

Haslett Community Church



HCC Connections

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

May 2022



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"This is a day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." - Psalm 118:24

I remember an experience over 20 years ago, when I was a "newish" Christian and just starting to volunteer as a leader with my church's youth group; I was at a youth ministry workshop and the ice breaker was to tell everyone what your favorite scripture passage was.

I didn't have a favorite scripture passage. I didn't yet know enough about the Bible to pick something that was my favorite. I didn't have any scripture memorized. I was just trying to read and learn and worship. No one told me I was also supposed to memorize things!

Thankfully, I had purchased a bookmark at the Christian bookstore the year or so prior to this event when I also bought my first Bible, on the same day I was baptized. And the bookmark had Psalm 118:24 printed on it. So I knew it. And under pressure I claimed it to be my favorite passage. Must have been a good choice. The workshop attendees all nodded and "uh-huh"ed in approval. No one suspected it was the only passage I could recite on command.

Truth be told, I'm still not one to memorize the Bible (although I'm certainly much more familiar with it than I was 20+ years ago). And I don't actually have a favorite verse.

What I DO have, are favorite expressions of faith, and favorite threads woven throughout the grand story told in scripture of the relationships between God, humanity, and creation. And something I love about Haslett Community Church, United Church of

Christ, is that time and again, your expressions of faith are wonderful. Sometimes we express our faith in worship, sometimes in questions and doubts, sometimes in participation in programs or groups, sometimes sharing a meal together, sometimes disagreeing with each other, sometimes in giving back to the church with our time and talent and treasure, sometimes in gathering for celebration or mourning. And a thousand other ways.

With no disrespect to Psalm 118:24, if someone were to ask me now what my favorite Bible verse is, I would have the confidence and presence to say that I don't have a favorite (or a least favorite). But, that my favorite expression of scripture is a church that can explore and love and wrestle with faith together in communities that care for God, each other, and creation. Communities like Haslett Community Church.

Beloveds, there is so much good happening within these walls, and beyond them by this community's expressions of faith in church and world. I hope you will join us, or continue to join us, in being part of it!

Yours in the Journey,

Pastor 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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YOUTH ON A MISSION TAGO SALE

MAY 1ST PRE ORDER BEFORE WORSHIP AND YOUR ORDER WILL BE READY TO GO AFTERSWARDS

HOMEMADE TAGO MEALS WILL INCLUDE:

RICE, BEANS & TWO TAGOS FOR \$7.
TAGOS CAN BE PURCHASED A LA CARTE FOR \$3 PER TAGO.

HOMEMADE CHEPS: \$5 A BAG
PICO (SALSA): \$3

DRINKS WILL BE ON SALE FOR \$1.

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD OUR 2022 YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN



INQUIRER'S CLASS
 Learn about HCC

If you have been visiting, are new to our church, or would like to explore becoming a member, Inquirer's Class is for you! Our next Inquirer's Class is **Sunday, June 5, at about 11:30 a.m.** (after coffee fellowship) in the Library with Pastor Betsy.

Questions? Ask Betsy:
 517.339.8383 x11 or
aho.betsy@att.net



HCC Green Team and partners celebrate SSCC "Green Energy Switch-On"

Last summer, HCC was one of 10 houses of worship in the Lansing area that combined our "green teams" to form the Capital Area Chapter of Michigan Interfaith Power and Light. Members include All Saints Episcopal Church (East Lansing), Congregation Kehillat Israel (Lansing), Edgewood United Church (East Lansing), Faith Lutheran Church (Okemos), First Presbyterian Church of Lansing, Haslett Community Church, the Islamic Center of East Lansing, Presbyterian Church of Okemos, Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lansing, and University Lutheran Church (East Lansing).

A common thread in our religious experiences is the concern for Creation, including the natural world and humankind. As shown by last summer's catastrophic floods, we know that climate change is already impacting people, especially communities of color.

On April 23, the chapter celebrated the successful completion of its first project at the "Green Energy Switch-On" at the South Side Community Coalition (SSCC) community center at 2101 W. Holmes in Lansing. This project is a perfect example of how teamwork can accomplish environmental and social justice goals that are otherwise beyond our reach.

For two decades, the SSCC has provided important services for young people, seniors, and families, including recreational, educational, and nutritional

programs. Last year they served about 225 low-income families and individuals in this part of Lansing. Part of their mission is connecting families with a healthy environment, and the board realized that moving to renewable energy by producing their own solar power would help the planet and save thousands of dollars a year in utility costs, freeing up more money for their programs. But the \$35,000 project cost seemed beyond the center's budget.

Several of the member houses of worship (including HCC) had recent experience with rooftop solar, and the chapter decided to work together with SSCC to help them realize their dream to promote clean energy and climate equity. With financial support from the entire group, including congregational and individual contributions, the funding goal was achieved in a few months. The local firm Absolute Solar installed the 13 kilowatt system, and the South Side Community Center is now running on 100% solar energy. This is good for the planet, and shows that all communities can benefit from our transition to a renewable future.

By working together, we accomplished something that benefits both our community and the earth—something we couldn't have done as individuals or single congregations. We've also had a wonderful opportunity to learn from each other and find out what our congregations share in common. For more information about this and future projects, talk to anyone on the HCC Green Team, or check out the Michigan Interfaith Power and Light website at www.miipl.org.



SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK DOWNSTAIRS!

On Easter 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 from May through August.

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

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



Starting on Sunday, April 24th we will again be 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 spring. 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!](#)

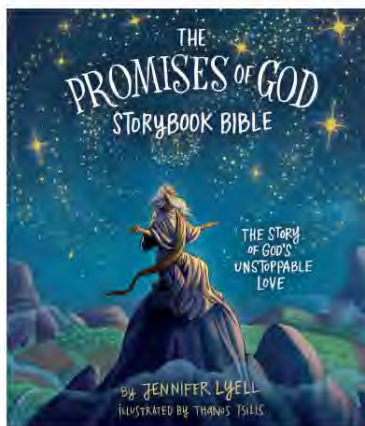


This summer, in Sunday school our children will be exploring the Promises of God that we find in Scripture.

Using the Promises of God Storybook Bible by Jennifer Lyell (pictured below), each week we will explore a new story from the Bible and see what promises of God we can take away from it.

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 lefthand 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.

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





YOUTH GROUP IN MAY

Our groups will meet at their regular times (middle school 5-6:30pm, high school 7-9pm) on the following Sundays:

- May 1st
- May 8th
- May 15th

May 15th will be our last youth group of the school year.



**Sunday, May 1st
Return of our
ANNUAL TACO SALE**

All mission trip families (youth and adults) are asked to stay after worship to help prepare and sell our tacos! Please **bring a 12-pack of soda** (the kinds were assigned by postcard).

We will also need help on Saturday, April 30th to make chips, and Sunday, May 1st before worship!

Please watch email for a sign-up genius link.



Senior Sunday is Sunday, May 22nd

Our amazing class of 2022 seniors will be leading us in worship. Join us for this special service at 10am.

May 22nd will also be our annual Senior Farewell.

Senior families and youth groupers are invited to attend. Watch mail and email for more information in the coming weeks.



Our **LAST CULVERS NIGHT** of the school year will be on **Monday, May 2nd 7-8:30pm**

Okemos Culvers Please bring money for your order. You can find us in one of the corner booths OR outside, if the weather is nice enough!

Calling all 5th graders!

YOU are invited to middle school youth group on **Sunday, May 15th from 5-6:30pm** Come check out all the fun we have and learn about middle school youth group before next fall! Friends welcome!



Our mission trip departure day will be here before we know it! At this point, all families should be paid in full, unless other arrangements were made with Pastor Erin.

Please mark your calendars for these important dates:

Plan on coming to one of two TRIP MEETINGS specifically for parents, guardians, adults who have students going on the trip on **Tuesday, May 31st OR Monday, June 6th at HCC at 7pm.** Chaperones and halferones are also asked to attend one of these meetings.

Youth are also welcome to attend the meetings for information about the trip, but a parent/guardian/adult is required to attend to fill out trip forms, etc.

Mission trip participants (youth, chaperones and halferones) are asked to attend two pre-trip meetings on **June 14th and 16th.** These meetings help us learn more about the community in which we will be serving as well as help us bond as a group.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor Erin!

Our Church Family



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

- To David Jones for sharing about his work as a cinematographer about the Flint water crisis at one of the Lenten series events.
- To David Arnosti and Rich Baumgartner for speaking at one of the Lenten series events.
- To Abby Ruonavaara, Stefanie Zin, Barb Decker, and Katie Riley for cleaning and reorganizing our Sunday school rooms in March.
- To Stefanie Zin for teaching Sunday school twice in March.
- To Men’s Group for resetting the sanctuary after the March blood drive.
- To Sally Heisler for helping prep the new Flower cross for Easter.
- To Property Committee members, Laura & Tim Roumpz, Ann Pierce, and Sally Heisler, for the building overhaul & office/closet reorganization.
- To the Loaves and Fishes team for May: Joanne Ricks, Ann McGrath, Barb Szkotnicki, Carolyn Solomon, and Paula Fry.
- To Barbara Freeman for her amazing work on the choir piece for Easter, transcribing the 4-hand piano part into a piece for 2-hands.
- To the Social Committee & friends for Breakfast in April!

The Haslett Food Pantry is becoming



Join us for the Dedication & Celebration!

**Sunday, May 15th at 11:30 a.m.
Haslett Community Church**

a dedication ceremony will be followed by refreshments & fellowship; all are welcome!



New HCC Photo Directory

We are working to provide a new HCC photo directory. We are collecting updated contact info and photos from you.

Updating your contact info: To ensure we begin the new directory with the most updated info for you and your family, please email any updates you’ve had in contact info since 2018. **Please send the info in email to:** haslettccdirectory@gmail.com. If you do not send updates, the current info will move forward into the new directory.

Adding a photo: If you haven’t already sent one, please email a current photo (<10 MB in size) of your family or yourself to be included in the directory. **Email to:** haslettccdirectory@gmail.com identifying who’s included 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.

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

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

Mary L. Nelson
(September 10, 1936 - April 10, 2020),
was a long-time member of Haslett Community Church and instrumental in getting the Haslett Food Pantry up and running,

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as well as one of its longest serving and most dedicated volunteers. Please join us, along with Tom Nelson and family, as we gather to re-name the Haslett Food Pantry in Mary's honor and memory, and celebrate this important occasion! Dedication and celebration will take place on Sunday, May 15 at 11:30 a.m. at Haslett Community Church in Friendship Hall.



What joyous singing from the congregation on Easter Sunday!! Thanks so much for your enthusiasm. Choir will be continuing thru May with our

last formal anthem on June 5. Choir will rehearse May 11, 25, and June 1. The chime choir is hoping to perform one more time and will rehearse on May 4 and 18.

Many thanks to our wonderful accompanist Barbara Freeman. She spent many hours transcribing our Easter anthem, a four-hand piano piece, to a single piano accompaniment. It turned out beautifully.

~Judy

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Meet Your Committees!

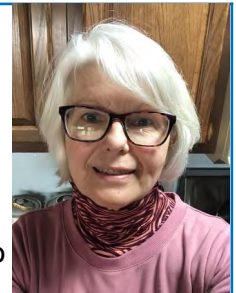
Much of the important work of the church is done through our active Committees, which are open to anyone who would like to participate. Being part of a committee is a wonderful way to connect to the people, community, ministry, and mission of Haslett Community Church!

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, 9, & 11](#)).

HCC Safety Team is a relatively young team compared to others in the church, and the team was created to develop an overall safety plan for the church. We oversee and take action around varying areas related to the health and/or physical safety needs of people in our buildings.



Team leader, Sally Heisler, her husband, Bob, and their two children, Erin (HCC's Youth & Children's Pastor) and



Peter, joined HCC many years ago when they moved here from out-of-state. Sally was raised in a UCC church, so was very drawn to HCC and found it a friendly and welcoming place.

Some of our projects to date have been installation of cameras, a new AED and its installation, fire & tornado route information created and posted, and purchase and installation of new heavy-duty doors in the Sunday school and youth areas of our church.

If you are interested in joining our team (we meet once a month), or have concerns you'd like to share, we would love to hear from you! Please contact team leader, **Sally Heisler**:

517.230.4043 or sally.m.heisler@gmail.com

Sally is a retired elementary school teacher who has been involved in children and youth programming for years and has felt called to serve on a number of youth mission trips. She even served as the Children's Program Director for a couple of years. Gardening at the parsonage is another of Sally's service projects for HCC. She also enjoys her role as liaison between Safety Team and Property Committee.



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, May 2 @ 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!



Women's Group - Our group meets on the first Tuesday, most months at 10am.

NEXT MEETING: Tues., May 3 via Zoom.

Meeting ID: 872 9362 4318
Passcode: *usual HCC code*

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



- Sundae Sunday Jun. 2022
- Camping Aug. 18-21
- Thanksgiving Dinner Nov. 13

IT'S BACK! THE HCC SUMMER CONCERT SERIES!!

When: THURSDAYS, JUNE 16 – JULY 28, 7-8 P.M.,

Where: GREENSPACE OUTSIDE HCC (inside sanctuary in case of inclement weather)

Why: To provide summer entertainment and community building that is free and welcomes households of all ages and sizes.

What is needed to make the Second Annual Summer Concert Series successful?: Thanks for asking!



Of course we would love to have you in attendance. We could use corporate sponsorships so that the concerts remain free for all, while adding upgrades to our outdoor sound system, and attracting

wonderful musicians! Our fundraising goal is \$2,500. Sponsor logos appear on all publicity and are thanked at every concert! Be in touch with Pastor Betsy if you have or know of a business that would like to sponsor the HCC Summer Concert series! Sponsorships start at \$100.



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.

The new, promised mission statement for our committee has entered a new stage of development! Out of our discussion, comes an invitation from committee member, Jenn Tafel to **"Look for Something New!"** As a new member of the congregation I have learned a great deal from our regular monthly committee meetings. Together, our members have been increasing our learning about worship life, spiritual life, and what that means on a personal level and in the community. One of our newly clarified roles is to provide education to the congregation about spiritual life and what that looks like in worship experiences and beyond. As a part of the implementation of the role, you will periodically notice in the Sunday bulletin a new section called, "Did You Notice," which is an invitation to look around the worship space and see what is different. This opportunity will more often than not be about the paraments on the altar and pulpit. Church language can be confusing and the Spiritual Life Committee is hoping to engage the congregation in learning opportunities about this. For instance, a parament is "an ornamental ecclesiastical hanging or vestment." The next opportunity you'll see the paraments change is for Pentecost Sunday which is June 5. Pentecost celebrates the birth of the Christian Church and is based on the passage from the Book of Acts 2: 1-13. What happens next? Stay tuned for more articles in this series!"

We meet on the third Tuesday each month. Please feel free to contact any of us with questions you might have. **NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 17, @ 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall.**



**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 & Mar-tha's room** (next to Youth room), after Worship.

Our **Next Meeting will be: Sunday, May 15, at 12:30** (after Mary Nelson's food pantry dedication).

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.

**Outdoor
Worship**

is scheduled for **Sunday, August 28**, at 10am at Lake Lansing Park North.

Mark the date - more details to come



Men's Group

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

**** On Saturday, May 14, we will be meeting in-person on Larry Leefer's deck, 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.

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



BROWN BAGS & BELIEFS Presents:

“Who Are We? UCC!”

WEDNESDAYS, April 27 – May 18

6:00 – 6:57 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at HCC

Bring a brown bag dinner (optional) and join us!
If Zoom is better for you, join us that way!

As we prepare to welcome the Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel as the next Michigan Conference Minister in the United Church of Christ, it’s time to beef up on our UCC knowledge, appreciation, and questions! Pastor Betsy will lead a discovery of the hidden histories, important firsts, and current events & priorities that shape our denomination.

If Zoom is better for you: **MEETING ID: 844 2581 8771**
Passcode: usual HCC code



Haslett Community Church
United Church of Christ



Join us for the last Brown Bags & Beliefs Series before we take a break for the Summer.

Pastor Betsy leads us through discovering the hidden histories, important firsts, theological heritage and current events/priorities that make the United Church of Christ a unique, beautiful, and sometimes struggling denomination. This series will be conducted in person, in HCC’s Friendship Hall, but you are welcome by Zoom as well.

**Welcome the Stranger:
An Interfaith Service
of Song & Story**



**Monday, May 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
at The Peoples Church**
200 W. Grand River Ave., E Lansing

The Interfaith Clergy Association of Greater Lansing revives the annual interfaith service, and all are welcome and encouraged to attend!

With the theme, “Welcome the Stranger,” this service will share scripture and songs from many faiths that emphasize hospitality to newcomers. Members of the recently arrived Afghan community will share stories, and Judi Harris, director of Refugee Services for St. Vincent Catholic Charities will share updates and ways to support locally arriving refugees. We gather as people of many faiths, but one community of friendship and mutual respect. This service is in person; livestream link also available at:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/ThePeoplesChurchofEastLansing>

Pastor Betsy is a longtime member of the Interfaith Clergy Association.

Green Team Tidbits:



Do you have unwanted, unidentifiable chemicals in your home or garage? Safely dispose of them by taking them to the Ingham County Health Department.

HCC Green Team meets next on:

**Monday,
May 9, at 7 pm
via Zoom:**

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

Meeting ID: 996 4767 2084
Passcode: usual HCC code

More information and a list of what is accepted can be found by visiting:

<https://hd.ingham.org/forparents/healthyhomes/hazardoushouseholdwaste.aspx>

**Tuesday & Thursdays
May through September**
2:00pm to 6:00pm

Ingham County Health Department
5303 South Cedar Street, Lansing
(517) 887-4312

Spring “Green” Opportunities

Explore Nature
Restore our Yards & Landscapes



News from Meridian’s Wetland Education Team, MSU Extension, and the MI Shoreline Partnership

Help with “Going Native”

Native plants help reduce run-off, require less water than lawns, prevent erosion, reduce air pollution, provide shelter and food for wildlife, and more!

Here’s some help going native...

March 16: Gardening with Spring Ephemerals. Visit

www.wildoneslansing.org

March 22: Native plant class with Vern Stephens, Designs by Nature <https://bit.ly/harris-2022> (class will be aired on HOMTV.net 4/5/22 - 4/19/22)

April 6: Wetland Walk Field Series at Lake Lansing North Preserve

April (to be determined): Wetland Sedges with Erick Elgin, MSUE www.wildoneslansing.org

May 4: Wetland Walk Field Series at Davis-Foster Preserve

May 7 Harris Native Plant sale <https://bit.ly/harris-2022> (pre-order <https://bit.ly/nativeplant-form>)

May 14 Wild Ones Native Plant Sale at the Marketplace on the Green (Meridian Farmers Market)



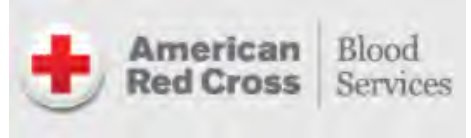
More Native Plant Resources

1. Michigan Audubon Society: www.michiganaudubon.org/bfc/bird-friendly-plants/
2. Shoreline Living: <http://midwestglaciallakes.org/resources/shorelineliving/>
3. Michigan State University Native Plant website: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/nativeplants/>
4. Landscape for Water Quality: <https://bit.ly/waterhealthy>
5. Michigan Wildflower Association: www.wildflowersmich.org
6. Michigan Natural Features Inventory: mnfi.anr.msu.edu
7. Master Rain Gardener Class: www.washtenaw.org/675/Master-Rain-Gardener-Class
8. MSUE Smart Gardening: https://www.canr.msu.edu/home_gardening/tip_sheets/smart-shorelands
9. Native plant grants: WildOnes, MI Wildflower Association, and the National Wildflower Association



Red Cross Blood Drive

The Red Cross has an immediate need for blood donations.



There will be a blood drive at HCC Friday, May 20, 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 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
- Health screenings/temperature checks upon entering building
- Physical Distancing (NO guests with donors)
- Hand sanitizer use before and during donation process / sanitization between donors

Have You Heard?

Congregational hymn singing has returned to worship!

Choir and Chime Choir have resumed rehearsals!

Please join us for Coffee Fellowship after worship in Fellowship Hall

Three Ways to Worship
Sundays at 10:00 am



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

Safety Team meets next on:
Tuesday, May 31 @ 7pm

The group meets in Fellowship 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

Knitters, Crocheters, & Wannabees



Our Next Meeting will be **Sunday, May 8, 2022**, right after Worship (~11 am), in the HCC Library.



Mission Outreach meets next:

Monday, May 2, @ 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.



Church Council meets on the second Tuesday of most months.

Council meets next on: Tuesday, May 10, 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.



Children's Ministry Team meets next:

Monday, May 23, @ 7:00 pm, via Zoom

Meeting ID: 815 5638 3154 *usual passcode*



JOIN THE WORLD'S LARGEST 6K FOR WATER!

Now more than ever, clean water is essential to protect vulnerable children and families. The Global 6k is great because you can do it anywhere! Walk or run the distance, by yourself or with your family, and be a part of this global movement to change lives. Whether you join from the treadmill or your favorite trail, the neighborhood or the track... when you and thousands of others around the world walk, jog, or stroller-run your way to 6k on May 21, 2022, you'll bring life changing water to those who need it most.

When you register for the Global 6k for Water, you'll provide clean water to one person through your \$50 registration fee (\$25 for kids).

LET'S DO IT!

Join the team or donate- Haslett Water Warriors at:
<https://global6k.worldvision.org/team/haslettwaterwarriors2022>

Any questions, call or email Cathy Rowe:
cathymrowe@gmail.com Cell: 517.242.3895

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
 Information for the June 2022 Newsletter is due to Michele on the 3rd Tuesday of this month - May 17, 2022
 Please send to: hcc1@att.net

HCC Generosity

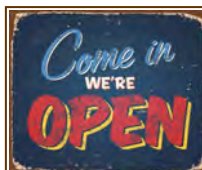
Thank you for continuing to support Haslett Community Church as you are able. We are still The Church with a mission and a staff, and we receive your gifts with gratitude.

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.
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 - **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.

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, 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 (p11)

Sundays, 10:00am: Youth Senior Sunday (p4)

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

*Please wear a mask for the care of all

Sunday School (p3)

Sundays during worship

Downstairs

Coffee Fellowship (p11)

Sundays after worship

Friendship Hall

Youth Group (p4)

Sundays - May 1, 8 & 15 (regular youth grps),

May 22 (senior farewell)

MS: 5:00-6:30pm; HS: 7:00-9:00pm

Youth Room

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)

HCC Office

Brown Bags & Beliefs (p9)

Wednesdays thru May 18, 6:00-6:57pm

Choir & Chime Rehearsal (p6)

Wednesdays, 7:00pm (May 11 & 25 - Choir;

May 4 & 18 - Chimes)

Begins in HCC Sanctuary; CR

Sermon Preview Group (p8)

Thursdays, 9:00 - 9:45am

Zoom

Men's Group (p8)

Saturdays, 9:00am

Zoom (except May 14 - in-person @ Leefers)

YOUTH: Mission Trip Meeting (p4)

Tuesday, May 31, 7:00-8:00pm

Youth Room

ONCE THIS MONTH

YOUTH: Taco Sale (p2 & 4)

Sunday, May 1, 11:00 am (after worship)

YOUTH: Last Culver's Night (p4)

Monday, May 2, 7:00-8:30pm

Okemos Culver's

Women's Group (p7)

Tuesday, May 3, 10:00am

Zoom

Knitters, Crocheters, Wannabees (p11)

Sunday, May 8, 11:15am (after worship)

Library

Church Council (p11)

Tuesday, May 10, 7:15pm

Fellowship Hall & Zoom

Men's Group In-person gathering (p8)

Saturday, May 14, 9:00am

Larry Leefers' deck

Coffee With Jesus (p8)

Sunday, May 15, 11:00am (after worship)

Mary & Martha's room (downstairs)

Mary Nelson Pantry dedication (p5-6)

Sunday, May 15, 11:30am

Friendship Hall & Food Pantry

Interfaith Service (p9)

Monday, May 16, 7:00 - 8:00pm

People's Church

Newsletter Items Due (p12)

Tuesday, May 17;

Email items to hcc1@att.net

Red Cross Blood Drive (p11)

Friday, May 20, Noon - 6:00pm, HCC

YOUTH: Senior Sunday (p4)

Sunday, May 22, Youth lead Worship

(celebration of graduating seniors)

YOUTH: Senior Farewell (p4)

Sunday, May 22, 7:00pm

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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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