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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

November 23, 2016
December 8, 2016
December 22, 2016

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



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

November 10, 2016



BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 11/1/16: \$5,319.32

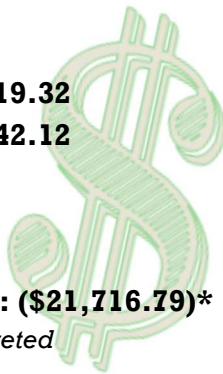
Offerings Received for Week Ending 11/8/16: \$5,742.12

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$4,539.97

Average Weekly Need: \$6,000

January-September Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$21,716.79)*

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



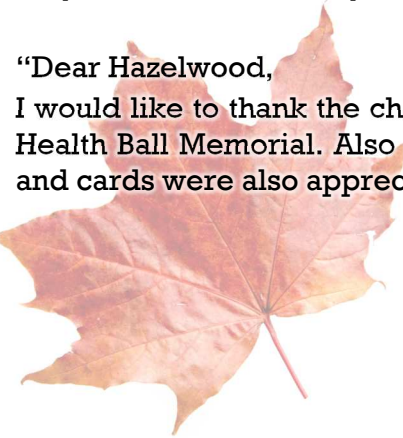
- ♦ Sympathies to Shirley Bookout and Barbara Syphers on the passing of their stepfather, James T. Miller, on Thursday, October 27 at the age of 96 in Noblesville.
- ♦ Sympathies to Rita Green on the passing of Larry on Sunday, November 6. Services will be held at Meeks Mortuary in Yorktown on Friday, November 11 at 1 p.m. Visitation will be on Thursday, November 10 from 4-8 p.m.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

Our thanks to John & Carolyn Starnes for the beautiful Thanksgiving decorating they did in the Sanctuary to prepare us for Gratitude Sunday on November 20.

“Dear Hazelwood,
I would like to thank the church for the flowers in my room during my stay at IU Health Ball Memorial. Also the visit from Rev. James. The prayers of the people and cards were also appreciated. *It Works!*

See ya in church when able,
Tom Schnuck”



We live in a time of chronic worry. With a 24-hour, all-the-time media that reaches us everywhere, we hear about every bad thing, and people get worried the next bad thing is right around the corner. The fact is, the world is actually safer and healthier than it has ever been. Violent crime rates in our country have dropped by 51% since its peak in 1991. Your risk of being killed by violent terrorism is 1 in 20 million while your risk of being struck by lightning is 1 in 5.5 million. You’re much more likely to be struck by lightning than to ever experience a terrorist attack, yet you don’t hear about the latest lightning strike being played over and over on the news. The world is safer, healthier, and more educated than it’s ever been, but our fear-based media has ramped up our anxieties and has us thinking the next threat is right around the corner.

Here’s my pastoral word to you: turn it off. If you’re watching cable news all day long, it’s not good for your soul. If you’re constantly reading and posting partisan things (and arguing about them) on social media, it’s probably not doing your heart (both spiritual and physical) any good. By all means be informed, but if you’re constantly watching news of negative things and focusing your communication on whatever is negative, you’re not doing yourself or the world any good; you’re convincing yourself of the lie that things are worse when they’re not.

So, turn off the television. Set aside your smartphone and computer. Instead, pray. When you pray you connect with God, and you find the place where your heart is quiet and you know God (who has already overcome death and whose purposes in the universe ultimately prevail). When you pray, you’re focused on the one who has created us, loves us, and promises us that we’re not alone with whatever we face. When you pray, your spirit is renewed and you connect with God, whose love is never separate from us.

Do you remember when just a few years ago everyone was concerned about Ebola because it was on the news all the time? All of that seems very quaint now with only a handful of people getting it, but our around-the-clock media had us sure we were all at risk. Once it was over, the media moved on to the next thing to convince us to fear. That’s how our fear-based news works these days; that merry-go-around just keeps turning, spinning out fear. The good news, though, is we can get off it. Maybe the best thing for us is less fear-inducing media in our lives and more prayer instead.

Grace & Peace,
Jason Jones

2016 ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual business meeting will be held on Sunday, November 13, immediately following the Thanksgiving Potluck, 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 candidates for 2017 officers which will be presented at the meeting.

	2017 OFFICERS
Moderator	Tony Gill
Vice Moderator	Jim Warner
Treasurer	Woody Wantz
Secretary	Mary Ann Matchett
At-Large Board Members	Kathy Clary Cheryll Crose John Starnes

ELDERS	DEACONS	TRUSTEES
Donna Dye	Jack Carmichael	Dick Miller
Mary Ann Matchett	Mariangella Glaze	Sue Weller
Yeno Matuka	Jay Matchett	
John Starnes	Rhea Morgan	
	Andy Rees	

GRATITUDE SUNDAY & STAFF RECOGNITION

On Sunday, November 20, we will celebrate our many blessings during Gratitude Sunday. There will be a special time in our worship service for you to bring forward non-perishable food items or monetary gifts for delivery to Christian Ministries' Food Pantry. We will also take a moment to recognize our non-ministerial church staff and show our appreciation for all the hard work they put in throughout the year to keep Hazelwood running smoothly.

On that same day, your 2017 offering envelopes will be available for you to pick up from a table in the Narthex. And in preparation of Advent, which begins November 27, we will be handing out our 2016 Advent Devotion books, one per family.



UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

November 20: AYF

December 4: AYF & Secret Santa Shopping

December 11: AYF & Gift Wrapping

December 15: Pack non-perishable foods from 6 p.m.- 8 p.m.

December 17: Pack perishable foods and deliver boxes from 8 a.m.-Noon

CHRISTMAS BOX PROJECT

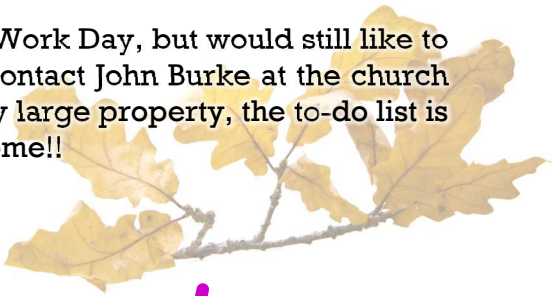
This service project brings joy to all. From the families in Delaware County who might otherwise not have a merry holiday season, to all those who participate. You can see this for yourself. Watch the youth shop for Secret Santa gifts and wrap presents; their faces light up as they anticipate the surprise and wonder of the child who opens their present. See the cheerfulness of those who gladly drag boxes around to the food stations as they fill those boxes with much needed food for the families. Listen to the wonderful stories from those who deliver the boxes; the joy they feel overflows when families weep tears of joy and gratitude for what has been given to them.

This project is about celebrating Advent with these families. We bring them more than boxes of food and gifts for children; we bring HOPE, JOY, PEACE, and LOVE to these families in many wonderful ways. Please consider helping this project continue through your monetary support, donations of gift wrapping items (bows, ribbons, scotch tape, and labels), and volunteering your time. Your monetary gifts and donations can be dropped off any time in the church office. Volunteer sheets will be in the Rotunda for those interested in helping us confirm address and phone numbers of the families on our list, shop for the gifts, wrap the presents, pack boxes, and deliver the food and presents to the families. Let us all come together in service to others this Holiday Season, following the perfect example Jesus set for us.

ALL CHURCH WORK DAY: RESULTS

Special thanks go out to all who showed up to help with the All Church Work Day on Saturday, November 5: John & Randy Burke, Marianna Gill, Rev. Jason Jones, Maury Mangas, Rev. James, Stefanie, & Logan Petty, Andy & Jairen Rees, Bill Ritchie, and Ann Wolfe. The weather was perfect for yard work, and a lot was accomplished!

If you weren't able to help out at the All Church Work Day, but would still like to do your part as a good steward to our church, contact John Burke at the church office. With two buildings and such a wonderfully large property, the to-do list is never ending and volunteer help is always welcome!!



Bazaar

Just a reminder: Our Holiday Bazaar is this Saturday, November 12, from 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. We will have everything! A pancake breakfast, cheese balls, cookies, crafts, jewelry, a chicken and dumpling lunch, a children's festival, and even a special arrival of Santa Claus! We hope to see you there. It's going to be a great time!

~Angela Lopez, Preschool Director

Looking Ahead

Nov. 12	Hazelwood Bazaar Preschool & Youth Fundraiser, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Nov. 17	3-4 Year Old Classes Day of Giving, 10:30 a.m. & 2 p.m.
Nov. 21	4-5 Year Old Classes Thanksgiving Feast, 11 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
Nov. 23-25	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 15	Christmas Program, All Classes, 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 22– Jan. 4	Christmas Break
Jan. 5	Classes Resume

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2016 Annual Fall Bazaar

Saturday, November 12, 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., Sulanke Fellowship House
Cost: \$8.00 for adults & \$5.00 for children - menu includes home-made chicken & dumplings with mashed potatoes or hotdog with chips. Either choice comes with green beans, 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 this year 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 welcomed to get their picture taken with Santa and share their Christmas wishes!

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



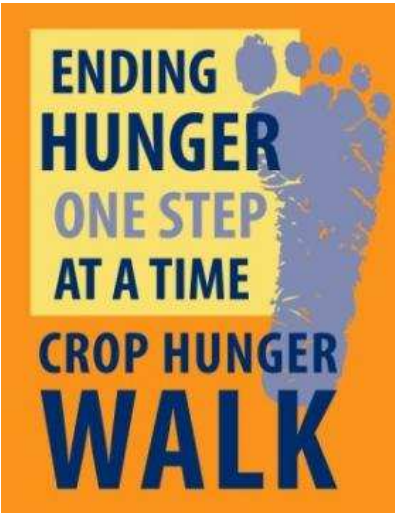
NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Dear CROP Friends,

You were wonderful to come out to walk on Sunday, September 25th and support the CROP Hunger Walk with your church in many ways. I am grateful for all your efforts to help us succeed again this year. Thank you especially for the great participation from College Avenue, High Street, Riverside United Methodist, Hazelwood, and Holy Trinity Lutheran churches for the most walkers and generous donations to this Muncie event. You and all the participants helped us reach over ten thousand dollars.

Blessings to all,
Therese Weakland

	Donation
College Avenue Church	\$715.00
Grace Episcopal Church	\$605.00
First Presbyterian Church	\$175.00
Hazelwood Christian Church	\$2,505.00
High Street UMC	\$2,565.32
Holy Trinity	\$1,812.00
Kirby Ave. Church of God	\$30.00
Riverside UMC	\$2,046.00
St. Mary	\$360.00
TOTAL	\$10,813.32



NURSING HOME GIFT LIFT

We have another opportunity this year to demonstrate love to those who feel forgotten. There are many people in nursing homes who have no family, friends, or finances. They are alone and dependent on others. If not for the loving generosity of strangers, they would not receive one gift on Christmas. The gift may seem small, but it is so much more than the items in the box. It demonstrates compassion, kindness, hope, and love. Most importantly, it is one of the ways we can show the love of Christ to others.

We are in need of people to “adopt” a patient. The process is really simple. We will give you a slip of paper with the first name of the person along with their specific wish list items. You would purchase the gifts and return them to the church unwrapped. That is all you would need to do.

There are many patients this year who need to be “adopted.” Please prayerfully consider getting involved to help one more person receive a gift that otherwise may not. There will be a distribution table of names in the Rotunda after worship on Sunday, November 20. If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Bookout at (765) 744-1207.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW:

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES’ SLEEPING ROOM

The week of **January 15-21, 2017:** Each day, Hazelwood will provide two meals: breakfast from 6-7 a.m., and supper from 6-7 p.m. Sign up will begin Sunday, January 1, 2017.

MUNCIE MISSION’S 13TH ANNUAL WALK-A-MILE IN MY SHOES

Saturday, **February 11, 2017:** Proceeds will support the Mission’s ongoing commitment towards building hope for a better tomorrow.

~Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team



November 13-19, 2016

- SUNDAY**
- Youth Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
 - Handbell Performance, 11:20 a.m., Cartwright Hall
 - Congregational Carry-In & Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
- MONDAY**
- Women's Bible Study, 6 p.m.
- TUESDAY**
- Praise Band Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
 - Trustees, 5:30 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY**
- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room
 - Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft
- THURSDAY**
- Worship Team, 7 p.m.
- FRIDAY**
- Men's Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall (Host: Bill Wakeland)

November 20-26, 2016

- SUNDAY**
- Worship Service & Staff Recognition, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
 - All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
 - College/Young Adult Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
- TUESDAY**
- Praise Band Rehearsal, 9:30 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**
- Thanksgiving Day, Church Office Closed
- FRIDAY**
- Church Office Closed

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



Looking Ahead...

November 27, 2016

First Day of Advent

December 2, 2016

Parents' Night Out, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall

December 4, 2016

Hanging of the Greens

December 15, 2016

Christmas Box Packing, 6-8 p.m., Cartwright Hall

December 16, 2016

Men's Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall

Host: Don Crose

December 17, 2016

Christmas Box Deliveries, 8 a.m.

