

# Haslett Community Church



## HCC Connections

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

**March 2022**



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*"And the Spirit immediately drove Jesus out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him." - Mark 1: 12-13*

Three of the four Gospels have the story of Jesus being tempted in the desert for forty days before beginning his public ministry. Mark's Gospel, in its characteristic succinct manner, just happens to tell the whole episode in two verses... handy for a newsletter (see also Matthew 4: 1-11 and Luke 4: 1-13).

It is no mistake that the season of Lent, which begins every year on Ash Wednesday (March 2<sup>nd</sup> this year) also lasts for forty days, not including Sundays. Jesus was preparing for ministry. We are preparing for the highest of holy days in the Christian year, Easter Sunday!

Lent is a beautiful season to be together in Christian community. Walking through the season together, we strive to shed those things that distract from God. Walking through the season together, we seek to add practices that draw us closer to God. Walking through the season together, we are invited toward spiritual wholeness in our individual lives, united in community.

Haslett Community Church will provide in person and remote options throughout Lent that are designed to help us feel a sense of connectedness to self, others, and God. You will find the details within this newsletter.

**If you have gotten out of the habit of participating in worship and other programs offered at Haslett Community Church, allow Lent to be an opening for your re-entry to the life, friendship, challenge, and spiritual growth that HCC**

**fosters as we strive joyfully and prayerfully to warmly welcome all, freely share our blessings, and humbly explore God's love!** We are journeying toward Easter together. And while every Easter is indeed reason to celebrate, this will be our first Easter in 3 years in which we can be together, and my FIRST Easter with you where in person worship is offered!

You will see within this issue that our Lenten theme is "THIRSTING: A Journey of Wisdom and Water in the Wilderness." In collaboration with our neighbor, Edgewood United Church, UCC, our Lenten journey will be deep with opportunities for worship, learning, action, and connection as we seek to draw closer to God, self, and others in community. I sure hope you join us.

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.**

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. Our Lent program is THIRSTING: A Journey of Wisdom and Water in the Wilderness. 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.

Our full Lenten schedule and resource guide for THIRSTING: A Journey of Wisdom and Water in the Wilderness is attached to this email /mailing.

Consider hanging it on the fridge for easy reference!



**Ash Wednesday Services** (imposition of ashes at all services\*)



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

Zoom Meeting ID: 899 3425 3427

Passcode: ash



**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 document holders outside Door 1 at HCC for those wishing to participate via Zoom, Livestream, or in the HCC parking lot. There is a children's component to the in-person service.*

**Three Ways to Worship**

Sundays at 10:00 am



1. In person (with mask)
2. Parking lot (car radio on 88.7 FM)
3. Remotely (via YouTube)

**Have You Heard?**

All 3 worship options are back in action!  
 Congregational hymn singing has returned to worship!  
 Choir and Chime Choir have resumed rehearsals!



**NEW ILLUSTRATED  
MINISTRY FAMILY  
DEVOTIONAL FOR LENT**



The creators of this devotional describe it this way:

“Our theme for this devotional is “God is Still With Us.” As we journey through the season of Lent together, you are invited to remember that from the foundations of the world, the Holy Spirit hovered over creation. The Spirit hovers, even now. When God’s people seemed abandoned in Egypt, God guided them into the Promised Land. God guides us, even now. In the birth of Jesus—Immanuel—God was with us. And God is still with us, even now.

The life of Jesus shows us that God joins us in our human struggles. God does not avoid our messy lives or withdraw from our hard stories. As we

live in different times, in different places, we know that we are not alone. Even in this very moment, God is as close as the breath we breathe. This Lent, we will explore Gospel passages that remind us that God is still with us. The good news of the gospel is that Jesus experienced the fullness of humanity—comfort and pain, celebration and heartache, and joy and suffering. And when he had the choice to escape ridicule or rejection, Jesus stuck with the outsiders, the oppressed, and the hurting.

The life of Jesus demonstrates that God knows what it is to be human and to be with us in all our experiences, especially in our suffering. We encourage you to explore how these ideas and themes influence how you view God, your faith, and the world.”

**Copies are available at HCC or can be shared by email if you contact Erin** ([erin.heisler@att.net](mailto:erin.heisler@att.net)).

Illustrated Ministry is a great resource for families! Click the logo below to check out their website for devotionals, coloring pages and much more!



**FUN FAMILY PROJECT:**

Here’s a link to make a Scripture chain Lenten countdown to Easter! Read a different Bible verse each day throughout Lent!  
[Click here!](#)

# LENT CLUB

For three Thursday evenings during Lent, children are invited to come to church for a time of exploring our Lenten Bible stories together!

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>  
From 5:30-7pm

**SIGN UP REQUIRED!**

Please email Erin ([erin.heisler@att.net](mailto:erin.heisler@att.net)) with the names and ages/grades of those attending. Open to all children age 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Middle schoolers helpers welcome!  
You are welcome to attend one or all three! Whatever works best for your family!

Thanks in advance for signing up- it helps us to prep supplies.

If you’re interested in being an adult helper, please email Erin!

## Did You Know?

Pretzels are a traditional Lenten food? If you turn a pretzel upside down, it looks a little like crossed, praying arms. This Lent, try making your own soft pretzels!

Read more (including a recipe) [HERE](#)



**YOUTH GROUP IN MARCH**  
 Our groups will meet at their regular times (middle school 5-6:30pm, high school 7-9pm) on the following Sundays:  
 March 6<sup>th</sup>  
 March 13<sup>th</sup>  
 March 20<sup>th</sup>

Youth groups have resumed meeting in the youth room!

**Information about our NEW CONFIRMATION program coming SOON!**



Senior families please watch for an important email from Erin regarding setting a date for SENIOR SUNDAY!

This is the day that our graduating seniors lead worship. All seniors invited to participate (regardless of their involvement with youth group).

Also mark your calendars for our youth group send off for our seniors.

Senior Farewell will take place the evening of Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at HCC.

Senior families invited to attend (in addition to youth groupers).



8<sup>th</sup> grade GATHER  
 March 9<sup>th</sup>  
 6-7:30pm

11<sup>th</sup> grade GATHER  
 March 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 6-7:30pm



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>  
 HIGH SCHOOL  
 High Caliber Night

Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>  
 MIDDLE SCHOOL  
 Zap Zone Night

Watch weekly emails, youth group handouts and Remind messages for details!



Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 7-8:30pm  
 Okemos Culvers

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

**SPRING BREAK!**

No youth group on Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> due to Spring Break!  
 Youth group will resume on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>!



**STAY TUNED FOR THE STRAWBERRY DELIVERY DATE!**



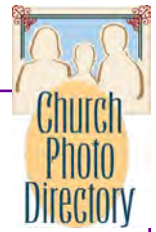
If you are looking for ways to help support the youth ministry at HCC, keep these ideas in mind:

1. We are always looking for adults to serve in a "security" role during Sunday youth groups.
2. We have two upcoming fundraisers happening in May. Mark your calendars for our annual TACO SALE (May 1<sup>st</sup>) and our annual GOLF OUTING (May 22<sup>nd</sup>).
3. We are looking for at least one more (preferably male) chaperone for our 2022 mission trip to Milwaukee (June 18-25<sup>th</sup>).
4. We are always looking for new ideas for youth group activities, volunteer opportunities and fundraisers.

To help in any of the ways listed above, please connect with Erin!



## Our Church Family



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

- To the Loaves and Fishes team for March: Carol Cramer, Joanne Ricks, Nancy Ferguson, Carolyn Solomon, and Paula Fry.
- To Don Flagg, Keri Lardie, and Tara Pugmire for serving in the security role at youth groups.
- To the team who worked to unpack and sort more of the Tom's bags that the youth did not get to on their service day. The team included: Stephanie & Dan Bollman, Sally Garrod, Don & Kelly Flagg.
- To Bob, Sally, & Peter Heisler and Carol Preston, who helped pack up the sorted food.
- To the youth and supporting adults for taking care of the bags from Tom's.
- To Doug Holem for applying for a grant from Meridian Township for a new garden at the north end of our property. And to Sally Garrod, who will get donations for the flowers to replace the juniper bushes.
- To our pastors for working out the details for how we get back to in-person worship.
- To Nancy & Paul White for all the hard work they did to get rid of the boxes in the choir room.

### 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 since closed their church directory department, but that hasn't stopped us from moving forward and finding a way accomplish this! The first step toward this is to begin collecting updated contact info and photos from you.

Updating your contact info: Attached to your newsletter email or mailing is a copy of our current photo-less directory. To ensure we begin the new directory with the most updated info for you and your family, please look over the attached directory and identify any info that needs to be updated. **Please send an email with the changes to:**

**haslettccdirectory@gmail.com.**

If you do not send updates to the info, the current info will move forward into the new directory.

Adding a photo: If you'd like a photo of your family or yourself included in the directory, please **email an updated photo** (<10 MB in size) **to haslettccdirectory@gmail.com** identifying who's included ...(continued on [page 6](#))

### The Topic We Are All Tired Of: MASKS

In mid-February, Ingham County and Michigan health department leaders suddenly dropped their recommendation that schools and many other indoor settings should require masks. At this time, Haslett Community Church will continue requiring masks in the building because:



1. Transmission rates in Ingham County are still in the "High" range. Categories are: High, Substantial, Moderate, Low.
2. At the time of writing, both Sparrow Hospital and McLaren Hospital are > 90% capacity.
3. Some of our families have children under the age of five (who are unable to receive the COVID vaccine), and some worshipers are immunocompromised themselves or have individuals in their family who are high-risk.
4. We are still in the winter months that do not allow for wide open windows and maximized air circulation. We know that air circulation is

an important mitigation strategy that can be better used in the warmer months.

As you can probably guess, making health & safety decisions is not the reason I felt called to ministry. I don't say that for sympathy, but rather to acknowledge: most are weary of hearing about health and safety decisions, most are weary of making health and safety decisions. I am with you in your weariness. Some will be glad to hear we are still requiring masks. Others will be disappointed or upset. We are together in wanting to move forward. I am here, and your church Council is here to listen to your ideas, support, and frustration. Your church Council will continue to discuss and make decisions together. This has been a long journey, and you all have been wonderful companions. Let's keep communication open so we can keep walking with each other. Thank you.

-Pastor Betsy

**New HCC Photo Directory- Take 2!** (from pg. 5):

in the picture. The photo should only include members of your family listed in the directory and should avoid pictures with sunglasses and hats when possible.

If you don't have a recent photo you'd like to use, don't have a way to take one on a cell phone or digital camera, or just aren't feeling tech savvy, our own Dave Ferguson has offered to take a quick one outdoors for you if needed, and he'll send it to us for use in the directory. Dave can best be reached on his cell phone (text preferred): 517.230.5042, or by email: [wdferguson52@gmail.com](mailto:wdferguson52@gmail.com).

As a reminder, **please send updated contact info and/or photos for the new directory to: [haslettccdirectory@gmail.com](mailto:haslettccdirectory@gmail.com).**

Stay tuned for more information on how to access this new photo directory in April!



After the most recent shutdown the choir and chimes are back in live action! We are preparing music that will be presented live in our Sunday services.

Rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm with the choir usually meeting on the first and third Wednesdays and chimes on the second and fourth. We are still following safety measures by wearing masks and rehearsing in well-ventilated areas.

We will continue to present instrumental soloists, small choral groups, and vocal soloists to provide a variety of musical experiences. Singing is back and it feels so good.



~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 8, 9, & 11).

**HCC Social Committee** is a group of people who love to create events for all to participate in fellowship, friendship, and fun. They strive to bring everyone together in small groups or large, in ways that are thoughtful, active, giving, and sharing, in settings that are enjoyable and different than Sunday morning worship. We include family and friends of all HCC members - all people and ideas are welcome!

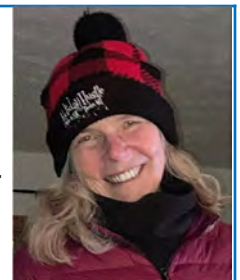


If you would love to join or help our team in any way, please contact chair, **Kim Carnes: 517.331.3586 (text or call); [kimmyann63@aol.com](mailto:kimmyann63@aol.com).**

**Committee chair, Kim Carnes**, loves the people of HCC and their willingness to try new things to have fun and get to know each other in different settings and activities. They also enjoy keeping traditions at HCC alive (most have been continuing for 30-50 years)-Thanksgiving Dinner, Ski Trip,

and Camping at Lake Michigan, just to name a few. They truly enjoy being together, which makes it easy to coordi-

nate and make it happen. The people of HCC are the reason Kim has been chair of the Social Committee at HCC for over 25 years. The Social Committee members have changed over the years, but the people always share the same passion for creating events for everyone to enjoy together outside of Sunday morning worship. Her husband Keith and she have 2 grown kids and 4 grandkids, and have been members at HCC for almost 30 years. Kim is a certified personal trainer, who instructs Boot Camp, Strength Training, and one-on-one classes. She enjoys traveling, training for triathlons, and outdoor adventures with family and friends.



### Why Are We Still Using Zoom?

Now that in-person worship is no longer paused as an option and many groups, committees, and meetings are happening in person, some are wondering: what's up with the continued Zoom programs?

As you can imagine, there is no one answer to this question, but here are some reasons we continue to utilize Zoom:

- Sometimes, it's just out of sheer convenience. A Zoom meeting can go on no matter the weather, it removes travel time for attendees, and folks can attend from the comfort of their own homes without going out in the cold (particularly important this time of year).
- Believe it or not, Zoom can be, for some purposes, MORE conducive to connecting and sharing than traditional meetings. Just the other day, I spoke to a regular attendee of the Men's Group, who said the Zoom format was perfect, because everyone was involved, engaged, and able to talk to and hear from the whole group.
- Some programs, like Wednesday evening Brown Bags & Beliefs, has been offered in person, hybrid (Zoom and in person), and Zoom only. Our best attendance has been with the Zoom only options which allows for all participants to have a shared experience and enjoy any videos or visuals that are shared.
- There are some members of our church community who have to be extremely cautious due to health reasons, or are not yet comfortable with in person gatherings. Zoom is accessible to those folks.

If there is a program, meeting, or other offering you are interested in, but think the experience will be diminished by it occurring via Zoom, give it a try. You may be surprised at how connection is possible, even through remote means.

Need some pointers on how to navigate Zoom via smartphone, tablet, laptop, or desktop computer? Contact Michele Booher, Office Manager, by email at [hcc1@att.net](mailto:hcc1@att.net) or 517.862.3708 (text or call). She can help you get connected!

### 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



[haslettcommunitychurch.org](http://haslettcommunitychurch.org)

Zoom Meeting ID: 879 0122 4109  
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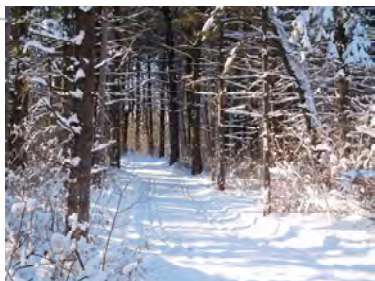




**Social Committee** is here to guide and encourage us to stay connected. The members of the Social Committee keep our minds a-brewing with ideas for creative ways to bring us together. Many of these events are weather and restriction dependent. Please keep a lookout for fun events we are trying to bring 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, March 7 @ 7:30pm in HCC's Friendship Hall**



**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 and get some fresh air while we hike together!

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 3 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.

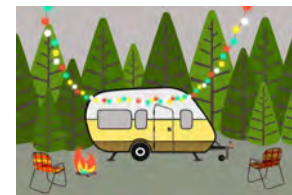
**Please contact Kim Carnes** (517.331.3586) to let us know how you'd like to help.



**HCC Camping**

Our annual HCC Camping trip is scheduled for August 18 - 21, 2022, at Pioneer County Park near Muskegon. More details to come.

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



Looking Ahead...

- Walk in the woods Mar. 6, Noon
- Breakfast in April Apr. 10 & 24
- Sundae Sunday Jun. 2022
- Camping Aug. 18-21
- Thanksgiving Dinner Nov. 13



**Women's Group**

Our group meets most months on the **first Tuesday, at 10am. NEXT MEETING: Tues., March 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](mailto: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.

As a continuation and outgrowth of explorations at the Church Council Retreat, we are engaging in a process of active listening to discern who we are as a committee, seeking to allow Spirit to direct us to what our church community needs. We will, for now, continue our current function in supporting worship needs, such as setting up communion, changing sanctuary vestments, and supporting and aiding in special worship services. If you are interested in participating in any of these areas, please contact us. Look for some new invitations to celebrate, explore, participate in conversations and more.

**We meet on the third Tuesday each month.** Please feel free to contact any of us with questions you might have. **NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 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, March 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  
 Passcode: usual HCC code  
 Call In\*\* 301.715.8592

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

**Brown Bags & Beliefs Presents: THIRSTING for Water Justice**



**Wednesdays, 6:00pm - 7:00pm, on Zoom**  
 (Zoom only for accessibility to both congregations)



**MEETING ID: 860 2060 4279      PASSCODE: thirst**

Click [HERE](#) to get the detailed schedule in the full Lenten resource on our website



**THIRSTING: A Lenten Journey of Water and Wisdom in the Wilderness** is a collaborative series of worship and programming around the importance of water and water justice in Scripture and the world.

**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.
  - Please worship remotely if you answer 'yes' to any of the questions on the health checklist below.
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](http://haslettcommunitychurch.org) or on our [YouTube channel](#). You can find the bulletin online [HERE](#).

**Please join us for Coffee-less fellowship after worship in Friendship Hall each week.**

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?
<b>IN THE PAST 24 HOURS HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> NEW OR WORSENING COUGH <input type="checkbox"/> SHORTNESS OF BREATH OR DIFFICULTY BREATHING <input type="checkbox"/> LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL <input type="checkbox"/> FEVER OF 100 OR HIGHER <input type="checkbox"/> CHILLS <input type="checkbox"/> MUSCLE ACHES <input type="checkbox"/> SORE THROAT <input type="checkbox"/> DIARRHEA <input type="checkbox"/> NAUSEA OR VOMITING	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!		



**Red Cross Blood Drive**

The Red Cross has an immediate need for blood donations.



**There will be a blood drive at HCC Friday, March 18, from Noon - 6pm**

Red Cross already has stringent safety protocols, and they've implemented additional **COVID safety protocols** as well, including:

- Donation **by appointment only** (NO WALK IN appointments). Visit [www.redcrossblood.org/give](http://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



**Green Team Tidbits:**

Mark your calendar for the One Earth Film Festival taking place:

**March 4 - 13, 2022**

The 2022 theme —“Turn the Tide”— reflects the wave of catastrophes rushing at us and the need to push back, so we can avoid the worst case scenarios that threaten to sink hope for a healthy future for our children. The theme addresses the

rising sea levels and extreme flooding that pose a direct threat to people all across the planet.

For more information visit:  
<https://www.oneearthfilmfest.org/>

**HCC Green Team** meets next on:

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

<https://msu.zoom.us/>  
 Meeting ID: 974 8224 1644  
 Passcode: usual HCC code

**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, March 22 @ 7pm**

The group meets in Friendship Hall 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](mailto:sally.m.heisler@gmail.com)

**Knitters, Crocheters, & Wannabees**



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



**Mission Outreach** meets next:

**Monday, Mar. 7, @ 7:00 pm** in the Sanctuary.



Church Council meets on the second Tuesday of most months.

**Council meets next on:  
 Tuesday, Mar. 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](mailto:hcc1@att.net) or 517-339-8383.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

**Information for the April 2022 Newsletter is due to Michele on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of this month - March 15, 2022**

*Please send to: [hcc1@att.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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 - 1:00pm, 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.



**Daylight Savings Time**

It's a sign of Spring! We get to "spring forward" this month!

Mark your calendars to set your clocks forward one hour before bed on Saturday night, March 12, 2022, because **Daylight Savings Time begins at 2am Sunday, March 13** this year!

### 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](mailto: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: *Communion Mar.6, & guest speaker, Rev. Liz Miller from Edgewood, Mar 20*

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

\*Please wear a mask for the care of all

##### Sunday School

Sundays during worship

Friendship Hall or Outdoors @ HCC (using Door 2)

##### Coffee-less Fellowship (p10)

Sundays, after worship

Friendship Hall

##### Youth Group (p4)

Sundays - March 6, 13 & 20

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)

Wednesdays, March 9 - April 6, 6:00-7:00pm

Zoom

##### Choir & Chime Rehearsal (p6)

Wednesdays, 7:00pm (Mar. 2, 16, & 30 - Choir;  
Mar. 9 & 23 - Chimes)

Begins in HCC Sanctuary; CR

##### Sermon Preview Group (p7)

Thursdays, 9:00 - 9:45am

Zoom

##### KIDS: Lent Club (p3)

Thursdays, March 3, 10 & 17, 5:30 - 7:00pm

Sanctuary

##### Men's Group (p9)

Saturdays, 9:00am

Zoom

#### ONCE THIS MONTH

##### Women's Group (p8)

Tuesday, March 1, 10:00am

Zoom

##### Ash Wednesday Services (p2)

Wednesday, March 2:

1. Zoom Service with Edgewood, Noon

2. In-person @ HCC, 6pm

##### YOUTH: Culver's Night (p4)

Thursday, March 3, 7:00 - 8:30pm

##### A Walk in the Woods (p8)

Sunday, March 6, Noon

Lake Lansing Park North

##### Church Council (p11)

Tuesday, March 8, 7:15pm

Sanctuary & Zoom

##### YOUTH 8<sup>th</sup> Grade GATHER (p4)

Wednesday, March 9, 6:00 - 7:30pm

Youth Room

##### YOUTH: HS High Caliber Night (p4)

Saturday, March 12, 7:00 - 9:00pm

##### Knitters, Crocheters, Wannabees (p11)

Sunday, March 13, 11:10am (after worship)

Choir Room

##### Newsletter Items Due (p11)

Tuesday, March 15

Email items to [hcc1@att.net](mailto:hcc1@att.net)

##### Red Cross Blood Drive (p10)

Friday, March 18, Noon - 6:00pm

Fr, Sanctuary, FH

##### YOUTH: MS Zap Zone Night (p4)

Saturday, March 19, 5:30pm?

##### Coffee With Jesus (p9)

Sunday, March 20, 11:10am (after worship)

Choir Room

##### YOUTH: 11<sup>th</sup> Grade GATHER (p4)

Wednesday, March 23, 6:00 - 7:30pm

Youth Room

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*HCC Connections*

March 2022

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Wed., 11:30am - 1:00pm (Betsy Office Hours)

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3 Ways to Worship Sundays at 10:00 am: In the sanctuary <> Via 88.7 FM <> YouTube

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