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Coffee Fellowship, 11:15 a.m.  
Adult Church School, 11:30 a.m.  
Children 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](http://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

October 26  
November 9 & 23

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



# HAZELWOOD LEAVES

October 12, 2017



## **BUDGET UPDATE**

**Offerings Received for Week Ending 10/3/17: \$7,038.30**

**Offerings Received for Week Ending 10/10/17: \$5,787.50**

**Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$5,903.04**

**Average Weekly Need: \$5,790**

**Jan.-Aug 2017 Offerings Compared to Budget: \$1,825.72\***

*\*Reflects the amount received OVER Budget*



- ♦ Nancy Swan, a member of our preschool staff, is home recovering after a brief stay at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.
- ♦ Sympathies to Yeno Matuka and family on the passing of his half-brother, Tomas Menayaku, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo on Thursday, September 28.
- ♦ Sympathies to Andrea Dixon and family on the passing of her sister-in-law, Linda Griffin, on Monday, October 9.
- ♦ Sympathies to the family of Bob Chambers, who passed away on Tuesday, October 10. Funeral services will be held at Meeks Mortuary on Friday, October 13 at Noon with calling hours from 10 a.m.—Noon.

**OOPS!**

We missed an October birthday! Please join me in wishing Jane Frazier a Happy Birthday on October 15!

## **ADVENT DEVOTIONAL**

It has long been tradition for members of the Hazelwood congregation to come together to create a devotional booklet for Advent. The result is a unique and personal set of devotions to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Believe it or not, the time has come to get started on our 2017 Advent devotions! The theme this year is *Prepare the Way*. If you would like to contribute to this project, stop by Sulanke Commons after worship. You will find a bulletin board with the bible verses for each day's devotion. Take a look, see what speaks to your heart, and sign up.

In order to ensure our booklets are ready by the start of Advent, we ask that all devotions be submitted to the church office by October 31.



The story of the Rabbi's Gift has been told and retold, making it a modern folktale. Here are the basics of the story. A monastery is in decline. Only a few monks are left, carrying on their traditions without much vitality. A rabbi has a cabin at the edge of the monastery's woods where he would occasionally go for prayer. One time the rabbi is there, the abbot (the head of the monastery) goes to visit the rabbi. The abbot pours out his heart, telling the rabbi of the community's problems and seeking the rabbi's advice. The rabbi hears the abbot's problems, and he offers no cure, but in leaving he gives the abbot this one word, "The Messiah is among you."

The abbot returns to the monastery with the rabbi's word: "The Messiah is among us." The monks all wonder, "Is it me?" "Could it be Brother so-and-so?" The attitude in their little community changes. Their prayers change as they think, "Could God have called me to be the Messiah?" They treat one another differently with the expectation that one of them could be the Messiah. Soon visitors notice the power of the community and prayer in this monastery and recognize it as a spiritual place. More visitors come, and some join the monastery, and in time it turns into a thriving place again.

The change that happens comes with the basic expectation that God was doing something extraordinary, even within their little group. I've found in church life we gradually lower expectations. We see ourselves and one another based on perceived limitations. We think, "I don't like this person," "I'm not any good at this," or "We tried that, and it failed," and we see no possibilities beyond those limitations.

What might be different, though, if we saw everything through the lens of "God is doing something extraordinary here?" God is--if you think about it--because every person is a loved creation of God, and everyone within our church is a person filled with God's Holy Spirit. How might your attitude toward yourself and your own possibilities change with only thinking, "God is doing something beautiful in my life?" How might your attitude change for our church with the thought, "God is doing something beautiful in our church?"

God is doing something special among us. Our job is to see it and, hopefully, join in.

Grace & peace,  
Jason Jones



# Preschool

Hazelwood Christian Preschool has achieved a Level 2 rating in Paths to QUALITY™. Paths to QUALITY is Indiana's quality rating and improvement system for child care programs. It is a consistent set of standards to help parents identify licensed family child care centers, licensed family child care homes, and unlicensed registered ministries that have met state requirements for health and safety.

"This is one more step we are taking to constantly improve the quality of our child care program." Below are just a few of the steps we have taken to provide quality care and learning to those families that we serve.

- Created an environment that promotes learning
- Participated in ongoing training and professional development of our staff
- Consistent daily schedules and planned activities, including reading and literacy
- Increased communication with families

*Our goal is to provide a safe and happy environment for all children to grow and learn about Jesus Christ under our care. Since July of 2013, Hazelwood Christian Preschool and Extended Learning Center has become a registered ministry, CCDF Certified, VCP Certified, and Paths to QUALITY Level 2. All of this has been made possible by our program's continual blessings from God, all of the hard work from our Preschool Team, teachers, church staff, and congregation. We have so much to be thankful for!*

*~Angela Lopez  
Preschool Director*

## Looking Ahead

<b>October 19</b>	Preschool Open House, 6-7 p.m.
<b>October 23</b>	Chapel, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m., 4-5 Year-Old Classes
<b>October 24</b>	Dad's Night Out, 6:30 p.m., 4-5 Year-Old Classes
<b>October 25</b>	Halloween Parade, 10:45 a.m., 2-3 Year-Old Wednesday Class
<b>October 26</b>	Chapel, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m., 3-4 Year-Old Classes
<b>October 30</b>	Halloween Parade, 11 a.m. & 2:30 p.m., 4-5 Year-Old Classes
<b>October 31</b>	Halloween Parade, 10:45 a.m., 2-3 Year-Old Wednesday Class
<b>October 31</b>	Halloween Parade, 10:30 a.m. & 2 p.m., 3-4 Year-Old Classes
<b>November 11</b>	Bazaar Fundraiser for Preschool and Youth

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **October 21 BSU Homecoming Parking, 8 a.m.-Noon**

This is a joint effort with Missions & Benevolence to help raise money for our Christmas Box Project.

## **October 22 All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall**

## **October 29 Youth Missions Trip Planning Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall**

For our next Summer Missions Trip, we will be heading back to Give Kids the World in Florida. This is a big trip that takes a lot of planning and fundraising. This trip is for Youth 13 years and older. Parents and other adults are welcome to join us as well. If you are interested in possibly participating in this trip, *you must attend this planning meeting!* Contact Rev. James in the church office if you have any questions or schedule conflicts.

### **Trunk-or-Treat, 4 p.m.**

We can use all the help we can get with set-up at 3:30, and a few youth willing to help run the bounce house and to serve popcorn! Please let Rev. James know if you will be able to help out.

## **November 4 All-Church Work Day, 9 a.m.-Noon**

There is a lot that needs to be done to get our building and grounds ready for the Bazaar and other upcoming events. Make plans to join us on Saturday, November 4 at 9 a.m. (come early for donuts, coffee, and juice) as we work together to take care of what God has placed in our care. There will be a sign-up sheet in Sulanke Commons starting October 15 so you can let us know you'd like to help.

## **November 5 All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall**

## **November 11 Hazelwood Bazaar, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.**

This is one of our biggest fundraisers each year, which means we will need lots of help! We need youth to help with things such as running the festival games downstairs, selling concessions in Cartwright Hall, and getting everything ready for Sunday's activities after the Bazaar is over just to name a few. Please get with Rev. James to see what opportunities are a good fit for you.

## **November 12 Youth Sunday Worship, 10 a.m.**

This is a great opportunity for all our Youth as they lead the congregation in worship. Planning for this big event starts soon, so start thinking about how you might like to participate!

**ALL-CHURCH WORK DAY**

Fall is here, and that means the church calendar is full of great events at Hazelwood. What better reason to come together and participate in our next All-Church Work Day on Saturday, November 4! As usual, we'll meet in Sulanke Commons for juice and donuts at 8:30 a.m. The real work begins at 9 a.m. as we start to tackle those outdoor chores that come with the season: raking leaves, picking up sticks, and pulling weeds, just to name a few. If you are unable to take part in some of the more strenuous outside work, there is still plenty to do inside! Vacuuming, dusting, and window washing are all simple ways to help out that have a big impact.

There is truth to the saying “many hands make light work.” Sign-up begins Sunday, October 15 in Sulanke Commons after worship. Please consider setting aside these few hours on November 4 to help in being good stewards to the beautiful property God has given us.

**2017 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Our annual business meeting will be held on Sunday, November 12, immediately following the Thanksgiving Carry-In, at approximately 1 p.m. Important issues that will affect Hazelwood's future will be presented for the congregation's consideration. The following is a list of 2018 candidates which will be presented at the meeting. The Officers will serve one year in these positions, while the Elders, Deacons, and Trustees will serve 3-year terms unless otherwise noted.

**2018 OFFICERS**

<b>Moderator</b>	Jim Warrner
<b>Vice Moderator</b>	Amy Stucky
<b>Treasurer</b>	Woody Wantz
<b>Secretary</b>	Mary Ann Matchett
<b>At-Large Board Members</b>	Kathy Clary, Marcia Miller, and John Starnes

**ELDERS**

Shirley Bookout  
John Clark  
Jim Warrner  
Bob Weller

**DEACONS**

Kathy Clary *(2-yr. term)*  
Cheryll Crose *(2-yr. term)*  
Jason Hahn  
Dennis Holmes  
Winnie Muhiga  
Stefanie Petty  
Glen Sulanke

**TRUSTEES**

Jay Matchett  
Bill Ritchie



**DISBURSEMENTS**

- ♦ \$250 to CROP Walk

**HAZELWOOD ANGELS**

Sixty-five walkers joined together at Riverside United Methodist Church for the CROP Walk on Sunday, September 24. High Street UMC had the most walkers, with Hazelwood coming in second place with the following walkers: Shirley Bookout, Don Crose, Cheryll Crose, Rev. Jason “Elvis” Jones, Jay Matchett, Nlandu Matuka, Bill Moser, Dee Moser, Winnie Muhiga, and Ann Wolfe. Together the Hazelwood walkers and walkers-in-spirit raised \$2,795.01 for the CROP Walk. Thanks to all who walked and/or contributed. It was a beautiful fall day to walk! God Bless!



**BALL STATE HOMECOMING PARADE PARKING**

**Saturday, October 21, 2017**  
**8 a.m.– Noon**

Not only is Hazelwood in a prime location to see the Ball State Homecoming Parade, we are also fortunate to have a large parking lot in an area where public parking is at a premium. To make the most of our situation, Hazelwood will offer parking to the public on the morning of the parade in return for a \$3 donation per vehicle.

This event is sponsored by our Hazelwood Youth and Missions & Benevolence Team. The money raised from this project helps support our Christmas Box Project, where we help less fortunate families in Delaware County have some comfort and joy during the Holiday Season.

~Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team

## October 15-21, 2017



- SUNDAY • Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
- TUESDAY • Trustees, 5:30 p.m., Chapel  
• Big Picture Team, 7 p.m., Chapel
- WEDNESDAY • Praise Band Rehearsal, 9 a.m., Sanctuary  
• Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Sanctuary  
• Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft
- FRIDAY • Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall (Host: Yeno Matuka)
- SATURDAY • BSU Homecoming Parade Parking, 8 a.m.-Noon
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## October 22-28, 2017

- SUNDAY • Music Fest Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary  
• All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
- MONDAY • Area Ministers, 10:30 a.m., Sulanke Commons  
• CWF, 2 p.m., Morrison Woods, Room 101
- WEDNESDAY • Praise Band Rehearsal, 9 a.m., Sanctuary  
• Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room  
• Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft
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### SOUP SUPPER AT YORKTOWN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Yorktown Christian Church CWF is hosting a Soup Supper on Friday, October 27 from 4:30-7 p.m. Enjoy soup, sandwich, dessert, and a beverage all for a freewill offering! Stop by and support this great organization!



### MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels is in desperate need of new Volunteer Drivers for the Muncie area. If you are looking for a flexible and rewarding experience for one hour a week, or even one hour a month, Meals on Wheels may be just right for you! The only requirements for delivering a route are about an hour of time, a vehicle, an optional partner, and a big, friendly smile for their senior clients of Muncie! We guarantee it will turn out to be one of the best hours spent during your week!

Please call (765) 282-3820 anytime for more information. If they are busy serving clients, please leave a message and they will be glad to call you back!



## Looking Ahead...

### October 29, 2017

Youth Missions Trip Planning Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall  
Trunk-or-Treat, 4-6 p.m.

### October 31, 2017

Advent Devotions Due to Church Office

### November 4, 2017

All-Church Work Day, 9 a.m.-Noon

### November 5, 2017

Daylight Savings Time Ends  
*Turn your clocks back one hour Saturday night!*

### November 11, 2017

Hazelwood Fall Bazaar, 7:30 a.m.– 2 p.m.

### November 12, 2017

Youth Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m.  
Thanksgiving Carry-In & Congregational Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall

### ADULT GRIEF GROUP

An adult grief group is being offered through IU Health. Anyone experiencing grief due to a death is welcome to attend. This six-week program will meet every Wednesday from 6-7 p.m., beginning November 15 and ending December 20, in Conference Room B of the IU Health Ball Memorial Cancer Center, 2401 W. University Ave. The cost is \$10 per family unit. Scholarships are available, just ask when you call to register for the group.

Please call IU Health Ball Memorial Hospice at (765) 747-4273, or 1-800-458-2255, to register for this group on or before November 13. We look forward to hearing from you.

Facilitators:

Abbie Guthrie, Hospice Chaplain, IU Health Ball Memorial Hospice  
Anurita Sarin, Mental Health Counselor, IU Health Cancer Center





**Saturday, November 11, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.**

- \*All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast**, 7:30-9:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall  
Cost: \$4.00
- \*Crafts & Gift Bazaar**, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Cartwright Hall  
Past vendors have included: Crafts, Woodworking, Books, Bags, Cosmetics, Hair Bows & Accessories, Jewelry, Gifts, and much more!
- \*Hearty Fall Lunch**, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall  
Cost: \$5.00 - menu includes choice of home-made sloppy joe sandwich or hotdog. Sides include potato chips, coleslaw, dessert, and a beverage.
- \*Children's Festival**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Preschool area  
Tickets: \$5.00 and includes bounce house, treat walks, ring toss, and more!
- \*Silent Auction**, Cartwright Hall  
The Silent Auction will be run by Kay Schnuck and Mary Ann Matchett. They would like your help putting together "theme" baskets/boxes to auction. Themes could be a favorite sports team, holidays, toys, children's books, pet items, even a decorated tree. You can put together a group of items, bring items to us to put together, or give us a donation, and we will do the rest. Be creative, have fun, and support our preschool and youth- it's a win for everyone! Your donations can be given to either Kay or Mary Ann, or dropped off at the church office. Please be sure to mark your item "Silent Auction" and include your name so proper credit can be given. Any and all help you give to support this event will be greatly appreciated!
- \*Special Visit From Santa Claus**, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Cartwright Hall  
Children are welcome to get their picture taken with Santa and share their Christmas wishes!

**The proceeds from this event benefit both the youth and preschool programs at Hazelwood.**

***(Be sure to check out the volunteer form to the right!)***

**Hazelwood Christian Church  
2017 Annual Fall Bazaar Volunteer Form  
Saturday, November 11, 7:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

Please mark the ways you would like to participate in the Hazelwood Christian Church Annual Fall Bazaar and place it in the offering plate or bring it by the church office by October 31. Feel free to mark more than one!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **I would like to have a booth at the Bazaar!**

Space is limited for vendor booths, so please return this form with the rental fee ASAP if you are planning to have a booth. The first table is \$30, each additional table is \$20. Please make the check payable to "Hazelwood Christian Church."

Items at my booth: \_\_\_\_\_

This booth will be: \_\_ individual, \_\_ group, \_\_ organization

☐ **I would like to volunteer to help with the Annual Bazaar!**

There are plenty of opportunities to help both Friday, November 10 and Saturday, November 11. There is a sign-up sheet in Sulanke Commons where you can let us know which day you are available and what you would like to help with. If you aren't able to stop by Sulanke Commons after worship, please contact Molly Wantz at (765)747-9908.

☐ **I would like to donate an item for the silent auction!**

Item to donate \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **I would like to donate cookies for the Baked Goods Table!**

☐ **I would like to donate items for the Lunch!**

Stop by the sign-up table in Sulanke Commons for a list of items needed, or contact Kelly Heavilon at (765) 744-9258

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