

# Haslett Community Church



## HCC Connections

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

**November 2022**



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*I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. - The Apostle Paul, Philippians 1:3-5*

Dear Haslett Community Church,

We are entering a season of gratitude and thanksgiving! Many of the letters to churches

found in the New Testament were written by Paul, the apostle, who loved to start his letters with gratitude. It is a good way to begin!

As we continue in our efforts to Fully Fund the Church We Love, I want to thank you for your commitment to Haslett Community Church, United Church of Christ. I thank God for the ways you have shown your love for this church that you love, through your presence (in person or remotely), through the images and words you've shared on our collaborative art piece in the Sanctuary, through the hours of volunteer work contributed, through your friendly smiles and acts of compassion, and through your financial contributions. By God's grace, you are the church!

Investing in what we love matters. And whether you are new to HCC or a longtime part of this community, you are being invited to invest, perhaps for the first time, in the ministry and mission of sharing God's love for creation, community, and you, so we can be sure to sustain this church out of respect for those who have come before us, for the present, and for future generations!

To allow giving to catch up to our need, we are taking a pause on the budgeting process in 2023. Aside from a 2% increase in staff salaries aside from mine, no budgets are being increased in the coming year, in spite of inflation (including my salary). The goal in Fully Funding the Church We Love is to do just that; to have a Sustainable, balanced budget in 2023. The good news is that

small, incremental increases by those who can add the price of a cup of coffee or lunch out per week to their giving, and by adding new and returning regular givers to our rolls, we can reach our goal. Together, the distance between where we are and where we need to be doesn't seem far – it is reachable!

**Commitment Sunday is November 13. Please bring your bright green pledge card to church, or mail it in, or communicate your financial commitment via email to [hccfinance@att.net](mailto:hccfinance@att.net) on or before this day, so that Council can plan for our Congregational Budget Meeting in January. Mailings went out at the end of October.**

Just as gratitude is a good place to begin, it is also a good place to end. I thank God that you are part of Haslett Community Church and the love that is shared with the world through this place.

Yours in the Journey,

Pastor Betsy

Phone: 517.339.8383 x11    Email: [aho.betsy@att.net](mailto:aho.betsy@att.net)  
Cell: 517.282.7443

Sunday morning coffee thoughts...a longer read, but one I feel compelled to share this morning.



Last week we were the church coffee hosts, which depending on our mood floats between afternoon tea with friends to full scale dessert catering operation for 100 guests. This is a regular gig for us and last week we were definitely in go mode. I was searching through the cupboards looking for dessert plates and muttered to Karla...

“This church has everything you need, you just have to know where to look to find it.”

We are just past our 23<sup>rd</sup> year in the Haslett Community Church and it's weird that we've gone from young couple to church standards. From weddings to committees, funerals and baptisms, we've walked nearly every corridor of church life. It's important too to remember that for us, everything we are doing was built by those before us; it's simply our turn to take care of it. Sure we change with the times but traditions are key, including a long standing service of coffee hosts. I KNEW that those dessert plates were somewhere, and as I pounded through drawer and cupboard I realized what I'd said so flippantly meant so much more.

“This church has everything you need, you just have to know where to look to find it.”

What was it exactly that I needed from the church and where was it? I've turned to the church in times of joy and crisis, comfort and celebration, but thinking back on it, our greatest time of need was not a signature event but a small moment in time where we were weakest.

Years ago our young family stumbled into church a few minutes later than normal and we had to sit on the other side of church. No, we do not have assigned seating but we all sit in the same spots anyway because that's just how it is. You sit down once and that's your section for life!

So we had to sit in a different section that day, which was fine. The church nursery was closed that morning for communion and we had a very happy but fussy few month old Lillian in her cradle carrier, and a very antsy and animated 20ish month old Lee on our hip, and we were not winning. We tried so hard to be invisible but we were a mess.

We had two babies, which is enough for anyone. But we'd also been taking care of Karla's mom who was losing her fight against cancer. Meals, medicine, surgeries, hospital stays, never ending appointments, heartbreak and the bleak walk of an

incurable outcome was growing ever imminent. We were exhausted. A different kind of exhausted.

“This church has everything you need, you just have to know where to look to find it.”

I remember shuffling Lily from hip to hip as Karla let Lee purse surf when I felt a tap on my shoulder. I turned around and one of our church mentors was standing with arms outstretched and a look on his face that said, give me the baby. At first I said no, we were okay...but we weren't okay. We were broken and tired and sad and hopeless and worn down and lost. And in a moment of acceptance I handed Lily back.

After a quick minute I realized it was my burden to bear and not wanting to over extend the invitation, I turned to take her back. But she wasn't there. She was with someone different a few seats over. Every few moments I looked to take her back but she was further and further away. Our baby daughter was traveling through the back rows of the church and at one point she crossed the aisle!

Now I have no idea what negotiations were happening between the people of the back rows that would declare “you've had enough time with her, hand her over” but at some point I just gave up looking back. Lee had settled down drawing and I realized for the first time in forever nothing was needed of us.

“This church has everything you need, you just have to know where to look to find it.”

Instead I just sat there with Karla. We listened to the sermon in peace, we sang together and for the first time in forever we were allowed to focus inward and not outward. By the time the last hymns were being sung I felt a tap on my shoulder and Lillian was given back to us.

I tell this story because what we were given that day was something so defining it set us on a course that we are still walking down these many years later. I left service that day with joy, and warmth, and most importantly hope and peace. I had an energy and spirit that was renewed.

Dare I say, I felt reborn.

This church has everything you need, you just have to know where to look to find it... Or more specifically in your darkest moments it will find you.

Though I never actually did find those dessert plates!

~ Glen Dudasik



This month in Sunday school is all about Micah 6:8 "What does the Lord require of you? To do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God"

November 6th:

- Justice

November 13th:

- Kindness

November 20th:

- Walking humbly with God

November 27th:

- First Sunday of Advent, Communion & Joyful Offering (children in worship for the whole hour)



This is Salima. Salima is the child we sponsor through World Vision.

Salima and her family live in Tanzania. This year, through HCC's sponsorship, Salima and her family benefited from HIV and AIDS prevention education, health education, nutritional supplements, handwashing facilities improvements, as well as environmental workshops.

In Tanzania, most students are only in school for six years. Salima is currently in grade seven. As you can see in the photo above, she enjoys jumping rope.

Thank you for your generous giving during our Joyful Offering to help support Salima and her family!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!

We are looking for TWO volunteers to teach Sunday school each week from September through May.

We ask volunteers to sign-up to teach a unit (usually 3 weeks/month). The Sunday School teacher sign up can be found [HERE!](#)



Sunday, November 27th is a Communion Sunday, 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.**

You are invited to bring loose change to help support the child HCC sponsors through World Vision!

### 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. It is a quick training that can be done entirely from home.

You can find that training [HERE!](#)

If you have any questions about our Safe Church training or policy, please talk to Erin.

Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, November 27th will include crafts for kids! Helper volunteers welcome!





**YOUTH GROUP in Nov.:**

On November 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> youth groups will meet at their regular times:  
**Middle School 5-6:30pm**  
**High School 7-9pm**  
*if you have students in both groups, feel free to do drop off and pick up at 6:45pm.*

(We have special events on November 20<sup>th</sup> AND 27<sup>th</sup> that will take the place of our evening youth groups).



Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Middle School 7-9pm  
 High School 9-11pm  
*(no school the next day due to election day)*



**NO SCHOOL** on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> so we will have Breakfast at Blondies at 10am

Please bring \$ for your breakfast.



Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 7pm

ALL youth parents are invited to come help brainstorm and plan new mission trip fundraisers for this year!

A letter went out in October explaining why these fundraisers are necessary for our mission trip each year! The letter laid out detailed cost information about past trips. If you did not receive it, you can find it on the Youth Ministry page of the HCC website ([haslettcommunitychurch.org](http://haslettcommunitychurch.org)).



**Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> 6-9pm**

All youth will meet at the church at 6pm to divide into teams.

They'll be given a bag of ingredients, will depart to cook their dishes for the Thanksgiving Themed Chopped Challenge.

Every team will return to the church by 7:45pm.

**PARENT DRIVERS AND HOST KITCHENS ARE NEEDED!**  
 Please contact Pastor Erin if you are able to help!



Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 7-8:30pm

All youth invited to gather for a time of fun conversation together. Please bring money for your food. You can usually find us in one of the corner booths. (note: this is not a fundraiser, just a fun, monthly event).



In 2011, on November 11<sup>th</sup> (11/11/11) HCC high school youth had an overnight in which they accomplished 11 things before 11pm.

**This year, we attempt to DOUBLE IT!**

**Can we do 22 things before 2am?!**

Come on the 11<sup>th</sup> to find out! Youth & drivers will meet at the church at 7pm (departing by 7:15pm). Adult drivers (over 21) are needed, as are overnight chaperones once we get back to the church. Please watch parent emails and Remind for sign up opportunities.

Youth are encouraged to attend, even if they do not want to sleep at the church overnight.

Please note that parents need to communicate with Erin if their student is not spending the night. If a youth wishes to leave, but Erin has not heard from the parent, youth will have to call parents PRIOR to leaving HCC (even at 1am).

**\*\*This event is subject to change due to football playoffs\*\***

*Our Church Family*



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

- To Kelly Flagg for teaching Sunday School.
- To Sally Garrod, Doug Holem, Zsa Mahon, and Stephanie Bollman for planting the new pollinator garden.
- To Rachel Bullock for her help with the name tag board.
- To Nancy & Paul White for leading Ageing On Our Own Terms discussion and providing copies of Being Mortal by Atul Gawande.
- To Kyle Carnes for preaching on October 9.
- To Ron Rowe for the CROP Hunger Walk refreshment station.
- To Kirk Riley for organizing the HCC CROP Hunger Walk.
- To the Loaves and Fishes Team for November: Nancy White, Carol Cramer, Dani Copeland, Doug Holem, Marie Holem, and Paula Fry.



**Thank You from Judy**

Dear HCC Friends,

I am so very grateful for your loving care and concern during my recent illness. Your love, prayers, notes, cards, calls and e-mails made my recovery much easier. I feel so very blessed.

I also felt it necessary to resign from my position as choir director. This “2 week” temporary position has now lasted 54 years, and I have loved doing it. I have enjoyed all the adventures that have come with the job and feel so fortunate to have shared with all of you.

Again, much love and thanks to you all.

Judy Connelly

**Your Prayer Chain Questions Answered!**



*Does HCC have a Prayer Chain?*

Yes! “Prayer Chain” is a traditional term from a time when a phone tree/chain was used to communicate prayer needs within the church community. Now, it’s a group email that is sent out with prayer requests to people who have committed to pray with regularity for the people and needs on the list, and to hold prayer requests in confidentiality. The prayer chain is emailed approximately once a week.


*How do I alert the Prayer Chain that I would like something to be included on the prayer chain?*

You can send an email or text to one of our Pastors, email Michele our Office Manager, or fill out a prayer request card during worship, and we will add your request for you.

*How can I be added as a “pray-er,” and recipient of the prayer chain?*

Be in touch with Michele and she will add your email to the group. Michele can be reached at [hcc1@att.net](mailto:hcc1@att.net) or 517-339-8383 x10. We just ask that you commit to praying for those people/situations with regularity and respect the confidentiality of the prayer chain.

**Agriculture & Environmentalism?**  
**Wed., November 9, 6:00 p.m.,**  
**via Zoom**



Join Addy Stuever, our Environmental Justice Fellow to learn about the intersection of agriculture and environmentalism. Take part in reflection and dialogue among your friends at Edgewood United Church and Haslett Community Church.

Meeting ID: 914 4114 4225 Passcode: 48823

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The event will be hosted virtually, as to be easily accessible to both congregations. Follow this link: <https://zoom.us/j/91441144225?pwd=NW1JYnlYUGJCL0F2WWx3end4azNjQT09> or Meeting ID: 914 4114 4225 Password: 48823 [note change in password as this Zoom is hosted by Edgewood]



Dear HCC Friends,  
Choir is always looking for people to sing with us!

**Choir rehearses each Wednesday, 7:00-8:30pm, and you are always welcome to come give it a try!**

We are currently preparing for our Songfest coming up in December, and we'd love to have you join in.

~ Barbara Freeman  
(517-881-9976, call or text)

**Council News**

At the regular monthly Church Council Meeting in October, an addendum to the Haslett Community Church Bylaws, article II, section B.9: Services and Meetings, was proposed and adopted by vote. The addendum allows the 2022 Annual Congregational Meeting to move from December 2022 to January 2023. This moves our budget conversation out of the middle of the season of Advent, and puts us more in the standard practice of other churches with fiscal years that align with the calendar year. An amendment to the bylaws will be addressed at the November Council meeting. An amendment must be communicated to and voted on by the Congregation, so you will see more information following the next Council meeting.

Nominating Committee, chaired by Pat Dalton, is accepting Nominees for Council and other



leadership positions in the church. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else as a Council Member or leadership/officer, please contact Pat Dalton at [acme50@comcast.net](mailto:acme50@comcast.net).

One must be a member of the church to serve as a Council Member or Officer. For more information on open Council and other positions, please contact Malinda Barr, Moderator, at [malibar339@gmail.com](mailto:malibar339@gmail.com) [Council is the leadership board of the church, and the Moderator is the chair of the Council].

Due to the church being used for elections on November 8, the November Council meeting will take place on November 15, 2022, at 7:15 p.m., one week later than usual.

Council meetings are open, and while visitors cannot vote, there is a time to make public comment.



**Daylight Savings ends SUNDAY, November 6.**

Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night.

**Social Committee**



- Thanksgiving Dinner Sun., Nov. 13 Noon at HCC
- Hanging of the Greens Sun., Nov. 27 4:00 pm at HCC
- Gingerbread House  
Decorating Sun., Dec. 4 11:15 am
- Beeswax Candle making Sun., Dec. 11 4:00 pm
- Christmas Caroling Sun., Dec. 18 4:00 pm,  
leave from HCC
- HCC Ski Trip Jan. 5-8, 2023 Treetops Ski  
Resort - Gaylord



**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, November 14 @ 7:30pm** in HCC's Friendship Hall

**25<sup>th</sup> Annual HCC Ski Trip!**

The Social Committee invites you to the HCC 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Ski Trip! We are ready for your reservation for a great weekend of fun in the snow.



Thursday for a 3-night stay. Ask for details if interested.

Just sign up on the Social Committee board to reserve your room for this always fun-filled weekend.

We will be traveling once again to Treetops Resort in Gaylord where there will be lots of skiing (downhill and cross country), cards and games being played, sports watching, eating, laughing, swimming, eating, worshipping, tubing, laughing, and just having a great time being together! The dates are: January 5 thru January 8, 2023. The cost is \$134 per night for a Standard Room and a total of \$268 for 2 nights (includes all taxes and resort fees). There is an option of coming on

**There is a DEPOSIT of \$160.00 due by Nov.13.** You can pay online [HERE](#) (on our online Giving Page, Fund=Social Committee, SubFund=Ski Trip), or by making checks payable to Haslett Community Church. If you have questions, please contact Kim Carnes at 331-3586.

Plan ahead and put these dates on your calendar so you and your family don't miss out on the fun of this winter gathering!



**Hanging of the Greens**

You are invited to join in on preparing our church for Advent. **Hanging of the Greens will be on Sunday, November 27, at 4:00 pm.** We will

gather to make wreaths to hang in the windows. The youth will decorate our tree in the sanctuary while the little ones will have an Advent craft to make. We will have a short worship service and a soup supper to round out this holiday event. Please bring your whole family, your friends, and neighbors, and even invite the person you sit next to in church. Please bring gloves and clippers for the greens if you have them. You do not have to know how to make a wreath, others can teach you! We also need people to hang the wreaths. Please sign up on the clipboard in Friendship Hall so we know how much soup to prepare. This is a festive event that gently nudges us into the thoughtful time and celebration of Advent.

**HCC Thanksgiving Dinner**

The HCC Social Committee is excited to invite you, your family and friends to gather in our sanctuary for our annual **Thanksgiving Dinner to be**



**held Sunday, November 13, at noon.** We are continuing this tradition that has been held for well over 35 years. The entertainment for this year is being finalized, and we will announce it when everything is in place. The Social Committee will provide the turkey, rolls, mashed potatoes, stuffing, and drinks. Keeping with our potluck style, please bring a favorite dish to share with all. Please sign up online [HERE](#) or on the sign up sheet in Friendship Hall to let us know how many people you will bring and what dish you plan to share.

If you are willing to cook a turkey (we provide it), carve a turkey and/or help in the kitchen, clean up or set up, please let us know that, too. Suggested donation is \$10.00 for adults and free for 10 years and under. (If you feel unable to donate that day, please join us anyway - all are welcome.)

Sign-up and mark your calendar for November 13! That day will bring us together, where we will give thanks for each and every one of us and for all we have to share!



Spiritual Life's current members, Don Flagg, Cambria Decker-Larkin, Carolyn Lucas, Katie Riley, and Jenn Tafel, 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!

At the church-wide event on September 11, some of you expressed interests in book groups, Bible Studies, and Life Groups. Anyone interested in initiating something in any of these areas, please contact current chair Carolyn Lucas. As a committee, we are interested in giving support to your efforts. In our October meeting, ideas for an event inviting planning and participation of the church at large were presented and are being pursued.

Our **next meeting will be** on Election Day, **Tuesday, November 8, at 7:00 pm on Zoom:** If you would like to attend, please send your request to Carolyn Lucas at [csrlucas@aol.com](mailto:csrlucas@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.

From October through December this year we are focusing on the first section of ***Becoming the Answer to Our Prayers***. This section looks at **The Lord's Prayer**. In October we saw that the first word of the prayer, *"our,* points us to the fact that *this is a prayer of community and reconciliation, belonging to a new kind of people who have left the land of me."* *"Your kingdom' come is an acknowledgement that politics are a part of this...kingdoms are political, and politics are about how a community lives together."* **"YOUR** Kingdom come, is a reminder that we do not possess the kingdom as our own. We have been invited to become living members of Christ's body...but the Body still belongs to Christ." "And the kingdom Christ announced ran so counter to the world's ideas that the powers in charge decided he needed to die."

You are invited to join us in praying at a similar time and day each week from wherever you are. We, as a group, agreed on Wednesday mornings around 7:30am. Picturing the connections among our community here and beyond with love, and bowing together to our Creator, we seek to pray for Presence, transformation, and courage and wisdom to follow the Christ. Our group's specific prayers during this time of increased upheaval include prayers for honesty and integrity among public officials, wisdom and courage in making decisions and acting in ways that can challenge and overcome the evils rampant in the systems around us, letting go of fear, seeking the courage to know and confess our own weaknesses, wisdom and trust to follow our callings, and an on-going desire for openness to continuing growth in grace.

We generally **meet once a month, on the third Sunday, right after worship and coffee time (11:15 am) in Mary & Martha's room** (next to Youth room downstairs).

**Our Next Meeting will be Sunday, Nov. 20.**



**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, November 12, 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](mailto:vietti@msu.edu)

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

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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: 48840



On October 9, a group of HCC friends walked/ran around Lake Lansing for the 2022 CROP Hunger Walk. Stay tuned for more info from our team in the December newsletter.

**Greater Lansing Interfaith Gathering**

*Coming Together Through Story & Song*

**Monday  
Nov. 14  
7:00pm**

Offering for  
Global Institute  
of Lansing  
[globallansinginstitute.org](http://globallansinginstitute.org)

Reception Follows

University  
United Methodist Church  
1120 S. Harrison  
East Lansing (parking behind)  
live stream at <https://youtu.be/UtoUHBq9Y2Q>

**Interfaith Service of Story & Song!  
Monday, November 14, 7:00 p.m.,  
University United Methodist Church,  
East Lansing**

Join communities of many faiths for an evening of story and song with a focus on unity! This annual program, by the Interfaith Clergy Association of Greater Lansing, is a time of joining with a broad diversity of faiths and cultures in to learn, listen and experience fellowship together.

This will be an in-person service and will be livestreamed on [UUMC's YouTube channel](#).

An offering will be collected to support the [Global Institute of Lansing \(GIL\)](#). Funds will support the teaching and learning that this important organization provides to people recently arrived in our community.

UUMC is located at 1120 Harrison Rd. in East Lansing, and has ample parking behind the accessible building.



### Christmas Giving Project 2022 - Gifts

The 2022 Christmas Giving Project will operate very similar to the past two years. This will make it easy for everyone to contribute and participate. You, your family, and friends are invited to purchase gifts.

**WHAT:** The project offers five gifts to each child. Donors will receive a gift list that shows all gifts for a single child. We ask one person to register for the child even if you decide to share the gift purchasing for that child with a family member or friend. You can select any number of children.

**HOW:** You can make a request remotely by sending an email with Gift Request in the Subject line to: [hccChristmas@att.net](mailto:hccChristmas@att.net)

Put three things in your email:

- 1) **your name and phone number**
- 2) **the number of children** you wish to sponsor (remember, you will be responsible for five gifts for each child you request)
- 3) **your preference of the child's age: 0 to 5 years old; 6 to 12 years old; or 13 to 18 years old.** You can include a gender preference, but that is not required.

You will receive a gift list and gift preparation instructions via return email. We will do our best to match your preferences. The gift list will be sent out beginning November 14.

You can pick up a gift list in person from the gift table in Friendship Hall any Sunday morning after worship, beginning November 13, or Saturday mornings from 11am to noon, beginning November 19.

If you choose to support the project financially, without shopping, you can send a contribution online [HERE](#) by **choosing Christmas Giving Project as the fund** you're donating to.

You can also send a check to HCC, PO Box 217, Haslett, MI 48840, with **Christmas Giving Project in the memo line** of the check.

### Christmas Giving Project 2022 - Volunteering

**Gift Helpers** - We need volunteers each Sunday and Saturday to distribute information about gifts to purchase and to collect wrapped gifts.

Instructions will be provided. Click on the link below to view the online sign-up sheet to pick a date and time to volunteer.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48A9A623A4F5C52-gift2>

### Food Packing and Distribution -

Watch the December newsletter to sign up to help with packing groceries on December 19, and to help on the day gifts are distributed to families, Dec. 22.

### Christmas Giving Project 2022 – Home Shoppe

Recipient families will stay in their vehicles during distribution of gifts and groceries. That means we will NOT operate the Home Shoppe (sharing used household items) in 2022.

You are encouraged to take your used items to St. Vincent DePaul, who anticipates serving 600 refugees within the next year. A list of needed items is available at the following link:

<https://stvcc.org/donating/in-kind-donations/>



**Boxes Needed for the Christmas Giving Project**

We will need many boxes for the Christmas Giving Project. Please begin bringing boxes and their covers to the church. **Copy paper boxes, including their covers, are ideal;** any box approximately 11" by 17" by 10" is helpful. The building is open Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday mornings for drop off of boxes. They can be placed on top of the coat rack near the Food Pantry storage room.

If you have boxes to donate but can't get them to the church during those times, call or text Richard Baumgartner at 517.755.6198 to let him know, or to arrange for a pickup.

**HCC Generosity**

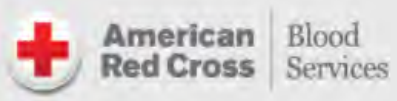
Thank you for continuing to support Haslett Community Church as you are able. We are still The Church with a mission and a staff, and we receive your gifts with gratitude.



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!



**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, Nov. 18, from Noon - 6pm**

- 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.

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



**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.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Information you'd like included in the December 2022 Newsletter is due to Michele no later than **November 15**, (the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of this month)

Please send to: [hcc1@att.net](mailto:hcc1@att.net)

**Food Pantry Help Needed**

The food pantry needs volunteers to help pack food for families served and load food into cars.



Time involved is one hour per week with several different times available.

Contact Ruth Linnemann: [rlinnemann2@gmail.com](mailto:rlinnemann2@gmail.com) or 517-339-6138 for more information.

This year we once again plan to fill our Sanctuary with poinsettias for Christmas!

Stay tuned for info on how you can help sponsor this beautiful HCC tradition in 2022!



**Mission Outreach** meets next: **Monday, November 7, @ 7:00pm** in Fellowship Hall



**Property Committee** meets next: **Monday, November 14, @ 6:00pm** via Zoom. Contact Laura Clark-Roumpz if interested.



**Knitters, Crocheters, & Wannabees**

Our Next Meeting will be **Sunday, November 13, at 11:15 am**, after worship, in the HCC Library.



**HCC Green Team** meets next on: **Monday, November 14, at 7pm**, via Zoom:

<https://msu.zoom.us/>  
Meeting ID: 958 7183 3864  
Passcode: 48840



Church Council meets on the second Tuesday of most months.

**In November**, because Nov. 8 is election day, **our meeting will be the third Tuesday:**

**Tues., November 15, 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.

**Safety Team** meets next on **Tuesday, November 22, at 7pm** in Fellowship Hall.



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

## What's Happening at HCC

What's Happening no longer shows individual committee meetings. Instead, you can find specific committee meeting information on [pages 6, 7, 8, 9, & 12](#) 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).

### WEEKLY

#### Worship Service

Sundays, 10:00am \*Mask wearing is encouraged  
Sanctuary\*, parking lot via 88.7 FM, [YouTube](#)

#### Sunday School (p3)

Sundays during worship, Downstairs

#### Coffee Fellowship

Sundays after worship, Friendship Hall

#### Youth Group (p4)

Sundays: 5:00-6:30pm Middle School (MS)  
7:00-9:00pm High School (HS)  
Youth Room

#### Onsite Office Hours (p11)

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

#### Pastor Betsy's Drop-In Office Hours (p11)

Wednesdays, 11:30am-1:00pm  
(She is also available by appointment Tue-Fri)  
HCC Office

#### Choir Rehearsal (p6)

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30pm  
Sanctuary

#### Sermon Preview Group (p9)

Thursdays, 9:00 - 9:45am, Zoom

#### Men's Group (p8)

Saturdays, 9:00am  
Zoom (except Nov.12 - in-person @ Blondie's)

#### Red Cross Blood Drive (p11)

Friday, November 18, Noon-6:00pm  
Friendship Hall, Sanctuary

#### Coffee With Jesus Meets (p8)

Sunday, November 20, 11:15am  
Mary & Martha's room (downstairs)

#### All YOUTH: Chopped Challenge (p4)

Sunday, November 20, 6:00-9:00pm

#### Hanging of the Greens (p7)

Sunday, November 27, 4:00pm

#### Kids: ADVENTure Club (p3)

Wednesday, November 30, 5:30-7:00pm  
Fellowship Hall

### ONCE THIS MONTH

#### Brown Bags & Beliefs-Hebrew (last one)

Wednesday, November 2, 6:00pm  
Friendship Hall

#### YOUTH: Parent Planning Meeting (p4)

Wednesday, November 2, 7:00pm  
Youth Rm

#### Daylight Savings Ends (p6)

Saturday night/ Sunday, November 5/6

#### YOUTH: Game Night (p4)

Monday, November 7,  
MS 7:00-9:00pm; HS 9:00-11:00pm  
Fellowship Hall

#### Meridian Township Election Polling

Tuesday, November 8, 7:00am-7:00pm

#### Agriculture & Environmentalism? (p5)

Wednesday, November 9, 6:00-7:30pm  
Zoom

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

Thursday, November 10, 7:00-8:30pm  
Okemos Culver's

#### YOUTH: HS Overnight (p4)

Friday, November 11-12, 7:00pm-9:00am  
HCC

#### Men's Breakfast (p8)

Saturday, November 12, 9:00am  
Blondie's

#### Knitters, Crocheters, etc. (p12)

Sunday, November 13, 11:15am  
Library

#### Thanksgiving Dinner (p7)

Sunday, November 13, Noon  
Sanctuary

#### Greater Lansing Interfaith Gathering (p9)

Monday, November 14, 7:00pm-9:00pm  
University United Methodist, East Lansing

#### Newsletter Deadline - Nov. 15 (p12)

#### Church Council Meets (p12)

Tuesday, November 15, 7:15pm  
Fellowship Hall & Zoom

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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](#)**

A digital version of HCC Connections, with working links, can be found at: [haslettcommunitychurch.org](http://haslettcommunitychurch.org)

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