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HAZELWOOD LEAVES

January 5, 2017

Rev. Jason Jones, Senior Minister
Rev. James Petty, Associate Minister
Stefanie Petty, Administrative Assistant & Newsletter Editor
Tony Gill, Moderator
Sunday Schedule: Worship Service, 10 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship, 11:15 a.m.
Children Church School, 10:10 a.m.
Adult Church School, 11:30 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

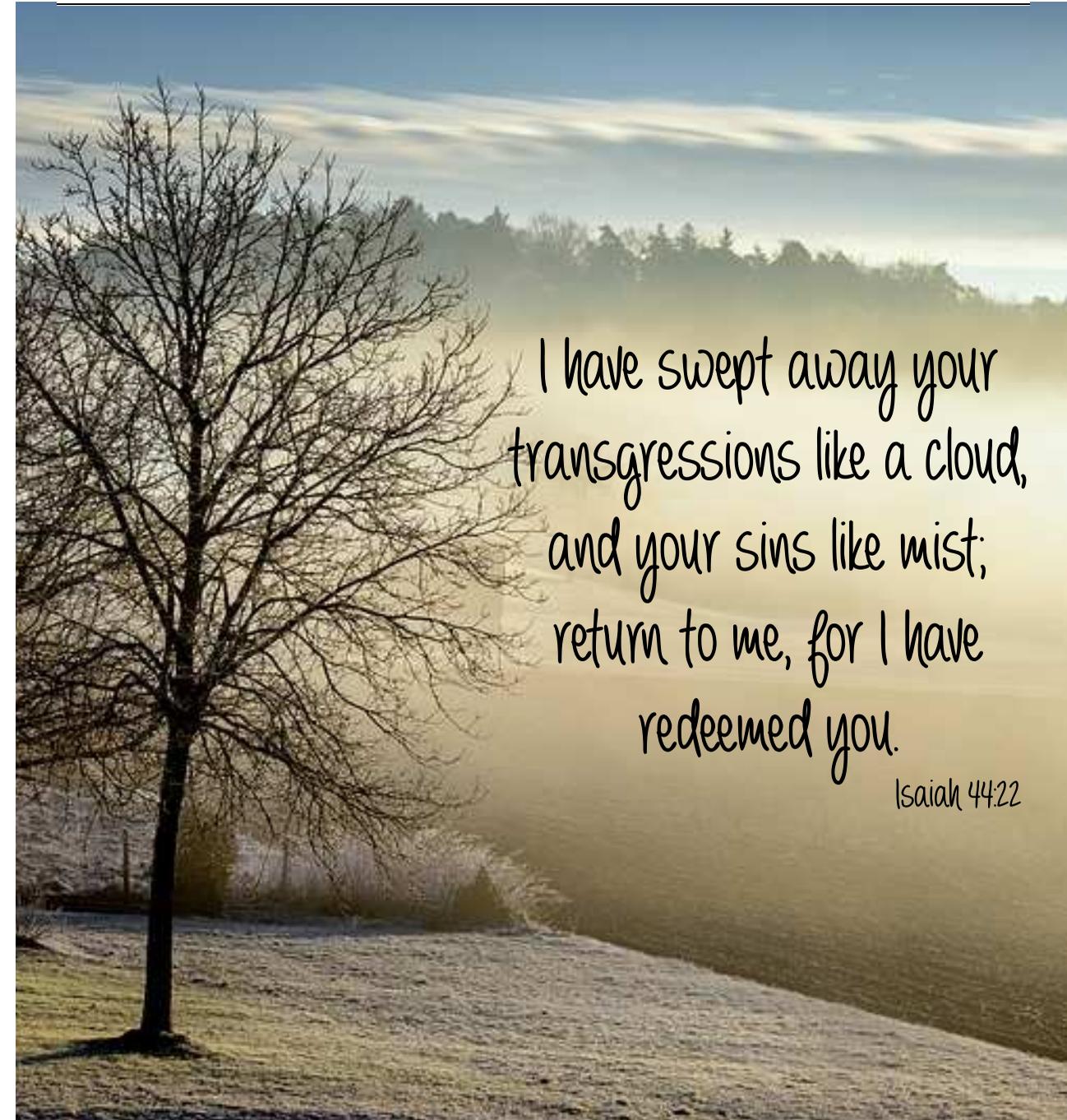


Look for us at:
www.hazelwoodchurch.org
We are constantly building and adding to it, so check back often! You can also contact us through the Website. Check out the home page.

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

January 19, 2017
February 2, 2017
February 16, 2017

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



BUDGET UPDATE

Christmas Eve Offering (for Disciples of Christ Regional Missions): \$548

Offerings Received for Week Ending 12/27/16: \$9,974.54

Offerings Received for Week Ending 1/3/17: \$4,716.07

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$6,664.11

Average Weekly Need: \$6,000

Jan.-Nov. 2016 Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$17,998.02)*

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



Have you taken down your Christmas decorations yet? It lacks the excitement and anticipation of putting them up, doesn't it? No one is singing, "It's the most wonderful time of the year" as the lights, trees, and green, red, and gold all get boxed away for the next 11 months. All of the events and uniqueness of the holiday season are over, and now it's just winter.

There's a song I think of every year at this time, *I Am the Light of the World*, by Jim Strathdee. The first verse says this:

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone,
When the magi and the shepherds have found their way home,
the work of Christmas is begun.

It's in this time that the truth of the incarnation is made real. Christ came to meet us in the normalness of life. It's not just in the pageantry of Christmas celebrations but in the everydayness of living where Christ meets us. When you are driving to work, paying your bills, lying in a hospital bed—that's where the truth of "I am with you always" (Matt. 28:20) is made real.

So, may you know the Christ who is incarnate in our world wherever your journey takes you today.

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones



- ◆ Tom Schnuck has been released from the hospital.
- ◆ We pledge our Christian love and support to Judy Warrner, who came forward to become a member of Hazelwood on Sunday, January 1.

NUTURING 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.

NEW DIRECTOR OF CHOIRS

The Personnel Committee is pleased to announce the hiring of our new Director of Choirs, Sally Geib (pronounced "Gibe"). Sally has an M.A. in Choral Conducting and will begin work on her doctorate at BSU in January. She has several years of experience conducting church, college and community groups. Sally and her husband, J.D., are moving here from New Albany, Indiana. We anticipate her first choir practice will be January 18.

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

“Dear kind brothers and sisters, I was able to pick up my Christmas food basket today. I was overwhelmed by the generosity and compassion that filled it. My gratitude is without measure.

I want to briefly share my story so you have a testimony about why your humanitarian efforts are so important. I am a 64-year old single woman. In 2012, I had an emotional and mental break down. As a result, my adopted daughter had to be placed in a developmental group home, I lost my business and nearly everything else in my life. The doctors had me over-medicated to the point that I lost all independence and self-worth. It has taken me this long to pull myself together with the Heavenly Father’s mercy and grace. I am currently in training for my first job in 4½ years. My pantry was down to bare basics, but because of your assistance I will have lunches to carry to my job and hot meals at home until my first paycheck.

Bless your charitable and compassionate spirits and nature. I am sure you are part of the healing blessings to many struggling individuals and families. May the Heavenly Father bless and keep you.”

~Gretchen

“Dear Hazelwood Congregation, thank you for the lovely poinsettia. It brightens our TV room so nicely, and it is a thoughtful reminder of our friends at Hazelwood. Christian Blessings to all.”

~Bill & Pat Patterson

“Dear friends of Ch-Ki-Lo Class, your check for \$50 has come at a good time as we purchase clothing for school children of Delaware County. Thank you for thinking of our community children as they face the cold days of winter. Blessings!”

~The Board of Children’s Clothing Center of Delaware County

“Many thanks to all of you who helped set up, supplied food and drinks, and did clean-up duty for the Christmas brunch. The casual atmosphere, singing of carols, and Rev. Jason’s message made for a pleasant and meaningful morning.”

~Ann Wolfe, Worship Team Member

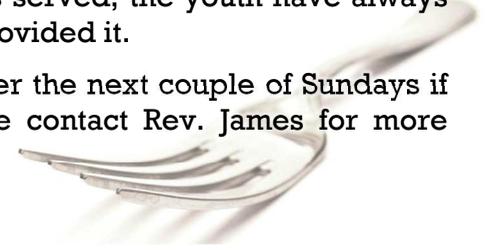
“Jim and I would like to thank each of you for thinking of us this holiday season. It was so nice to have John Burke bring us the Poinsettia. Jim has been in the hospital and Westminster this past month. He got home just in time for Christmas. Thanks again to all of you.”

~Jim & Mary Briggs

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.



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.

SNOW DAYS!

As beautiful as newly-fallen snow is, it can result in dangerous conditions if not diligently removed, which is a huge undertaking for our two dedicated grounds keepers! Despite their pre-dawn start, it is simply not within the power of two people to plow the parking lot, clear all of our many walkways and entrances of snow, and get salt down soon enough for it to have a chance to have an impact on the ice, all before people start arriving for worship. With that in mind, we are looking for a few able-bodied volunteers who are willing to come to church early on Sunday mornings when fresh snow has fallen to help clear the walkways, including the steps leading up to the front doors.

If we are unable to find enough volunteers, we will have to prioritize snow removal and focus our efforts on the parking lot and the more frequently used entrances at the Rotunda and the north side of Cartwright Hall. That means when there is fresh snow on Sunday morning, the South-East entrance to the Sanctuary (red double doors) will be blocked off, and a sign will be posted directing those arriving to use the Rotunda doors.

If you would like to help out with this endeavor, please contact Stefanie in the church office at (765) 282-5969, or by email to hccspetty@gmail.com.





MISSIONS update



January 8-14, 2017

- SUNDAY • Worship, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
- TUESDAY • Praise Band Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
- WEDNESDAY • Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft
- FRIDAY • Preschool Team, 10:30 a.m.

DISBURSEMENTS

- ♦ \$270 used to purchase 18 gift cards for the men at Christian Ministries' Sleeping Room

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES' SLEEPING ROOM

Sign-up continues for providing meals for the Men's Sleeping Room of Christian Ministries during the week of **January 15-21, 2017**. Each day, we are providing two meals: breakfast from 6-7:30 a.m. and supper from 6-7:30 p.m. For more information or to sign up, contact Shirley Bookout at (765) 744-1207.

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

Saturday, **February 11, 2017** (inclement weather date: February 18): All proceeds support the Muncie Mission. Prayerfully consider walking one mile in the February weather to help provide food and shelter for the poor and needy in East Central Indiana.

Sign-up begins **Sunday, January 15, 2017**. You can sign up to walk or to support a walker with your contribution. Their hope depends on us.

**Volunteer
Opportunities**



CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES' FOOD PANTRY

Volunteers are needed for March 1, 2, & 3. Prayerfully consider helping. Contact Marcia Miller at (765) 730-5552 to sign up, or for more information.

January 15-21, 2017

- SUNDAY • Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
• All-Youth & College Fellowships, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
- MONDAY • Church Office Closed
- TUESDAY • Praise Band Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
• Trustees, 5:30 p.m.
• Board, 7 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY • Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room
• Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft
- FRIDAY • Men's Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall (Host: Charles Retherford)

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

March 1, 2017

Jones Scholarship Applications Due

~Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team