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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](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

December 8, 2016

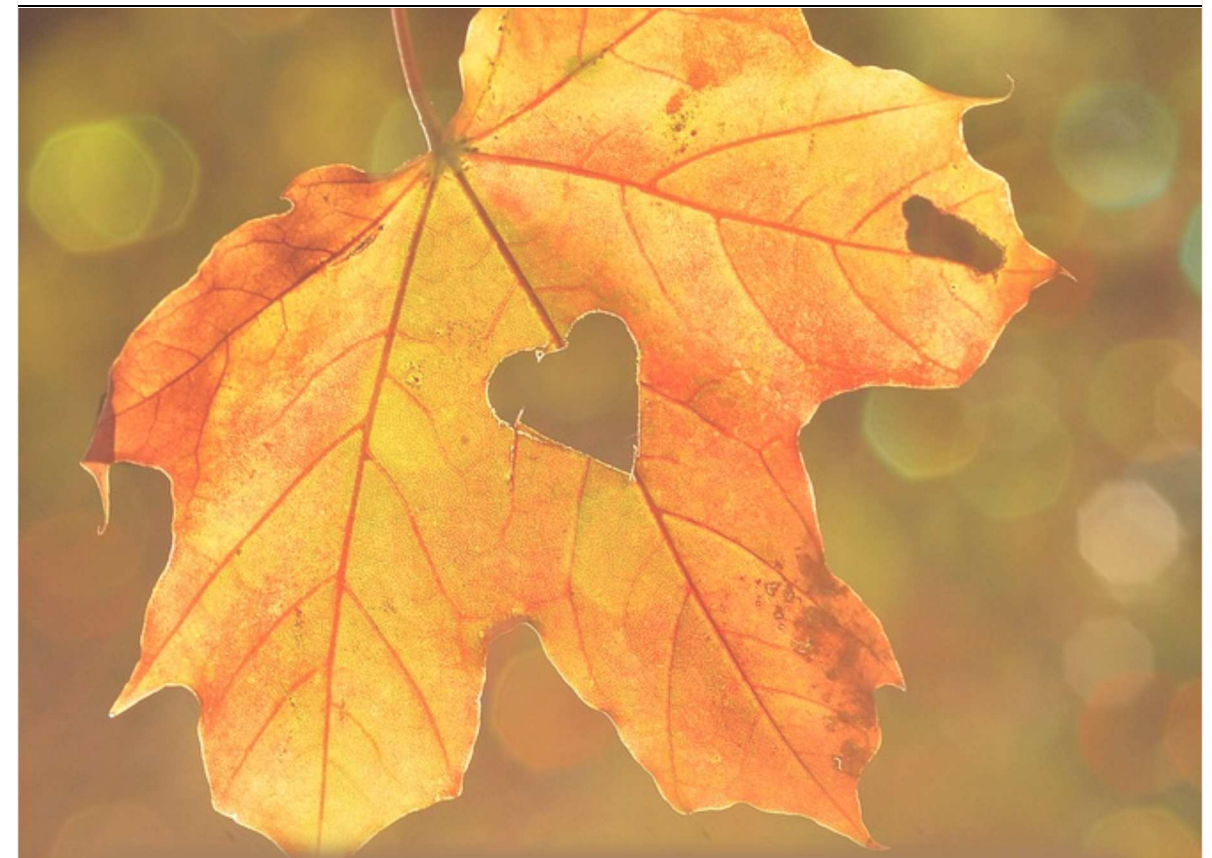
December 22, 2016

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



# HAZELWOOD LEAVES

November 23, 2016



I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

Psalms 138:1-2

**BUDGET UPDATE**

**Offerings Received for Week Ending 11/15/16: \$4,070.12**

**Offerings Received for Week Ending 11/22/16: \$4,377.02**

**Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$4,773.51**

**Average Weekly Need: \$6,000**

**January-October Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$16,760.72)\***

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



- ♦ Sympathies to John & Randy Burke and family on the passing of their mother, Ruth Burke, on Friday, November 18. Services will be held at Parsons Mortuary on Saturday, November 26 at 10 a.m.. Viewing hours will be Friday, November 25 from 4-8 p.m.

**LETTER OF APPRECIATION**

“Thank you for your donation of wonderful sack lunches to the Harvest Soup Kitchen. It is because of generous people like you that we are able to continue in our endeavor to feed the homeless and poor of Muncie. Sincerely,”

~Jan Haynes, HSK Board

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The annual congregational meeting was held Sunday, November 13. The budget for 2017 was presented and passed, along with the slate of officers for 2017. Names will be posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS**

If you would like to distribute Christmas cards to your Hazelwood family without postage, two wooden boxes have been given to us for that purpose. You may drop your greeting cards in the box, using the alphabet dividers. The boxes will be in the Rotunda on December 4. This is an easy and economical way to share greetings during the Christmas season. Our thanks to Bill Ritchie for the creation of these beautiful boxes.



A week or so ago, I finally packed up the patio furniture. I folded the tables and chairs and stored them in the garage. The basil plants, which were still giving some leaves, are dead now, and I’ve emptied the dirt from the pots and discarded the brittle basil plants. Taking all the patio stuff into the garage, I thought, “Well, it’s over.”

You—I’m sure—noticed the change from warmer days to cooler. I put on a sweater Saturday, and I found my corduroy pants for when the really cold days come. You might have taken in the hose or found the snow shovel. Most of us are sad when the cold weather comes, but it isn’t all negative. The soups and baked goods of the cold season taste really good and bring warmth on a cold day. It’s nice to gather with your family on a cold night to play a board game. No one likes hot chocolate in summer, but on a cold day it’s just right.

Even more than inside gatherings or warm food, the colder season gives a space to tend to our hearts. During the warm months I am outside and busy, but during the winter I have more space to care about where I am with God and what I need to do to get things right in my heart. You might find some time each day to have a cup of tea, read your bible, and pray. The cooler months might give some space to meet each week for coffee with a friend who encourages you in your faith. You might read, or just use the inside time to look into your heart and ask yourself, and God, how you’re doing.

I remember a phrase I heard during my time in Texas: “It ain’t all bad.” That’s how I feel about the cool months. They aren’t all bad, and they can be a rich time of family and growth in our faith if we let them be.

Grace & peace,  
Jason Jones







## ADVENT AT HAZELWOOD

### **November 27: First Sunday of Advent**

Lighting of the Hope Candle, Worship Service, 10 a.m.

### **December 4: Second Sunday of Advent**

Lighting of the Peace Candle and Hanging of the Greens, Worship Service, 10 a.m.

Youth & College Secret Santa Shopping, 11:30 a.m.

### **December 10**

Receptionist & Staff Christmas Carry-In, Sulanke Fellowship House, 6 p.m.

### **December 11: Third Sunday of Advent**

Lighting of the Joy Candle, Worship Service, 10 a.m.

Youth & College Secret Santa Wrapping, 11:30 a.m.

### **December 15**

Arrival of Non-perishable Food for Christmas Box Project, 5 p.m.

Pack Boxes for Christmas Box Project, 6 p.m., Cartwright Hall

### **December 17**

Arrival of Perishable Food for Christmas Box Project, 8 a.m.

Deliver Christmas Boxes, 8:30 a.m.

### **December 18: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Lighting of the Love Candle, Worship Service, 10 a.m.

Rehearsal for Christmas Eve Service, 11:30 a.m., Sanctuary

### **December 24: Christmas Eve**

Worship Service, 7 p.m.

Reception Following Worship.

### **December 25: Christmas Day**

Christmas Worship Service & Brunch, 10 a.m., Cartwright Hall

### **December 26**

Church Office Closed



## **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 year, Hazelwood will help 30 families, with a total of 39 kids among them. The youth and college groups will join forces for Secret Santa shopping for the children at Meijer on Sunday, December 4. Wrapping those gifts will happen on Sunday, December 11 after worship and we could use your help! Donations of wrapping paper, tape, ribbons, bows, and tags to adorn the gifts are very much appreciated. Volunteers to help wrap would also be welcome—with gifts for 39 children to wrap and organize, there will be a lot to accomplish!

Each family on our list will receive 2 boxes of food from Marsh Supermarkets: one full of non-perishable items, and another full of perishable items. The non-perishable food will be delivered on Thursday, December 15 at 5 p.m. When everything has been unloaded and organized, items will be packed into a box for each family. The perishable items will arrive on Saturday, December 17 at 8 a.m. After unloading, organizing, and packing that second box for each family, our volunteer delivery drivers will take the packages of food and gifts to the families.

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, 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.



# Preschool NEWS

## Bazaar

Thank you to all who attended the Family Fun Festival and Holiday Bazaar last weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated. A special thank you to the Preschool Team and all the wonderful volunteers for time spent working booths, doing set-up, serving, contacting vendors, putting baskets together, helping with clean-up, etc. Thank you to Stefanie & James Petty and volunteers for the wonderful fall luncheon. The Bazaar was a success because of people like you!!

## Day of Giving: 3-4 Class

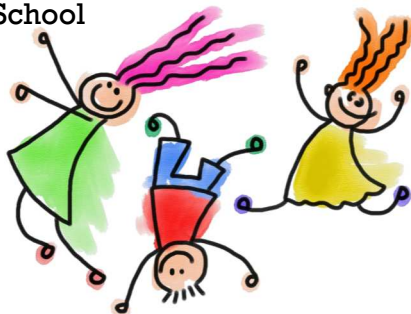
The 3-4 Classes had their Day of Giving on November 17. Thank you to the parents that attended and brought items to share.

## Thanksgiving Feast: 4-5 Class

The 4-5 Classes had their Thanksgiving Feast on November 21. This was a day to remember as the Pilgrims and Native Americans all came together to share a wonderful Thanksgiving Feast.

## Looking Ahead

<b>Nov. 23-25</b>	Thanksgiving Break
<b>Dec. 15</b>	Christmas Program, All Classes, 6:30 p.m.
<b>Dec. 22– Jan. 4</b>	Christmas Break
<b>Jan. 5</b>	Classes Resume
<b>Jan. 16</b>	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School



## YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY & OVERNIGHT

Plans are underway for our annual Youth Christmas Party and Overnight. We'll have a gift exchange, watch movies, play games, and we may even have a chance to stop by the Sky Zone! Don't forget to invite a friend or two—the more the merrier!

We are looking at doing this during the week of December 26. If you haven't done so already, please let Pastor James know what date might work best for you.

## UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

**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.







## Words on Worship from the Worship Team

Advent is the wonderful time of year when we celebrate and anticipate the coming of Christ. Like most churches, Hazelwood has quite a few traditions centered around this blessed time. These traditions have been a part of our worship for so long that, while we continue to hold them dear to our hearts and consider them essential to our worship during the Advent season, the reasons behind them often get lost as the years go by. In that light, we would like to share with you some background on a couple of the traditions we observe here at Hazelwood. Our hope is that by remembering the reasons behind the traditions, we are better able to use them to draw ourselves closer to God.

### **The Hanging of the Greens Service**

The hanging of the greens is a Western Christian ceremony in which congregations adorn their churches with Advent and Christmas decorations. This takes place at the start of the Advent season, in preparation for Christmas. Greens, fir, and pine represent everlasting life. Holly symbolizes Jesus' death, and ivy represents the resurrection.

The service was first implemented here at Hazelwood in 1983 under the leadership of Dr. David Cartwright. We have continued with this service every Christmas season since with very few changes.

### **The Advent Wreath**

The Advent Wreath is made up of four candles on a wreath of evergreen. It is shaped in a circle to symbolize eternal life. The four candles around the wreath represent the four virtues Jesus brings us: Hope, Peace, Joy (the pink candle), and Love. We light these candles in succession over the four Sundays of Advent as we focus on each virtue. In the center of the wreath, there is a white candle—the Christ candle. This candle is lit on Christmas Eve and represents Jesus Christ as our light in this world.

~The Worship Team

Don't forget:

We want to hear from you! If you have something you would like us to address, jot it down, stick it in an envelope marked "Worship Team," and place it in the offering plate on Sunday. You can also feel free to email [hazelwoodchurch@gmail.com](mailto:hazelwoodchurch@gmail.com), call Stefanie in the church office at (765) 282-5969, or mail it in to us addressed to: Worship Team at Hazelwood, 1400 W. University Ave., Muncie, IN 47303.



### **HAZELWOOD ANGELS**

Christian Ministries Food Pantry volunteers for Wednesday, November 23 were Dick & Marcia Miller, and Shirley Bookout.

## Volunteer Opportunities



### **NURSING HOME GIFT LIFT**

There are a few names left to choose from. If you want to "adopt" a patient, you can do so Sunday, November 27 during Coffee Fellowship. If you have already chosen a name, please return unwrapped gifts in a bag, with name attached, by Sunday, December 4 in the tote in the Rotunda. 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 27-December 3, 2016

- SUNDAY • Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
- MONDAY • Area Ministers, 10:30 a.m.  
• CWF, 1 p.m., Jeane Garrett's Home  
• Women's Bible Study, 6 p.m.
- TUESDAY • Praise Band Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
- WEDNESDAY • Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room  
• Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft
- FRIDAY • Preschool Team, 10:30 a.m.  
• Preschool Parents' Night Out, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall
- SATURDAY • Hanging of the Greens Rehearsal, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

## December 4-10, 2016

- SUNDAY • Worship Service & Hanging of the Greens, 10 a.m., Sanctuary  
• All-Youth & College Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall  
(Secret Santa Shopping Following Meal)  
• June Jack Memorial Service, 2 p.m., Sanctuary
- TUESDAY • Praise Band Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
- WEDNESDAY • Elders, 5:30 p.m.  
• Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room  
• MS Support, 7 p.m., Cartwright Hall  
• Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft

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



## Looking Ahead...

### 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, 8:30 a.m.

### December 18, 2016

Christmas Eve Rehearsal, 11:30 a.m., Sanctuary

### December 24, 2016

Christmas Eve Service, 7 p.m.

Reception Afterward

### December 25, 2016

Christmas Worship Service & Brunch, 10 a.m., Cartwright Hall

### December 26, 2016

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## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Gene Dobson	12 Susan Cartwright	21 Marianna Gill
5 Michael Grove	13 Ann Yingst	22 Kelly Heavilon
6 Wanda Strauch	19 Judy Thomas	28 Mary Alice Lanning
9 Mary France	Mary Ann Warfel	29 Carolyn Starnes
Mariangella Glaze	20 Leah Ritchie	31 Martha Davis

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

