

Haslett Community Church



HCC Connections

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

December 2021



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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. -John 1: 1-5

Advent, at its best, is a time of preparation:

The celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ is too momentous for the faithful to just suddenly be presented with it. Therefore, the church calendar gives us a season to prepare for the miraculous news that what has come into being in Jesus is life, and the life is the light of all people.

What better time to prepare for the light of the world, than during that time of year when the days are short and the nights are long. We are longing for light, and light appears in the Christ child, the light appears in the candles, the star above the manger. There is light.

In practice, our Advent preparations look a bit different for everyone, but Advent can involve times of stillness and contemplation. Christians are called to extend God's love – most fully known through Jesus – with the community and world around us. Advent is a time to contemplate where that love is evident, and where we might help it be more fully known. In other words, where is the light of Christ's love shining, and where can we shine more brightly?

I hope that Haslett Community Church is a big part of your

preparation and celebration this Advent Season and on into Christmas!

As you look through the pages of this newsletter, you will find ways to worship, celebrate, and shine God's love. You will see that Songfest is returning on December 19, and that on Christmas Eve we have three worship opportunities, including the parking lot service back by popular demand! The Christmas Giving Project is already well underway, and you can come to the stillness of Music for Peace and Comfort on Thursdays.

Friends, Haslett Community Church is a beacon of light in my life. It shines the light of God's love outward, and it shines brighter when you are part of it. So please, keep reading and keep shining. I look forward to spending Advent with you!

Yours in the Journey,

Betsy

Pastor Betsy generally works at home on Saturdays, so is taking Mondays off as regularly as possible. She will respond to emergency pastoral care calls, but will let other communication wait until Tuesday.

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Haslett Community Church is pleased to be celebrating the Advent Season this year together again.

There are opportunities throughout the season to come together and celebrate this special time with one another, from Hanging of the Greens, the Christmas Giving Project, our Living Christmas Tree, Wednesday ADVENTure club for our young ones, Songfest, Christmas Caroling, Music for Peace and Comfort, to three times to celebrate together on Christmas Eve.

You can find information on each of these throughout this newsletter. We look forward to celebrating the Season with you!

Christmas Eve 2021:

There are three opportunities to Worship with Haslett Community Church on Christmas Eve this year!



5:00 p.m. – Parking Lot Service with battery operated candles and lots of singing together! Park in our lot, and turn your radio to 88.7 FM. Enjoy worship from the warmth of your car as Pastors and music leaders will be outside by firelight, leading you through this outdoor-ish worship service. It was so much fun last year, and such a hit, that we just had to bring it back!

7:00 & 9:00 p.m. – Traditional Christmas Eve Services in the Sanctuary with Live Music and ending with Candle Light! Services will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel. We missed worship in the church last Christmas Eve, so we hope you can join us! Thank you for wearing a mask for everyone’s safety.

In the past, our 7:00 p.m. service has been the most popular and crowded. If your household isn’t disrupted by choosing the 9:00 p.m. service, we may balance attendance a bit. Of course, you are welcome whenever you come!



Sunday After Christmas - Sunday, Dec. 26, 10:00 a.m.: A worship service of Scripture, Prayer, and Poetry. We will turn on the fireplace, and gather together for a casual, home-style church service, led by Pastor Betsy.



A New Tradition Continues in Celebration of Advent

Just like last Advent season, HCC has a tree outside on the property this year, to be decorated by all of us throughout the coming weeks!

We’re excited to have you help us bring the spirit of Christmas to all who come by our church.

The tree is once again generously donated by Dave and Nancy Ferguson. Thank you to all for this wonderful addition to our tradition!

Please see [pages 3 & 4](#) for the How, What, and When of how you can help decorate our tree!

Music for Comfort and Peace

After taking a COVID year off, Barbara Freeman will once more be offering music for peace and comfort on Thursday nights during Advent between 6:00 and 6:30 PM. All are welcomed, the sanctuary is darkened, sit where you wish, stay as long as you wish.



Help decorate HCC's outdoor tree

Each week of Advent you are invited to bring Advent themed decorations for the Christmas tree that will adorn the HCC lawn through the Christmas season.

Week 1: HOPE

Dates: Nov. 28th - Dec. 4th

Decoration: Peace Sign
birdseed ornaments

Week 2: PEACE

Dates: December 5th – 11th

Decoration: dried fruit slices

Week 3: JOY

Dates: December 12th – 18th

Decoration: any edible garland

Week 4: LOVE

Dates: December 19th – 25th

Decoration: heart shaped cut out
ornaments (recipe on reverse)

You are invited to bring your decorations for the tree at any time during the week. Instructions for all of these ideas on reverse side.

We are excited to continue this tradition and to feed the furry and feathered friends that call HCC's grounds home!

WEEK ONE:

PEACE-SIGN BIRDSEED ORNAMENTS:

cut a peace sign out of cardboard (or pick one up from church). Cover it in any nut butter and cover with bird seed. Repeat on second side. Press birdseed before stringing.

WEEK TWO:



DRIED FRUIT ORNAMENTS:
Slice any fruit (apple, orange, lemon, pear) and bake according to type of fruit. Can use dehydrator or air fryer as well. OR scoop out orange halves and fill emptied peel with birdseed.



WEEK THREE:

MAKE ANY EDIBLE GARLAND:

String anything you can: popcorn, cranberries, peanuts in shells, dates, raisins, cheerios, fruit loops, oyster crackers!

WEEK FOUR:

HEART SHAPED EDIBLE ORNAMENTS:

Using a mixer, blend together 2/3 cup pumpkin puree, 1/4 cup peanut butter and 2 large eggs. Then slowly add flour, starting with 2 1/2 cups, adding the last 1/2 cup as needed (until dough is no longer sticky). Remove from bowl and knead 3-4 times until dough comes together. Roll and cut into hearts. Bake on cookie sheet at 350 degrees until edges are golden (20-25 minutes).



ADVENTURE CLUB

WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER
1ST, 8TH, 15TH
5:30-7PM

OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN BETWEEN
PRESCHOOL AND 5TH GRADE.
PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE OR
EMAIL ERIN TO SIGN UP.
SIGNING UP HELPS US HAVE THE CORRECT
AMOUNT OF SUPPLIES PREPPED.



DECEMBER 1ST WE'RE MAKING ADVENT CALENDARS

DECEMBER 8TH WE'RE MAKING ADVENT WREATHS

DECEMBER 15TH WE'RE MAKING GINGERBREAD HOUSES

ADVENTURE CLUB WILL NOT INCLUDE DINNER THIS
YEAR. ALL CHILDREN AND VOLUNTEERS WILL BE
MASKED. REMEMBER TO SIGN UP BY CALLING THE
CHURCH OFFICE OR EMAILING ERIN. THANK YOU.



Christmas Giving Shopping Trips December 5th

- MS: 5-6:30pm
- HS: 7-9pm
- **DRIVERS NEEDED**
- For this we head to Target to buy gifts for families involved in our Christmas Giving Project. Youth do not need to bring money.

YG Christmas Parties:

- **December 12th**
- MS 5-6:30pm
- HS 7-9pm
- Wear crazy Christmas sweaters, bring snack to share & a \$5-\$10 gift for the gift exchange!

NO YOUTH GROUPS ON DECEMBER 19th OR 26th



HASLETT COMMUNITY CHURCH YOUTH GROUP ALUMNI

While home on winter break, alumni are invited to attend any and all youth group events! Please do not be shy about coming back to visit your youth group family!

ALUMNI REUNION @ the MAYFAIR
Wednesday, Dec. 22nd
6pm



Milwaukee Mission Trip for ALL YOUTH June 18-25th!

Cost is \$400. Commitment letter & deposits were due at end of November, but it's not too late! Get Erin your \$100 deposit ASAP!



11th & 12th grade Gather DATE CHANGE: Monday, December 6th 6-7:30pm at HCC



Thursday, December 9th 7-8:30pm
Okemos Culvers
 Please bring money for your order. You can find us in one of the corner booths!



Before school donuts for your last day before break!
Friday, December 17th 7-8am
HCC kitchen (use door #3)



Saturday, December 18th 8pm
CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT
Come in your favorite Christmas comfies, bring pillows, blankets, etc. Snacks provided!

Advent Photo Challenge

Starting on December 1st, use this list to capture this season in photos. Take these photos and keep them for yourself, or share them with Erin, or on your own social media. If you choose to share them, feel free to use the following hashtags: #hccyouthgroup or #hccadvent

1. hope
2. journey
3. illuminate
4. create
5. peace
6. waiting
7. life
8. promise
9. preparation
10. darkness
11. silence
12. love
13. sacred
14. light
15. comfort
16. awake
17. glory
18. longing
19. joy
20. wonder
21. stillness
22. anticipate
23. star
24. worship
25. rejoice

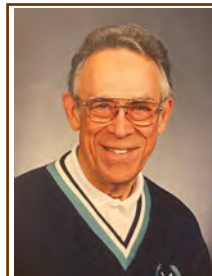


Our Church Family



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

- To Kelly Flagg for doing our Children’s Moment and planning and teaching Sunday School on Laity Sunday in October.
- To everyone who helped with the youth mission trip reveal road rally: Julie VanAcker, Kevin & Holly Hatch, Tara Downs, Molly Gadola, Meagan Wheeler, Betsy Aho, Anna Porritt, Alex Riley, Tara Pugmire, Kelly & Josh Schaefer, Laura Roupz, Noah Wood, Bob & Sally Heisler.
- To the Loaves and Fishes teams for December: Nancy Ferguson, Ann McGrath, Marie Holem, Joanne Ricks, and Paula Fry.
- To the three individuals who served as confirmation mentors for the last 18 months: Katie Riley, Mike Mahon, and Alex Riley.
- To Ruth Linnemann for playing piano on Laity Sunday.



Herb Maier

May 3, 1927 -
November 8, 2021

A Memorial Service took place on Friday, November 12, at 11:00 am, at HCC. Condolences can be sent to:

Carlene Maier
2801 Lac Dumont
Haslett, MI 48840

<https://www.lansingstatejournal.com/obituaries/ljsj075421>

Stephen D. Fuller

January 14, 1944 -
October 25, 2021

The family is planning a Memorial Service for a later date, possibly Spring 2022. Condolences can be sent to:

Jackie Fuller
1045 Woodside Dr.
Haslett, MI 48840



<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/east-Lansing-MI/Stephen-Fuller-10420025>

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

December 5, 2021, at 11:15 a.m.

The agenda and details will be coming soon via email, available in the document holders outside church, and also available the morning of the meeting. The primary focus of this meeting is to approve the 2022 annual budget put forth by the Council, and to elect new Council members and church officers. There is also a time for public comment. This meeting will be held in person following worship. If you prefer to access the meeting remotely, you can do that, too, via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 895 8309 9335
Passcode: *usual HCC passcode**
**Contact the office if needed*

The meeting is open to all who would like to attend and make comments. Members are invited to vote.



Our HCC treasurer, Bob Heisler, has retired from his day job. He can now be reached one of two ways:

- (1) by home phone: (517) 230-8324 or
- (2) by email: bobbyheis@gmail.com



The choir is now beginning Wednesday rehearsals in the Sanctuary. We are observing the safety rules used by many choral groups: we are in a well-ventilated room, standing 6 feet apart, and all masked. After 30 minutes of singing we move to various areas of the church so the sanctuary area can be aired out. Then another 30 minutes of singing is allowed. The chime choir will rehearse during the time the choir is out of the Sanctuary.

Since the cold drove us inside, we have used that time for the chime choir to rehearse, and are busy preparing some Christmas music to share with you on December 19, for Songfest. A variety of solos, both vocal and instrumental,

will be presented in that live service as well as some group numbers.

There will be opportunities to sing your favorite carols if you join the Social Committee's caroling party on December 19, or attend the parking lot service on Christmas Eve at 5:00 pm.

Thank you all for your kind remarks regarding the choir this year. We have tried to share a wide variety of music during the services and, even though we will not be able to share our music live, we will continue to find new anthems and share the video recordings of them.

~Judy

judy58connelly@earthlink.net



“Imagine Abundance” Stewardship Campaign 2021



While our Stewardship Campaign officially ended in October, we receive your pledges with gratitude when they arrive! If you have not yet made your 2022 pledge of financial support for Haslett Community Church, you still have time!

- You can: (1) complete a [2022 pledge card](#) and mail it to the church office at: PO Box 217
 Or Haslett, MI 48840
 (2) email your 2022 pledge to hccfinance@att.net.

Thank you for your response, so Haslett Community Church can continue to grow and bring hope to the community.

Deadline for receiving 2021 donations is Friday, December 31 at 12:00 PM.

If you are planning to make a contribution that you want counted toward your 2021 giving statement, it must be received no later than December 31, 2021. If you are mailing a check, please be sure it goes in the mail by December 23 to assure it is received by HCC Friday, December 31. Please remember our mailing address is: Haslett Community Church
 PO Box 217
 Haslett MI 48840

If you'd prefer to make your contribution online, you can do so [HERE](#). We recommend you do so no later than December 28, so the donation will be processed by December 31.



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 and restriction dependent. Please keep a lookout for fun events we are trying to bring your way. We are looking forward to spending time with you!

Call or text **Kim Carnes** at **(517) 331-3586** if you'd like to be involved, or have ideas. We usually meet at 7:30pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 6 @ 7:30pm in HCC's Friendship Hall



24th Annual HCC Ski Trip

Another exciting tradition of HCC is returning! **Our 24th Annual Ski Trip will be held January 6-9, 2022, at Treetops Resort in Gaylord.**

All are invited....you, your family and friends!

Being a skier is not necessary to enjoy this weekend in the snow. There is tubing, game playing and puzzles, lots of visiting, eating, relaxing, watching football and basketball, swimming..... so much for all to enjoy. Oh... and skiing too! **Sign up on the Social Committee wall in Friendship Hall.**

For answers to any questions, please connect with Kim Carnes at (517) 331-3586.

Come play in the snowy winter at Treetops!

Christmas Caroling



This year, Social Committee is inviting you to come Christmas Caroling with us on **Sunday, December 19, at 5:00 pm.** All are invited - bring the whole family!

We will meet at HCC at 5:00 pm, then head out from there to go caroling at homes to spread Christmas cheer to those who aren't able to get out much these days.

Please sign up online [HERE](#), on the Social Committee wall in Friendship Hall, or email / call the church office.

All singing will be done outdoors. Hoping you all join in, in helping spread Christmas cheer for the holidays. We look forward to a great time with you!



Women's Group

Our group meets most months on the **first Tuesday, at 10am.**

NEXT MEETING: Tues., Dec. 7, via Zoom (see info below).

At that meeting, we'll chat about the holiday season plans and plan for next year, so we hope you can join us! If you can't join us but would like to get involved, email hcc1@att.net. We'd love to have you!

Zoom Meeting ID: 872 9362 4318
Passcode: *usual HCC code*

Looking Ahead...

Looking Ahead to HCC Social Events:

- Christmas Caroling Sun., Dec. 19, 5pm
- Ski Trip Jan. 6-9, 2022 @ Treetops Resort in Gaylord
- Bingo Night Feb. 2022



The various groups sponsored by the Spiritual Life Committee help us reflect on, and grow in, our spiritual life, as well as foster closer ties between us. The committee currently consists of Don Flagg, Carolyn Lucas, Katie Riley, and Jenn Tafel.

We met as a work group in November to prepare communion, change parameters, and to look ahead to how we support Advent and Christmas gatherings. An electronic signup sheet was created to help us stay organized, and Katie brought in a basket of flowers for the space behind the pulpit. We are planning a retreat in February, where we will explore, in more depth, our role and possibilities for service as a community. **We would very much welcome other members of our congregation to consider joining our committee. Please pray about your calling in this.**

We generally meet on the third Tuesday each month - We are not meeting in December. Our next meeting will be January 18 at 7:15pm. Please feel free to contact any of us with questions you might have, to get involved, or with your ideas for other groups or events we might sponsor.



**Coffee With Jesus
(Exploring our Questions
about Faith, Life, and
Spirituality)**

The Coffee with Jesus group **meets the third Sunday of each month** downstairs in the **HCC Choir Room**, right after Worship.

Next Meeting: Sunday, December 19, 11:10 am

We welcomed some new members in November. We continue to follow the format of "I've Been Meaning to Ask". This month we will expand the questions raised by our consideration of our own experiences and learnings about sin and evil in the context of the Light of the Christ coming into a world of violence and darkness and suffering. The books we're following are Richard Rohr's *The World the Flesh and the Devil* and *Yes And*. Come to engage in discussion and experience the supportive spiritual community our small group shares.



MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group

continues to meet regularly this year in different ways, including **online Zoom meetings on Saturday mornings at 9:00am.**

Zoom Meeting ID: 416 360 920
To Call In** 301.715.8592
**Long distance charges may apply*

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

517-339-5731 vietti@msu.edu



**Green Team Tidbits:
Green Gift Wrap Ideas**

Many of you may already know that wrapping paper and gift bags with glitter, plastics, foil and other non-paper additives are not recyclable. Try these green gift-wrapping suggestions to avoid these:

- If your gift includes a blanket or a piece of clothing, use it to wrap the package.
- Avoid the fancy wrapping paper and go with newsprint or packing paper to wrap gifts and holiday goodies.

- Paper bags from grocery stores are easy, reusable, and recyclable! Staple them closed, add a paper tag, and voila, your gift is ready. It's difficult to peek in this package!
- Use paper gift bags. Not only are they reusable, but they're recyclable if they do not contain glitter, plastics, foil and/or fabric handles

HCC Green Team meets next on:
Monday, January 10, at 7:00 pm by Zoom:

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

Meeting ID: 967 4142 3781
Passcode: usual HCC code



Christmas Giving Project 2021 - Gifts

The 2021 Christmas Giving Project will operate very similar to 2020 so that it is safe and easy for everyone to contribute and participate. You, your family, and friends are invited to purchase gifts.

WHAT: The project offers five gifts to each child. Donors will receive a gift list that shows all gifts for a single child. We ask one person to register for the child even if you decide to share the gift purchasing for that child with a family member or friend. You can select any number of children.

HOW: You can make a request remotely by sending an email with Gift Request in the Subject line to: hccChristmas@att.net

Put three things in your email:

- 1) **your name and phone number**
- 2) **list the number of children** you wish to purchase gifts for (remember, you will be responsible for five gifts for each child you request)
- 3) Tell us **your preference of the child's age: 0 to 5 years old; 6 to 12 years old; or 13 to 18 years old.** You can include a gender preference, but that is not required.

You will receive a gift list and gift preparation instructions via return email. We will do our best to match your request.

You can also pick up a gift list from the gift table in Friendship Hall Sunday morning after worship, or Saturdays from 1-2pm just inside Door #1 (west side of building).

If you choose to support the project financially, without shopping, you can donate online [HERE](#) by **choosing Christmas Giving Project as the fund** you're donating to.

You can also send a check to HCC, PO Box 217, Haslett, MI 48840, with **Christmas Giving Project in the memo line** of the check.

Christmas Giving Project 2021 - Volunteering

Gift Helpers - We need volunteers each Saturday from 1-2pm and Sundays after church to distribute lists of gifts to be purchased and to collect wrapped gifts. Instructions will be provided. Click on the link below to view the online sign-up sheet to pick a date and time to volunteer.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48A9A623A4F5C52-gift1>

Food Packing, Dec. 14 & 15 - Pack boxes of groceries given to families. Sign up at:

www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48A9A623A4F5C52_grocery1

Distribution, Friday, Dec. 17 - The day everything is given to families; help is needed to load cars, pack perishable food, and take names at check-in.

Sign up at:

www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48A9A623A4F5C52_distribution



Boxes for the Christmas Project

We need many boxes for the Christmas Giving Project. **Copy paper boxes, including their covers, are ideal;** any box approximately 11" by 17" by 10" is helpful. They can be placed on top of the coat rack near the Food Pantry storage room. HCC is open Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday mornings for drop off.

If you need to leave boxes at a different time please call Richard Baumgartner at 339-0438 to let him know, or to arrange for a pickup. (This is a landline and cannot accept texts.)



Storage Needed in At Home Units -

Refrigerator and freezer space is needed a couple weeks in December for approximately 100 packages of OJ, margarine, cheese slices, eggs and some meat.

Please contact Barb Szkotnicki: 517-420-1071 or barb.szkotnicki@gmail.com if you have some space to offer.

Christmas Giving Project 2021 – Home Shoppe

Families will stay in their vehicles the entire time, which means we will NOT operate the Home Shoppe (sharing used household items) in 2021.

You are encouraged to take your used items to St. Vincent DePaul, who anticipates serving 700 refugees within the next year:

<https://stvcc.org/donating/in-kind-donations/>.

We welcome you to Worship with us!

In the spirit of inclusivity and welcoming, we offer three ways for you to worship with us:



1. In person in the Sanctuary There are some ways we are lowering risks as we gather inside to keep our community safer:
 - Currently, masks are required in the building, this includes during worship as we have young worshippers who cannot be vaccinated, and worshippers in higher risk categories.
 - Chairs are spaced out, and you can put an open seat holder on either side of your household to keep some distance.
 - Bulletins are distributed on paper and electronically if you prefer.
 - Music is one of the many important elements of worship at Haslett Community Church and will be part of our services. At this point, that doesn't include in person Congregational singing.
 - Please worship remotely if you answer 'yes' to any of the questions on the health checklist below.
2. In the Parking Lot via radio Want to be present at church, but you aren't quite ready to come in - side? Join us in the parking lot!
 - Park near the sanctuary (south side is best), turn your radio to 88.7 FM , and turn up the volume. You will hear everything that our sound system picks up, and we can wave to you from the sanctuary! You can find the bulletin online [HERE](#).
3. Remote via Livestream Continue to find the service each Sunday morning at haslettcommunitychurch.org or on our [YouTube channel](#). You can find the bulletin online [HERE](#).

IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE, BEFORE YOU ATTEND ANY CHURCH ACTIVITIES, PLEASE REVIEW THESE QUESTIONS. IF YOU ANSWER YES TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS, WE ASK THAT YOU REFRAIN FROM ATTENDING THE HCC EVENT THAT DAY.

ARE YOU OR ANY MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD CURRENTLY WAITING FOR COVID TEST RESULTS?

HAVE YOU OR ANY MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAD A POSITIVE COVID RESULT IN THE LAST 14 DAYS?

IN THE PAST 24 HOURS HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> NEW OR WORSENING COUGH | <input type="checkbox"/> CHILLS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SHORTNESS OF BREATH OR DIFFICULTY BREATHING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSCLE ACHES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL | <input type="checkbox"/> SORE THROAT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FEVER OF 100 OR HIGHER | <input type="checkbox"/> DIARRHEA |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> NAUSEA OR VOMITING |

HAVE YOU OR ANY MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD BEEN WITH A PERSON WHO HAD A POSITIVE COVID RESULT IN THE LAST 14 DAYS?

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND COOPERATION!



Knitters, Crocheters, & Wannabees

All hats and scarves brought in were taken to the Lutheran church. They will take them to their downtown Lansing campus and distribute them along with the coats they've collected.

Our Next Meeting will be Sunday, January 9, 2022, right after Worship (~11 AM). We will again meet in the Choir Room downstairs.

If you have completed hats, scarves, etc., please bring them with you. We have collected quite a bit of yarn that will be free to anyone in the group who would like some for knitting hats or scarves to donate. We're looking forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Food Pantry Help Needed

After many years of service, Paul White has retired as **Food Drive Coordinator** with our thanks for his faithful operation of this important part of the Haslett Food Pantry resources. **We are hopeful that someone will step forward to fill this position so that we do not need to turn down any food drive offers.**



This position is intermittent and can be adjusted to the volunteer's availability. Primary tasks include communicate with organizations that sponsor food drives to arrange receiving donations, sort and store donated food, and recruit volunteers to sort food.

For more information contact:
Ruth Linnemann, 517-339-6138 or Carl Wegener, 517-648-1257



Mission Outreach meets next:

Monday, Dec. 6, @ 7:00 pm
in the Sanctuary



Church Council meets on the second Tuesday of most months.

Council meets next on:
Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 7:15 pm.

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

Safety Team meets next on:
Tuesday, Dec. 28 @ 7pm

The group plans to meet in the Sanctuary and also offer a Zoom option:



Meeting ID: 826 2826 2157
Passcode: usual HCC passcode

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Information for the January 2022 Newsletter is due to Michele on the 2nd Tuesday of the month - December 14, 2021
Please send to: hcc1@att.net



Simply Give at Bath Meijer

The Haslett Community Food Pantry has been selected once more to be the recipient of the Holiday **Simply Give** campaign. The campaign will run in the **Bath Meijer through Saturday, January 1, 2022.**

Meijer will **double Simply Give donations** made at the Bath store on:

- **Saturday, December 11, 2021**

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 our 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.

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](#).
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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 will also continue office hours on Wednesdays from 11:30am - 1:00pm.

Now that the weather's getting cold, she'll hold indoor office hours instead.

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

Because of the increased level of activity in committees, this What's Happening no longer shows individual committee meetings. Instead, you can find specific committee meeting information on [pages 9, 10 & 13](#) of this newsletter and [HERE](#).

Because more groups are using the physical space, 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). She's also happy to continue to setup virtual meetings where desired.

Here is a list of special events scheduled, online and other, so you can stay connected.

WEEKLY

[Worship Service](#) [\(p12\)](#)

Sundays, 10:00am
(Advent, Christmas Eve & Fireside Service - [p2](#))
Sanctuary, parking lot via 88.7 FM, [YouTube](#)

[Sunday School](#)

Sundays during worship
(no Sunday School on Dec. 19)
Friendship Hall or Outdoors @ HCC (using Door 2)

[Coffee-less Fellowship](#)

Sundays, after worship, except Dec. 5
Friendship Hall

[Youth Group](#) [\(p6\)](#)

Sundays - Dec. 5 & 12
MS: 5:00-6:30pm; HS: 7:00-9:00pm
Youth Room

[Onsite Office Hours](#) [\(p14\)](#)

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

[Office Hours - Betsy](#) [\(p14\)](#)

Wednesdays, 11:30am-1:00pm
HCC Office

[ADVENTure Club](#) [\(p5\)](#)

Wednesdays, Dec. 1, 8, & 15, 5:30-7:00pm
Dec 1 & 8 - Fellowship Hall, Dec. 15 - Vineyard

[Choir & Chime Rehearsal](#) [\(p8\)](#)

Wednesdays, 7:00pm
Begins in HCC Sanctuary

[Music for Comfort and Peace](#) [\(p2\)](#)

Thursdays, Dec 2, 9, & 16, 6:00-6:30pm
HCC Sanctuary

[Men's Group](#) [\(p10\)](#)

Saturdays, 9:00am
Zoom

[Christmas Eve Services](#) [\(p2\)](#)

Friday, Dec. 24
5pm - HCC Parking Lot
7pm - Sanctuary
9pm - Sanctuary

ONCE THIS MONTH

[Annual Congregational Meeting](#) [\(p7\)](#)

Sunday, December 5, 11:15am
Sanctuary & Zoom

[YOUTH: 11 & 12 Grade GATHER](#) [\(p6\)](#)

Monday, December 6, 6:00-7:30pm
Youth Room

[Women's Group](#) [\(p9\)](#)

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 10:00am
Zoom

[YOUTH: Culver's Night](#) [\(p6\)](#)

Thursday, December 9, 7:00-8:30pm
Okemos Culvers

[Christmas Giving Project](#) [\(p11\)](#)

Monday, Dec. 13 - Friday, Dec. 17
Sanctuary, Friendship Hall, etc...

[Newsletter Items Due](#) [\(p13\)](#)

Tuesday, Dec. 14

[Church Council](#) [\(p13\)](#)

Tuesday, Dec. 14, 7:15pm
Sanctuary & Zoom

[YOUTH: Donuts Before School](#) [\(p6\)](#)

Friday, Dec. 17, 7:00-8:00am
HCC Kitchen (use Door 3)

[YOUTH: Christmas Movie Night](#) [\(p6\)](#)

Saturday, Dec. 18, 8:00pm
Friendship Hall

[Coffee With Jesus](#) [\(p10\)](#)

Sunday, Dec. 19, 11:10am (after worship)
Choir Room

[YOUTH Alumni Reunion](#) [\(p6\)](#)

Wednesday, Dec. 22, 6:00pm
The Mayfair

[Holidays - Office Closed](#)

Fridays, Dec. 24 & Dec. 31

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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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