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Sunday Schedule: Worship Service, 10 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship, 11:15 a.m.
Children's Church School, 10:10 a.m.

Hazelwood's Statement of Calling: As members of the body of Christ, we at Hazelwood are called to share God's love by introducing individuals to Christ and nurturing personal spiritual growth for Christ's mission.

Motto: Our **BEST** for Christ



Look for us at:
www.hazelwoodchurch.org
We are constantly building and adding to it, so check back often! You can also contact us through the Website. Check out the home page.

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

February 2, 2017
February 16, 2017

Items to be published in the Newsletter are due in the office the Monday prior to publish date. Thank you!



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

January 19, 2017



BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 1/10/17: \$5,469.50

Offerings Received for Week Ending 1/17/17: \$4,700.74

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$6,017.65

Average Weekly Need: \$6,000

Jan.-Dec. 2016 Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$18,548.21)*

**Those parentheses mean we have received LESS than budgeted*



♦ Larry Rees is a patient at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

“We want to express our appreciation to our Hazelwood Family for the flowers, the cards, and all prayers during Tom's recent hospitalization and my surgery last week. We especially appreciated visits and calls from Rev. Jason and from Rev. James. It is with grateful hearts we report that we are on the mend and hope to return to Sunday service soon. May God continue to keep watch over Hazelwood and each of her thoughtful and faithful members. Blessings to all.”

~Tom and Kay Schnuck

“We would like to thank Greg Emmanuel, one of our active college students in choir, for leading the choir the last two Sundays. Our new Director of Choirs, Sally Geib, began her ministry at Hazelwood on January 18.”

~Marianna Gill, Worship Coordinator

“Hazelwood Friends,
Your prayers, cards, visits, and concern for us over these past several weeks has meant a lot. Pastor Jason's visits were uplifting, kind, and very thoughtful. We have enjoyed the beautiful poinsettias this Christmas Season. Thanks again for your expressions of love.”

~Lois Gross & Myrna Atkinson



Every day I cross Bittersweet Lane. You probably know it's a street here in Muncie, and my to-and-from route to work takes me across it. The first time I saw it I thought, “What a great name for a street.” So much in life is figuratively spent on Bittersweet Lane because so much of life is a mixture of both joy and disappointment. Think of a graduation: there's joy in the finishing of the degree, but there's sadness in leaving classmates, friends, and the experience behind. When I was in the process of moving here many said, “This must be bittersweet for you.” They're right; I was happy for the new opportunities and possibilities but a little sad to say goodbye to the many friends I made at my old home.

As you probably heard (or saw in the local paper), we have a potential buyer for the Sulanke Fellowship House. We haven't made any significant public announcements about it yet due to some legalities we still need to deal with and a confidentiality agreement that was a part of the offer. Once everything is official, we and the buyer will be able to say more publicly about it all.

I have said, though, that this is probably bittersweet for the church. The Fellowship House has been a blessing to the church for many years, and so many of you have good memories of the place. Some of you have even told me stories of when the church moved here to this property and worshiped in the house before the main church building was built. With so many good memories, it's hard to let go of the place. I know, too, the house has become a burden on the church with the maintenance and repairs beyond our means, and it'll be a relief to let go of the burden. Letting go of the house will allow our church to focus on our mission rather than struggling to keep together an aging historical building, and that will be a blessing.

Keep our church in your prayers as we journey through this bittersweet blessing, and we'll keep you posted when more things become official.

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones

BOXES NEEDED!

Assuming all goes well with the sale of the Fellowship House, we have some moving to do! If you have any boxes you would like to donate, please contact Stefanie in the church office.

NURTURING YOUNG MINDS

We are looking for individuals interested in helping with the Children and Youth Ministry programs as Youth Sponsors, Church School Teachers, and Nursery Workers. Please contact Rev. James in the church office if you are interested or would like to know more about the responsibilities.

Nursery: We are looking for individuals to work in the nursery on an every other month rotation or be available for substitution. You would primarily be working with infants and toddlers.

Church School Teachers: We are looking for individuals to help lead Church School on Sunday mornings during part of the worship service, individuals interested in being a secondary teacher, or individuals interested in being available for substitution. Teachers rotate monthly and are provided curriculum. There are currently two Church School groups: Toddler to Preschool, and Kindergarten to 5th Grade.

Youth Sponsors: We are looking for individuals interested in being part of the leadership of our elementary, middle, and high school youth. Youth Sponsors in the past have helped with anything from teaching during our All Youth Fellowships, to planning or chaperoning various events.

LOVE IS IN THE AIR

Often times, Valentine's Day gets a bad rap. More often than not, we associate Valentine's Day with *Eros*, romantic love. But there is so much more to love than all that mushy stuff! Just look at the many kinds of love recognized by the ancient Greeks: there is *Philautia*, the love of oneself; *Ludus*, the playful love you feel at the start of a relationship (think hearts aflutter and goofy grins); *Pragma*, the enduring love that goes on year after year; *Philia*, the love you feel for your friends; *Storge*, the love you feel for your family, your children, and your parents; *Agape*, selfless love for all—something we as Christians strive to embody. That's a lot of love to celebrate!

On Sunday, February 12, we will ALL come together and show our love for each other and for the Lord, as we share food and fellowship at our Valentine Carry-In Lunch at 11:30 a.m. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Rotunda starting Sunday, January 22. The sign-up sheet will help us to have a better variety of food, as well to have an accurate count for seating. If you have questions, feel free to contact Marianna Gill at 282-5969.



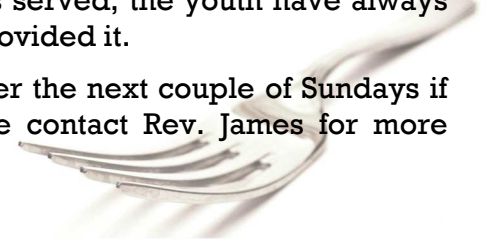
RECYCLING AT HAZELWOOD

The city of Muncie encourages recycling by mailing residents coupons for free rolls of blue recycling bags every four months. Unfortunately, as Hazelwood is not considered a residence, we are not eligible to receive these coupons in the mail and must purchase these bags. As you can imagine, we produce quite a bit of recyclable trash, and the cost of the bags adds up rather quickly. If you receive these coupons in the mail, but do not have need for all of them, please consider donating your unused coupons or bags to the church office. If you don't currently receive the coupons and would like to, you can call (765) 747-4894 or send an email to billing@munciesanitary.org to request your coupons.

YOUTH MEAL SIGN-UP

Our All-Youth Fellowship will be starting back up January 15 and will run every other Sunday until the end of May. We are looking for individuals, families, or groups interested in providing meals when our youth meet. It doesn't have to be fancy, simple is best! In the past, the youth have enjoyed sloppy joes prepared at home, cold cut sandwiches picked up at the store, pancakes and grilled cheese sandwiches prepared in the church kitchen, and meals catered from restaurants like Fazoli's. Regardless of what was served, the youth have always been appreciative for the meal and those who provided it.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Rotunda over the next couple of Sundays if you are interested in providing a meal. Please contact Rev. James for more information or if you have any questions.



VBS

Mark your calendar for the week of July 17-21! Children from 3 years through 5th grade will join us in the MAKER FUN FACTORY from 5:30–8 p.m. Preregistration forms will come out in May and will be available on our website. For our older youth and all adults, we would love to see you join the proud ranks of volunteers who help make VBS happen. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mariangella Glaze or Rev. James Petty.

ALTAR FLOWERS

We have several dates available on the flower calendar. If you would like to give Altar flowers in memory or in honor of someone, contact Stefanie in the church office to check dates.





Preschool NEWS

Chick-fil-A Spirit Night

Back by popular demand, we will have Chick-fil-A Spirit Night on February 9 from 5-8 p.m. For every purchase made accompanied by a Hazelwood Preschool flyer, the Preschool will receive a 10% donation from Chick-fil-A. This is a great way to have a good meal and support your preschool as well! Flyers will be available soon in the Rotunda and in Preschool/ELC. I hope to see all of you there!



Looking Ahead

Jan. 23	Chapel, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m., 4-5 Year Old Classes
Jan. 26	Chapel, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m., 3-4 Year Old Classes
Feb. 3	Teacher Work Day
Feb. 9	Chick-fil-A Spirit Night, 5-8 p.m.
Feb. 20	Presidents Day - No School
Feb. 16, 21, & 23	4-5 Class Parent/Teacher Conferences
Feb. 27	Chapel, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m., 4-5 Year Old Classes
March 2	Chapel, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m., 3-4 Year Old Classes
March 9 & 13	2-3 Class Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 13, 15, & 17	3-4 Class Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 20-24	Spring Break



AYF: ALL-YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Over the last two semesters, we have focused inward on personal growth in our faith and in our spiritual disciplines. This semester, we shift that focus outward as we look at our role as the hands and feet of Christ. What is going on in the community around us? What are the issues shaping our society? How can we make a difference in the world we live in?

Join us as we explore and learn about the community we live in—the community we are called to serve. We have some hands-on service projects planned, and other ways you can get involved and make a difference. For example, in February, we will be collecting change on Super Bowl Sunday after the worship service. Later in the month, we will take that money to purchase and distribute needed items, like a hot meal, to the homeless in Muncie.

Learn more at AYF, 11:30 a.m. in Cartwright Hall on January 29. We hope to see you there!

JONES SCHOLARSHIP

C. Darrell and Edith Jones Scholarship applications are now available in the Rotunda and Fellowship House. Applicants, or their parents, must be a church member for at least two years. Deadline for submission is **March 1, 2017**. For more information, contact Mary Ann Matchett at mrsstiky@comcast.net.



Warm up your taste buds and warm up your act! Our annual Taters 'n Talent show will be at 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 12. We will begin sign-up in February, so start thinking now about the talent you would like to share.



DISBURSEMENTS

- ♦ \$250 to Thirst Project (Nation of Swaziland)
- ♦ \$350 to Muncie Central High School for a Therapy Dog
- ♦ \$250 to A Better Way
- ♦ \$100 to Christian Ministries

HAZELWOOD ANGELS

Breakfast and dinner were provided for Christian Ministries' Men's Sleeping Room during the week of January 15-21 by Hazelwood volunteers Shirley Bookout, Don & Cheryll Crose, Marianna & Tony Gill, Jeff & Kelly Heavilon, Dennis Holmes, Rev. Jason Jones, Jay & Mary Ann Matchett, Carolyn McShurley, Dick & Marcia Miller, Bill & Dee Moser, Pat Painter, Jim Warrner, and Ann Wolfe. Thanks to all who helped!

MUNCIE MISSION'S ANNUAL WALK-A-MILE IN MY SHOES

Saturday, **February 11, 2017** (inclement weather date: February 18):
Beginning at 9 a.m. at the Muncie Fieldhouse and walking to the Mission.

This walk is to raise funds for the Muncie Mission—to take a step into the struggles facing the homeless. It also serves to extend the purpose of the Muncie Mission, which is to provide compassionate rescue services on an immediate and/or long-term basis to the poor and needy of East Central Indiana.

The good news is everyone can take part—you can walk, or support a walker with a donation. To sign up to walk, go to walkformunciemission.com and register under Team #120, Hazelwood. To support a walker, or for more information, see Shirley Bookout in the Rotunda after worship, or call her at (765) 744-1207.



CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES' FOOD PANTRY

Volunteers are needed for March 1, 2, & 3. Prayerfully consider helping in this worthy community service. Three volunteers are needed each day from 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Contact Marcia Miller at (765) 730-5552 to sign up, or for more information.

ALL-CHURCH WORK DAYS

With the long-awaited news of the possible sale of the Fellowship House, comes the fact that we have a lot of work ahead of us as we prepare to combine what is currently housed in two buildings into just one. Plans are currently in the works to figure out just where the church offices will be located and how to make that move with minimal disturbance to the daily goings-on at the church.

One of the biggest hurdles we face is the need to free up some space. Anyone who has seen the current state of the storage areas in the church building knows just how monumental a task we have ahead! We have a plethora of *stuff* that just sits around collecting dust, much of it not touched for years. We need to ask ourselves, “Is this something we really need to hold on to?”

Thanks to our Property Committee, we have a game plan! We have a few All-Church Work Days scheduled to tackle these spaces and help us prepare the way for the transition to come. During these work days, we will be sorting the items in our storage areas into three groups: Keep, Donate, and Trash. To make this process easier and cut down on the chaos, a leader will be appointed to each area to direct what items fall into each category. Anything marked to be donated or thrown away, you are welcome to claim as your own... *but you must take it with you that day*. We have limited space and a tight time-table. Those things needed to run the offices and the many different ministries of Hazelwood will have to take priority.

Saturday, February 4, 9 a.m.– Noon: Our focus will be on sorting the main floor and attic spaces in the church building.

Saturday, February 18, 9 a.m.– Noon: We will be sorting non-preschool items in the lower level of the church building.

Saturday, March 4, 9 a.m.– Noon: Arrangements will be made for items that have been marked to donate to be picked up by Habitat Restore and Muncie Mission. A dumpster will be available for items marked as trash.

Saturday, March 18, 9 a.m.– Noon: Bring your muscles, it's Moving Day! Larger office items will be moved from the Fellowship House into their new spaces. We will also take care of moving any large Preschool/ELC items that need to be relocated.

Sign-up sheets for the work days will be in the Rotunda beginning Sunday, January 22. It's a big task, but if we join together, we can make this happen!

~Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team



January 22-28, 2017

- SUNDAY • Worship, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
- MONDAY • Preschool Chapel, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m., Sanctuary
• Area Ministers, 10:30 a.m.
• CWF, 1 p.m., Jeane Garrett's Home
- TUESDAY • Praise Band Rehearsal, 9 a.m., Sanctuary
- WEDNESDAY • Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room
• Neighborhood Association, 7 p.m.
• Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft
- THURSDAY • Preschool Chapel, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m., Sanctuary
• Worship Team, 7 p.m.

January 29 - February 4, 2017

- SUNDAY • Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
• All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
- TUESDAY • Praise Band Rehearsal, 9 a.m., Sanctuary
- WEDNESDAY • Elders, 5:30 p.m.
• Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room
• Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft
- FRIDAY • Preschool Teacher Work Day
- SATURDAY • All Church Work Day, 9 a.m., Upper Level of Church Building

All events held at Sulanke Fellowship House, unless otherwise noted.



Looking Ahead...

February 11, 2017

Walk-A-Mile in My Shoes

February 12, 2017

Valentine Carry-In, After Worship, Cartwright Hall

February 17, 2017

Men's Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall

Host: David Cartwright

February 19, 2017

Teacher Recognition During Worship

March 1, 2017

Jones Scholarship Applications Due

SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY

Save up your change, and fill your pockets and purses on Sunday, February 5 to help our youth effect change in our community! After the worship service on Super Bowl Sunday, our youth will be holding soup bowls to collect your change to use later in the month for their service project to the homeless in Muncie. What a great excuse to check those couch cushions, coat pockets, and all those other sneaky places change tends to collect! Look for more information about the youth service project in the next edition of the *Hazelwood Leaves*.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 7 Nancy Shaffer | 17 Jill Clark |
| 8 Aurora Bennett | 18 Melissa Ritchie |
| 10 Tori Long | 20 Jonathan Rowe |
| 12 Rhea Morgan | 21 Wilma Purtlebaugh |
| 13 Wendy Rees | 23 Scott Heavilon |
| 15 Jeff Clary | 24 Gwen Clark |

**If your name has been inadvertently left off,
call the church office at 282-5969.**