal denomination. This means, in part, that from church to church, and within each individual congregation, we hold space for a broad spectrum of beliefs and do not require agreement on issues to participate in the life of Haslett Community Church or the United Church of Christ. Based on conversations I've had since the June 24 ruling, I expect many will appreciate the response of the National Setting, and yet not all will agree. God is still speaking. You are welcome here.

- Pastor Betsy

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 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 on vacation July 1-12.

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 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). 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 preachers July 3 & 10*
Sanctuary*, parking lot via 88.7 FM, [YouTube](#)
**Mask wearing is encouraged*

Sunday School (p4)

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 July 1-12)
HCC Office

Sermon Preview Group (p8)

Thursdays, 9:00 - 9:45am; no meeting July 7
Zoom

Summer Concert Series (p5)

Thursdays, 7:00 - 8:00pm, thru July 28
HCC Greenspace outdoors (July 7 in Sanctuary)
(*Sanctuary in inclement weather*)

Men's Group (p8)

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

ONCE THIS MONTH

Knitters, Crocheters, Wannabees (p11)

Sunday, July 10, 11:15am (after worship)
Library

Red Cross Blood Drive (p3)

Fri., July 15, Noon - 6:00pm
HCC

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

Saturday, July 16, 9:00am
Blondie's in Haslett

Newsletter Items Due (p11)

Tuesday, July 19
Email items to hcc1@att.net

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

