

# Haslett Community Church



# HCC Connections

...to inspire people with love for truth, passion for righteousness, and enthusiasm for service.

February 2016



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## “WHATEVER” is Here!

**Saturday, February 6, 2016**  
**Dinner beginning at 4:30 pm**  
**Entertainment at 5:45 pm**

Come join the choir and friends of the church as we present our annual HCC Cabaret Celebration.

Following a wonderful spaghetti dinner prepared by Jack and Nikki Lennemann, and Tim and Laura Roumpz (served from 4:30 to 5:45), please join us for some spectacular entertainment.

For many years we have had a specific theme and all the songs and acts were planned around it. This year it will truly be “WHATEVER” the performers choose to do. You will have a chance to enjoy discovering a new side to those

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## Helping Refugees

Marilyn Larson has reminded our Current Events in Christian Context group that our church has an important history of helping refugee families. Wondering if it's time for us to do that again, the group has invited a **special presentation from Judi Harris, the Refugee Services Program Director at St. Vincent's Catholic Charities.**

St. Vincent's has long been deeply involved in refugee resettlement work in the Lansing area and Judi will share with us the latest on their work and about how local churches can join in it. She'll be with us in our sanctuary at **7pm on Sunday, February 21st.** All are invited!



## MIDWEEK Lenten Services

Our Lenten worship will begin this year with **Ash Wednesday services at 7am and 6:30pm on Wednesday, February 10th.** The services will be 20-30 minutes long and will again feature the ancient practice of the imposition of ashes as a mark of our mortality and repentance.

**On the following five Lenten Wednesdays, February 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> we'll gather for worship and children's activities at 6pm.** The worship will be in our sanctuary and will be about 20 minutes long. It will include prayer, Bible readings, and brief spoken, silent, and musical meditations. The children's activities will be down in our Tent and Temple room and will include worship that's specially designed for our younger ones (more information is on the Children's Page in this newsletter).

**On those evenings at 6:30 and thanks to our youth mission trip families a simple soup supper will also be served which will provide a fundraiser for this summer's youth mission trip to St. Louis, Missouri.** We again encourage everyone to come and make one or more of these special services a part of your Lenten devotion this year.



In this month's Pastor's Corner, I've decided to basically repeat the report I wrote for our church's most recent annual report which has just been completed. As you'll see in another article in this newsletter, the report is available in our sanctuary, in our church office, or through regular mail by request. For those of us who may not see it by any of those means, though, I want to make it available here, too, especially as it draws attention to what our Church Council will be up to in the months ahead.

Charles Plumb graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy. He served as a jet fighter pilot during the war in Vietnam, and after 75 combat missions his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. Having survived six years in a Vietcong prison, he now lectures about lessons he learned from that experience.

One day he and his wife were sitting at a restaurant when a man came over from another table and exclaimed, "You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!"

To say the least, Plumb was surprised and asked, "How in the world did you know that?"

Reaching out to shake hands, the stranger replied, "I packed your parachute. I guess it worked!"

Plumb sputtered, "It sure did. If your 'chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today!"

The old fighter pilot couldn't sleep that night. Overwhelmed with gratitude towards this fellow veteran that he'd just met, Plumb says, "I kept wondering what he might have looked like in a Navy uniform- a Dixie cup hat, a bib in the back, and bell bottom trousers. I wondered how many times I might have passed him on the Kitty Hawk, how many times I might have seen him and not even said, 'Good morning,' or 'How are you?', or anything at all because, you see, I was a fighter

pilot and he was just a sailor."

Charles Plumb thinks about the many hours that this man had spent at a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each parachute. He ponders the fact that each time the sailor did that, he held in his hands the fate of someone he didn't know. Now, Plumb asks his audiences, "Who is packing your parachute?"

Every year in looking at the many reports that make up our church's annual report, I'm reminded of one of the most important things that we know as Christians- namely, that there are so many people who help to pack the parachutes that we all rely on every day.

For instance, whether or not our particular name appears anywhere in our HCC annual report, it remains true that the contribution each of us makes as a member or friend is crucial to the life and health of our congregation. As St. Paul says in his first letter to the Corinthians, "Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. The eye can never say to the hand, 'I don't need you.' The head cannot say to the feet, 'I don't need you.' In fact, some of the parts that seem weakest and least important are really the most necessary" (12:20-22).

All of us are in this together. We all need each other. The vitality of our life as a congregation depends on the contributions each of us makes to it. But this is true not only of our life in the church, but of our life period. That's another of the most important lessons our faith keeps steadily before us.

Our life is a gift from God. God gives it to us in a vast network of fellow creatures that helps to keep us all going. Food on our tables, clothes on our backs, roofs over our heads, roads under our wheels, wheels to drive, jobs, schools, stores, ball parks, and medical facilities to drive to, phones, computers and Lord only knows what else to communicate with, to say nothing of churches to gather in- all of these are there for us only through the efforts of literally countless other people and creatures far beyond us all over the globe who hold us up and sustain us day after day after day. Without them, I would crumble in a hurry. We would all die very soon.

So although we may not always like it, we do

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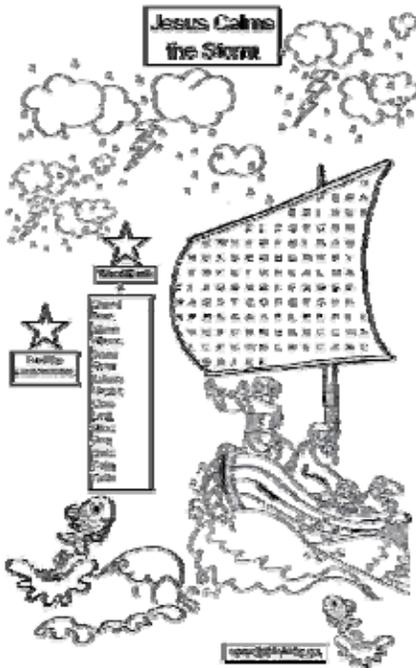


**HCC Children's Ministry  
Vision Statement:**  
We partner with families to help children discover God's love and construct a foundation for their Christian faith.



This February in Sunday school, our children will be learning about the story of Jesus calming the storm!

Reminder: February 14<sup>th</sup> is a Communion Sunday and children will be in worship.



We are still looking for a few teachers to help fill in our teaching schedule! Look at your calendar and see if you might be able to help:  
Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>  
April 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>  
May 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>



We are excited to have our parent-child music group meeting again!

All families with young children are invited to join us  
**Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**  
from 10-11am.

It is a time filled with music, dancing, learning and play!

These groups are led by Joyce Bischoff, one of our congregation's early childhood experts!



One of CMT's goals for 2016 is to revise our Safe Church Policy! In the 8 years since our policy was written, we have changed existing programs and have added some new ones. The goal is to make our policy more applicable to our current programs. If you are interested in helping out with this process, contact Erin Heisler.



The parents of young kids at HCC want to invite any and all parents to join them in a new group that meets at Haslett Community Church every Thursday evening from 6:15-8:15pm.

We are currently looking for 2 adults to help provide childcare for this group. If you or someone you know is interested please contact Erin Heisler.

Snacks are provided for the children and the adults!

If you are interested or have questions feel free to contact Missy Lilje, Jamie Kack or Abby Rounavaara.

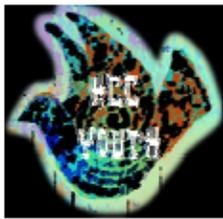


Every Wednesday during Lent, children are invited to come Journey with Jesus while their parents are in Wednesday night worship.

Each Lenten Wednesday from 6-6:30pm we will read a story about Jesus' life, play a game together or do a craft!

We will work on some new coloring posters to match our Advent ones too!

Families are invited to stay for the soup supper after worship!



For the entire month of February, the youth will be collecting new socks for the Lansing City Rescue Mission.

The City Rescue Mission provides warm shelter for over 1,500 men, women and children every year. Socks are one of those cold weather essentials that homeless individuals often go without (due to lack of donation).

We will end our month-long sock drive with a 50s style SOCK HOP

Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm.

Our HCC youth will be joined by UCC youth from all over our Michigan Conference.



**Grade Dinners are back!**

February 2<sup>nd</sup>  
6<sup>th</sup> grade dinner 6-7pm

9<sup>th</sup> grade dinner  
**RESCHEDULED**  
for February 18<sup>th</sup>!  
6-7pm

Youth don't need to bring anything, but are invited to bring games!



**2016 Lenten Soup Suppers**

Beginning on February 17<sup>th</sup> and for the rest of the Wednesdays in Lent, the middle school and high school families provide a light soup supper as part of our Wednesday night services.

A representative of Youth Ministry Team puts together the list of what families bring soup, bread, veggies and dessert each week. Families are also asked to come and set up tables and chairs prior to the 6pm service as well as clean up after the light supper.

You should have received a letter at the end of January. If you did not (or if you can't find it) please contact Erin!

If you are unable to help on your assigned week please trade with another family on the list.

These dinners are helpful fundraisers for our summer mission trips. We appreciate the support for all youth families in putting these dinners on!



FEBRUARY 7, 2016

**High School Super Bowl Party**  
Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>  
6:30pm

at Erin's House  
(1415 Haslett Road, adjacent to the northeast side of the HCC parking lot. White house with green roof, enter through screened in porch).

Bring your favorite tailgating foods to share!



What better way to spend LEAP day (Monday, February 29<sup>th</sup>) than LEAPING with your youth group friends at Springz indoor trampoline park in Lansing?

We will MEET AT SPRINGZ (896 East Mall Drive, Lansing) At 6pm.

Cost: \$15 per person plus \$2 for socks (unless you own grippy socks)

Parents: you must print off and sign a waiver from their website.

[www.springzbounce.com](http://www.springzbounce.com)

**REMINDER:**  
There is a \$150 mission trip payment due on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

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“angelic” people who provide the Sunday anthems and sermons. An advance thank you to all of our accompanists, Barbara Freeman, Tudy Soelberg, David Zin, Bruce Howard, and David Jones.

One of the fun events at the Cabaret is the gift card raffle. If you have a gift card to donate, Judy Connelly or Laura Roumpz will be gratefully accepting them up until the event. Please consider ordering gift cards through the HCC Scrip program to raise funds for the annual HCC Youth Mission Trip.

Tickets for the evening event are being sold after church through January 31st and also will be available at the door. Prices are \$25 for family, Adult \$7, Senior \$5 and children under 18 \$3. Come enjoy a wonderful evening of fellowship and entertainment.

# 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Our church's 2015 Annual Report is now available. Copies of it were first put out on Sunday, January 31st. You can pick one up on the table at the back of the sanctuary or in our church office. If you'd like one mailed to you, call Beverly in the church office at 339-8383. Only one copy per household, please.

## Take a Few Minutes?

Our church is still in need of a Clerk for 2016. The Clerk's responsibility is to take minutes (not a transcription!) at Church Council and congregational meetings.

This year the Council meets at 7:15pm on the second Tuesday of each month (but probably not in July). It also plans to meet for one or two (probably half-day) retreats which are yet to be scheduled. Our congregation's Annual Meeting is either on the last Sunday in November or first Sunday in December. Any other congregational meetings are specially called, but none are anticipated for this year.



You can check out samples of recent Council meeting minutes on the table at the back of the sanctuary which will give you a good idea of how we've done them. We'll also be glad to e-mail or snail mail to them, if you'd like. Just contact Bev in the church office (339-8383) if that's your preference.

If you're interested in serving in this position or would like to know more about it, please contact Pastor Kurt or our moderator, Tim Hiller (339-8502).



## Inquirer's Meeting

We hold regular Inquirer's Meetings for those who are interested in learning more about our church. The next Inquirer's meeting will

be offered on **Sunday, February 21st at 3pm** in our church library.

The meetings are led by Pastor Kurt Kirchoff and offer a general overview of life and membership at HCC and our denomination, the United Church of Christ. They're purely informational and are designed to last between 60 and 90 minutes depending on the number of people who attend. If you'd like to learn more about our congregation in that kind of setting, please know that we'd love for you to come.



Throughout 2015 we provided updates in our newsletter on the status of our pledged giving receipts. We're glad to report that as 2015 came to a close we received nearly 97% of the money that had been pledged for last year and over 98% of what we had budgeted to receive from all of our revenue sources. Once again, a big thank you goes to all our pledged givers and everyone else whose giving makes possible the ministry of our church.

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need each other. We are in truth deeply dependent on one another. To think that we can be independent and set apart or to think that the only way to establish our lives and/or our worth is by competing against each other to prove ourselves superior to or more deserving than other people is just plain wrong. We come into this world and we live in it moment by moment only in, through, and for the innumerable relationships that God has given to us. Life as God means for it to be thrives not when I decide to stay apart, keep my options open, and do my own thing, but when we all come together with and for each other in grateful cooperation, happily aware of our dependence on God and each other.

This is such a profoundly countercultural message and our world needs it more than ever. In this coming year, our Church Council and various committees will keep striving as they have for the past several years, to see how we can best offer it in our fast-paced and rapidly changing society. We're increasingly aware that in a time of major cultural transition we Americans aren't nearly as keen on organized religion as we used to be. We keep seeing that this is increasingly true of younger people among us.

Given that, as we look to the future, how can we best shape our church's life so that we can most effectively share our faith and its countercultural word? In 2016, our Council will work on this particularly through a long-range vision process that we'll all hear more about. As we do, I encourage each of us to

figure out how we can make our best contributions to it. Coming beautifully together to identify God's vision for our future will help us take great care as we keep packing parachutes for each other and for our world.

Happy to be with you in all of this,

From Our Green Team

To help us as individuals and as a church to be good stewards of God's gifts of the earth we offer:

February's Thought for the Month which is from Tony Campolo:

*"When we care for the environment we show our deep respect for the Creator in much the same way we would admire the work of a great artist in a museum . . . And by tending creation we also show consideration for our children's future. We demonstrate that we love them enough to provide a clean and beautiful garden that paints a stunning picture of the Artist."*

And February's Action for the Month which is:

*Wash clothes only in colder water and do only full loads in both the washer and dryer.*

**DONATE NEW SOCKS**

Donate new socks for men, women and children. All sizes and styles are needed.

**DONATE SOCKS**



Ecumenical Carbon Fast

Our Green Team joins our Church and Society committee in inviting us again to participate in this year's Ecumenical Lenten Carbon Fast. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 10th, and continuing through the Lenten season, it gives opportunity to deepen our practice of environmental stewardship by receiving a daily e-mail that suggests a specific carbon-reducing action.

To sign up for the e-mail, google "ecumenical carbon fast" which will take you to "MAUCC Ecumenical Carbon Fast" as one of the first listings. Click on it and on the first page you'll see an easy to locate and use sign-up box. The site will also give you further information about the Fast, including instructions on how you can take part via text. We encourage you to check it out!

Women's Coffee

All women of the congregation are invited to join in the fun and fellowship at the occasional gatherings of the Women's Coffee. These get-togethers are held on the **first Tuesdays at 10:00 AM when hostesses sign up**. A sign-up sheet through May 2016 is on the Social Committee bulletin board on the kiosk in Friendship Hall. We encourage those who wish to host to sign up. The next Women's Coffee will be held on **Tuesday, February 2nd** and the host is **June Peabody**.



If you have not been to this get-together before, give it a try!



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

- **Debbie Gulliver** and **Griffin Doran** for their help with ADVENTure Club.
- **Deb Farrell & Betty Robinson** for providing cookies for our youth group photo scavenger hunt.
- **Jake Gornick, Frances Fernandez, Bryce Dickman, Graham Riley and Chaesa Moffatt** for their help with various tasks around the church while they were home between semesters.
- **Karen Amacharee, Maria Cowan, Steve Decker, Kris Pine, Saundra Porter-Riley, and Tim Roupz** for chaperoning our winter retreat at Spring Hill.
- **Jewell Muller Gornick** for teaching Sunday School in January.
- To **Don Ricks, Katie Riley, and Mary Anne Dillingham** for their service on the Nominating Committee.
- To **Tim Roupz** and **Ben Homminga** for taking down this year's Christmas tree.
- To **Barry Sedgwick** for delivering poinsettias to homebound members of our church.
- To the core Christmas Giving Project team of **Ruth Linnemann, Mary Nelson, Sylvia Davis, Kelly Flagg, Paul White, Nancy White, Mary Trebilcock, and Wendy Johnson** for all their great work in carrying out that special ministry.



## *Our Church Family*

*Members and friends in need of our special attention and prayers include:*

- **Cathy Rowe** and her family as they mourn the loss of her father who died on January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The family of our long-time member, **Naurine Sloane**, as they mourn the loss of her. Naurine died on December 28<sup>th</sup> at the age of 94. Her memorial service will be held at our church on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.

- **Dolores Goetz** as she mourns the loss of her husband, **Bill**, who died on December 24<sup>th</sup> at the age of 91. Bill's funeral and committal service, led by Pastor Kurt, were held on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **George Swanson** as he recovers from a broken shoulder.
- **Mark Ellis** as he recovers from pneumonia and faces other health issues.
- **Fred Schrepfer** as he recovers from a heart and lung troubles that took him into the hospital.
- **Shari Anderson** as she continues to face the challenges of chronic illness.
- **Barb Rogers** as she receives hospice care.

## Notes from the Food Pantry

A couple months ago we collected feedback from food pantry visitors. Responses were overwhelmingly positive. The vast majority of comments visitors gave to describe what they like about the food pantry are a reflection of the 16 volunteers who serve clients. Statements made are listed below:

- *The food we get helps tremendously; I like the generosity and friendliness*
- *They help and they care (written by multiple people)*
- *Nice attitudes, clean, food choices are made available when possible*
- *Friendly (written by multiple people)*
- *It is a blessing*
- *The courtesy of staff*
- *No judgment, respectful*
- *The food bank has the nicest people*
- *Very generous (written by multiple people)*
- *I am treated like a real person*
- *Very helpful, God bless y'all*

A big thank you goes to the efforts and caring of the volunteer servers. You are a very big part of the success of the food pantry

## Spiritual Life

The various groups sponsored by our Spiritual Life Committee help us reflect on and grow in our spiritual life as well as foster closer ties between us. The groups have geared up again this fall and our committee's members, Donna Ellis, Barbara Freeman, Becky Leefers, Mary Trebilcock, Don Ricks, Katie Riley, and Mary Trebilcock invite and encourage you to take advantage of as many of these offerings as you can. As always, please feel free to contact any of us with questions you might have or with your ideas for other groups or events that we might sponsor.

**Bible Study:** This group meets (almost) every Sunday at the home of John and Mary Trebilcock (649 Kasey Lane, Bird's Strawberry Farm in Haslett) after worship at about 11:15am. Mary Trebilcock facilitates the group. You can contact her for more information at [trebilco.john@att.net](mailto:trebilco.john@att.net) or 339-3974.



**Coffee With Jesus:** *Speaking Christian* by the late Marcus Borg, along with *Coffee With Jesus* by David Wilkie, are the two books this adult education group is reading and discussing this year, usually on every third Sunday following worship at 11:15am in the church library. This month's meeting will be on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Books may be purchased at Schuler's and everyone is welcome even if you have never

attended before. Kathy Swearingen facilitates the group and if you have questions you can contact her by e-mail, [hkswear@gmail.com](mailto:hkswear@gmail.com).

**Life Stories, God Stories:** Pastor Kurt Kirchoff leads this group at 11:15am usually on the last Sunday of each month. This month's meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. The group meets at the front of the sanctuary and its discussions are always informal and wide-ranging. They begin with questions that relate to basic aspects of our life stories and how those connect to our relationship with God. From there, they take off. It's a very easy group to join and take part in at any time, so give it a try. Contact Pastor Kurt (339-8383, ext.11 or [pastorkurt53@att.net](mailto:pastorkurt53@att.net)) with any questions you have.

**Current Events in a Christian Context:** This group meets twice a month to discuss in the light of our Christian faith events that have recently been in the news. The usual meeting times which will be followed in February are the first Sunday of the month after worship at 11:15am and the third Sunday of the month at 7pm at the church. On February 7<sup>th</sup> the group will continue discussing this year's U.S. Presidential Campaign and on February 21<sup>st</sup> will host a presentation by Judi Harris, the Refugee Services Program Director at St. Vincent's Catholic Charities in Lansing. For further details about the evening with Judi, please see the article on page 1. Any questions about any of this group's gatherings can be directed to Don Ricks (655-3641) who serves as the general facilitator.

**Faith and Film:** The next gathering of this group led by Pastor Kurt will be Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Youth Room. This month's movie is *The Way* made in 2011, directed by Emilio Estevez, and starring his father, Martin Sheen. Rated PG-13 it's 115 minutes long and tells a poignant story that weaves together themes of father-son estrangement and spiritual pilgrimage. As usual, popcorn and beverages will be provided. If you have any questions about this group, contact Pastor Kurt.

**Men's Group:** The Men's Group meets regularly for breakfasts, barbecues, and fishing trips up north. Dave Vietti serves as the facilitator and he gladly lets anyone who's interested know of the events as they're being planned. You can contact him at 339-5731 or at [vietti@msu.edu](mailto:vietti@msu.edu) to be included on the email list or to ask any questions.

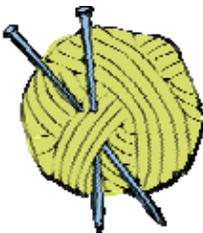


**Being Christian in Daily Life:** In the complex, nitty-gritty details of daily life with our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers, classmates, and strangers how do we think, feel, and act as followers of Jesus Christ? That's the big, basic question this group ponders and discusses usually on the second Sunday morning of each month starting at around 11:15. February's meeting is scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome and Don Ricks and Pastor Kurt lead the group. Feel free to contact either of them if you have any questions about it.

**Knitters, Crocheters, and Wannabes**

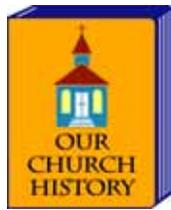
**T**he Knitters, Crocheters, & Wannabes have been busy during our first year. We have met once a month and spent time on our own working to finish various projects.

At our October meeting we decided it was time to distribute our completed projects. We donated a large bag of various-sized hats to Sparrow Hospital. Mittens, hats, and scarves were taken to a first grade class at Forest View Elementary in Lansing. Sally Heisler's second grade class in Okemos received winter wear as well. Several sweaters were knitted and sent to World Vision to be distributed to children in need. Knitted or crocheted Teddy Bears were donated to fire departments and police stations where they will be given to children to help comfort them during traumatic events in their lives.



As a group we have enjoyed our fellowship and work sessions. We look forward to our second year of helping – in our small way - to keep others warmed and comforted.

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting we would love to have you join us. If you would like to learn how to knit or crochet we have people who would love to teach you!. We meet right after church on the second Sunday of each month and our next meeting will be Sunday, February 14th. Please come!



*The following is from HCC's newsletter, February 1956.*

Sixteen women from our church attended a tea given in our honor by the women of the Pilgrim, Plymouth and Mayflower Congregational Churches in Lansing. The tea was held in the Women's Parlor of the Plymouth Church at 2:00pm January 31. We were officially welcomed by Mrs. Dwight Rich, and Jane Erickson and Doris Musgrave each spoke briefly to the assembled group of more than 150 women. Our church was then presented with a beautiful silver "money tree" to which was fastened countless silver coins with bills and silver surrounding the base. This money, amounting to more than \$150, was given by the women of all the churches as a token of their fellowship and interest, and a sincere desire to help in the establishment of our church. The tea was served from a beautifully arranged table with silver and white appointments and a lovely floral arrangement of white carnations centering the table.

**Reminder about Giving Envelopes**

Here in 2016 we're staying with the change we made two years ago by using generic giving envelopes rather than ones with preprinted numbers and dates. They cost less and are easier for our tellers to work with. If you like using them, you can pick up a bundle of 52 for weekly use or of 12 for monthly use on the table at the back of the sanctuary. There are also envelopes available in the pew chairs every Sunday.

As always, you can still place your contribution check or cash in the collection plate or mail your gift to the church without using a giving envelope. You may also want to use automatic electronic payments which an increasing number of our members are doing. Our Treasurer, Bob Heisler, at 339-0194 or bob@michucc.org can give you the details about that. For whatever way you choose to give, we thank you!

**Financial Stewardship Update**

Although our fall 2015 stewardship campaign did not meet our goals, a scaled down budget was approved at the congregational meeting on December 6.

We are still very blessed to have so many at Haslett Community Church, including staff and outside community, who have been so generous in sharing of their gifts, talents, time, and prayers.

Within the next few months, the Church Council, Church Growth Committee, and Financial Stewardship Committee will be exploring innovative ways to run our 2016 stewardship campaign.

For the past few years Larry Leefers has done an exemplary job of chairing the Financial Stewardship Committee but with the new year Larry's term has expired and he will no longer be serving in that capacity. We are still looking for someone to replace Larry. Please contact Pastor Kurt or any of us listed below to help. Thank you.

**Our Welcoming Teams  
for February**

Below is the list of those scheduled to serve in the different roles that will help to provide our church's Happy Heart welcome for each of the Sundays in February. If you end up working out a switch or a substitution, please let Pastor Kurt or Pastor Erin know at your earliest convenience.

Our thanks to everyone who served on a Happy Heart team in 2015 and to all who have volunteered to do so in 2016. This ministry is a vital part of our effort to carry out our vision to warmly welcome everyone!

**February 7<sup>th</sup>**

Greeters: Ron & Cathy Rowe  
Ushers: Jack & Nikki Lennemann  
Sound Tech: Ron Rowe  
Scripture Reader: David Zin  
Coffee Hosts: Mike & Sue Johnston

**February 14<sup>th</sup>**

Greeters: Rich Baumgartner & Ann Pierce  
Ushers: Tim & Karla Hiller  
Sound Tech: Patrick Homminga  
Scripture Reader: Kim Carnes  
Coffee Hosts: Monique Jost & Betty Robinson

**February 21<sup>st</sup>**

Greeters: Sheila & Greg Fink  
Ushers: Nancy & Dave Ferguson  
Sound Tech: Rich Newport  
Scripture Reader: Steve Decker  
Coffee Hosts: Barb & Mike Szkotnicki

**February 28<sup>th</sup>**

Greeters: Malinda Barr & Marilyn Larson  
Ushers: Sylvia Davis & Carlene McGrath  
Sound Tech: Helen Jones  
Scripture Reader: Cheryl Edwards  
Coffee Hosts: Nikki & Jack Lennemann

**Social Events**



The entire **Pick-a Party booklet is available on our church website**, or call the church office to have one mailed.

**Taste of Japan (\$7)**

Guests: 8 years old with an adult. Maximum 20 guests  
Date: Thursday, February 25  
Time: 7:00PM  
Place: HCC  
Host: Karen Klein

**Explore Asian Calligraphy (Free)**

Guests: Min age 8yrs with an adult. Max number of guests 20  
Date: Tuesday, February 16  
Time: 7:00-8:00 PM  
Place: HCC Church  
Host: Karen Klein (517-339-6439) [kklein76@aol.com](mailto:kklein76@aol.com)

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**HCC Camping Weekend  
Young State Park  
August 11-14th, 2016  
Change to New  
Campground!**

The Social Committee is planning our HCC Camping Weekend at Young State Park in Boyne City on the beautiful Lake Charlevoix. This is a different campground for this event and we are excited to try it out! It comes with high recommendations! On the eastern side of Lake Charlevoix, it takes about 3 hours to get there. We are creating a 3-day event and hoping that all the campers out there will

join us! Young State Park offers a nice sandy beach, campsites closer to the beach, tree covered campsites, concession stand at the beach, boating, hiking and plenty of room for our garbage can dinner. **We must have payment for each site reserved and are not able to make reservations for extra sites without a name and payment for each one.** Please sign up on the Social committee board today and indicate whether you will be staying for 2 or 3 nights. This is important in the reservation process. The cost is 2 nights/\$66 and 3 nights/\$99. **This amount is due by February 3rd.** Please make checks out to HCC with "camping" in the memo and give them to Kim Carnes or Karla Hiller. **If you are able to help with making the reservations at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 11th, please let one of us know. it will take approximately 1 hour. Thank you for this!**

**Sign up now for this new HCC camping adventure!**

**Community Gardens  
for Health**

St. Luke Lutheran Church @ 5589 Van Atta Rd in Haslett will host a presentation by Dr. John A. Biernbaum, expert in gardening, organic methods, composting and growing for health, on Saturday, February 13. The distinguished presenter is a nationally renowned Michigan State University Professor in the Dept of Horticulture [[www.hrt.msu.edu/john-biernbaum](http://www.hrt.msu.edu/john-biernbaum)]

"Community Gardens for Health: Gardening with Nature and Planning for Success" will begin at 9:30 AM and conclude by noon. Coffee will be available beginning at 9 AM. Information about St. Luke's Community Garden will also be available.

This event is free to the public and **all are welcome.** To sign up for this, please register with Carolyn Fabro at: [cfabro@stlukehas.com](mailto:cfabro@stlukehas.com).

# February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 7:30-8:30 AM Yoga, Boot Camp 12pm – Alanon 2:30 – Study Hours 6:15-7:15 PM-Boot Camp 6:30p- Moms in Touch 7pm – Boy Scouts 7pm–Mission Outreach	<b>2</b> 7:00-8:30 AM Boot Camp 10am Womens Coffee 5:30-7:15 PM Boot Camp 6pm – 6 <sup>th</sup> grade dinner 7:30pm- Social comm meeting	<b>3</b> 12pm – Alanon 7pm - Choir	<b>4</b> 7:00-8:30 AM Boot Camp 5:30-7:15 PM Boot Camp 6-8pm – Parents group 7pm – Venture Sc 7pm – AA	<b>5</b> 7:30-8:30 AM Yoga, Boot Camp 3:30pm – Daisy Scouts	<b>6</b> 7-8am Gideons 10am Cabaret rehearsal 10-11:30am Confirmation 4:30pm – CABARET & Spaghetti dinner
<b>7</b> 10:00am Worship; Church School 11:15am – Current Events 3:30-5:30pm – Wolf Den 3:30-5pm - MS Youth 5:30pm - HS Superbowl party 6:30pm – Gracewood	<b>8</b> 7:30-8:30 AM Yoga, Boot Camp 10-11am – Parent/child music 12pm – Alanon 2:30 – Study Hours 6:15-7:15 PM-Boot Camp 6:30p- Moms in Touch 7pm – Boy Scouts 7pm – Youth Ministry 7pm – Green Team	<b>9</b> 7:00-8:30 AM Boot Camp 5:30-7:15 PM Boot Camp 7:15pm – Church Council	<b>10</b> ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00 AM – Worship 12 PM – Alanon 6:30 PM – Worship 7:00 PM - Adult Choir	<b>11</b> 7:00-8:30 AM Boot Camp 5:30-7:15 PM Boot Camp 6-8pm – Parents group 7pm – Venture Sc 7pm – AA	<b>12</b> 7:30-8:30 AM Yoga, Boot Camp 3:30pm – Daisy Scouts	<b>13</b> 7-8am Gideons
<b>14 COMMUNION</b> 10:00am Worship; Church School 11:15am – Being Christian 11:15am - Knitters 3:30-5pm - MS Youth 6-8:pm - HS Youth 6:30pm – Gracewood	<b>15</b> 7:30-8:30 AM Yoga, Boot Camp 12pm – Alanon 6:15-7:15 PM-Boot Camp 6:30pm Moms in Touch 7pm – Boy Scouts	<b>16</b> 7:00-8:30 AM Boot Camp 8:00 AM Newsletter items due 5:30-7:15 PM Boot Camp 6pm – 9 <sup>th</sup> grade dinner 7pm – <i>Pick-a-Party</i> Calligraphy	<b>17</b> 12pm – Alanon 6:00 PM Lenten service & supper 7:00 PM - Adult Choir	<b>18</b> 7:00-8:30 AM Boot Camp 5:30-7:15 PM Boot Camp 6-8pm – Parents group 7pm – Venture Sc 7pm – AA	<b>19</b> 7:30-8:30 AM Yoga, Boot Camp 7pm – Faith and Film ( <i>The Way</i> )	<b>20</b> 7-8am Gideons 10-11:30am Confirmation 12:30-4:30pm Circle of Friends
<b>21</b> 10:00am Worship; Church School 11:15am – Coffee with Jesus 3:30-5:30pm – Wolf Den 3pm – Inquirer's meeting 3:30-5pm - MS Youth 6-8:pm - HS Youth 6:30pm – Gracewood 7pm –Current Events	<b>22</b> 7:30-8:30 AM Yoga, Boot Camp 12pm – Alanon 2:30 – Study Hours 6:15-7:15 PM-Boot Camp 6:30pm Moms in Touch 7pm – Boy Scouts	<b>23</b> 7:00-8:30 AM Boot Camp 5:30-7:15 PM Boot Camp	<b>24</b> 12pm – Alanon 6:00 PM Lenten service & supper 7:00 PM - Adult Choir	<b>25</b> 7:00-8:30 AM Boot Camp 5:30-7:15 PM Boot Camp 6-8pm – Parents group 7pm – <i>Pick-a-Party</i> Sushi rolling 7pm – Venture Sc 7pm – AA 7:30pm – Church Growth	<b>26</b> 7:30-8:30 AM Yoga, Boot Camp 3:30pm – Daisy Scouts	<b>27</b> 7-8am Gideons All Day - MS/HS Sock Hop for City Rescue Mission
<b>28</b> 10:00am Worship; Church School 11:15am – Life Stories, God Stories 3:30-5:30pm – Wolf Den	<b>29</b>			<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p><i>Newsletter articles for March are due the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 AM.</i></p> </div>		

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## Worship for February 2016

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**February 7<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 am**

"Light Shining"

Psalm 8:1-6 & Luke 4:14-19

**Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

Ash Wednesday Services

(see article on p.1)

**February 14<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 am**

**First Sunday in Lent**

"The Greatest of These"

Psalm 25:6-10 & I Corinthians 13:1-13

**Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

Lenten Supper & Worship- 6pm

(see article on p.1)

**February 21<sup>st</sup> - 10:00 am**

"What about Satan?"

Romans 7:15-20, 24-25 & Luke 4:1-13

**February 28<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 am**

"Rich towards God"

Psalm 63:1-8 & Luke 12:13-21

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**Worship and Church School, Sundays at 9:30 a. m.**