

Haslett Community Church



HCC Connections

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

October 2023



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"Do not quench the Spirit ... hold fast to what is good." - 1 Thessalonians 5: 19, 21

Dear Haslett Community Church,

What is it about this congregation, this church, this community that makes you realize, "Wow, this place is Holy Ground?" What is it about this place that invites you to come back again and again?

What do you hold on to here, depend on here, know you can count on here? When has Haslett Community Church offered you a foothold when you felt you were slipping? When have you had the opportunity to help someone else climb higher by lending a hand?

This October as we ask each of you to discern how you can and do participate in fully funding this church that we love, we are also celebrating why we invest in Haslett Community Church! The reasons we choose to support HCC may be vastly different, and there may be a few common themes that arise, but I trust that if you are able to contribute, you do so because you recognize that there is something of value here that is worth holding on to.

Haslett Community Church, United Church of Christ is not perfect, and I would never argue that it is. But, beloveds, this place is healthy in so many ways, life-giving to so many even outside of the walls, inclusive to some who are just realizing a church can be a safe place, and authentically loving as whole, that we can laugh and cry together in worship and know we belong. In a world where there is so much uncertainty, so much pain, so much loneliness and so much animosity, this place is indeed, by God's grace, good and Holy Ground. So, let's hold fast to what is good, let's invest in what is good, let's celebrate what is good! And don't let go.

Yours in the Climb,

Pastor Betsy

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 Cell: 517.282.7443
 Email: aho.betsy@att.net

Note: Pastor Betsy will be on Study Leave at a retreat house, and then out of town with family from the afternoon of Oct.15 - Oct. 21. Please be in touch with Pastor Erin for immediate needs during that time.



As we continue to climb toward fully funding the church we love, we will kick-off our Don't Let Go contribution campaign the first week in October, and conclude with Giving Sunday on October 29. Much more information to come via mail and email in upcoming weeks!

Thank you for taking time to discern how you can help ensure that the goodness and spirit of Haslett Community Church is not quenched but celebrated and will continue to be a place to grow in faith and friendship for years to come.



2023	* YEAR AT A Glance	2024
Oct. 1: World Communion Sunday & Joyful Offering Holy Ground Festival (see below) [This after church event, designed for all ages, will tie together the themes of the burning bush (hot dog roast), the Holy Ground of our church community (think collaborative art project and all church photo!), the solid ground upon which we stand when we stand with our faith (climbing!) and hold fast to what is good (Fully Fund the Church extras!). Everyone is invited to this free fun on the Holy Ground of HCC.]		Jan. 5-7: Annual Ski Trip to Treetops Jan. 7: Epiphany; Communion & Joyful Offering Jan. 14: Annual Meeting Jan. 21: Laity Sunday Feb. 10: All-HCC Connect & Reflect Retreat and Lip Sync Battle Feb. 14: Ash Wednesday Feb. 18: First Sunday of Lent; Communion & Joyful Offering
Oct. 7: Blessing the Pets		Mar. 17: One Great Hour of Sharing
Oct. 8: Greater Lansing CROP Hunger Walk & HCC Bonfire & Music @ the Barr's		Mar. 24: Palm Sunday Mar. 28: Maundy Thursday
Nov. 12: Thanksgiving Dinner & Christmas Giving Project (CGP) Launch		Mar. 29: Good Friday Mar. 31: Easter Sunday! 7:30 a.m.: Sunrise Service with Communion
Nov. 26: Hanging of the Greens		10 a.m.: Traditional Easter Svc.
Dec. 3: First Sunday of Advent; Communion & Joyful Offering		Apr. 21: HCC 70 th Anniversary Celebration & Choir Sunday!
Dec. 10: Songfest		May 5: Youth Senior Sunday
Dec. 17-21: Christmas Giving Project Grocery Packing and Distribution		May 19: Pentecost; Communion & Joyful Offering
Dec. 24: 10 a.m.: Children's Christmas Service 7 & 9 p.m.: Christmas Eve Candle-light Services		Jun. 11-13: Vacation Bible School Jun. 22-29: High School Mission Trip
Dec. 31: NYE coffee hour with Countdown to 12:00 (noon)!		Jul. 28-Aug.1: Middle School Mission Trip
<p>*Is your group planning something that you don't see listed here? Is there an event listed that you need more details on? Fear not, this is a preliminary Calendar, and additions and corrections can be made, and details will be provided as things near. Also, this calendar does not list things like regular meetings, weekly programming, etc. These are special events, once a year happenings, etc. that involve the whole church. Keep listening to announcements in church, check weekly emails, read monthly newsletters, and follow us on Facebook for continued updates and comprehensive information!</p>		

Holy Ground Festival!
Sunday, October 1, 2023
From World Communion Sunday at 10 a.m. to a celebration for all after worship

Holy Ground Festival Includes:

- Inflatable climbing & slide fun for kids
- One big Church Family photograph
- Hot dog roast around the "burning bush"
- Refreshments and fellowship
- Recognizing what makes HCC Holy Ground!



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 Hebrew Scriptures

- October 8th: 2 Kings 6:8-23: The Feast that Brought Peace

Compassion in the New Testament

- October 15th: Matthew 9:35-38: Jesus' Compassion
- October 22nd: Mark 10:17-27: The One Thing
- October 29th: Luke 7:11-17: Compassion that Heals
- 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

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, October 1st is World 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**

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 October, our offering will go to support Nyaka Global. Nyaka provides community-based solutions to address the needs of orphaned and vulnerable children in rural southwestern Uganda. We surround each child with a comprehensive support system. This is comprised of interrelated programs developed and led by our community, where children are nurtured and protected so they can learn, grow, and thrive.



You can learn more about Nyaka through their website:

nyakaglobal.org

Or through these videos on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@NyakaGlobal>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Epn-S4WgYQ>

Twesigye Jackson Kaguri has written two books about Nyaka as well (linked below):

[A School for My Village](#)
[A Victory for My Village](#)

Bring your loose change to church on Sunday, October 1st for our Joyful Offering that will support Nyaka's important and life-giving work!





YOUTH GROUP in Oct.:

On October 1st, 8th,
15th and 29th

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 event on
Oct. 22nd that takes the place
of our evening youth groups).



Saturday, October 14th
7pm

Middle School Movie Night
Halloween movie to be
determined!
Popcorn provided.



No school on Friday, Oct. 6th
calls for
Breakfast at Blondies
times TBA

Please bring \$ for your breakfast!



High School Youth LOCK IN
Saturday, October 21st

This event will include preparing
for a mission trip fundraiser!
Don't worry- we'll make sure to
have some fun overnight too!
Stay tuned for details, but mark
your calendar so you don't miss
out on the fun!

Youth are encouraged to stay for
worship the next morning at
10am (fundraiser after).



Are you sad that we're not
selling pumpkins at HCC
this year?

Sunday, October 22nd
the youth will have a NEW
mission trip fall fundraiser to
support next summer's
TWO mission trips!
More info coming soon!



Hot Cocoa for Hoco!
Friday, October 13th
7am-7:45am

All youth are invited to swing by
HCC on their way to school to grab
a cup of hot cocoa in honor of
Haslett's homecoming!
Come to door #3 at church (in the
kitchen). Maybe there'll be
donuts too!

Sunday, October 22nd
TERROR ON 27

6:30pm
@HCC.

Cost is \$10 for
one attraction

and \$15 for three .

CASH ENCOURAGED-
they do accept cards, but it
adds \$1 per ticket.

We will return to HCC
between 9-10pm

(depending on the lines).

ADULT DRIVERS NEEDED-
call Erin if you're available.

YOUTH MUST SIGN UP
WITH ERIN by October 18th!

(so we know how many
drivers we need)



5th & 6th grade dinner
Tuesday, October 3rd
6-7:30pm at HCC

9th grade dinner
Monday, October 23rd
6-7:30pm at HCC

For all dinners we eat at the
large table by the kitchen,
please use door #3. Please
RSVP to Erin
by that morning!



Tuesday, October 17th
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).



Our Church Family



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

- To Rich Baumgartner, Dave Ferguson, and the Men’s Group for the Red Cross Blood Drive setup and reset in September.
- To Russ Wilson for spreading dirt for Mudstival; And to Sally Heisler for also helping with Mudstival.
- To the Quinn family and Carol & Bob Cramer for donating furniture for the youth room.
- To Greyson Newman, Easton Vessell, Cullen Quinn, Jack Zuke, Clara Fisher, and Brooke Horwath for cleaning, organizing, and getting the youth room ready for kickoff!
- To the Loaves and Fishes team for October: Nancy White, Carol Cramer, Sally Heisler, Barb Szkotnicki, and Paula Fry.
- To David Jones for leading the film discussion of “Apollo 11”
- To Bob Heisler for installing the 2nd AED in the building (downstairs) for the Safety Team.
- To Russ Wilson and Patrick Homminga for grilling at the Chicken BBQ. A big thanks to all the other helpers as well (from Social Committee).
- To all those that made Outdoor Worship successful this year (from Spiritual Life): Don Flagg for securing the coffee & fixings from Biggby; the Meteyer family for moving tables before service; Katie Riley for bringing items from HCC for Coffee Hour; the musicians for providing wonderful music (Kim Huston, Becky Leefers, Jon Lineberry, & Richard Ledebuhr); Pastor Betsy for bringing the sound system and other needed items; and to everyone who helped in any way to make Outdoor Worship enjoyable and memorable this year!

Greetings HCC Folks and Friends!

It’s great having Landon Black join us as our Choral Directing Intern this year! He’s a big help and very nice to work with.

Music for October starts with an exciting song on Sunday, October 1 - “Go Down, Moses”, arranged by Larry Shackley, and made more special by David Jones accompanying us on drums. Then, on October 15, we’re celebrating women in the Bible.

If you have been thinking of giving choir a try, now is the time. We rehearse on Wednesdays at 7pm.

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 October, we’re requesting:**

Dish Detergent

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



Boxes, Boxes, Boxes

We will need many boxes for the upcoming Christmas Giving Project. Copy paper boxes including their covers are ideal; however, any box approximately 11” by 17” by 10” is helpful. The building is open Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday mornings for drop-off.

If you need to leave boxes at another time, please phone Richard Baumgartner at 517.755.6198 to arrange an alternate drop off time.



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.

2023 Greater Lansing CROP Hunger Walk at Haslett Community Church



This year's HCC CROP Hunger Walk begins and ends at HCC and is a walk around Lake Lansing again. We hope you will join us! Last year we raised nearly \$10,000, making HCC consistently one of the top 25 churches in the nation in raising funds for CROP. This year we have a goal of raising \$11,000.

- When: Sunday, October 8, 2023, at 1 pm.
- Where: Starting at Haslett Community Church and walking in small groups around some or all of Lake Lansing. Runners are welcome!
- Who: You! Everyone is welcome. We would love to have you walk with us.
- Why: Join with others in Greater Lansing as together we work to end hunger and poverty in our community and around the world.

To give online or to sign up to walk, please use the QR code to the right:

-OR- visit this website: <http://bit.ly/48uWlw3>.



If you haven't heard, when we walk together for CROP Hunger Walk, we're supporting Church World Service's work to provide food and clean water to communities lacking those essentials of life. But CWS also provides:

- Disaster relief
- Farming and food security
- Refugee relief and resettlement
- Health care

This year CWS is again helping Ukrainian refugees at locations in Moldova, in addition to fighting hunger and ensuring clean water in Africa and Asia.

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.



Big News from the United Church of Christ, National Setting!



The Board of Trustees of the United Church of Christ is pleased to announce the installation of our 10th General Minister and President, The Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia A. Thompson.

Rev. Thompson was elected General Minister and President at the 34th General Synod on July 3, 2023, in Indianapolis, IN, and took office on August 1. Rev. Thompson is the first woman to serve as General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ.

You are cordially invited to celebrate this historic installation on **Friday, October 20, 2023, 5:00 pm ET**, via livestream. All may attend via livestream, but registration (no cost) is required. The installation will take place at the Lakewood Congregational Church in Lakewood, Ohio, where the Rev. Joanna D'Agostino serves as Senior Pastor.

To register for this exciting livestream event, please [CLICK HERE](#) or go to ucc.org, and scroll through the top banner for this event. It is a historic moment for the UCC!



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, October 9, @ 7:30pm** in **HCC's Friendship Hall**.

Save the Date

Sunday October 8, 2023, at 5pm

**Malinda Barr's Barn
1867 Lake Lansing Rd, Haslett**



Social Committee's Pick-a-Party for October is a Bonfire (hot dogs and s'mores). Music will be furnished by Mark Garrod and friends. Social Committee will furnish hot dogs, buns and fixing's, marshmallows, chocolate, and graham crackers. We ask that you bring a chair, beverage and your appetite!!

This will be a fun event for everyone in the church. Sign up is [HERE](#) and on the wall by the church office.



SAVE THE DATE
Sunday, October 8,
5:00 pm
Malinda Barr's Barn
Everyone Welcome!

HCC Annual Ski Trip

All are invited to HCC's Annual Ski Trip. Reservations are: **January 4 - 7** (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, snowboarding, snowshoeing, tubing, and cross-country skiing are among the outdoor fun you can enjoy. But skiing is not a requirement for coming on the ski trip. We have reserved the large hospitality room where we gather to eat, play games, watch sporting events, chat, read ... and then another large conference room allowing 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 (more information coming later this month). We will be having a **ski trip meeting on Sunday, October 22, right after worship**. 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 (and the ski meeting)!

Looking Ahead...



- Bonfire and Music October 8, 5pm
Malinda Barr's
- Social Committee Meets Oct. 9, 7:30 pm
Friendship Hall
- Thanksgiving Dinner November 12,
Noon, HCC
- Hanging of the Greens November 26,
HCC
- HCC Ski Trip January 4-7, 2024
Treetops, Gaylord

NEW GREEN TEAM BOOK CLUB!!!

The Green Team book club will meet on **Tuesday October 17, in Fellowship Hall:**

**6pm - soup/bread supper
7pm - book discussion**

The book for discussion will be: *Bringing Nature Home* by Douglass Tallamy. This will be a social gathering, as members of other local churches who have an interest in native plants, are invited to join us.

Please contact kimahuston@gmail.com if you are planning to come or with any questions!





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, October 18, @ 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 cambriawhitte@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, October 15, at 11:15 am.



Men's Group

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continues to meet regularly in different ways, including **online Zoom meetings on**

most Saturday mornings at 9:00am (see info below).

**** On Saturday, Oct. 21, we will be meeting for in-person breakfast at Blondie's in Haslett.**

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

Mortal and Marvelous: real talk about dying

Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m.

September 13 – October 11, 2023

We love to have you in person.

**For Zoom option use:
Meeting ID: 832 2757 3032
Passcode: 48840**



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Let's talk about death and dying in a safe, comfortable, faithful way.

Some topics include:

- Hospice, A Closer Look
- Conversations to Have Before You Die
- Leaving Behind "Left Behind": Scripture and What's Next
- And more.

This 5-week series is for adults of all ages and stages.

It has been said, that the only guarantees in life are death and taxes. And out of these two things that we will all experience, we are much more likely to talk about taxes. Let's change that. We are mortal. We will die. So, let's talk about death in a supportive, safe, and faithful way. Pastor Betsy will lead a 5-week Wednesday Wisdom and Wondering Series called, "**Mortal and Marvelous: Real Talk About Dying,**" which meets each Wednesday at 6pm, through October 11. This series is relevant for adults of any age and stage in life. The weekly topics are expected to be:

October 4: **Conversations to Have Before You Die** – 90% of people say it is important to speak with their loved ones about end-of-life care, but less than 30% of people have had the conversation. We will help make the conversation easier by covering conversation starters and resources that can help.

October 11: **Reflection & Resources** – Using some publications by the United Church of Christ, we will end this series with some hopeful reflection and helpful resources for moving ahead. After all, before we die, we fully live in the light of God's love for us.



Weekly Sanctuary Flowers

We've recently brought back the opportunity for you all to 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!

BLESSING OF THE PETS



Saturday, October 7, 10 a.m.

Blessing of the Pets on the lawn of the church. Bring your animals to receive a blessing in the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi. If you have animals at home who will not do well with many other animals around, you are welcome to bring a photo. We ask that dogs be leashed, please.



Happy Heart Schedule for October 2023

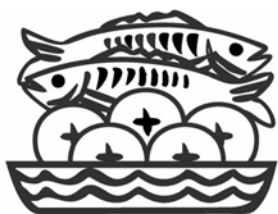
Sunday, October 1 – World Communion Day & Holy Ground Festival	
Ministry	Name(s)
Reader	Steve Decker
Greeters	Jamie & Jackson Rahrig
Ushers	Barb & Mike Szkotnicki
Coffee Hosts	Steve & Barb Decker
A/V Tech	Jim Gornick
Tellers	Cheryl Edwards & Jim Gornick

Sunday, October 8 – CROP Hunger Walk	
Ministry	Name(s)
Reader	Carolyn Lucas
Greeters	Russ & Lynn Wilson
Ushers	Barb Szkotnicki & ??
Coffee Hosts	Kelly Flagg & Carol Cramer
A/V Tech	Rich Newport
Tellers	Don Flagg & Rich Baumgartner

Sunday, October 15	
Ministry	Name(s)
Reader	Rachel Bullock
Greeters	Sheila Fink & Malinda Barr
Ushers	Bob & Sally Heisler
Coffee Hosts	??
A/V Tech	Helen & David Jones
Tellers	Larry Leefers & Rachel Bullock

Sunday, October 22	
Ministry	Name(s)
Reader	Carol Reid
Greeters	Barb Szkotnicki & Kim Carnes
Ushers	Jean McIntyre & Sylvia Davis
Coffee Hosts	Russ & Lynn Wilson
A/V Tech	Jon Lineberry
Tellers	Sylvia Davis & Rachel Bullock

Sunday, October 29	
Ministry	Name(s)
Reader	Barb Szkotnicki
Greeters	Barb Szkotnicki & ??
Ushers	Rich Baumgartner & Ann Pierce
Coffee Hosts	Laura Belisle & family
A/V Tech	Rich Newport
Tellers	Bob Heisler & Cheryl Edwards



Loaves & Fishes

Would you help provide the Loaves and Fishes monthly Meal?

Loaves and Fishes Ministries was established in 1979 as a short-term overnight homeless shelter. Loaves and Fishes Ministries offers overnight shelter to guests in a comfortable, safe and home-like environment. They have space to house 6 men and 4 women every night. Guests are welcome to stay at Loaves and Fishes up to 30 nights.

Haslett Community Church provides the evening meal for the guests once a month. This ministry has been a part of the church for approximately 20 years. There are four parts to the meal; a main course, a vegetable, a salad and a dessert. The meal serves 15 people.

If you would like to volunteer and help provide the meal, please send an email to Nancy White at nancylwhite@comcast.net. Nancy will add you to the list. Nancy sends out the sign-up sheet and communicates with the respondents. Paula Fry coordinates the collection of the food and delivers the meal to the shelter.

Thank you for sharing and caring.

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Knitters, Crocheters, & Wannabees
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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Information you'd like included in the November 2023 Newsletter **is due to Michele no later than October 17.** (the 3rd Tuesday of this month)
Please send to: hcc1@att.net





HCC Property Committee usually meets the 2nd Monday each month. Our next meeting will be: **Mon., Oct. 9, at 6pm, via Zoom**

Mission Outreach meets next: **Thursday, Oct. 12, @ 1:30pm** in Fellowship Hall.




HCC Green Team usually meets the 2nd Monday each month. Our next meeting will be: **Mon., Oct. 9, at 7pm, in Fellowship Hall.**

Safety Team meets next on **Tues., Oct. 17 at 7pm** in Fellowship Hall.
Please contact Sally Heisler for details about this group: 517-230-4043 or sally.m.heisler@gmail.com

Church Council meets on the second Tuesday of most months. **Our next meeting will be: Tues., Oct. 10, at 7:15 pm**

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.
 - **Mobile Giving** - utilizes the easyTithe™ Giving App which you can download from [The App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).
 - **Text Giving** - Just text GIVE to our secure giving number: 517-200-3995

Thank you for your generosity & support!

Church 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? 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.

Note: Pastor Betsy will be on Study Leave at a retreat house, and then out of town with family from the afternoon of Oct.15 - Oct. 21. Please be in touch with Pastor Erin for immediate needs during that time.

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.

Simply Give at Bath Meijer

The Haslett Food Pantry will be the recipient of the **Holiday**



Simply Give campaign from **Sunday, October 1, 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, December 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.

October's "Safety Snippet"



A...E..What?

Did you know that HCC has not 1, but 2 AEDs?

So just what is an AED? An AED, or Automated External Defibrillator, is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet **easy-to-use**, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electric shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.

The HCC AEDs are located:

1. On the 1st Floor, in the large closet where tables and chairs are stored, at the top of the stairs to the basement behind the Sanctuary
2. In the basement, in the Kid's Gym (immediately to your right at the base of the stairs behind the Sanctuary)

Please take a few moments to familiarize yourself with these potentially life-saving devices!

What's Happening at HCC in October

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

Sundays, 10:00am *Oct. 1 is Holy Ground Fest. & World Communion Day

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

Sunday School (p3)

Sundays, during worship most Sundays, *Not Oct. 1 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

(*Oct. 22, All Youth Terror on 27-meet 6:30pm at HCC)

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, HCC Office (She is also available by appointment Tue-Fri)

Wednesday Wisdom & Wondering (p9)

Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:00pm, through Oct. 11 Fellowship Hall / Zoom

Choir Rehearsal (p5)

Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:30pm Choir Room / Sanctuary

Sermon Preview Bible Study (p8)

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

Men's Group (p8)

Saturdays, 9:00am Zoom (except Oct. 21 - in-person @ Blondie's)

Men's Breakfast (p8)

Saturday, October 21, 9:00am, Blondie's in Haslett

Ski Trip Meeting (p7)

Sunday, October 22, 11:00am, Sanctuary

Michigan Conf. of UCC Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 28, 9:00am – 3:00pm, Gr Rapids

ONCE THIS MONTH

Holy Ground Festival (p2)

Sunday, October 1, 11:00am

Staff Meeting

Tuesday, October 3, 9:45am Fellowship Hall

ALL OCTOBER YOUTH EVENTS (p4)

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

Blessing of the Pets (p9)

Saturday, October 7, Outdoors at HCC 10:00 am

Knitters, Crocheters, etc. (p11)

Sunday, October 8, 11:15am HCC Library

CROP Hunger Walk (p6)

Sunday, October 8, 1:00pm, Begin & End @ HCC, around Lake Lansing

HCC Bonfire & Music (p7)

Sunday, October 8, 5:00pm Malinda Barr's Barn, 1867 Lk Lansing Rd.

Church Council Meets (p11)

Tuesday, October 10, 7:15pm Fellowship Hall & Zoom

Coffee With Jesus (p8)

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

Newsletter Items Due (p11)

Tuesday, October 17, 10:00am Email to hcc1@att.net

NEW! Green Team Book Club (p7)

Tuesday, October 17, 6:00-8:00pm* Fellowship Hall (*6pm soup dinner, 7pm discussion)

New UCC Gen. Minister Installed (p6)

Friday, October 20, 5:00pm *Registration Required (ucc.org)

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HCC Connections

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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

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