

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 2023



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Check the Doors!

Last one out? Please remember to not only lock the doors before you leave, but **always** turn around after you walk out to make sure the doors are latched and locked behind you.

A locked door that doesn't close all the way is not locked. Thank You!



"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." - Words of Jesus as recorded in the Gospel of John 14:27

I hear you, my friends.

I hear you as you pray and hope for peace in this world.

You have heard me hope and pray for these things from the pulpit, too.

Yet peace seems a long way off.

Just before I sat down to write this, I had a conversation with a congregant who, through damp eyes, shared how helpless she feels while watching the news. It can seem like violence and hatred are ruling the day. As we grieve for the loss of life in the Holy Land, there is increasing Islamophobia and antisemitism in the U.S.

So what do we do? I do not know the whole answer.

But I know this:

I know that when we come together in all the ways we do ... worship, spiritual growth groups, youth group, committee meetings, Sunday School, serving & volunteering in all kinds of ways, fellowship ... when we come together in all the ways we do, God is present.

I know that when we pray for peace to the Prince of Peace, our prayers are heard.

I know that the Spirit of God, who hovered over the waters at the beginning of time, is active still. All over the world.

Locally, I hope you will join me on Thursday, Nov. 16, at 7:00 p.m. as the Interfaith Clergy Association of Greater Lansing hosts the Annual Interfaith Gathering with a focus on hope and solidarity. The planning team for this service includes clergy from local Jewish, Muslim, and Christian houses of worship (more details on [page 2](#)).

Let us continue in ways of peacemaking through prayer, hope, coming together, relationship building across divisions, learning, and listening well. We don't have to have all the answers to find hope, to curate peace, to share kindness, and to love our global neighbors well.

Yours in the Journey,

Pastor Betsy

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2023

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| Nov. 12: | Thanksgiving Dinner & Christmas Giving Project (CGP) Launch | Feb. 10: | All-HCC Connect & Reflect Retreat and Lip Sync Battle |
| Nov. 26: | Hanging of the Greens | Feb. 14: | Ash Wednesday |
| Dec. 3: | First Sunday of Advent; Communion & Joyful Offering | Feb. 18: | First Sunday of Lent; Communion & Joyful Offering |
| Dec. 10: | Songfest | Mar. 17: | One Great Hour of Sharing |
| Dec. 17-21: | Christmas Giving Project Grocery Packing and Distribution | Mar. 24: | Palm Sunday |
| Dec. 24: | 10 a.m.: Children's Christmas Service
7 & 9 p.m.: Christmas Eve Candle-light Services | Mar. 28: | Maundy Thursday |
| Dec. 31: | NYE coffee hour with Countdown to 12:00 (noon)! | Mar. 29: | Good Friday |
| | | Mar. 31: | Easter Sunday!
7:30 a.m.: Sunrise Service with Communion
10 a.m.: Traditional Easter Srvc. |

2024

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| Jan. 5-7: | Annual Ski Trip to Treetops | Apr. 21: | HCC 70 th Anniversary Celebration & Choir Sunday! |
| Jan. 7: | Epiphany; Communion & Joyful Offering | May 5: | Youth Senior Sunday |
| Jan. 14: | Annual Meeting | May 19: | Pentecost; Communion & Joyful Offering |
| Jan. 21: | Laity Sunday | Jun. 11-13: | Vacation Bible School |
| | | Jun. 22-29: | High School Mission Trip |
| | | Jul. 28-Aug.1: | Middle School Mission Trip |

This is a "living" Calendar of special events and once-a-year happenings that involve the whole church. It does not list things like regular meetings and weekly programming. Also additions and corrections can be made, and details will be provided as things near. *If your group is planning something you don't see listed here, please let the office know (hcc1@att.net).

Interfaith Gathering of Solidarity and Hope



Gathering of Solidarity & Hope

hosted by Interfaith Clergy Association of Greater Lansing

Thursday, November 16, at 7:00 pm; dessert reception following Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 1315 Abbot Rd., East Lansing

Come together with neighbors for an interfaith service of friendship. Guided by voices from the Abrahamic Traditions, Christianity, Islam and Judaism, this annual gathering seems more important now than ever. All are welcome. A free will offering will be collected to help with increased security costs of Jewish and Muslim houses of worship in our community. Following the service, stay for a dessert reception and fellowship.



We continue to work our way through, *An Illustrated Compassion*, exploring Scripture for examples of God's compassion.

Here's where we're at and what's coming:

Compassion in the New Testament

- November 5th: John 5:1-9: Jesus Heals on the Sabbath

Living a Compassionate Life

- November 12th: Deuteronomy 10:12-22: You Were Immigrants
- November 19th: Micah 6:6-8: What is Good
- November 26th: Matthew 25:31-46: Lord, When Was It?
- December 17th: Luke 10:25-37: The One Who Showed Mercy

Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, November 26, will include crafts for kids! Helper volunteers welcome!

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 for a unit (usually 3 weeks/month).

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



KID FORMS

Families are asked to complete a registration form for this school year, for each of the children in their household.

The 2023-2024 form can be found [HERE!](#) Forms are held as confidential between Pastors and office staff only.

Having forms on file for each child in our program is required by our Safe Church Policy.



Sunday, December 3rd is the start of Advent, 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**.

This year, each time we collect our Joyful Offering it goes to support a different organization doing good and important work in our world.



In December, our offering will go to **support The United Church of Christ Christmas Fund**. "The Christmas Fund has been caring for active and retired clergy and lay employees of the United Church of Christ for over 100 years, providing emergency grants, supplementation of small annuities and health premiums, and Christmas "Thank You" gift checks each December to our lower-income retirees."

You can learn about The Christmas Fund here: <https://www.ucc.org/giving/ways-to-give/our-churchs-wider-mission/christmas-fund/>

Bring your loose change to church on Sunday, Decemer 3rd for our Joyful Offering that will support the United Church of Christ Christmas Fund's important work!



YOUTH GROUP in Nov.:

On November 5th and 12th 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 a special events on November 19th AND 26th that will take the place of our evening youth groups).



Tuesday, November 21st
Middle School 7-9pm
High School 9-11pm
(no school the next day)



NO SCHOOL on
Wednesday, November 22nd
Breakfast at Blondies
5th-7th grade 9:30am
8th-10th grade 10:30am
11th-12th grade 11:30am.

Please bring \$ for your breakfast. If, for carpooling, your student needs to come at a different time than "assigned" just talk to Erin. These times are flexible. We just try to not overwhelm the restaurant.



MISSION TRIP REVEALS
Saturday, November 11th
4-7pm

Youth have requested a scavenger hunt style event like last year so **ADULT DRIVERS ARE NEEDED!**

Watch parent emails for sign-up information!



Sunday, November 19th
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!

Looking Ahead

Sunday, December 3rd
Youth Group Shopping for the Christmas Giving Project

Sunday, December 10th
Youth Group Christmas Parties
This is a change from the youth group calendar. We made the change because of building use for Christmas Giving Project.



7th grade dinner
Wednesday, November 8th
6-7:30pm at HCC

10th grade dinner
Monday, November 27th*
6-7:30pm at HCC

date change from youth calendar

11th and 12th grade dinner
Wednesday, November 29th
6-7:30pm

For all dinners we eat at the large table by the kitchen, please use door #3 (can look like an 8- we're working on it). Please RSVP to Erin by that morning!



Sunday, November 26th
at 4pm

All youth and their families are invited to help us decorate the church for Advent.

Youth decorate the sanctuary Christmas tree.

Adults and youth make and hang wreaths on all of our church windows.

This takes the place of our evening youth groups.

Youth are invited to meet up at Culvers after from 6:30-8pm. Erin can give rides from church for 4 students.





Our Church Family



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

- To the Higgins, VanAcker, Krauss, Kroeger, Sestak, Walraven, Nash, Zuke, Gerard, Quinn, & Pugmire families for bringing food to youth group meetings in September & October.
- To the Higgins, VanAcker, Hess, Heisler, Horwath, Newman, Fisher, Grinnell, Quinn, & Pugmire families for serving as security during youth group meetings in September & October.
- To Stefanie Zin for teaching Sunday school in September & October (and Addie Ricks, granddaughter of Don & Joanne Ricks, for helping one Sunday as well).
- To this year's nursery teams: Rachel Bullock, Dani Copeland, Skyler Larkin, Carolyn Solomon, Katie Riley & Sally Heisler.
- To Carter Kildea & David Wheeler for moving the giant Don't Let Go rocks.
- To the Loaves and Fishes team for November: Kelly Flagg, Joanne Ricks, Carol Cramer, Ann McGrath, and Paula Fry.
- To Pat & Heidi Dalton for a TON of work on the walk & garden from the porch to the east side.
- To mulchers: Sally & Mark Garrod (who also donated much of the mulch), Zsa Mahon, Kelly and TJ Flagg, Stephanie and Dan Bollman, Pat & Heidi Dalton.
- To Council Members, Officers, and others who helped with the Holy Ground Festival: Ann McGrath, Jon Lineberry, Carolyn Solomon, Nancy White, Bob Heisler, Malinda Barr, Lucretia Hildabridle, Phil Aho, Barb & Steve Decker, Kris BeLonge.
- To Cheryl Edwards who brought cat & dog treats for Blessing of the Pets.
- To Kirk Riley for his role organizing HCC's participation in the 2023 Greater Lansing CROP Hunger Walk.
- To Ann McGrath and Barb Szkotnicki for planning the HCC Bonfire; thanks also to Mark Garrod and Jon Lineberry for leading the Sing-along, and to Malinda Barr for use of her barn for the event.
- To Kim Tyler, Betsy Aho, Kevin Hatch, Tara Pugmire, Justin Grinnell, Holly Higgins, & Bob Heisler for driving youth on their haunted house outing in October.

Greetings HCC Folks and Friends!

This is an exciting time for music at HCC! In November we will have a variety of anthems and soloists.

For many years, in December, the path to Christmas has included "Songfest". This year, on December 10, we will again have the sanctuary "decked out" with banquet tables and decorations, sweet buns and breads, and hot cider. And the day will include some special music from *Handel's Messiah!* We hope you and your loved ones will join with your church friends and neighbors for this special Advent event!

Choir meets weekly to rehearse. To prep for Dec. 10's Songfest and to accommodate schedules, **rehearsals in November will begin at 6:45pm and may be on different weekdays.** Stay tuned to choir emails for details. If you have been thinking of giving choir a try, call/text Barbara Freeman at 517-881-9976 for more info!

**Mary L. Nelson
Memorial Food Pantry**

The Mary L. Nelson Memorial Food Pantry at HCC is inviting donations of specific items each month that can be used throughout the year. **In November, we're requesting:**

Shampoo or Conditioner (12-18 oz size)

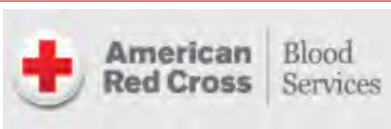
You can bring your donations to church on Sunday mornings – there will be a cart near the sanctuary. If you bring your donation during the week, you can use the wooden box by the Food Pantry on the north end of Friendship Hall.

The Food Pantry phone number:
(517) 339-8430

- To Claire Cowan & Tara Downs for chaperoning the high school overnight in October.
- To Anna Porritt & Katie Sloan for subbing at youth groups on October 29 for Erin.
- To Judy Peterson and Sally Heisler for donating baked goods for the youth to decorate and sell as part of their mission trip fundraiser in October.



Thank you for your participation in our continued effort to Fully Fund the Church We Love in 2024! While the Don't Let Go! campaign officially concluded on October 29, you can still make your 2024 pledge by emailing ccfinance@att.net, sending in your pledge card, or filling out a pledge card and dropping it in the offering plate. Thank you for your continued support of all the good that we hold on to at Haslett Community Church!



The Red Cross has an immediate need for blood donations. **There will be a blood drive at HCC: Friday, November 17, Noon - 6pm**

- Donation **by appointment only** (No Walk-In Appointments)
- Please use hand sanitizer on the way in and out of apmnt.

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.

CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



October means CROP Hunger Walk at Haslett Community Church! This October, our walkers walked around Lake Lansing on a beautiful fall day! HCC has already raised \$7,000 for CROP, and the number is still climbing! CROP funds support Church World Service in their work to fight hunger all over the world.

The CROP Hunger Walk is an important part of Haslett Community Church's mission to help those in need as an expression of our faith and caring. Local agencies receiving funds include Advent House Ministries, Greater Lansing Food Bank, Sparrow Clinton Hospital Foundation, The Garden Project, South Lansing Ministries, Southside Community Kitchen, and Volunteers of America.





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 1st Monday** of each month. **NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 6, @ 7:30pm** in **HCC's Friendship Hall**.



HCC Thanksgiving Dinner

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

on **Sunday, November 12, at noon**. We hope you can join us for this more-than-35-year-old tradition. 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. The entertainment for this year is being finalized, and we will announce it when everything is in place.

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 with cleanup or setup, please let us know that, too.

We will have a free will offering to cover expenses. Sign up and mark your calendar for November 12, when we will come together and give thanks for each and every one of us and for all we have to share.

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 26, 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 festive event gently nudges us into the thoughtful time and celebration of Advent.

HCC Annual Ski Trip

All are invited to HCC's Annual Ski Trip. Reservations are: **January 5 - 8** (2 nights available, too) at **Treetops Resort in Gaylord**.



Our 26th year together looks to be as fun and relaxing as each year before! Skiing is not a requirement for coming on the trip! We have reserved the large hospitality room for eating, game playing, watching sports, chatting, reading, plus another large conference room to allow us more eating space and space for those puzzle enthusiasts among us.

Interested? Please sign up on the board on the wall outside the HCC office. A deposit of \$170 is needed by November 12. **Questions: please ask Kim Carnes (517) 331-3586** (texting is best, but a call is good too). Please mark your calendars to join us for some wintery fun!

Looking Ahead...

- Thanksgiving Dinner November 12, Noon, HCC
- Social Committee Meets Nov. 13, 7:30 pm Friendship Hall
- Hanging of the Greens November 26, HCC
- Gingerbread House Decorating Date in Dec. TBD
- Christmas Caroling Dec. 17, 4:00 pm
- HCC Ski Trip January 5-8, 2024 Treetops, Gaylord



The Spiritual Life Committee cooperates with our clergy to empower laity to continue building a healthy, Christ-centered, Spiritual Community and respond to the spiritual needs of the HCC congregation. Our members are: Don Flagg, Cambria Decker-Larkin, Carolyn Lucas, Kris Belonge, and Jon Lineberry. We would love to welcome new faces to our committee. If you are interested, please contact the new chair, Cambria Decker-Larkin.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 8, @ 1:00 pm in the HCC Library. If you have questions or are interested in learning more about becoming a member of this committee please contact Cambria Decker-Larkin at cambriawhitta@gmail.com or 517-505-6442.



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 will be paying attention to our experiences with the Bible this year. The book, *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans, will be our focus.

We usually meet on the third Sunday each month, **after worship in Mary & Martha's room** (next to Youth room downstairs).

Our next Meeting will be: Sunday, November 19, at 11:15 am.



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 4, we will be meeting for in-person breakfast.** NEW LOCATION: Denny's, 2701E. Grand River, East Lansing, 48823

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

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

Sermon Preview Bible Study

Shining a Light on Scripture
 Thursdays 9-9:45 a.m.

Via Zoom, Beginning Sept. 14, 2023

Weekly Bible Study, lead by Betsy, based on readings for the upcoming Sunday

Meeting ID: 870 5721 1746
 Passcode: 48840

no preparation expected · join when you can



Sermon Preview Bible Study: Shining Light on Scripture

Several times a year, people ask me for a great Bible study that they can use at home. I love that question, and depending on what the asker is looking for, I am happy to recommend some sources that might work. But Bible study is actually best done in community and in group study or conversation.

Consider joining me and others for a weekly Bible study in which we

look at the readings for the upcoming Sunday service and study them together. I welcome those who are brand new to Bible study and those who have been at it for years. And often you hear your own wonderings reflected back in a sermon. No preparation is expected, we honor our 45-minute time commitment, and you can just Zoom in on the weeks that are best for you! Use the link below, or the Zoom info on the graphic. This Spiritual Life offering happens weekly on Thursday morning at 9am.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87057211746?pwd=V1dqMC9zTTViU3VqU1JUMkVWeEtCZz09>

Wednesday Wisdom and Wondering Presents
The Gift of Gratitude
Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m.

November 1st, 8th, 15th, 2023

We love to have you in person.

For Zoom option use:
Meeting ID: 852 3938 9905
Passcode: 48840



Gratitude is good
for the soul!

Pastor Betsy leads this series
which explores the benefits
of gratitude, and shapes
practices and habits of
thankfulness in your life.



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Wednesday Wisdom & Wondering Presents: The Gift of Gratitude

“Gratitude is, first and foremost, a way of seeing that alters our gaze.” – Robert A. Emmons

November turns our hearts and minds to giving thanks. So, let’s hone our gratitude skills! Research shows that there are many benefits to both spontaneous feelings of gratitude and to intentional practices that cultivate thankfulness in our lives.

Pastor Betsy will lead this interactive group as we explore together why gratitude is important and some practical ways to incorporate intentional thanksgiving in our lives. Join this 3 week series in person or via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85239389905?pwd=amZJaHlOdmh2RHM1emVSNVhFV0V0dz09>

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

Stay tuned in weekly emails and bulletins for info on how you can help sponsor this beautiful HCC tradition in 2023!



Weekly Sanctuary Flowers



You can help provide some of the beauty in our weekly worship service by providing fresh flowers for the altar / sanctuary on weeks other than Easter and Christmas!

You can sign up [HERE](#) or on the sheet on the wall outside the HCC office. Choose one week or multiple weeks (there are 2 slots per week), then bring the flowers by 9:30am that Sunday morning for all to enjoy! Vases are available in the Kitchen if needed.



Happy Heart Schedule for November 2023

Sunday, November 5 – Daylight Saving Times ends	
Ministry	Name(s)
Reader	Allison Sevegney
Greeters	Kathy Baker & Ann McGrath
Ushers	Rich Baumgartner & Ann Pierce
Coffee Hosts	Barb & Mike Szkotnicki
A/V Tech	Jim Gornick
Tellers	Rich Baumgartner & Barb Szkotnicki

Sunday, November 12 – Thanksgiving Dinner	
Ministry	Name(s)
Reader	Fred Schmidt
Greeters	Joanne Ricks & Pat Dalton
Ushers	Sheila Fink & ??
Coffee Hosts	N/A – Thanksgiving dinner
A/V Tech	Helen & David Jones
Tellers	Rich Newport & Don Flagg

Sunday, November 19	
Ministry	Name(s)
Reader	Steve Decker
Greeters	Barb & Steve Decker
Ushers	Tom Nelson & Sylvia Davis
Coffee Hosts	Tim & Laura Roupz
A/V Tech	Jon Lineberry
Tellers	Sylvia Davis & Jim Durr

Sunday, November 26 – Hanging of the Greens	
Ministry	Name(s)
Reader	Cheryl Edwards
Greeters	Kathleen Denisi & Linda Bennett
Ushers	Katie Riley & Kim Carnes
Coffee Hosts	Steve & Barb Decker
A/V Tech	Jim Gornick
Tellers	Cheryl Edwards & Cambria Decker-Larkin



Christmas Giving Project - Gifts

Gifts are a major part of the Christmas Giving Project. We estimate the program will provide gifts to approximately 225 children of the Haslett School district. You, your family and friends are invited to purchase gifts.



WHAT: The project offers five gifts (mostly clothing) 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 request a gift list remotely: Send an email with “Gift Request” in the Subject line to 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; 6 to 12; or 13 to 18.** 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 lists 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 12 or Saturday mornings from 11am to noon beginning November 25.

If you choose to support the project financially, without shopping, you can send a contribution on our [Online Giving page](#) 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.



Christmas Giving Project - Volunteering

Gift Helpers -

We need volunteers **Sundays in November** to distribute information about gifts to purchase and collect wrapped gifts. Instructions will be provided.

Gift Helper Sign Up →



Food Packing and Distribution –

Over 50 people are needed to help with packing groceries on **December 18 and 19**, and to help on **Thursday, December 21**, the day gifts are distributed to families. Specific times and description of tasks are included on the sign-up available via the QR codes.



Grocery Packing Sign Up



Distribution Day Sign Up



Boxes, Boxes, Boxes - We will need many boxes for the Christmas Giving Project. Copy paper boxes including their covers are ideal; however, any box approximately 11" x 17" x 10" is helpful. The building is open Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday morning for drop off boxes. If you need to leave boxes at another time, please phone Richard Baumgartner at 339-0438 to let him know or to arrange an alternate drop off time. This is a landline and cannot accept texts.

November's "Safety Snippet"



"What's Behind Door #1?"

This month's Safety Snippet is a simple, yet profound, reminder that while most doors to HCC are open before Service on Sunday Mornings, once the Service begins, in an effort to ensure the safety and well-being of all members of the congregation, all of the doors, except Door #1, should be locked.

To that end, if anyone should arrive late to service, they should be directed to enter through Door #1. Moreover, if any member of the Congregation should observe anyone attempting to enter through a locked door during Service please redirect them to enter through Door #1. In addition, the Safety Team requests that, in those situations, you please alert someone that you've provided that direction.

Remember, the responsibility of ensuring the safety of our beloved Congregation rests with all of us !

Simply Give at Bath Meijer



The Haslett Food Pantry will be the recipient of the **Holiday Simply Give** campaign through **Sat., December 30, 2023**. The campaign will run in the **Bath Meijer only**.

Meijer will **double** Simply Give donations made at the **Bath** store on **Saturday, Dec. 16**. That day, for every \$10 donation, Meijer will provide an additional contribution of \$20, resulting in a total donation of \$30 that comes to the food pantry. While other days are not double matched, a Simply Give donation on any day is welcome. as the total campaign produces valuable food pantry assistance!!

Thanks to generous customers and Meijer Foundation support, the Simply Give campaign has generated over \$84 million in food donations for more than 430 food pantries throughout the Midwest since 2008.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Information you'd like included in the December 2023 Newsletter is due to Michele no later than November 21 (the 3rd Tuesday of this month)

Please send to: hcc1@att.net

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

- Use your phone camera to scan the QR code to access our Online Giving.
- Text GIVE to our secure giving number: 517-200-3995
- You can mail checks, which are accounted for weekly.
- You can also PayPal us at: HCCgenerosity@gmail.com.



We are so grateful for your generosity!



Daylight Saving Time ends
at 2 a.m.
SUNDAY, Nov. 5, 2023.

Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night before you go to sleep.

Mission Outreach meets next:
Thursday, Nov. 9, @ 1:30pm
 in Fellowship Hall.

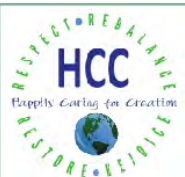


Knitters, Crocheters, & Wannabees

Our Next Meeting will be **Sunday, Nov. 12, at 11:15am** after worship, in the Library.



HCC Property Committee usually meets the 2nd Monday each month. Our next meeting will be: **Mon., Nov. 13, at 6pm, via Zoom**



HCC Green Team usually meets the 2nd Monday each month. Our next meeting will be: **Monday, Nov. 13, at 7pm, in Fellowship Hall.**

For more info, you can contact Doug Holem: douglasholem@gmail.com



Church Council meets on the second Tuesday of most months.

Our next meeting will be: Tues., Nov. 14, at 7:15 pm



Our new Digital HCC Photo Directory launched Sept. 15!

For details on how to access it, visit our Online Directory page of our website [HERE](#).

A great thing about a digital photo directory is that it will be updated continually, it is easy to use and searchable, and once you create an account, you can have access at your fingertips!

If you have questions, please contact Michele in our office at hcc1@att.net or 517.339.8383 x10.

Member Caring meets next:

Sunday, Nov. 19, @ 11:15am, after worship, in the HCC Library.



Safety Team meets next on **Tues., Nov. 28 at 7pm** in Friendship Hall.

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



NEW GREEN TEAM BOOK CLUB!!!

The Green Team book club will meet on **Tuesday November 28, in Fellowship Hall, at 7pm.**

We will be discussing chapters 4-7 of Douglas Tallamy's book, *Bringing Nature Home - how you can sustain wildlife with native plants*".

If you have further questions, you can email Kim Huston at kimahuston@gmail.com.



What's Happening at HCC in November

What's Happening no longer shows individual committee meetings. Instead, you can find specific committee meeting information on [pages 7, 8, & 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 or 517.339.8383).

WEEKLY

Worship Service

Sundays, 10:00am

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

Sunday School (p3)

Sundays, during worship most Sundays*,
Downstairs

Coffee Fellowship

Most Sundays, after worship, Friendship Hall

YOUTH: Youth Groups Meet (p4)

Sundays, *MS: 5:00-6:30pm; HS: 7:00-9:00pm
Youth Rm

(*Special events on Nov. 19 & 26 take the place of
regular evening Youth Groups.)

Onsite Office Hours

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

Pastor Betsy's Drop-In Office Hours

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

Wednesday Wisdom & Wondering (p9)

Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:00pm, Nov. 1, 8, & 15
Fellowship Hall / Zoom

Choir Rehearsal (p5)

Wednesdays*, 6:45 - 8:30pm

Choir Room (*check choir emails for updates on
days and times in November)

Sermon Preview Bible Study (p8)

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

Men's Group (p8)

Saturdays, 9:00am

Zoom (except Nov. 4 - in-person @ Denny's,
2701E. Grand River, East Lansing, 48823)

Office Closed - Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 23

Hanging of the Greens (p3, 4, & 7)

Sunday, November 26, 4:00pm, HCC

ONCE THIS MONTH

Haslett Women's Club

Thursday, November 2, 7:00pm
Fellowship Hall

Men's Breakfast (p8)

Saturday, November 4, 9:00am,
Location TBD - check Men's Group emails

Daylight Saving Time Ends (p12)

Sunday, November 5, 2:00am*

*Set your clocks back 1 hour Sat. night

Staff Meeting

Tuesday, November 7, 9:45am
Fellowship Hall

ALL NOVEMBER YOUTH EVENTS (p4)

*Our YOUTH Group is super busy this
month, so we ran out of room! See Pg4 &
Youth messages from Erin.

HCC Thanksgiving Dinner (p7)

Sunday, November 12, Noon
HCC

Church Council Meets (p12)

Tuesday, November 14, 7:15pm
Fellowship Hall & Zoom

Interfaith Service of Solidarity (p2)

Thursday, November 16, 7:00pm
Eastminster Pres. Church, East Lansing

Red Cross Blood Drive (p6)

Friday, November 17, HCC
Setup 11am; Donations Noon - 6pm

Memorial Gathering

Saturday, November 18, 10am - 6pm
Friendship Hall

Coffee With Jesus (p8)

Sunday, November 19, 11:15am
Mary & Martha's Rm downstairs

Newsletter Items Due (p11)

Tuesday, November 21, 10:00am
Email to hcc1@att.net

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November 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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