

# Haslett Community Church



## HCC Connections

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

**May 2024**



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Pastor Betsy will be working remotely May 6 - 10, as she travels to assist her parents. She is reachable by phone, text, and email during that time.



Dear Haslett Community Church,

It was an absolute joy to share the new Mission, Vision, and Values of the church with all of you in April!

It was a delight to weave them into the wonderful 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration as we honored our past while recognizing the goodness of the present and looked ahead toward a bright future!

I have heard from many who were deeply impacted by the presentation and who are now even more proud to call HCC their church home!

What is challenging to think about, is that even with all the listening, input, time, "throwing everything at the wall," and discernment that were part of the visioning process ... that is only the beginning.

Now comes the fun part: challenging ourselves to continue living into our mission and move toward our vision! To lift up how we are already doing that, and to imagine the potential still waiting to be discovered and put into practice, by God's grace. It is going to be a beautiful adventure!

Yours In the Journey,

Pastor Betsy

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The full statements are [on page 2](#), and if you'd like to see the whole presentation, you can click [HERE](#) or watch the livestream from April 7, 2024 (the sermon/presentation begins at 32:00).

### Lessons in Leading Sunday, May 19, noon - 2:30 p.m.

Have you thought about leading a small group or becoming more involved in the leadership of the church? Does leading a group or participating on a leadership board seem interesting but intimidating? Or would you simply like to learn some new leadership skills? Pastor Betsy will lead this workshop style program, Lessons in Leading, for all who would like to participate. Topics will include group dynamics, listening is leading, different meeting styles, and more!

If you'd like to attend, please sign up [HERE](#) or by letting Michele know in the office.



**Haslett Community Church Mission:**

We welcome radically, love fiercely, and care relentlessly.

**Our Vision:**

A world where everyone has a place to belong.

**VALUES:**

**We welcome radically because:**

- **Jesus welcomed everyone** in his life and ministry, and we are called to follow him.
- Saying “welcome” isn’t enough. Radical welcome means we believe all people are created in the image of God, that their truest self is sacred, and they are worthy of inclusion and respect.
- Churches have not always been places of welcome, particularly for historically marginalized groups. We want to be clear that our doors are open wide for all, and we will continue to learn how to live into our Open & Affirming Covenant.

**We love fiercely because:**

- **God is love.**
- Alluding to the love of God occasionally is not enough. To love fiercely means to keep love at the forefront of all we do at our church and while we serve the community.
- We believe transformation is possible when we learn to love ourselves, love others, love God and love the world.

**We care relentlessly because:**

- **We are cared for by the presence and the movement of the Spirit.**
- A life of faith does not promise an easy life, but a Christian community can help ease burdens through compassion and relentless care for neighbor and stranger.
- While grace is offered freely, acts of care have value and help move creation toward wholeness, peace and belonging.

**We envision a world where everyone has a place to belong because:**

- **We are created for community.**
- We believe no one should be without a community that models the radical welcome of Jesus, the fierce love of God, and the Spirit's relentless care.



**Women and Girls  
Brunch  
Saturday, May 11  
at 10:00 AM**

*Women's Brunch*

This year's  
brunch will  
be served  
buffet- style

Ladies, come enjoy a beautifully prepared brunch in an exquisite dining room set up just for you! The men of the church are ready to serve you something special.

with a variety of delicious items. Bring your mom, aunt, daughter, niece and/or grandmother for an event they won't soon forget.

For this year's event we'll be taking a free will offering.

Come at 10:00 AM on Saturday, May 11, and allow the men of the church to celebrate you!

You can sign-up [HERE](#) or on the sign-up sheet provided on the Social Committee board.

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE:**

- June 2<sup>nd</sup> KIDS IN CHURCH (CHOR SUNDAY)
- June 9<sup>th</sup> SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF
- June 16<sup>th</sup> HAPPY
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> BRAVE
- June 30<sup>th</sup> KIDS IN CHURCH (MISSION TRIP SUNDAY)
- July 7<sup>th</sup> ANGER
- July 14<sup>th</sup> CALM
- July 21<sup>st</sup> HURT
- July 28<sup>th</sup> SADNESS
- August 4<sup>th</sup> BACKPACK SUNDAY!
- August 11<sup>th</sup> OUTDOOR WORSHIP
- August 18<sup>th</sup> AFRAID
- August 25<sup>th</sup> SILLY



We are looking for Sunday school teachers and 2 nursery volunteers each Sunday of the summer!  
The picture above is a link to the sign up.



**VBS IS OPEN TO ALL KIDS**

KIDS WILL EXPLORE BIBLE STORIES THROUGH GAMES, CRAFTS, MUSIC AND SNACKS. AGAIN THIS YEAR THERE IS A TODDLER CLASS FOR AGES 1-3. PLEASE SIGN KIDS UP BY JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>.

**JUNE 11-13TH 5:30-7:30PM**

THE PICTURE IS A LINK TO OUR AMAZON WISH LIST! HELP US GATHER OTHER SUPPLIES EVERY SUNDAY IN MAY!



We've reached the time of the school year where the grand plans we made on our year-long HCC youth ministry calendar in August often have to be changed, adjusted or rescheduled based on the busy lives of our students. It is more important than ever that our youth families watch for communications: weekly parent emails, snail mail mailings, Remind text messages, social media posts, etc.

Youth Groups will only meet at their regular times (middle school 5-6:30pm, high school 7-9pm) for **TWO Sundays in May: May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 12<sup>th</sup>**

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** we will take our official youth group family photo! (it will be from 6-6:30 at middle school youth group and 7-7:30 at high school youth group, so if you can only come for part of youth group those are the can't miss times!)

May 12<sup>th</sup> will be our last youth groups of the school year!



Join us Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> as our class of 2024 graduating seniors lead worship!



Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>  
7-8:30pm

\*our last Culver's night of the year!\*

All youth invited to gather for a time of fun conversation together. Please bring money for your food. We are usually in one of the corner booths



Since youth group doesn't meet over the summer, we would like to get a few fun youth group events on the calendar over the summer! If you have ideas, please reach out to Erin!

Maybe you have a pool or live on the lake and want to have youth group over to swim! We also welcome ideas of at church activities! Help us plan some new fun summer stuff!



Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>  
Senior Farewell

All youth and families are invited to celebrate with and send off our youth group seniors! Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Senior families watch the mail for a special invitation (& RSVP card)



**Flockings continue until at least May 15<sup>th</sup>!**  
**Demand has been high so get your order in ASAP!**



Our mission trips will be here before we know it! At this point, all families should be paid in full, unless other arrangements were made with Pastor Erin.

**Please mark your calendars for these important dates:**

Here are the date(s) for parents, guardians, adults who have students going on the trip (parents only have to come to one meeting for each trip):

**Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**

Middle school trip 6-7pm  
High school trip 7-8pm

**OR**

**Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Middle school trip 6-7pm  
high school trip 7-8pm

**All meetings will be at HCC.**

Chaperones and halferones are also asked to attend one of these meetings. Youth are welcome to attend the meetings for information about the trip, but a parent/guardian/adult is required to attend to fill out trip forms, etc. Please plan on filling out forms or turning in completed forms that night (with copy of both sides of student's health insurance card).

Pre-mission trip meetings for youth & chaperones still to come.



# Spring Succulent Sale

Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>  
11am - 2pm

SUCCULENT PLUGS & VARIOUS PLANTERS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE  
IN FRONT OF HASLETT COMMUNITY CHURCH  
1427 HASLETT ROAD, HASLETT

THIS FUNDRAISER SUPPORTS OUR  
TWO 2024 YOUTH MISSION TRIPS

### **Mission Trip Scholarships**

This year we have more students than ever in need of scholarships for the mission trip. To help reduce this cost, we are drawing on the Esther Roege Fund for youth and children's ministries (for the first time in years). Thank you to those of you who continue to contribute to this fund and support our youth and children's ministries in various ways.

The fund will help reduce the cost, but for those interested in supporting students who are in need of mission trip scholarships, we are still in need of \$1,600. Connect with Erin if you are interested in contributing.

**What a joy it was to celebrate 70 years of Haslett Community Church, UCC on April 21!**

We had a full house, full hearts, and full stomachs by the end of the morning! Much gratitude to members of the Church Council who set up and helped keep things running smoothly, and the many volunteers who stepped in and stepped up to fill in gaps. It was a joy to welcome the Frederick Family, Rev. Kurt Kirchoff, and have Rev. Lawrence Richardson from the Michigan Conference. The choir was in full glory, and Steve Decker's culinary goodness, along with so many potluck contributions rounded off the day!

Everything that was added to the timeline will be documented so it isn't lost once it's taken down. We also have more dove & mission statement keychains if you didn't get one yet and we will put them out until they are gone.

If you had to miss, or you want to enjoy the service again, it is available [HERE](#).

Here is to the next 70 years of HCC!



*Our Church Family*



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

- To Stef Zin, our ever-faithful Sunday school teacher! If you don't know Stef- it's because she is downstairs with the kiddos almost every Sunday! And to Aaron Copeland for volunteering to help Stef teach.
- To Cheryl Edwards for stepping back in as clerk for a few months and to Tara Downs for taking the reins.
- To Brennan Kildea, Bri Berwald, Glory Hatch & Aldin Meteyer for helping with our children's Easter celebration.
- To Sally Heisler and 2 of her teacher friends, who drove all over our area (including Brighton and Howell) buying flamingos last summer to make this flamingo fundraiser possible.
- To the Loaves and Fishes team for May: Ann McGrath, Heidi Dalton, Barb Szkotnicki, Carol Cramer, and Paula Fry.
- To Barbara, Landon, and the HCC Choir, who put in overtime for Holy Week and Easter.
- To Council for the support, and to Ann McGrath, Mark Garrod, and Pat Dalton for writing up some comments that helped pave the road for the new Mission/Vision. Thanks to Erin who surprised the staff and Moderator with t-shirts!
- To Social Committee and friends who helped with Breakfast in April ([see pg. 11 for details](#)).

**New Church Clerk!**

Welcome to Tara Downs, who begins in the role of Clerk this month, and we are grateful! This is an appointed position and does not require a congregational vote.

Gratitude to Regula Arnosti who filled the role for many years, and Cheryl Edwards who filled in on a temporary basis until a more permanent person could be identified.

The main function of the Clerk is to take minutes at Council Meetings and Congregational Meetings, so that the church has record of the business of the church.

It is good to have you on board, Tara!

Dear Friends,

This has been a very good year for music at HCC. The month of May will be the last full month for the choir; our season ends on June 2. We have loved preparing the music and sharing it with you in the various services - from the fall through Advent--Christmas Eve--Lent--Easter...and the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Our new "Assistant" Conductor, Landon Black, was really a shot in the arm for all of us, and we thank him for a church year of new energy. THANK YOU, LANDON!

The choir's last big Sunday is June 2, Choir Sunday, when we will be sharing our Favorite anthems from the past year with all of you. I hope you'll plan on joining us! And speaking of "joining", we are a friendly group that loves music and would love to welcome some new faces. Come give us a try in the fall!!

~ Barbara Freeman (517.881.9976)

UPDATE: The latest news from the Gospel music project, headed by Don Flagg, is that HCC has accumulated over \$500 to contribute to a music group in the state that could use the financial assistance. Thank you all for your contributions over the past 6 months!



Dear church family,

Your expressions of caring and love during this time of surgery and recovery have supported me in many ways, making my heart and soul glad! Thank you for blessing me in so many ways.

With love and appreciation for you,  
Carolyne Lucas

**Gardeners needed....  
no experience necessary !**

If you are interested in weeding and helping to maintain the gardens around the church please contact Kelly Flagg: (517-256-8392).

Many diggers make light work!!





**2024**

- |             |   |                |                              |
|-------------|---|----------------|------------------------------|
| May 5:      | Youth Senior Sunday & Spring Succulent Sale           | Jun. 22-29:    | High School Mission Trip     |
| May 19:     | Pentecost; Communion & Joyful Offering                | Jun. 30:       | Mission Trip / Sundae Sunday |
| Jun. 2:     | Choir Sunday  | Jul. 28-Aug.1: | Middle School Mission Trip   |
| Jun. 11-13: | Vacation Bible School                                 | Aug. 4:        | Backpack Sunday              |
| Jun. 20:    | Summer Concert Series Kick-Off! (Thursdays thru July) | Aug. 11:       | Outdoor Worship              |
|             |   | Aug. 15-18:    | HCC Camping Trip             |

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



**Happy Heart Schedule for May 2024**

| Sunday, May 5 – Youth Senior Sunday |                                     |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Ministry                            | Name (s)                            |
| Reader                              | YOUTH                               |
| Greeters                            | Carol & Dan Reid                    |
| Ushers                              | Cindy & Brett Meteyer               |
| Coffee Hosts                        | Steve & Barb Decker                 |
| A/V Tech                            | Kirk Riley & Jim Gornick            |
| Tellers                             | Cambria Decker-Larkin & Jim Gornick |

| Sunday, May 19 – Pentecost |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Ministry                   | Name (s)   |
| Reader                     | Laura Clark-Roumpz   |
| Greeters                   | Sandra Porter & Menetta Kass                                 |
| Ushers                     | Jean McIntyre & Cambria Decker-Larkin                        |
| Coffee Hosts               | Tim & Laura Roumpz   |
| A/V Tech                   | Rich Newport   |
| Tellers                    | Rich Baumgartner & Dave Ferguson<br>(Train Kristin Schuster) |

| Sunday, May 12 – Mother’s Day |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Ministry                      | Name (s)                       |
| Reader                        | Lynn Wilson                    |
| Greeters                      | Lynn & Russ Wilson             |
| Ushers                        | Barb & Mike Szkotnicki         |
| Coffee Hosts                  | Hosts Needed                   |
| A/V Tech                      | Jon Lineberry & Aaron Copeland |
| Tellers                       | Sylvia Davis & Larry Leefers   |

| Sunday, May 26 – Memorial Day Weekend |                                |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Ministry                              | Name (s)                       |
| Reader                                | Barb Szkotnicki                |
| Greeters                              | Ron & Cathy Rowe               |
| Ushers                                | Sylvia Davis & Sheila Fink     |
| Coffee Hosts                          | Barb & Mike Szkotnicki         |
| A/V Tech                              | Helen & David Jones            |
| Tellers                               | Sylvia Davis & Barb Szkotnicki |

This is a proposed schedule for May 2024. If for any reason you are unable to serve, please try and find a sub and let Michele in the office know who that may be as soon as possible. If you're unable to find one, please let her know that soon. :) Thank you for serving on our Happy Heart Teams!





**May 2024's  
"Safety Snippet"**

Now that Spring has Sprung the Safety Team is looking forward to continuing to pro-

mote our Safety Initiatives. As you may know, the entrance doors to HCC are identified with numbers to assist members of the Congregation and other groups that utilize the facility, as well as First Responders, to enter HCC through the designated and most appropriate door(s).

Safety Team would like to remind everyone that, in order to minimize confusion and promote safety, it is important that the numbers on the doors remain clear and visible. We are working to replace the existing numbers with numbers that will be easier to read from a distance.

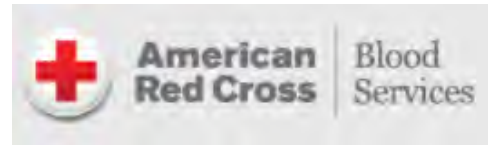
Our second reminder is to please be sure not to leave any outside doors propped open for any reason - not even a few inches, or for a few minutes. It's easy to forget or think, "we're going to pop right back in, so we're just propping it open for a few minutes", but we are really fighting to keep destructive pests out of the building, especially now that weather is nicer! We appreciate your help.

As always, never hesitate to reach out to any member of the Safety Team with any questions, concerns or ideas. We sincerely welcome any and all input! You can contact us here:

- Sally Heisler: [sally.m.heisler@gmail.com](mailto:sally.m.heisler@gmail.com)
- Don Flagg: [obdon47@icloud.com](mailto:obdon47@icloud.com)
- Stefanie Zin: [zinst4364@gmail.com](mailto:zinst4364@gmail.com)

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

**Information** you'd like included in the June 2024 Newsletter **is due to Michele no later than May 21** (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of this month). *Please send to:* [hcc1@att.net](mailto:hcc1@att.net)



**Red Cross Blood Drive**

The Red Cross has an immediate need for blood donations.

**There will be a blood drive at HCC Friday, May 17, from Noon - 6pm**

Red Cross has stringent safety protocols, including:

- Donation **by appointment only** (NO WALK IN appointments).

Visit [www.redcrossblood.org/give](http://www.redcrossblood.org/give), then scroll through the Drives listed in the left panel to find Haslett Community Church and an appointment time that works for you.

- Health screenings / temperature checks
- Hand sanitizer available
- Sanitization between donors



SAVE THE DATE

**2024  
World Vision  
Global 6k**

**May 18, 10AM**  
Lake Lansing  
Park North



**HCC  
Summer Concert  
Series**

**Back for its 4<sup>th</sup>  
Season!**

**Thursdays,  
June 20 – July 25**

**7 - 8 p.m. at HCC**

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and any snacks or drinks that will add to your enjoyment, and relax on the lawn as we bring you a wide variety of tunes! All ages and stages welcome! If the terrain of the lawn is difficult for you, there are great views from the sidewalk, too. Some even listen from their cars. Our building will be open for access to restrooms. We will move to the sanctuary in case of inclement weather.

- June 20: Brass Band – a new sound for our summer series
- June 27: The Uketes – a ukelele band out of Williamston  
[No concert on July 4]
- July 11: TBA
- July 18: Ellis & M.E. - back for their third season sharing eclectic acoustic that has become a fan favorite
- July 25: 2/5ths - one vocalist, one guitar player, and a lot of great music

We are also looking for sponsors! Do you have or know a business that would consider a donation of \$150, so we can pay our musicians (or, in the case of larger groups, provide them with a meal)? We will mention sponsors at every concert and place company logos on promo materials. If you have a connection to a business, you can print out the sponsorship letter found [HERE](#), or let Betsy or Jon Lineberry know, and we will be in touch with the business.

**Church & Society Team Update  
Next Meeting May 3**

The HCC Church & Society Team has held two potluck dinner meetings, with the third meeting coming up on Friday, May 3.

The team has been gathering information on several topics, including interfaith educational opportunities for interested HCC folks, how to assist people who have been in prison to successfully re-enter community life, affordable housing in our local community, and guaranteed income for senior citizens. These are all big topics. The plan is to learn about these (and other) issues, and then figure out how HCC could have a positive impact where needed most. (This is not a complete or final list of topics.)

Other upcoming potluck dinner meetings will be: June 7, and September 6, both on Fridays.



**CHURCH & SOCIETY COMMITTEE**

The meetings are 6:30-9:30 pm, with the first hour or so for dinner, followed by discussion until the meeting ends (sometime around 9-9:30).

After sketching out the meeting schedule for the upcoming school year at the May meeting, the Church and Society Team will be working with the church council to finalize dates to avoid conflicts with other HCC events.

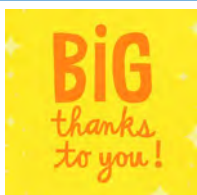
The meetings are at Susan Turney's house (four minutes from HCC). The team is still just getting started, so it's not too late to join. Feel free to come to the May 3 potluck to check it out! Bring a dish to share. Plates, cups, silverware, and hot and cold drinks are provided.

For questions, call or text Susan Turney at: 517-243-4691.



**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 1<sup>st</sup> Monday** of each month. **NEXT MEETING: Monday, May 13, 2024, @ 7:30pm** in HCC's Friendship Hall.



**Breakfast in April - Thank You!**

A HUGE thanks to all who helped us with another year of successful Breakfasts in April! Many people come together to make this event possible. This year, we'd love to especially thank:

Steve Decker, Kelly Flagg, Sally Heisler, Liz Newport, Sandra Porter, Dan Reid, Katie Riley, Lisa Root, Kristin Schuster, and Stefanie Zin for all their help. And thanks to all of you for the great turnouts!



**HCC Camping**

Our annual HCC camping trip is scheduled for **August 15-18, 2024** at Pioneer County Park near Muskegon. We have 17 camp sites reserved, and the cost for three nights is \$122.00. More details will come, but mark your calendar.



If interested, sign up [HERE](#) or on the wall outside the church office.



Looking Ahead...

- Social Committee Meets      May 13  
Friendship Hall  
7:30 PM
- Sundae Sunday              June 30  
After worship
- HCC Camping                 August 15-18
- Chicken BBQ                 TBD - September

- Bonfire and Music            September
- Thanksgiving Dinner        TBD - November
- Hanging of the Greens      TBD

And if anyone has ideas about events we could sponsor, please contact Kim Carnes at 517-331-3586.



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: Kris Belonge, Cambria Decker-Larkin (chair), Don Flagg, Jon Lineberry, and Carolyn Lucas. We would love to welcome new faces to our committee. If you are interested, please contact chair, Cambria Decker-Larkin.

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



**Coffee With Jesus**

is a group sponsored by the Spiritual Life

Committee to help us reflect on and grow in our spiritual life, as well as foster closer ties between us. We will be paying attention to our experiences with the Bible this year. The book, *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans, will be our focus.

We usually meet on the third Sunday each month, after worship.

**Our next Meeting will be: Sunday, May 19, at 11:15 am, in Mary & Martha's room** (next to Youth room downstairs).



**Men's Group**

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

**MEN'S GROUP**

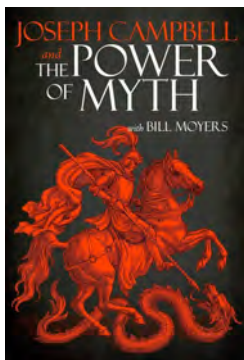
Zoom Meeting ID: 416 360 920  
 Passcode: 48840  
 Call In\*\* 301.715.8592

**\*\* On Saturday, May 11, the Men of HCC will be hosting the Women & Girls Brunch** (see pg. 2).

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

**Mythology & Beliefs: Joseph Campbell study**

**On May 2 & 9, at 7pm,** spend an hour with Joseph Campbell and hear his ideas on mythology and beliefs. Hosted by Don Flagg, this group started in April and is based on the PBS series with Bill Moyers.



Following a video, we will have time for discussion.

Currently, the series is scheduled to meet on two Thursdays in May (May 2 & 9), but will discuss if there is interest to meet more.

**We meet from 7 - 8:30 pm in the Mary & Martha room,** next to the Youth Room downstairs.

**Sermon Preview Bible Study**  
 Shining a Light on Scripture  
 Thursdays 9-9:45 a.m.  
 Via Zoom.

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 will meet **through May 16** before taking a break for Summer. We will start back up in the Fall.



**Food Pantry Donation Request**

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 May, we're requesting:**

**Cold cereal - any variety (store brand acceptable).**

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.

**Meijer Spring Simply Give Campaign - Bath Meijer**



The Haslett Community Food Pantry has been selected by the Bath Meijer store to be a beneficiary of the **Spring 2024 Simply Give** campaign.

The campaign will run in **Bath Meijer through Sat., June 29, 2024.**

Meijer will **double Simply Give donations** made at the **Bath store on Saturday, June 15.** On that day, for every \$10 donation card purchased, Meijer will provide an additional contribution of \$20, resulting in a total donation of \$30 that comes to the Mary L. Nelson Food Pantry. The food pantry greatly values and appreciates the support from generous customers and the Meijer Foundation.

**HELP WANTED!**

Here are some big and small ways to be involved with the life of the church. From one time, to seasonal, to ongoing commitments, here are some volunteer opportunities to be aware of, and who to contact if you'd like to learn more or help out!



**One Time/Occasional Opportunities:**

- **Handywork:** We would like to turn the old name tag board into a bulletin board. It is a beautiful piece of woodworking that was made by a member long ago. Is there a way we could preserve it but secure corkboard over it? Can you help? Let the office know.
- **Grant Writing:** Many non-profits benefit from grant funding. In the recent past, our church has received Higher Education Grants from the Michigan Conference UCC to help fund programs for our Youth Group Alumni, and from Meridian Township for Green Team Projects. It's possible we could find some funding for building improvement and other projects, but it will take some research and someone who has experience grant writing. Is this something you could help with? Please be in touch with Michele Boher, Office Manager, and let her know!

**Seasonal Opportunities:**

**CROP Hunger Walk:** Kirk Riley has faithfully organized HCC's involvement in the CROP Hunger Walk for many years. Kirk would love to work alongside someone for the walk in October, 2024, who can continue to organize HCC's involvement in 2025. If you would like to hear more, please be in touch with Kirk:

[rileyki@msu.edu](mailto:rileyki@msu.edu)

**Christmas Giving Project:** The Christmas Giving Project takes a lot of volunteer power from the church and community! For many years, Ruth Linnemann has coordinated many parts of the project including client intake, gift donation, and distribution. Jim Durr has coordinated many parts of the project including food procurement and packing. Both are ready to teach others how to do these important tasks! If you would like to hear more about either role, please contact Ruth or Jim.

**Thank You for Giving!**

Thank you for continuing to support Haslett Community Church as you are able. We receive your gifts with gratitude.

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



We are so grateful for your generosity!



**Children's Ministry Team** (CMT) meets quarterly. **Our next meeting will be: Mon., May 6, at 7:15 pm, in Fellowship Hall.**



**Safety Team** meets next on **Tues., May 7, at 7pm in Fellowship Hall.**

*Please contact Sally Heisler for details about this group:*

517-230-4043 or [sally.m.heisler@gmail.com](mailto:sally.m.heisler@gmail.com)



**Mission Outreach** now meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month.

Our next meeting will be:

**Wed., May 8, @ 2:30pm**  
in Fellowship Hall.



**Knitters, Crocheters, & Wannabees**

Our Next Meeting will be **Sunday, May 12, 11:15am,** after Worship, in the HCC Library.



**HCC Property Committee** usually meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month.

**Our next regular meeting: Mon., May 13, at 6pm**  
in Fellowship Hall.

**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? Stop by for onsite office hours!



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

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

**\*\* She will be working remotely May 6-10, and will be available by phone, text, and email.**

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.

**HCC Green Team** usually meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month. Our next meeting will be:

**Monday, May 13, at 7pm, in Fellowship Hall**

For more info, you can contact Doug Holem:  
[douglasholem@gmail.com](mailto:douglasholem@gmail.com)



Church Council meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of most months.

**Our next meeting will be: Tues., May 14, at 7:15 pm, in Fellowship Hall.** (Zoom option).



**GREEN TEAM BOOK CLUB!!!**

The Green Team book club usually meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month. We will meet again on **Tue., May 21, at 7pm in Fellowship Hall.**

We will be discussing *Not the End of the World* by Hannah Ritchie, chapters 5-8 and the conclusion. We may also discuss options for our next read, so we hope you can join us!

Contact Kim Huston if you are coming / interested!  
[kimahuston@gmail.com](mailto:kimahuston@gmail.com)



## What's Happening at HCC in May

What's Happening no longer shows individual committee meetings. Instead, you can find specific committee meeting information on [pages 10 - 12, & 14](#) of this newsletter and [HERE](#). Please remember to check with Michele in the office to coordinate building and grounds space use for your group ([hcc1@att.net](mailto:hcc1@att.net) or 517.339.8383).

### WEEKLY

#### Worship Service

Sundays, 10:00am      \*May 5 - Senior Sunday,  
Sanctuary, [YouTube](#)      May 19 - Pentecost (includes  
   Communion & Joyful Offering)

#### Sunday School (p3)

Most Sundays, during worship      \*No SS May 5 or 19  
Downstairs

#### Coffee Fellowship

Most Sundays, after worship  
Friendship Hall

#### YOUTH: Youth Groups Meet (p4)

Sundays, May 5 & 12      \* May 19 - Senior Farewell  
\*MS: 5:00-6:30pm; HS: 7:00-9:00pm  
Youth Rm

#### Onsite Office Hours (p14)

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

#### Pastor Betsy's Drop-In Office Hours (p14)

Wednesdays, 11:30am -1:00pm, HCC Office  
(She is also available by appointment Tue-Fri)  
\*\* Pastor Betsy will work remotely May 6-10, and will be  
available by email, text, and phone.

#### Choir Rehearsal (p7)

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

#### Sermon Preview Bible Study (p12)

Thursdays through May 16, 9:00 - 9:45am  
Zoom

#### Mythology & Beliefs: Joseph Campbell (p12)

Thursdays (May 2 & 9), 7:00 - 8:30pm  
Mary & Martha Room (next to Youth Rm downstairs)

#### Men's Group (p12)

Saturdays, 9:00am  
Zoom (Except May 11 - The Men of HCC host the  
Women & Girls Brunch at HCC)

#### Memorial Day (Office Closed)

Monday, May 27

#### Mission Trip Adult Meeting #1 (p4)

Thursday, May 30,  
6pm (MS Trip) & 7pm (HS Trip), Youth Room

### ONCE THIS MONTH

#### Haslett Women's Club

Thursday, May 2, 7:00pm  
Friendship Hall

#### Church & Society Potluck (p10)

Friday, May 3, 6:30-9:30pm  
Susan Turney's home

#### Senior Sunday & Succulent Sale (p4-5)

Sunday, May 5, 10am - 2pm  
(see pg.4 for all Youth Events this month)

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

Thursday, May 9, 7:00pm  
Okemos Culver's

#### Women & Girls Brunch (p2)

Saturday, May 11, 10:00am  
HCC

#### Knitters, Crocheters, etc. (p14)

Sunday, May 12, 11:15am  
HCC Library

#### Church Council Meets (p14)

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

#### Red Cross Blood Drive (p9)

Friday, May 17, Setup: 11:00am,  
Blood Drive: Noon-6:00pm

#### Coffee With Jesus (p12)

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

#### Lessons in Leading (cover)

Sunday, May 19, Noon  
HCC Library

#### YOUTH: Senior Farewell (p4)

Sunday, May 19  
HCC

#### Newsletter Items Due (p9)

Tuesday, May 21, 10:00am  
Email to [hcc1@att.net](mailto:hcc1@att.net)

#### Green Team Book Club (p14)

Tuesday, May 21, 7:00pm  
Fellowship Hall

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*HCC Connections*

May 2024

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Wed., 11:30am - 1:00pm (Betsy Office Hours)

Email: [hcc1@att.net](mailto:hcc1@att.net) Phone: 517-339-8383  
[www.haslettcommunitychurch.org](http://www.haslettcommunitychurch.org)

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| Pastor:                        | Rev. Betsy Aho    | <a href="mailto:aho.betsy@att.net">aho.betsy@att.net</a>       |
| Minister for Youth & Children: | Rev. Erin Heisler | <a href="mailto:erin.heisler@att.net">erin.heisler@att.net</a> |
| Office Manager:                | Michele Booher    | <a href="mailto:hcc1@att.net">hcc1@att.net</a>                 |
| Church Musician:               | Barbara Freeman   | <a href="mailto:bff7@comcast.net">bff7@comcast.net</a>         |

**3 Ways to Worship Sundays at 10:00 am: In the sanctuary <> Via 88.7 FM <> [YouTube](#)**

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

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