

Haslett Community Church



HCC Connections

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

September 2022



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Welcome Home to the Church That You Love!

The church that you love is here. Haslett Community Church, United Church of Christ is here, right in this spot at 1427 Haslett Road.

And the church you love is there. Yep, Haslett Community Church is right there, in the part of your heart that feels a tug of familiarity or longing or possibility or joy when you drive by, see the dove logo, or remember an important experience that happened here.

The church that you love is also beyond here or there. Because HCC is part of the community and the church universal, it cannot be contained! The Spirit of God moves through people who show up, the people who are out in the community, and through the worship, work, and friendships that we participate in.

The church you love has been present through remote worship and reunions and faith formation and joyful celebrations and spaces for grief. The church that you love has persevered and thrived and struggled and adapted and remained dependable. And the church you love is still here, there, and everywhere. And the church you love is at its best when you are part of it!

On Kick-off Sunday, September 11, 2022, we want to Welcome You Home to the Church That You Love! Whether you are new or not, or have paused for a while, or have participated regularly, or somewhere in between, this fall is the perfect time to come home to Haslett Community Church, and Kick-Off Sunday is a great time to begin.

Introducing: [Kick-off Sunday Church Engagement Festival!](#) Sunday, September 11, 11:00 am

Displays and friendly volunteers will be all over the church to show off the space and help share about a different opportunity for learning, engagement, service, or growth. Grab a passport so you don't miss a station and:

- ◇ Pick up HCC branded swag and snacks at every station
- ◇ Visit with friends, new and old, along the way
- ◇ Learn about opportunities HCC has to offer
- ◇ Enjoy an event designed to be fun for every age
- ◇ Explore the whole church, maybe rooms you've never seen before

Get your passport stamped at each station; a full passport is eligible for a prize drawing! We want everyone to see the church they love and see all that is possible in a fun, engaging way. This is helpful to folks who are newer to the congregation, but also a great re-engagement for those who are not new.

Kids and adults will enjoy picking up treats or HCC swag at each stop and meeting new people. Remember to get your passport stamped at each station and you could win a prize!

Plan to stay for a while after church on September 11, and explore and engage with the Church that you love!

Yours In the Journey,
Pastor Betsy

Phone: 517.339.8383 x11 Email: aho.betsy@att.net
Cell: 517.282.7443

Welcome Home

to the Church You Love!

Haslett Community Church, United Church of Christ

Kick off Sunday Engagement Festival
September 11, 2022 · 11:00 a.m.

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- Meet friends new and old
- Enter your full passport for prizes



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HOMECOMING

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH

Do you know that HCC is practically on the parade route for Haslett's Homecoming parade?
Let's gather at the church and walk the ½ block to Franklin Street to watch the parade!

Friday, September 30 - Meet at HCC starting at 4:30pm (but come anytime)!

Wear HCC gear! Maybe even a new HCC shirt in Haslett colors that we will be selling SOON!

Go Vikings!



Our new Sunday School year kicks off on September 11th!

Our lessons will be inspired by the narrative lectionary that we follow for worship. Some weeks the lessons will line up perfectly, some months we will do a deeper dive into a particular story or collection of stories! By sticking close to the Scriptures being explored in worship, it is our hope that families will have meaningful conversations around these stories from our Bible as we learn together!

Here's a snapshot of our year:

September: God's Promises (Noah, Abraham, Joseph)

October: Exodus (the plagues, crossing the Red Sea, the 10 commandments, and renewing the covenant)

November: Micah 6: 8 (seeking justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God)

December: Light in the darkness

January: Sermon on the Mount (the Beatitudes, being salt of the earth, letting our light shine)

February: The Lord's Prayer

March & April: Parables of Jesus (with Palm Sunday and an Easter celebration thrown in)

May: Paul's letters

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!](#)



TEAMS

NURSERY CARE is offered every Sunday for children from birth through age 3 (and potty trained).

Nursery volunteers work on rotating teams who serve two weeks in a row every 6-8 weeks. If you're interested in serving on a nursery team, please contact Pastor Erin (erin.heisler@att.net)

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.



We have some fun Children's and Family events planned for this year! Mark your calendars now so you don't miss the fun!

ADVENTure Club will take place on Wednesday evenings during Advent (November 30th, December 7th and December 14th).

Lent Club will take place on Wednesday evenings during Lent (March 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd).

Vacation Bible School will take place August 1st-3rd (in the evenings).

Other monthly family events will take place as well! Please watch the newsletter and weekly emails for info!



**SUNDAY, SEPT. 11TH
5:30-7PM**

(high school youth group 7-9pm)

All youth in middle school and high school AND all parents, guardians, adults are invited to join in this favorite youth group game: SHAVING CREAM WIFFLE BALL!

This fun event is in lieu of a boring ol' parent meeting! Come meet the other families in our program! Pick up our year-long calendar of youth ministry events! See the church and the youth room where we meet! Register your students and sign up to help in various ways this fall!

Younger siblings are welcome to join in the fun too!

High school youth group will have their first youth group meeting from 7-9pm that evening.

YOUTH GROUP TIMES:

Most Sundays youth groups will meet at the following 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**.*



**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH
AFTER SCHOOL
2:30-5pm**

Erin will meet youth at crosswalk between the middle school to the sidewalk on Franklin Street (at the fence line between Ralya's playground and the Haslett library).

We will walk together to the church to help get the youth room looking good for our first youth groups! We'll hang new pictures, get rid of clutter, we may even rearrange the couches!

Food, will of course be provided! Please text or email Erin by that morning so that she knows who she is waiting for after school! Youth can always drive to church or get dropped off as well.

2023 SENIOR
SENIOR CLASS MEETING

Tuesday, September 6th at 7pm in the youth room!

We will brainstorm youth group activities and discussions, pick our word for the year and we may even vote on the mission trip for 2023!

JUNIOR CLASS MEETING

Wednesday, September 7th at 8pm in the youth room!

Come help prepare for your year as upperclassmen leaders!



Friday, September 30th
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!



NO SCHOOL MEANS
All youth Breakfast at Blondies
Monday, September 26th
10am

Please bring \$ for your breakfast!

Okemos students, I'm sorry that this isn't a day off for you- you have a breakfast at Blondies coming in October... stay tuned!



Thursday, September 22nd
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 David Jones for leading the movie watch and discussion for the documentary, "FLINT: Who Can You Trust?" on August 10.
- To Marcia Meabon, who preached without much notice on August 14, when Pastor Betsy had COVID.
- To Regula Arnosti, Liz Newport, and Nancy White for covering the office while Michele is traveling.
- To Katie Riley, Cambria Decker-Larkin, Stefanie Zin, Abby Ruonavaara, Sally Heisler, Saundra Porter, Liz Newport, Betsy Aho, Ambrose Meteyer, Aldin Meteyer, Easton Vessell, Lucy Lilje, Erik Lilje, and Ewan Higgins for helping with Vacation Bible School, and to everyone who donated supplies.
- To Kyle Carnes for the pride flag he donated for the youth room.
- To Bob Heisler, the Schaefer family, and Hammerle family for returning cans and bottles from the youthdrive.
- To everyone who donated school supplies and backpacks.
- To Rich Newport for the work he's put into making it possible to run our Sanctuary ceiling fans on Sunday mornings during worship (and to help them run more efficiently).
- To Ella McKinney and Griffin Doran for preaching this summer and sharing their experiences on mission trips they went on through Hope College.
- To the team working on the new native plants garden along the sidewalk, which was funded in part by a grant.
- To the Loaves and Fishes team for September: Carol Cramer, Kelly Flagg, Barb Szkotnicki, Carolyn Solomon, and Paula Fry.

Judy Connelly Announces Retirement



Judy Connelly, the beloved Choir and Music Director of Haslett Community Church, recently announced to the choir that she would be retiring as of September 1, 2022.

This was not a decision Judy came to lightly. She had talked to and prepared Pastor Betsy and Barbara Freeman, pianist and organist, prior to her announcement. But Judy decided it was time, in order to focus on her own well-being, and to do what she felt is best for the choir.

Judy has faithfully led the HCC Choir and served as Music Director here for over 50 years!! What a legacy! This transition is a big one and carries with it some sadness. However, we can be thankful and glad that in her wisdom, Judy is taking care of herself, and always keeping the choir's best interests in her mind as well.

Choir has begun Wednesday rehearsals at 7:00pm to be ready for Kick-off on Sunday, September 11. For the time being, Barbara Freeman is leading the choir and accompanying it, for which we are thankful. And Judy is still a beloved member of Haslett Community Church and part of our community!

We will certainly have a celebration of Judy's music ministry at HCC, but details are not yet planned. You will be kept informed, and, in the meantime, let us continue to honor Judy by lifting our voices in song!



Dear HCC Friends,

First, I want to thank all of you who supported the HCC Summer Concert Series on Thursdays, and the HCC contingent that came to the Turquoise Trio part of that on July 21. I really can't put into words how much your support and presence means to me musically.

The next 'order of business', of course, is to talk with you about changes in the leadership of the choir at HCC. As you now know, Judy recently announced her retirement as Choir Director. Judy's contribution to the music program at HCC is beyond measure: the time, gorgeous soprano voice, leadership skills, organization, and love of music and singing are all gifts that she has so generously shared with us all.

At this time, Pastor Betsy and Judy have asked me to step in, filling both Director and Pianist roles as

we discern a way forward, having been witness to Judy's approach for 10, these last 20+ years. As with any big change, there can be both challenge and opportunity: the challenge is in adjusting to a different direction and to a new style of choral leadership; at the same time, there is the opportunity to discover together unimagined possibilities and potential.

We will honor Judy and the gifts she has given in the near future. But know that it is Judy's and my hope that most of the choir members will 'carry on', AND we would **love** to have some new faces and voices as well. So if you have thought about joining the choir, this would be a Great time! Please contact me, I'd love to hear from you.

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

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

Meet Your Committees!

Much of the important work of the church is done through our active Committees, which are open to anyone who would like to participate. Being part of a committee is a wonderful way to connect to the people, community, ministry, and mission of Haslett Community Church! [Come learn more at our Sept. 11 Engagement Fest!](#) Throughout 2022, this space in HCC Connections is dedicated to highlighting a different group each month so everyone can learn or get a refresher on the work of the committees and meet the leadership of each group, so you feel comfortable reaching out to learn more. You are always welcome to try out various committee activities and see if they are a good fit for you without commitment. (See info on many committee meetings on [pages 7, 8, & 11](#)).

The mission of the **HCC Green Team** is to care for God's creation. In the past few years we have implemented recycling within the church, added solar panels to our roof, and planted pollinator gardens on our church property using native plants.

We have been blessed to have been able to meet and work with green teams from other houses of worship in the Lansing area as well as other organizations. Our team has sponsored or co-sponsored many events about energy efficiency, native plants, soil, and geothermal and solar energy. We hope to reduce or eliminate the carbon footprint of HCC and to help others do the same at their locations.

As you can see, we are an active group - please contact team leader, **Rich Baumgartner**, to get involved: rianamy@aol.com or 517.755.6198.



Team chair, **Richard Baumgartner**, joined HCC in 2009. From his first visit to HCC, it felt like home. Since the first Earth Day in 1970 Rich has been passionate about environmental issues. In the summer of 2015, Rich, along with



David Arnosti, Joyce Bartels, Rev. Kurt Kirchoff, and David Weight, met with Bishop John Schleicher of Michigan Interfaith Power and Light to form the original HCC Green Team.

Rich retired from the Michigan Department of Transportation in 2014 as an engineer. He enjoys skiing, bicycling, hiking, travelling, and exploring the outdoors. Rich and wife, Ann, have one daughter, Amy, and are the proud grandparents of baby Ava. Amy's family lives in western Mackinac County, which gives Rich and Ann many opportunities to cross the Mackinac Bridge.



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, September 12 @ 7:30pm in HCC's Friendship Hall



HCC's Annual Chicken BBQ

You are invited to our Annual (for over 30 years) Chicken BBQ on:

Sunday, September 18, at Noon!

There will be lots of BBQ chicken to eat, lawn games to be played, and friends to gather and relax with.

This is a potluck so please sign up online [HERE](#) or on the clipboard on the wall outside the HCC office.

Let us know how many people are coming (bring your friends and family!) and which favorite dish you are bringing to share.

Social Committee will provide the chicken, drinks, and bread. The cost is \$8/person* and free for kids 10 years old and under.

*If this donation is a hardship for your family, please join us anyway!

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Carnes at (517) 331-3586.

Please sign up so we can plan. There are multiple ways to sign up:

- Sign up electronically any time [HERE](#), or
- Add your info to the physical sign-up sheet at church, or
- Contact Michele, Office Manager, for help signing up (hcc1@att.net or 517.339.8383).

Mark your calendars for September 18, and don't miss out on the fun!



- Chicken BBQ Sep. 18 Noon at HCC
- Thanksgiving Dinner Nov. 13 Noon at HCC
- Hanging of the Greens Nov. 27 4:00 pm at HCC
- Christmas Caroling Dec. 18 TBD, leave from HCC

* Social Comm. Meets Sept.12, Oct.10, Nov.14, Dec. 12

LOOK FOR US at the Engagement Fest, after Worship on September 11!

Women's Group -

Our group is **taking a break to rethink and consider who we are and who we want to be.** Stay tuned for information on a possible upcoming retreat.

Have questions? Ideas? Want to get involved? Please email hcc1@att.net.



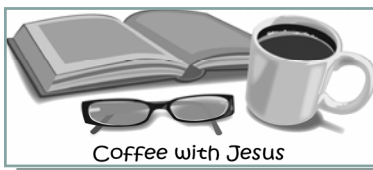


Spiritual Life's current members, Don Flagg, Carolyn Lucas, Katie Riley, and Jenn Tafel, are happy to welcome Cambria Decker-Larkin to partner with us in carrying out our vision to provide an inclusive and supportive spiritual environment for Haslett Community Church and our greater society.

We see this mission falling into three areas: supporting our clergy and staff in liturgical activities, creating and enhancing individual spiritual growth opportunities, and facilitating spiritual connections among our community. "Liturgical activities" was a somewhat foreign phrase for some of us until we began to be aware of how changes in the sanctuary are frequently tied to liturgical intents, the ways our worship services are put together, our celebration of communion, baptisms, and other important events. How much do we notice what goes on around us in worship each Sunday? Jenn prompted us to start noticing some of these a few months ago. As September is here, it's easy to notice changes in weather and colors of fall. What are you noticing about our worship space and services? Any changes? What hasn't changed? And within the service as we greet one another, have you met people you haven't known, greeted, and wondered about getting to know them a bit better?

A number of possibilities for spiritual growth and community connections were named at our August meeting. You're invited to join with us to sort, select, and help implement some of these. **We usually meet on the third Tuesday each month (NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 20, 7:00 pm).** Before that, come find us at the Kick-off Engagement Festival on September 11, after worship.

And we look forward to a [Celebration of Blessing for our Jenn Tafel as UCC minister](#) on September 25, at 3:00 pm with a reception following.



Coffee with Jesus

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 agree we will attempt to face the issues of the world with love and vulnerability, with mutual respect for our differences, and to listen deeply to ourselves, each other, and the guidance of God. We are on a journey of faith, committing ourselves to be people of love.

The Coffee with Jesus group usually **meets the third Sunday most months downstairs, in Mary & Martha's room** (next to Youth room), right after Worship. **In September we will be meeting on the 4th Sunday, September 25, instead, at 11:15 am.**

This year our focus is on prayer. We will be studying the book ***Becoming the Answer to Our Prayers, Prayer for Ordinary Radicals*** by Shane Claiborne and Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove. Books will be available at Schuler's bookstore on our book group table. Come to engage and experience the supportive spiritual community our small group shares.

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



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, September 24, we will be meeting in-person for breakfast at Blondie's Restaurant in Haslett, at 9am.**

Please **contact Dave Vietti** if you're interested in connecting with this group:

517-339-5731 vietti@msu.edu

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



BROWN BAGS & BELIEFS Presents:

Intro to Hebrew

The Language of the Old Testament

Wednesdays, Sept. 14 – Nov. 2, 2022

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

Bring your brown bag dinner (optional) and join us!



Ancient Hebrew is a beautiful language with words that have great depth of meaning.

Pastor Betsy will lead this 8-week class, with contributions from a local Rabbi.

Some of the things you can expect to explore and learn together include:

- The Hebrew alphabet · in depth meanings of some common Hebrew words**
- The Shema, a Hebrew prayer · opportunity to attend a Jewish worship service**

If Zoom is better for you, join with MEETING ID: 812 7150 7683 Passcode: 48840



Haslett Community Church
United Church of Christ



Ageing On Our Own Terms - Group Discussion

Thursday, September 29 (7:00 pm) or Sunday, October 2 (11:30 am)

- Nancy and Paul White

Earlier this year, Pastor Betsy asked us to help put together an opportunity for members of our church family who, like us, are either nearing or are in our retirement years, or who may have parents or family members who are reaching their “golden years.”

We have covered various issues related to ageing as follows:

Part One - Physical and mental changes (June newsletter)

Part Two - Legal challenges of ageing (July newsletter)

Part Three - Residential challenges and choices (August newsletter)

We are inviting all who are interested in exploring these topics further or sharing your own experiences to join us at one or both of two facilitated group discussions on Thursday, September 29, at 7:00 PM and on Sunday, October 2, at 11:30 AM in the sanctuary.

Copies of our newsletter articles are available outside the church office throughout September.

If you have questions you may contact Nancy at nancywhite@comcast.net or Paul at paulwhite@comcast.net. We hope you will join us for one of these discussions!

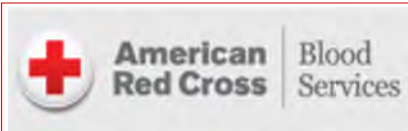
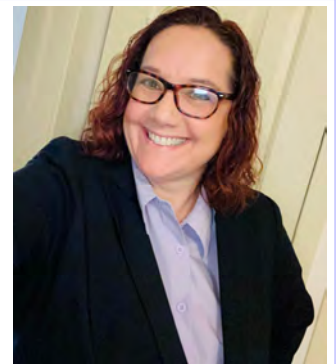
Celebration of Ministry for Rev. Jenn Tafel!

Sunday, September 25, 3:00 pm
 Reception to Follow

You may remember that Jenn Tafel, member of Haslett Community Church, recently went through the process to transfer her ordination to the United Church of Christ. The result of that process was a positive one, as Jenn was approved as a Minister in Full Standing with the UCC, pending a call to ministry.

And that call has come! We are thrilled to announce that Rev. Tafel has received and accepted a call to ministry as a full-time Spiritual Care Counselor for a hospice provider. Congratulations!

In order to celebrate and honor this milestone, there will be a Celebration of Ministry for Rev. Jenn Tafel on September 25, 2022, at 3:00 pm, and all are welcome to come to support Jenn and her ministry! If Jenn would have been called to a congregation, she would have an Installation Service to mark this occasion, but since that is not the case, it is her home church – HCC – that gets to celebrate this milestone! Join us!



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, Sept. 16, from Noon - 6pm

- Donation **by appointment only** (NO WALK IN appointments). Visit www.redcrossblood.org/give then scroll through the Drives listed in the left panel to find Haslett Community Church and an appointment time that works for you.
 - * Face masks required
 - * Physical Distancing (no guests w/ donors)
 - * Please use hand sanitizer on the way in and out of appointment



Save the Date – 2023 CROP Hunger Walk!

It is almost time to get your walking shoes on and gear up for the 2022 Greater Lansing CROP Hunger Walk.

On Sunday, October 9, we will be participating in person (at Grace United Methodist Church in Lansing) for the first time in three years. Mark your calendars, it will be here before you know it!

The CROP Hunger Walk supports Church World Service's hunger and poverty relief work around the world, including this year in Ukraine. Year after year, Haslett Community Church is one of the top churches in the country, and in 2021 we raised \$9,600. 25% of the funds remain in our community to help support local agencies. Please join us on October 9 for the walk, and please help support this year's walkers!

Kirk Riley,
 CROP Walk team leader

Philanthropy Matters

Thoughts on Faith & Giving

School has started again, and summer is in its final throes before the fall rhythm gets into full swing. It's also that time of year when we put church back into our schedule in a different way than during the summer. Perhaps as we finish up summer with the church camping trip or outdoor worship, we begin to reengage with more regular Sunday attendance. As we reconnect with people we haven't seen much the past few months, these are the moments we remember just how much we love Haslett Community Church.

It takes all of us giving what we can faithfully to fully fund the mission and ministry of this church. The congregation passed a deficit budget at the annual meeting back in December, so we knew that we would be spending more money than we received through tithes, pledges, and offerings this year. But with the normal summer lag in giving, we are farther behind than we need to be at this time of year by around \$20,000.

But before that sounds like too daunting of a number, it's important to remember this is where it matters that as a church we do everything together. Some of this will get taken care of as soon as everyone catches up with their pledges. We have roughly 100 giving units represented by families or couples or individuals. This means we need to collect \$200 more from each giving unit over the next 17 weeks, or an average of an additional \$11.75 each week until Christmas.

Again, much of this \$20,000 will be made up naturally as giving resumes its regular patterns, so no one is actually being asked for \$200 or \$11.75 per. And certainly, these numbers would not be feasible for every family or individual financial circumstance, but the math does work. This is also a reminder that how we think about our own giving quickly impacts the whole. Don't underestimate the contribution of giving faithfully and regularly. Together we do, and will continue to do great things!

~Kyle Carnes, Finance Chair



Member Caring will be gathering during the Kick-off HCC Engagement Festival on Sept. 11, after Worship. We look forward to seeing you there!



Mission Outreach meets next:

Monday, September 12, @ 7:00pm in Mary & Martha's room downstairs (next to the Youth room).



Knitters, Crocheters, & Wannabees

will be gathering during the HCC Engagement Festival on September 11 - come by and say hi!



HCC Green Team meets next on: **Monday, September 12, at 7pm, via Zoom:**

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

Meeting ID: 918 3500 4735
Passcode: 48840



Church Council meets on the second Tuesday of most months.

Council meets next on: Tues., September 13, at 7:15 pm

If you would like to join us, please be in touch with Michele, Office Manager, for details: hcc1@att.net or 517-339-8383.

Safety Team meets next on **Tuesday, September 6, at 7pm** in Fellowship Hall.



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

UPDATE ON CLIMATE JUSTICE FELLOWSHIP

You may remember that HCC and Edgewood United Church received a joint grant to support a Climate Justice Fellow for this academic year. At the time of publishing this newsletter, there were several wonderful candidates who went through first interviews, and a select group has moved on to second interviews with a team that includes participation from the Environmental Justice Office of the UCC's national setting. Second interviews take place at the very end of August, and we hope to introduce our Fellow to the congregation very soon!

 **Kroger Community Rewards**

HCC Food Bank is a recipient of Kroger Community Rewards. You can link your Shopper's card to a digital account to participate.

For the last year (2021), the Haslett Food Bank received \$457.79 in Kroger Community Rewards. Thank you to everyone who has been participating.

Here's how to participate:

1. Visit [Kroger.com](https://www.kroger.com) to create a digital account.
 - a. Scroll to the right top & click "sign in."
 - b. Click on the popup to create an account.
2. Sign in to your account and link your card to Haslett Community Church Food bank by **Entering code JT648**.
That's it! 😊

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Information for the October 2022 Newsletter is due to Michele on the 3rd Tuesday of this month - **September 20, 2022**

Please send to: hcc1@att.net

HCC Generosity

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



There are several options to make giving more convenient:

1. You can mail checks, which are accounted for weekly.
2. You can also PayPal us at: HCCgenerosity@gmail.com.
3. Online Giving, Text Giving, and Giving via Mobile App are all available to help make your support of HCC even easier! Visit www.haslettcommunitychurch.org/giving for more information, or use the QR code above to access our Giving page.

- **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 Open for On-site Office Hours!

Have some church business you'd like to take care of in person? Have a question that's easier face-to-face? Just want to say hello? Grab a mask and stop by for office hours!

The church office is open for On-site Office Hours Tuesday & Thursday 10:30am - 1:00pm.

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

We love to see you, so please stop by!

Your staff continues to be available to serve you by email and phone outside these on-site hours as well.

What's Happening at HCC

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

Onsite Office Hours (p12)

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

Pastor Betsy's Drop-In Office Hours (p12)

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

Brown Bags & Beliefs (Hebrew) (p9)

Wednesdays, 6:00 - 6:57pm
Fellowship Hall

Choir Rehearsal (p6)

Wednesdays, 7:00pm
Sanctuary

Sermon Preview Group (p8)

Thursdays, 9:00 - 9:45am; no meeting August 25
Zoom

Men's Group (p8)

Saturdays, 9:00am
Zoom (except Sept. 24 - in-person @ Blondie's)

Ageing On Our Own Terms Talk (p9)

Sunday, September. 29, 7:00pm
Sanctuary

Haslett Homecoming (p4 & 2)

Friday, September. 30
7:00am - Youth Hot Cocoa before school
4:30pm - Homecoming Parade

ONCE THIS MONTH

YOUTH: Senior Class Meeting (p4)

Tuesday, September 6, 7:00pm
Youth Room

YOUTH: Junior Class Meeting (p4)

Wednesday, September 7, 8:00pm
Youth Room

YOUTH: Youth Room Prep (p4)

Friday, September 9, 2:30-5:00pm
Youth Room

Kick-off Engagement Festival (p1-2)

Sunday, September 11, 11:00am
Sanctuary

YOUTH: Shaving Cream Wiffle Ball (p4)

Sunday, September 11, 5:30-7:00pm

Church Council Meets (p11)

Tuesday, September 13, 7:15pm
Fellowship Hall & Zoom

Red Cross Blood Drive (p10)

Friday, September 16, Noon-6:00pm
Library

HCC Annual Chicken BBQ (p7)

Sunday, September 18, Noon

Newsletter Items Due (p12)

Tuesday, September 20
Email items to hcc1@att.net

YOUTH: Culver's Night (p4)

Thursday, September 22, 7:00-8:30pm
Okemos Culvers

Men's Group Breakfast at Blondie's (p8)

Saturday, September 24, 9:00am
Blondie's in Haslett

Coffee With Jesus Meets (p8)

Sunday, September. 25, 11:15am
Mary & Martha's room (downstairs)

Blessing of Ministry: Jenn Tafel (p10)

Sunday, September. 25, 3:00pm
Sanctuary

YOUTH: All Youth Breakfast (p4)

Monday, September 26, 10:00am
Blondie's

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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](#)

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