

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 2023



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If you are a dreamer, come in,
If you are a dreamer, a wisher, a liar,
A hope-er, a pray-er, a magic bean buyer...
If you're a pretender, come sit by my fire
For we have some flax-golden tales to spin.
Come in! Come in! - *Invitation*, by Shel Silverstein

This may LOOK like a Pastor's letter for the September '23 edition of our monthly newsletter.

But it FEELS more like a tightrope act! Let me explain.

In the last several years, churches especially (we may not be ahead of the curve all the time, but I believe we are on this) have learned how to make worship and much of their programming much more accessible. This. Is. Good. No doubt! Are you away, or feeling ill, or helping to take care of someone, or struggling with mobility, or avoiding the risk of driving in bad weather or a million other things? You can worship with us via our (pretty-darned good and technologically advanced) livestream! YAY! Want to come to a certain program or meeting but you can't get to the building at that time? There is a solid chance it's being offered via Zoom, too, as a hybrid option. HOW AWESOME!!!

I want you to participate in whatever way is best for you and your household.

AND (this is where this starts feeling like a delicate balance and tightrope act) ...

I also want you to know that Haslett Community Church, United Church of Christ is more complete when you are here: when we can connect in real time conversation, share ideas and a fist bump or hug, and have a cup of coffee or a cookie together.

A couple of weeks ago, someone who had been attending worship remotely for a long time came to church in person because she had a volunteer duty to fulfill that morning. When she left at the tail end of coffee hour, she commented how good it was to be physically present, even though she loves the convenience of

worshiping from her couch in pajamas. "It's just a different energy and spirit and experience," she said (or something close ... it was a couple of weeks ago, after all). She was going to try to come to church at least once a month in person, if possible (and I know it isn't possible for all).

I am truly grateful that you participate when you can and how you can, and that so much is accessible for those who are not in the building.

And... your presence and spirit in this place is valuable, no one can replace you, and we are a better community with you and because of you.

Maybe you have thought about popping in every once in a while. We'd love to see you, and September offers so many opportunities for connections of all kinds. Come in! Come in!

Yours in the Journey,

Pastor Betsy

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2023

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Sept. 10:	Fall Kick-off and Annual Chicken BBQ	Jan. 5-7:	Annual Ski Trip to Treetops
Oct. 1:	World Communion Sunday & Joyful Offering	Jan. 7:	Epiphany; Communion & Joyful Offering
	Holy Ground Festival [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 project and all church photo!), the solid ground upon which we stand when we stand with our faith (rock 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. 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	Mar. 24:	Palm Sunday
Nov. 12:	Thanksgiving Dinner & Christmas Giving Project (CGP) Launch	Mar. 28:	Maundy Thursday
		Mar. 29:	Good Friday
Nov. 26:	Hanging of the Greens	Mar. 31:	Easter Sunday! 7:30 a.m.: Sunrise Service with Communion 10 a.m.: Traditional Easter Srvc.
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
Dec. 31:	NYE coffee hour with Countdown to 12:00 (noon)!	Jun. 22-29:	High School Mission Trip

*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!



If you have been visiting, are new to our church, or would like to explore becoming a member, Inquirer's Class is for you! **Our next Inquirer's Class is Sunday, Sept. 17, at 11:15am in the Sanctuary with Pastor Betsy.**

Questions? Ask Betsy: 517.339.8383 x11 or aho.betsy@att.net



One thing we can probably all agree on is that our world needs more compassion. So this fall, in Sunday school, our children will be learning all about compassion. *An Illustrated Compassion* turns to scripture and looks for examples of God's compassion throughout the Bible, and also asks what it might look like for all of us to lead more compassionate lives. The curriculum is a 12-week curriculum broken up into three modules.

Compassion in the Hebrew Scriptures

- September 10th: Genesis 18:1-8: Abraham and Sarah's Guests
- September 17th: Exodus 1:15-21: Shiphrah and Puah's Courage
- September 24th: 2 Samuel 9:1-13: David Shows Kindness
- 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

Registration form for 2023-2024 can be found [HERE!](#)

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. 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 (December 6th and 13th) from 5:30-7pm.

Lent Club will take place on Wednesday evenings during Lent (March 6th, 13th & 20th) from 5:30-7pm.

Vacation Bible School IS MOVING TO JUNE! June 11th, 12th, & 13th from 5-7pm.

Please watch the newsletter and weekly emails for info!



**SUNDAY, SEPT. 10TH
5:30-7PM**

(shortened high school youth group 7-8pm)

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 *shortened* youth group meeting from 7-8pm 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.



**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH
AFTER SCHOOL
2:30-5pm**

Erin will meet middle school 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! 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 there.



**NO SCHOOL MEANS
All youth Breakfast at
Blondies
Monday, September 25th
10am**

Please bring \$ for your food!



**Wednesday, September 20th
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).

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Youth are ALWAYS welcome to invite & bring friends to youth group and our various events. Some of our activities require signing up in advance (so we can be sure that we have enough room in cars, etc).

We have a Safe Church Policy focused on keeping our youth and children as safe as possible while they are at HCC (or attending off-site events with youth group). The policy does not allow youth to drive other youth during youth group events. Obviously, they can drive to/from events, but for example, a road rally would require an over 21 driver. So there will be times we ask parents/adults to sign up to help in this way.

For safety reasons, we require having a second adult in the building during youth group. This adult stays upstairs, near the unlocked door to monitor if folks are entering the building while youth group meets in the basement. Sign up for Security [HERE!](#)

We ask middle school families to bring a snack to youth group 1-2 times during the year. High school families, we ask you to bring dinner for youth group 1-2 times during the year. Families can team up for this if they choose. Sign up to bring food [HERE!](#)

Please take a minute to register each of the youth you have involved in our ministry this year! This form can be found [HERE!](#)

Thank you for all the of the ways that you support the youth ministry at Haslett Community Church!

Our Church Family



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

- To VBS decorators: Katie Riley, Stefanie Zin, & Peter Heisler.
- To VBS Helpers: Betsy Aho, Laura Belisle, Rachel Bullock, Barb Decker, Becky Leefers, Pam Maxwell, Sandra Porter, Katie Riley, Stefanie Zin, Greyson Newman, Lorelei Schaefer, Kai Schaefer, Aldin Meteyer, Gavin Freidhoff, Ainsley Meteyer, and Ewan Higgins.
- To our summer Sunday school teachers and nursery volunteers: Stefanie Zin, Rachel Bullock, Liz Newport, Katie Riley, and Ruth Linnemann.
- To those who continue to donate bottles and cans to the mission trip fund on a regular basis and to Bob Heisler for continuing to return those for us.
- To the Loaves and Fishes team for September: Carol Cramer, Heidi Dalton, Joanne Ricks, Carolyn Solomon, and Paula Fry.
- To Jon Lineberry for helping move furniture that was being donated.



Greetings HCC Folks and Friends!

First of all a big thank you to the singers and musicians who so generously helped out for the Sundays in August (chronologically):

Ambrose Meteyer, Sophie Kirkhoff, David Jones, Kim Huston, Dick Ledebuhr, Becky Leefers, Jon Lineberry, Regula Arnosti, Mike Eberlein, David Weight, and Jiyuan Zhang. We are truly blessed to have such fine musicians among us who give so generously of their time and talent!

This past week, the choir started back up its rehearsal schedule, and we are very happy to welcome Landon Black, a gifted singer studying at MSU, who will be assisting Barbara Freeman in the music program and will be conducting the choir - SO helpful! Landon generously worked with the choir on 2 of the pieces for Judy Connelly's "jubilee" last May, so you may have seen him in action conducting that special day.

It's an exciting time with lots of possibilities before us.

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

Food Pantry Participation!

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 September, we're requesting:
Facial tissues (i.e. Kleenex)**

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 now has a new phone number:
(517) 339-8430



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).



SAVE THE DATE!

CROP Hunger Walk: A Walk and A Run to Fight Hunger and Provide Relief in Lansing and Around the World



Please join with us on **October 8, 2023**, for a walk around Lake Lansing to support the Greater Lansing CROP Hunger Walk. Last year we raised nearly \$10,000, making Haslett Community Church 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. Stop by the table in Friendship Hall to walk or support a walker.

- When: Sunday, October 8, 2023, at 1:00 pm.
- Where: Start and end at Haslett Community Church. Walkers and runners will walk and run around Lake Lansing.
- How: Register to walk or sponsor a walker online at: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/haslett-community-church>
- Why: To help alleviate hunger locally and globally
- Who: Everyone! Please sign up to walk or run, or to support a walker or runner, by visiting the link above.

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.



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 11, @ 7:30pm** in **HCC's Friendship Hall**.



Annual HCC Chicken BBQ

You are invited to HCC's Annual Chicken BBQ on **Sunday, September 10, at Noon** at **HCC!**

We will be gathering at the church at noon. There will be lots of BBQ chicken to eat, lawn games to be played and friends to gather and relax with. We are looking for someone who would like to run the games - please contact Kim Carnes if you'd like to help.

This is a potluck, so please sign up [HERE](#) or on the wall outside the church office, and let us know how many people are coming (bring your friends and family!) and what favorite dish you are bringing to share, if able. We will provide the chicken, drinks, and bread.

There is a suggested donation of \$8.00/person (12 years old and under free). There will be a good will offering for anyone who finds that a hardship. **EVERYONE** is welcome.

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Carnes at (517) 331-3586. Mark your calendars for September 10, and don't miss out on the fun!

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!

Looking Ahead...

- Chicken BBQ September 10, Noon, HCC
- Social Committee Meets Sept. 11, 7:30 pm Friendship Hall
- Bonfire and Music October 8, 5pm Malinda Barr's
- Thanksgiving Dinner November 12, Noon, HCC
- Hanging of the Greens November 26, HCC
- HCC Ski Trip January 5-7, 2024 Treetops, Gaylord

NEW GREEN TEAM BOOK CLUB!!!



We will be having an organizational meeting (**our first meeting**) on **Tuesday September 19, at 7pm** in **Fellowship Hall**.

At the 2nd meeting in October, the book for discussion will be: *"Bringing Nature Home"* by Douglass Tallamy. The book demonstrates in a fun way the importance of native plants to insects, birds, and other animals. How can we create an easy and sustainable habitat in our yard? I'm looking forward to learning ways to be a better steward of God's creation!

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



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

We now usually meet at 1:00 pm on the second Wednesday each month, in the HCC Library. Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, @ 1:00 pm. If you would like to attend, please send your request to Carolyn Lucas at csrlucas@aol.com or text her at 517.881.4241.



Coffee With Jesus is a group sponsored by the Spiritual

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

We usually meet on the third Sunday each month, but **will be meeting the last Sunday of September, after worship in Mary & Martha's room** (next to Youth room downstairs).

Our next Meeting will be: Sunday, September 24, at 11:15 am.



Men's Group continues to meet regularly in different ways, including **online Zoom meetings on most Saturday mornings at 9:00am** (see info below).

**** On Saturday, Sept. 23, we will be meeting in-person for a campfire and breakfast at Rich Newport's house (bring a dish to pass).**



Please **contact Dave Vietti** if you're interested in

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

connecting with this group: 517-339-5731

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 begins on September 14, and happens weekly.

<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**," beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13. This series is relevant for adults of any age and stage in life. The weekly topics are expected to be:

September 13: **Death Café** – snacks provided as we have a guided, but very open and participant-led discussion about death, while enjoying treats. Some of what comes up tonight, may shape/change topics of subsequent weeks.

September 20: **Leaving Behind "Left Behind"** – In the early 2000's, actor Kirk Cameron helped propel some wildly popular books to the big screen. But the "Left Behind" series is based on very sketchy Biblical interpretation. So, what do we think happens after we die? And what does Scripture and our faith traditions tell us?

September 27: **Hospice, A Closer Look** – I was struck, several years ago, when a congregant was confiding in me that the reason they had resisted Hospice care is because "they make people die." That's not an accurate statement, but it is probably an accurate representation of some misconceptions around hospice care. Let's crack open Hospice care and palliative care (and how they're different) and more.

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.



Happy Heart Schedule for September 2023

Sunday, September 3 – Labor Day Weekend	
Ministry	Name(s)
Reader	David Arnosti
Greeters	Lucretia Hildabridle & Liz Newport
Ushers	Mary Trebilcock & Sylvia Davis
Coffee Hosts	Becky & Larry Leefers
A/V Tech	Jon Lineberry
Tellers	Jim Durr & Rachel Bullock

Sunday, September 10 – Kick-Off & Chicken BBQ	
Ministry	Name(s)
Reader	Deb Klein
Greeters	Deb Klein & Ann Pierce
Ushers	Liz Newport & Malinda Barr
Coffee Hosts	N/A – Chicken BBQ
A/V Tech	Rich Newport
Tellers	Don Flagg & Rich Baumgartner

Sunday, September 17	
Ministry	Name(s)
Reader	Cheryl Edwards
Greeters	Dave & Nancy Ferguson
Ushers	Jim Gornick & Jewell Muller-Gornick
Coffee Hosts	Pam & Todd Maxwell
A/V Tech	Helen & David Jones
Tellers	Jim Durr & Cheryl Edwards

Sunday, September 24	
Ministry	Name(s)
Reader	Kim Carnes
Greeters	Ron & Cathy Rowe
Ushers	Bob & Sally Heisler
Coffee Hosts	Tim & Laura Roumpz
A/V Tech	Jon Lineberry / Dave, Helen Jones
Tellers	Rich Newport & Cambria Decker-Larkin



Looking Ahead

Sunday, October 1, is World Communion Sunday which means **our children 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](https://www.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!



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 a by 9:30am that Sunday morning for all to enjoy!



American Red Cross Blood Services

American Red Cross Blood Drive

The Red Cross has an immediate need for blood donations. **There will be a blood drive at HCC: Friday, September 15, Noon - 6pm**

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

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.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Information you'd like included in the October 2023 Newsletter **is due to Michele no later than September 19.** (the 3rd Tuesday of this month)

Please send to: hcc1@att.net



Knitters, Crocheters, & Wannabees

Our Next Meeting will be **Sunday, Sept. 10, at 11:15am** after worship, in the Library.



Monday, Sept. 4, is a Staff Day Off in honor of Labor Day



HCC Property Committee

usually meets the 2nd Monday each month. Our next meeting will be: **Mon., Sept. 11, at 6pm, via Zoom**

Mission Outreach meets next:

Thursday, Sept. 14, @ 1:30pm in Fellowship Hall.



HCC Green Team usually meets the 2nd Monday each month.

Our next meeting will be: **Mon., Sept. 11, at 7pm, in Fellowship Hall / via Zoom.**

Safety Team meets next on **Tues., Sept. 19 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., Sept. 12, at 7:15 pm



Member Caring

Plans to meet next on **Sunday, Sept. 17, @ 11:20am** in the HCC Library.

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.

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.

September 10 is HCC Kickoff of our new programming year, and will include the launch of our brand new Church Photo Directory! **Stay tuned for more details throughout the month.**



In the meantime, please be sure Michele in our office has your most updated photo and contact info to include. (Email hcc1@att.net)

Simply Give at Bath Meijer

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



Meijer will **double** Simply Give donations made at the **Bath** store on **Saturday, September 9**. 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 generated over \$57 million in food donations for more than 430 food pantries throughout the Midwest since 2008.

September's "Safety Snippet"



"Did you know that HCC has three first aid kits? Their locations are identified with a "First Aid Logo" and located in the following areas:

1. In the Kitchen, immediately to your right in the top drawer.
2. In the downstairs bathroom, in the top drawer on the left.
3. In the Office, in the top cabinet immediately to the left.

This information is brought to you by the HCC Safety Committee. Stay tuned for more Safety Snippet info in next month's Newsletter!

What's Happening at HCC in September

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 *Sept. 10 is HCC Kick-Off
*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
(*Sept. 10, All Youth meet 5:30-7pm; HS 7-8pm)
Youth Rm

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, Sept. 13 - 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, beginning Sept. 14
Zoom

Men's Group (p8)

Saturdays, 9:00am
Zoom (except Sept. 23 - in-person @ the Newports')

Coffee With Jesus (p8)

Sunday, Sept. 24, 11:15am
Mary & Martha's Rm downstairs

YOUTH: All Youth Breakfast at Blondie's (p4)

Monday, Sept. 25, 10:00am
Blondie's in Haslett (Bring \$\$ for your food)

ONCE THIS MONTH

Labor Day - Staff Day Off (p11)

Monday, September 4

Staff Meeting

Tuesday, September 5, 9:45am
Fellowship Hall

YOUTH: Youth Rm Prep (p4)

Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2:30 - 5:00pm
Youth Room

HCC Kick-Off & Chicken BBQ (p6 & 7)

Sunday, Sept. 10, (Chicken BBQ at Noon)
Friendship & Fellowship Halls, Outside

Knitters, Crocheters, etc. (p11)

Sunday, Sept. 10, 11:15am, HCC Library

YOUTH: Shaving Cream Wiffleball (p4)

Sunday, Sept. 10, Outdoors at HCC
All Youth & Parents: 5:30 - 7:00pm

Church Council Meets (p11)

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 7:15pm
Fellowship Hall & Zoom

Red Cross Blood Drive (p11)

Friday, Sept. 15, Noon - 6:00pm
Setup starts at 11am
Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall

Newsletter Items Due (p11)

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 10:00am
Email to hcc1@att.net

NEW! Green Team Book Club (p7)

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 7:00pm
Fellowship Hall

YOUTH: All Youth Culver's Night (p4)

Wednesday, Sept. 20, 7:00pm
Okemos Culver's (not a fundraiser)

Men's Campfire & Breakfast (p8)

Saturday, Sept. 23, 9:00am
Rich Newport's house

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HCC Connections

September 2023

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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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