

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 2023



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We worship together each Sunday at 10 AM.

Services are in person with a live-stream option on our website: (haslettcommunitychurch.org) and

YouTube channel (youtube.com/HaslettCommunityChurch)

Consider following us on Facebook (facebook.com/haslettcommunitychurch) for activity photos, up-to-the-minute updates and reminders, and more!



"Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak; let the earth hear the words of my mouth. May my teaching drop like the rain, my speech condense like the dew, like gentle rain on grass, like showers on new growth."
- from the Song of Moses, Deuteronomy 32:1-2

Dear Haslett Community Church,

Spring is here ... most days, anyway!

I love the sunshine, birdsongs, budding trees, flowers, warmer days, later sunsets, and hiking trail opportunities that are all part of this Easter season. Resurrection and new life, indeed! To God be the glory.

There is something else I love about spring. Thunderstorms. Some of the most magical moments of my childhood happened on the northern shore of Lake Michigan, watching storms roll in across the lake. The flashes of lightning followed by low rumbles of thunder turning to loud cracks, encapsulates that power of nature. Now I watch storms from our covered porch (so long as it is safe). And while the view is different, the truth remains: It isn't just sunshine that reveals God's glory – it's the storms, too.

As we move through a busy spring of celebrations, recognitions (not the least of which is Judy's Joyous Jubilee ... [see page 5](#)), and enjoying the beauty of new life all around us, let us give thanks that God is just as present when we are met with impending storms as in those sunny moments. The blessing of faith, the promise of the Gospel, is not that life will be made easier, but that we worship a God who rejoices with us, and stands by us in tumultuous times, too. To God be the glory, all the time!

Yours in the Journey,

Pastor Betsy

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Our Contribution

Faithfully and fully funding the church that we love is a continual project. It takes all of us, and yes, unfortunately it requires money. It can be hard to believe that contributing faithfully and regularly is more important than giving a lot, but it really is. The thing that's so easy to forget is that we do not contribute on our own. \$1 a week sounds almost worthless doesn't it? That's our economic mindset, but it is not



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YOUTH ON A MISSION TAGO SALE

MAY 7TH

PRE ORDER BEFORE
WORSHP AND YOUR
ORDER WILL BE READY
TO GO AFTERWARDS

**HOMEMADE TAGO MEALS
INCLUDE CHICKEN PORK OR BEEF :**

**RICE BEANS &
TWO TAGOS FOR \$10**

**TAGOS CAN BE PURCHASED
A LA CARTE FOR \$5 PER TAGO**

HOMEMADE CHIPS A BAG

PIGO SALSA \$6

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD OUR
2023 YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO
NASHVILLE TENNESSEE**

HCC Summer Concert Series Returns for the 3rd Season!!

Join us every Thursday at 7:00 pm, June 15 - July 20 on the lawn in front of church (inside sanctuary in case of inclement weather).

Enjoy great music, good company, and authentic community building in a relaxed atmosphere!

We are putting together a line-up of fantastic musicians! What we could use are some sponsorships so that we can pay our talent. If you know a local business owner, or you frequent a local business that could benefit from promotion, please pick up a letter in Friendship Hall, or be in touch with Pastor Betsy.

Our Summer Concert Series is made possible through community partnerships.



For a sponsorship of \$200, we will:

- include the company logo on all advertising (which is shared widely on Facebook, Instagram, our website and on flyers around town)
- mention the business (with enthusiasm!) at every concert
- give the company the opportunity to have the mic for a couple minutes to share about their business and/or set up a display at one concert

This is a great opportunity for a small or local businesses to grow their customer base and get the word out in a great atmosphere! We need just 6 partnerships to fund our season. Thank you for the help!



Sunday, May 28th
 is PENTECOST
 and we will celebrate
 Holy Communion,
 which means our children
 are in worship for the entire
 service. As a way of including
 them in the service,
 and to give them a time
 to be more active,
 they will collect their
Joyful Offering.

In the past, our Joyful Offering
 has gone to support the child we
 sponsor through World Vision.
 The child, Salima, we sponsored
 for over 10 years has “graduated”
 out of the World Vision program.
 Her graduation gives us the
 opportunity to use our Joyful
 Offering in new ways!

For 2023, each time we collect
 our Joyful Offering (on
 Communion Sundays), it will go
 to support a different
 organization, ministry or non-
 profit. This will give our children
 and our congregation the
 opportunity to learn about many
 different organizations that are
 doing important work in our world!

**Our Epiphany Joyful Offering
 collected \$100** which went to
 support Heifer International. With
 \$100 we were able to purchase a
 Heifer “Basket of Hope” which
 provides 2 rabbits and a starter
 flock of chicks for a family. In
 addition we also were able to
 purchase a flock of ducks as well
 as honeybees (bees, hive,
 equipment and training for
 families) with our donation!

**Our Lenten Joyful Offering
 supported the Books for Kids
 program by Next Door in
 Milwaukee.**

Next Door was one of the service
 sites on the 2022 mission trip to
 Milwaukee. With the \$140
 collected we were able to buy two
 dozen books that will be given to
 children in their program.

Our next Joyful Offering (Sunday,
 May 28th) will go to support
Re-Member.



Founded in 1990, Re-Member is
 among the longest serving non-
 profit organizations on the Pine
 Ridge reservation in South
 Dakota, working with the Oglala
 Lakota Nation. They work to
 improve the quality of life for folks
 and provide meaningful
 opportunities for volunteers to
 serve and learn.

Building is at the core of they are.
 Re-Member builds beds for
 children who do not have one.
 They also build outhouses for
 those without functional
 plumbing. They strive to build
 knowledge and support self-
 sufficiency in our community
 gardens. They hope that their
 work builds their local economy
 through the support of local
 native-owned businesses. Most
 of all, they build hope for a better
 tomorrow, by focusing on the
 promise and possibility of what
 can be.

Haslett Community Church first
 connected with Re-Member in
 2005, when we sent a group of
 40+ youth and chaperones to
 serve for a week. A few years
 later, inspired by the stories’ of
 the youth, a group of adults from
 HCC served for a week as well.
 Our own Pastor Betsy has also
 led trips to Re-Member four times
 during her ministry.

You can learn more about all the
 ways that they serve & work with

the Oglala Lakota Nation by
 visiting their website:
<https://www.re-member.org/>

**And don’t forget to bring your
 loose change to worship on
 Sunday, May 28th!**



If you have ever been curious
 about teaching Sunday school
 or volunteering in the nursery,
 summer is a great time to try it
 out for one Sunday!

Erin writes all of the lesson
 plans for you, makes samples
 of the project, and gathers
 supplies. Kids start each week
 in worship, so Sunday school
 is only about 45 minutes long.

Here are the dates:

- June 4th
- June 11th
- June 18th
- June 25th: Mission Trip Sunday
 (no Sunday School)
- July 2nd
- July 9th
- July 16th
- July 23rd
- July 30th
- August 6th
- August 13th: Backpack Sunday
 (stuffing backpacks for kids)
- August 20th: Outdoor Worship

**Check your calendars and
 watch for a sign up link in
 our weekly emails!**



We've reached the time of the school year where the grand plans we made on our year-long HCC youth ministry calendar in August often have to be changed, adjusted or rescheduled based on the busy lives of our students. It is more important than ever that our youth families watch for communications: weekly parent emails, snail mail mailings, Remind text messages, social media posts, etc.

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

May 7th
 May 14th
 and
 May 21st

May 21st will be our FINAL youth group meetings of the school year! High school youth group that night will end with sending off our seniors. Parents and families of seniors are invited to join us at 8:30pm that evening for the senior lantern launch!



Thursday, May 11th
 7-8:30pm

our last Culver's night of the year!

All youth invited to gather for a time of fun conversation together. Please bring money for your food. We are usually in one of the corner booths

It's Taco time

Sunday, May 7th
ANNUAL TACO SALE

All mission trip families (youth and adults) are asked to stay after worship to help prepare and sell our tacos (Pastor Erin preaches that day, so join us for worship at 10am and stay after to help)!

Please bring a 12-pack of soda (the kinds were assigned by mailing).

We will also need help on Saturday, May 6th to make chips, and Sunday, May 7th before worship!

Please watch email for a sign-up genius link.



Since youth group doesn't meet over the summer, we would like to get a few fun youth group events on the calendar over the summer! If you have ideas, please reach out to Erin!

Maybe you have a pool or live on the lake and want to have youth group over to swim! We also welcome ideas of at church activities! Help us plan some new fun summer stuff!



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 30th** OR **Wednesday, May 31st** 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.** Please plan on filling out forms or turning in completed forms that night (with copy of both sides of student's health insurance card).

Mission trip participants (youth, chaperones and halferones) are asked to attend two pre-trip meetings on **June 12th and 14th, 6-8pm.** 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 Erin!

Please watch the mail for end of the year fun for our youth groups- including a high school overnight and putt-putt at Hawk Hollow for everyone!

Our Church Family



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

- To Tim Roumpz and Jack Lennemann for serving the church by doing the lion's share of the removal of the old playground equipment on the east side of our building.
- To David Arnosti for the MiPL presentation.
- To Barbara Freeman and the Choir for so much work poured into worship during Holy Week.
- To Becky Leefers for providing music for the Easter Sunrise service.
- To Dave Vietti, Larry Leefers, Jim Durr, and others who helped assemble (and disassemble) the Easter flower tree and hang the alleluia banner for Easter and who aided in sanctuary reset after.
- To Mark Garrod, and Don & TJ Flagg for working on the flower cross for Easter. (And to Don for removing fallen branches from the parking lot after spring storms).
- To Brennan Kildea & Nathan Hess for helping with the children's Easter celebration.
- To Pat Dalton, Laura Roumpz, Todd Maxwell, and Rich Newport for working on the east side drain pump.
- To Bryce Aho & Chloe for setting up the firepit for Easter morning sunrise service.
- To our pastors for great Holy Week celebrations!
- To the Loaves and Fishes team for May: Sally Heisler, Carol Cramer, Heidi Dalton, Carolyn Solomon, & Paula Fry.



**Save the Date:
May 21, 2023**

**We are Celebrating the
Music Ministry of
Judy Connelly!**

Judy Connelly, beloved Choir Director at Haslett Community Church for over 50 years, retired in August, 2022, and we are ready to celebrate her many years of music ministry!

Plan to join Haslett Community Church for a music-infused worship service on May 21, 2023 at 10 a.m., followed by a celebratory lunch in Judy's honor.

Please feel free to share the date with others who you think may want to attend. As we well know, Judy has impacted the lives of generations of musicians, so let's get the word out!

We need a count, NO LATER than May 7 (but the earlier the better!), for the luncheon/celebration that will follow the service on May 21. Sign up by [CLICKING HERE](#), or sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office.



A Note to thank you for your thoughtfulness and to let you know it really meant a lot.

Always good to hear from our church family in Michigan -
Love ALL you guys!!!

Peace,
Bill & Di (Burrus)

Dear HCC folk,

Choir is working hard, and with great joy, to prepare several of Judy Connelly's favorite anthems for May 21!



Choir's last Sunday in worship before Summer break is June 4. Enjoy special music over the summer, and if you'd like to contribute your talents, please be in touch with Barbara: (517-881-9976, text is best).

Choir will return in September, and you are welcome to join us when we do!

Welcome New Members!



that produces better reproductive health-care in the U.S.

On April 23, 2023, we joyfully welcomed 7 new members to Haslett Community Church, UCC! Welcome to: Morgan Collins, Doug & Marie Holem, Carolyn Schuster, Kristin Schuster, and Jay & Liz Youngquist.

In the months prior, going back to October 2022, we also welcomed several new members who have not yet been mentioned in our newsletter: Menetta Kass; Pam & Todd Maxwell; Brett, Cindy, & Ambrose Meteyer; and Mark Vorenkamp

We welcome all these good people into the joy, life, and work of our faith community! Following, learn a bit more about our newest members (pic below):



Morgan Collins is a PhD student at MSU, where she studies reproductive biology and infectious disease. Her dream is to enhance public awareness of reproductive health, so all people have greater autonomy when making decisions about their own reproductive healthcare, and so a more informed public may lead us to develop legislation

Morgan was attracted to HCC because of its open and accepting community committed to outreach, awareness, and education.

Morgan and her fiancé have a German Wirehaired Pointer who requires lots of exercise, so she's grateful to live by the lake with ample space to walk and run. They also enjoy spending time in Petoskey. Spring brings hopes and thoughts of raised gardening and swapping produce with neighbors. Mealtime is really important to Morgan who also enjoys cooking dinner every evening.

Doug and Marie Holem moved to Haslett seven years ago and visited several churches in the area before Marie's high school friend, Kathleen Rogan, invited them to visit HCC. It is important to them to be a part of a faith-based community, and they found HCC to be welcoming, attractive, close to home, and a great fit for their values and interests. They're enjoying being involved with the Food Pantry, Green Team, the Christmas Giving Project, and Loaves & Fishes, and are open to *(continued on pg.7)*



April 23, 2023 New Members From Left to Right: Doug Holem, Marie Holem, Morgan Collins, Carolyn Schuster, Kristin Schuster, Liz Youngquist, Jay Youngquist

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helping in other areas where they can be of service.

Doug and Marie are both past educators and enjoy reading, cooking, and travel. Doug also is interested in insects and fly fishing, and Marie enjoys drawing, painting, sewing, and quilting. They are both loyal Spartan fans! And they both enjoy spending time with their kids and grandkids and at their cottage on Fife Lake.

Carolyn Schuster is a retired elementary school teacher who was drawn to HCC because of its warmth and activities. She imagines being involved here as a Greeter and Coffee Host and possible joining the Knitters, Green Team, and helping at the Food Pantry. Carolyn enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, reading, and playing cards. She likes to shop, travel, and be with friends.

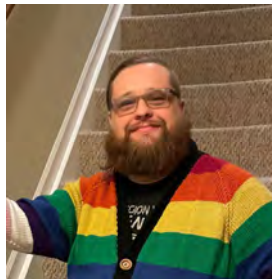
Kristin Schuster is a recent “empty nester” mom of 3 who works as an Engineer with MDOT. She is looking forward to coming to church with her mom and getting involved with volunteer opportunities as they arise! As a long-time resident of Haslett, Kristin is glad to have found a welcoming church so close to home.

Jay and Liz Youngquist had a past church experience that left them raw and seeking a church that was truly welcoming of all people and a place they could meet a loving, embracing God again, and they found it at HCC! They plan to continue meeting more HCC-ers and volunteering for activities, committees, and helping where they can.

Jay and Liz find their biggest joy spending time with their kids and grandkids. Jay is retiring soon, and they are looking forward to house and yard projects and a no-itinerary vacation next year.

New Member February 2023: *Mark Vorenkamp*

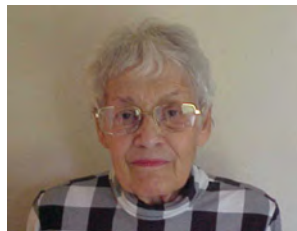
Mark Vorenkamp was looking for a UCC church after leaving UMC, and Pastor Betsy helped him so he can pursue his ordination. Mark spends his free time writing, working on his doctoral project, and running his online ministry.



Pam & Todd Maxwell dove right into involvement at HCC! They attend several Spiritual Life offerings, have hosted Coffee Hour, and Todd serves on Council as the rep. for Property Committee. Faith is the center of their lives, and they are glad to have a church to call home.



New Members October 2022: *Menetta Kass; Todd & Pam Maxwell; Brett, Cindy, & Ambrose Meteyer*



Menetta Kass volunteers at the Sparrow Hospital gift shop and enjoys reaching out to include people and activities involving others. She was drawn to HCC because of the location and

Pastor Betsy’s gift of reaching out to others and making them feel welcome.



Brett, Cindy, & Ambrose Meteyer consider themselves to be fairly progressive with a strong desire to enact social justice initiatives. HCC matches

their ideology and worship style. Brett is a teacher, and Cindy is a pediatric nurse practitioner at Sparrow. The kids (including Ambrose) are all musical, and the family enjoys traveling together.

If you are interested in learning more about membership at Haslett Community Church, please reach out to Pastor Betsy at aho.betsy@att.net, or 517.339.8383 x 11.

Or consider coming to **our next Inquirer’s Class on Saturday, June 4, from 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**



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, May 8, @ 7:30pm in HCC's Friendship Hall**

Looking Ahead...

- Social Committee Meets May 10, 7:30 pm Friendship Hall
- Sundae Sunday June 25 HCC, after Worship
- All HCC Camping August 10-13, Pioneer County Park - Muskegon
- Chicken BBQ September 10, Noon, HCC
- Bonfire and Music October
- Thanksgiving Dinner November 12, Noon, HCC

HCC Camping

Our annual HCC camping trip is scheduled for **August 10-13, 2023** at Pioneer County Park near Muskegon. We have 15 camp sites reserved and the cost for three nights is \$110.00. More details to come, but mark your calendar.



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



Happy Heart Schedule for May

Sunday, May 7 – Erin Preaches / Youth Taco Sale	
Ministry	Name(s)
Reader	Sienna Reynolds
Greeters	Rebecca Reagan & Susan Schwaderer
Ushers	Jim Gornick & Jewell Muller-Gornick
Coffee Hosts	Pam & Todd Maxwell (Coffee Only)
A/V Techs	Jon Lineberry
Tellers	Larry Leefers & Jim Gornick

Sunday, May 14 – Mother's Day	
Ministry	Name(s)
Reader	Elliott Belisle
Greeters	Cambria Decker-Larkin & Morgan Collins
Ushers	Sylvia Davis & Jean McIntyre
Coffee Hosts	Laura Belisle & family
A/V Techs	Helen & David Jones
Tellers	Sylvia Davis & Barb Szkotnicki

Sunday, May 21 – Judy's Joyous Jubilee	
Ministry	Name(s)
Reader	Brett Meteyer
Greeters	Cindy & Brett Meteyer
Ushers	Russ & Lynn Wilson
Coffee Hosts	No Coffee – Judy's Joyous Jubilee
A/V Techs	Rich Newport & Ambrose Meteyer
Tellers	Cheryl Edwards & Bob Heisler Training: Rachel Bullock & Cambria Decker-Larkin

Sunday, May 28 – Pentecost / Mem. Day Wknd	
Ministry	Name(s)
Reader	Carolyn Lucas
Greeters	Joanne Ricks & Deb Klein
Ushers	Ron Rowe & Liz Newport
Coffee Hosts	Ron & Cathy Rowe
A/V Techs	Jon Lineberry
Tellers	Bob Heisler & Cheryl Edwards Training: Cambria Decker-Larkin



Spiritual Life's members, Don Flagg, Cambria Decker-Larkin, Carolyn Lucas, Katie Riley, Jenn Tafel, Kris Belonge, and Jon Lineberry meet each month to envision ways of carrying out our three-part mission: supporting our clergy and staff in liturgical activities, creating and enhancing individual spiritual growth opportunities, and facilitating spiritual connections among our community. Our committee expresses appreciation for the hard work of our pastor and staff for the many details attended to (e.g., implementation of new nametags, and many other details) as well as overall planning and direction of our worship and programming! Anyone interested in our group's activities, please contact current chair, Carolyn Lucas.

Plans in the Works:

- Plans are in the works for a mini retreat on **Sunday, June 4, 1-4pm.**
- **Outdoor Worship in the Park will take place Sunday, August 20, 2023.**
- Some plans are in the making to sponsor the showing of a documentary entitled *Mama Irene: Healer of the Andes*, with discussion and more afterwards. Look for information in Weekly Emails as details emerge.

We usually meet on the third Tuesday or Thursday each month. Our **next meeting is Tues., May 16, at 7:15 pm in the Sanctuary and on Zoom.** If you would like to attend, please send your request to Carolyn Lucas at csrucas@aol.com or text her at 517.881.4241.



Coffee With Jesus is a group sponsored by the Spiritual

Life Committee to help us reflect on and grow in our spiritual life, as well as foster closer ties between us. We continue with a focus on our journey of prayer and support for the journey in a difficult world.

We usually meet on the third Sunday each month, **after worship in Mary & Martha's room** (next to Youth room downstairs). **This month, due to Judy's Joyous Jubilee** on May 21, **Our next Meeting will move to: Sunday, May 28, at 11:15 am.**



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 13, we will be meeting in-person for breakfast at Blondie's Restaurant in Haslett, at 9am.**

Please **contact Dave Vietti** if you're interested in connecting with this group: 517-339-5731 vietti@msu.edu

Zoom Meeting ID:	416 360 920
Passcode:	48840
Call In**	301.715.8592



Sermon Preview Bible Study Continues!

Did you know:

- Sermon Preview Bible Study happens every Thursday
- You can drop in any weeks you want and do not have to attend regularly to benefit
- You are not expected to study the texts in advance and do not need to have a history of Bible study to attend
- No one is put "on the spot" to share or contribute

- Our learning is rich, and our discussions often help shape the sermon that week
- The Zoom format of this group makes it accessible to people near and far
- We stick to the 45-minute window of time

You are invited to give it a try any time.

Wednesday Wisdom & Wondering presents:

the power of storytelling

a class in the art of telling your own true stories



Blend the beauty of storytelling in Scripture with the wisdom of The Moth, and learn to share compelling personal stories

Class will culminate in an optional Story Slam!

Wednesdays, 6 – 7 p.m.

April 26 – May 24

in person and via Zoom

Meeting ID: 815 3710 6943

Passcode: 48840



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You are a multitude of stories. Using the beauty of storytelling that we find in Scripture, and with the wisdom of The Moth (a nonprofit organization that celebrates the commonality and diversity of human experience through the art and craft of true, personal storytelling), Pastor Betsy will be our guide into the beautiful world of sharing our story.

In our 5 weeks together, we are learning what makes a personal story compelling, and how stories can impact the teller and the listener alike. No one will be put on the spot, as we are learning together. Join us!

This class meets in person and via Zoom, and will culminate in an optional Story Slam as part of our summer concert series! (I know Choir will have to leave class early – you are still welcome!)

To join via Zoom [CLICK HERE](#) or use the following info:

Meeting ID: 815 3710 6943 Passcode: 48840

Our Contribution *(continued from cover)*

a community mindset, and that's what we are, a community. \$1 a week, turns into \$52 for the year. We have 99 families who have agreed to contribute something this year to the church, and there are even more who contribute in addition to those 99. When this \$1 per family, per week gets totaled at the end of the year it's an additional \$5,148, which is just over a third of our total Program budget. All of our church program budget is covered by \$3 per week, per family.

We have roughly 300 members in the church. This does not include children and some youth, so there are even more active folks in this church. If we considered a \$1 contribution per person per week for a year, we're talking about an additional, \$15,600. The point is this: contribute what you can, even one dollar more a week yields a lot, covers a lot of debt, repays previous deficits, eases emergency expenses...helps fund possibilities for the future. We're all in this together. Church is about community. Everything counts.

~Kyle Carnes, Finance Chair





EVERY STEP YOU TAKE IS ONE THEY WON'T HAVE TO!

Walk, run or roll a 6k from where ever you are. Last year, I completed my 6k on the Inca Trail in Peru.

Local fun. Global impact.

Whether you join from the treadmill, your favorite trail, or in person at Lake Lansing Park North, when you and thousands of others around the world walk or jog your way to 6k (the average distance that has to be walked numerous times a day to collect water that is dirty) on **May 20, 2023**, you'll empower children in need with lasting clean water. Now more than ever clean water is essential to protect vulnerable children and families. Will you join me?

When: May 20, 2023 at 10am

Where: Lake Lansing Park North, 6260 Lake Drive, Haslett

Register online at: <https://global6k.worldvision.org/team/haslettwaterwarriors2023>

Your registration brings life-changing clean water to a child in need. Adult registration - \$50, child registration - \$25 If you prefer to support Haslett Water Warriors, you can donate at: <https://global6k.worldvision.org/participant/cathyrowe6k>



American Red Cross Blood Drive

The Red Cross has an immediate need for blood donations.

There will be a blood drive at HCC on Friday, May 19, from Noon - 6pm

Donation **by appointment only** (NO WALK IN appointments).

* Please use hand sanitizer on the way in and out of appointment

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.



Knitters, Crocheters, & Wannabees

Our Next Meeting will be **Sunday, May 14, at 11:15am** after worship, in the Library.



HCC Green Team meets next on: **Monday, May 8, at 7pm, via Zoom:**

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

Meeting ID: 910 9450 8188
Passcode: 48840



Church Council meets on the second Tuesday of most months.

Our next meeting will be: Tues., May 9, 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.

Safety Team meets next: **Tuesday, May 30, at 7pm** in Fellowship Hall.



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

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

Thank you for your generosity & support!

Church Office Hours

Have some church business you'd like to take care of in person? Have a question that's easier face-to-face? Just want to say hello?

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 usually in the office Tuesday - Friday. You can make an appointment or swing by during her drop-in office hours on Wednesdays, 11:30am - 1:00pm.

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.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Information you'd like included in the June 2023 Newsletter is due to Michele no later than May 16, (the 3rd Tuesday of this month)

Please send to: hcc1@att.net

Join us in prayer for Griffin Doran as he once again travels on a SEED Trip following his graduation from Hope College in May.

SEED stands for "Sport Evangelism to Equip Disciples" and is an international sports ministry program. You'll remember that last summer both he and Ella McKinney served on these trips.

Griffin is headed to Kampala, Uganda from May 22nd through June 4th. While there, they will partner with Sports Outreach to support and encourage their ministry. They'll have opportunities

to teach and train their local coaches in sport skills, run sports clinics with community members, and serve alongside other ministries such as their feeding program and chess academy. They will also connect with local communities to distribute SAWYER water filters, providing people with clean water for a lifetime.

HCC has made a donation to support Griffin's trip through our Alumni Special Fund. We can all support Griffin and his team by holding them in prayer while they serve. Later in May, we will share a website where you can follow along and learn more about the details of their trip. Godspeed, Griffin!



What's Happening at HCC in April

What's Happening no longer shows individual committee meetings. Instead, you can find specific committee meeting information on [pages 8, 9, & 11](#) of this newsletter and [HERE](#). Please remember to check with Michele in the office to coordinate building and grounds space use for your group (hcc1@att.net or 517.339.8383).

WEEKLY

Worship Service *(cover)*

Sundays, 10:00am **Judy's Jubilee & Pentecost*
Sanctuary, parking lot via 88.7 FM, [YouTube](#)

Sunday School *(p3)*

Sundays, during worship, Downstairs

Coffee Fellowship

Sundays, after worship*, Friendship Hall
*No Coffee Fellowship May 21 - *Judy's Joyous Jubilee*

Youth Group *(p4)*

Sundays, Youth Room*
5:00-6:30pm Middle School (MS)
7:00-9:00pm High School (HS)
*May 21 - *Final Youth Group of the school year/ Sr. send-off*

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 appointment Tue-Fri)
HCC Office

Wednesday Wisdom & Wondering *(p10)*

Wednesdays thru May 24, 6:00-7:00pm
Fellowship Hall & Zoom

Choir Rehearsal *(p5)*

Wednesdays thru May 31, 7:00-8:30pm
Sanctuary

Sermon Preview Group / Bible Study *(p9)*

Thursdays, 9:00 - 9:45am
Zoom

Men's Group *(p9)*

Saturdays, 9:00am
Zoom (except May 13 - in-person @ Blondie's)

Coffee With Jesus Meets *(p9)*

Sunday, May 28, 11:15am
Mary & Martha's room (downstairs)

Memorial Day - Staff Day Of Rest

Monday, May 29

YOUTH: Mission Trip Adult Meetings *(p4)*

Tue & Wed, May 29 & 30, 7:00pm - Youth Room

ONCE THIS MONTH

Sylvia Aho Memorial

Saturday, May 6, 11:00am
Sanctuary

YOUTH: Taco Sale Prep *(p4)*

Saturday, May 6, evening*
Fellowship Hall, Kitchen
**watch messages for times*

Rev. Erin Heisler preaches

Sunday, May 7, 10:00am

YOUTH: Taco Sale! *(p2 & 4)*

Sunday, May 7, after worship
Fellowship Hall

Church Council Meets *(p11)*

Tuesday, May 9, 7:15pm
Fellowship Hall & Zoom

YOUTH: Culver's Night *(p4)*

Thursday, May 11, 7:00-8:30pm
Okemos Culver's

Men's Breakfast *(p9)*

Saturday, May 13, 9:00am
Blondie's

Knitters, Crocheters, etc. *(p11)*

Sunday, May 14, 11:15am
Library

Newsletter Items Due *(p12)*

Tuesday, May 16, 10:00am
Email to hcc1@att.net

Red Cross Blood Drive *(p11)*

Friday, May 19, Noon - 6:00pm
Fellowship & Friendship Halls, Sanctuary

Judy's Joyous Jubilee *(p5)*

Sunday, May 21
Special Worship Service at 10:00am
Celebratory Luncheon following

YOUTH*: HS Sr. Farewell *(p4)*

Sunday, May 21, during HS Youth Grp
**This is final Youth Group of this school yr*

Pentecost Sunday *(p3)*

Sunday, May 28, 10:00am worship
Includes Communion & Joyful Offering

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May 2023

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

A digital version of HCC Connections, with working links, can be found at: haslettcommunitychurch.org

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