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Sunday Schedule: Worship Service, 10 a.m.  
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

November 22  
December 7 & 21

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



*I will give thanks to the  
Lord with my whole  
heart; I will tell of all  
your wonderful deeds.*

*Psalm 9:1*

## **BUDGET UPDATE**

**Offerings Received for Week Ending 10/31/17: \$6,183.30**

**Offerings Received for Week Ending 11/7/17: \$7,655.50**

**Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$5,575.24**

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

**Jan.-Sept 2017 Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$5,018.32)\***

*\*Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



- ♦ Tom Schnuck is a patient at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.
- ♦ Fran Parkinson has been released from the hospital and is back at Golden Living.

## **2018 MISSIONS TRIP**

For their 2018 Summer Missions, the Youth have chosen to return to Give Kids the World, and they are inviting any in the congregation over the age of 12 to join them! The dates have been set for June 23-29.

If you are interested in taking part in this great opportunity, but were not able to attend the previous planning meeting, please contact Rev. James in the church office, or by email at [hccjpetty@gmail.com](mailto:hccjpetty@gmail.com), ASAP.

There will be another planning meeting after worship on Sunday, December 17. A trip of this magnitude requires a lot of planning ahead, so we are asking to have commitments given by those wishing to take part by **November 30**.

If you would like more information on Give Kids the World, please check out their website: [www.gktw.org](http://www.gktw.org).

## **BIBLE STUDY: ECCLESIASTES**

The biblical book of Ecclesiastes is different. It's reflective, philosophical, and sometimes pretty pessimistic. We're going to spend four weeks in November on Sunday mornings with it in a special Bible Study time at 9 a.m., before church. We'll meet downstairs in the Staff Room (also known as the Chi Rho Room). No special study book is needed, only a bible. If you have questions, be sure to ask Rev. Jason.



I was away in Arizona a couple of weeks ago for a retreat, and I learned one of the retreat leaders, who lives in Atlanta, grew up in St. Louis. I told him I grew up near St. Louis, in Washington, Missouri, and he told me he'd been to Washington. He mentioned the bus company there, and I said, "That's my Dad's company!" We got to talking, and he told me his family, when he was a young man, would take bus tours. He asked, "Was your dad Ralph?" I said, no, that was my grandpa. He mentioned a tour his family took, out west in the 60's, where my grandpa drove the bus, and the tour took two weeks. The retreat leader said, "Your grandpa made a big enough impression on me that I still remember his name all these years later."

We go through life wondering if what we do really matters. A smaller group of us are studying Ecclesiastes now, and the writer of Ecclesiastes wrestles with this question: "Does anything really matter?" Any of us can wonder about that, when we go through the day questioning if anything we do really has any lasting value. The connection with the retreat leader, who remembered my grandpa all these years later, tells me that we can make a lasting difference.

Our lives preach a sermon, whether we realize it or not. Whenever I do a funeral, I'm usually wrestling with the question, "What does this person's life say to us?" How we live our lives says something to those around us, for good or bad. We live our lives as Christians in the light of the love of God, and what we say and do, hopefully, reflects it. We might find, just as I did with the man who met my grandpa, that we make an impression that lasts.

Grace & peace,  
Jason Jones



*...Let your light shine before others, so  
that they may see your good works and  
give glory to your Father in heaven.*

*Matthew 5:16*



**THANKSGIVING POTLUCK**

Hazelwood will once again give thanks by celebrating the culinary talent of our congregation at our Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner on Sunday, November 12 at 11:30 a.m. There will be no Coffee Fellowship after worship; we will be enjoying the fellowship of our church family during the meal.

Our Hand Bell Choir will be providing before-dinner music starting at 11:15 a.m. Bring a dish to share. Drinks will be provided. You're welcome to attend, even if you feel you can't bring anything to share. Since YOU will be providing the meal, there will be no money collected at the dinner.



**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. We will also hear the details on the sale of the Fellowship House (which has *finally* been finalized!). 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 John Starnes

**ELDERS**

Shirley Bookout  
John Clark  
Jim Warrner  
Bob Weller

**DEACONS**

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

**TRUSTEES**

Jay Matchett  
Bill Ritchie

**ALL-CHURCH WORK DAY: RESCHEDULED!**

Our last All-Church Work Day on November 4 had to be postponed due to weather conditions and general lack of leaves needing to be raked (who would have thought all those leaves would hang on into November!). Turns out the postponement was good thing! The winds that came through with the storm last Sunday brought down a LOT in the way of leaves, sticks, and branches that now need to be taken care of.

Mark your calendars for the rescheduled All-Church Work Day on Saturday, November 18, from 9 a.m.-Noon! There is truth to the saying "many hands make light work." The sign-up sheet can be found in Sulanke Commons after worship. Please consider setting aside these few hours on November 18 to help in being good stewards to the beautiful property God has given us.

**GRATITUDE SUNDAY**

On Sunday, November 19, 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.

On that same day, your 2018 offering envelopes will available for you to pick up from a table in the Narthex.



**Looking Ahead**

<b>November 11</b>	Bazaar Fundraiser for Preschool and Youth
<b>November 20</b>	Thanksgiving Feast, 11 a.m. & 2:30 p.m., 4-5 Year-Old Classes
<b>November 21</b>	Day of Giving, 10:30 a.m. & 2 p.m., 3-4 Year-Old Classes
<b>November 22-24</b>	Thanksgiving Break- No School
<b>December 15</b>	Christmas Program, 6:30 p.m.
<b>December 20</b>	Christmas Break Begins
<b>January 4</b>	Classes Resume



**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.**



## 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 them 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 starting November 26 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

**November 19 All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m.**

**December 3 All-Youth Fellowship & Christmas Box Shopping, 11:30 a.m.**

**December 10 All-Youth Fellowship & Christmas Box Wrapping, 11:30 a.m.**

**December 14 Christmas Box Non-Perishable Packing, 6 p.m.**

**December 16 Christmas Box Perishable Packing & Deliveries, 8:30 a.m.**

**December 17 2018 Missions Trip Planning Meeting, 11:30 a.m.**





### **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 26. If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Bookout at (765) 744-1207.

### **FEED MY SHEEP**

#### **22nd Annual Feed My Sheep Thanksgiving Day Meal**

**Who:** All are welcome!

**What:** Free meals & a bag of Groceries!

**When:** Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Where:** Muncie Central High School, 801 N. Walnut St.

#### **Volunteers Needed:**

To register as a volunteer on Wednesday, November 22 or Thursday, November 23, please visit their website, [www.fmsmuncie.org](http://www.fmsmuncie.org). Online registration is now through November 20. The FMS meal exists only because of churches, individuals, and companies who care— their motto is “Muncie feeds Muncie”— we take care of our own!

**Donations Accepted:** Credit Card, Paypal, Gofundme account.

### **CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES’ FOOD PANTRY**

Volunteers are needed for December 6, 7, & 8 from 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Prayerfully consider where you can help with this worthy community project. Contact Marcia Miller at (765) 730-5552 to sign up or for more information.

### **MUNCIE MISSION**

*“Feed the hungry and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness and darkness around you will be as bright as noon.”*

*Galatians 6:10*

Volunteers are needed November 23 at Noon! If you would like to help with this meal, please call (765) 288-9122, extension 230.

#### **Thanksgiving Needs:**

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| ♦ Turkeys                 | ♦ Celery   |
| ♦ #10 Cans of Green Beans | ♦ Radishes |
| ♦ Homemade Pumpkin Pies   | ♦ Apples   |
| ♦ Olives                  | ♦ Oranges  |
| ♦ Carrots                 | ♦ Bananas  |

#### **Holiday Volunteer Opportunities:**

- ♦ Food Preparation
- ♦ Serving Dinner
- ♦ Delivering Meals
- ♦ Decorating Tables
- ♦ Helping with Clean Up



~Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team



## November 12-18, 2017

- SUNDAY**
- Ecclesiastes Study, 9 a.m., Staff Room (Chi Rho Room)
  - Youth Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
  - Thanksgiving Carry-In & Congregational Meeting 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
- WEDNESDAY**
- Praise Band Rehearsal, 9 a.m., Sanctuary
  - Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room
  - Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft
- FRIDAY**
- Men's Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall (Host: Bill Wakeland)
- SATURDAY**
- All-Church Work Day, 9 a.m.-Noon

## November 19-25, 2017

- SUNDAY**
- Ecclesiastes Study, 9 a.m., Staff Room (Chi Rho Room)
  - Gratitude Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
  - All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
- TUESDAY**
- Trustees, 5:30 p.m., Chapel
- WEDNESDAY**
- Praise Band Rehearsal, 9 a.m., Sanctuary
  - No Bell or Vocal Choir Rehearsal
- THURSDAY**
- Happy Thanksgiving! Church Office Closed
- FRIDAY**
- Church Office Closed

## 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

David & Susan Cartwright are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on November 22! Join them in celebration with cake and fellowship during Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, November 19!

David & Susan were married by Rev. Boyd Hughes at Eastgate Christian church, where David served from 1965-1967. He also served Arlington Heights Christian Church (1967-1972), Wabash Christian church (1972-1983), and Hazelwood Christian Church (1982-2006).



## Looking Ahead...

### December 3, 2017

Hanging of the Greens & Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary  
AYF & Christmas Box Shopping, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall

### December 10, 2017

AYF & Christmas Gift Wrapping, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall

### December 14, 2017

Christmas Box Packing, 6 p.m., Sulanke Commons

### December 15, 2017

Men's Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall (Host: Charles Retherford)

### December 16, 2017

Christmas Box Delivery, 8:30 a.m.

### December 24, 2017

Sunday Morning Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary  
Christmas Eve Worship Service, 7 p.m., Sanctuary

### December 25, 2017

Merry Christmas! Church Office Closed

*Those who are generous are blessed, for they share  
their bread with the poor.*

*Proverbs 22:9*







CHRISTMAS IS COMING      TIME TO DECORATE!

It will soon be time to decorate our church with the lovely poinsettias and other decorations for Advent and Christmas. If you would like to help by donating a poinsettia in memory, or in honor, of someone this year, please fill out the form below, and send it to the church office with your check, or drop it in the offering plate on Sunday. Each gift is \$15, and you will be entitled to take a poinsettia home with you after Christmas. Names will be listed in the bulletin for the Hanging of the Greens worship service, December 3. *Thank you!*

**Christmas Decoration Gift Order**  
**Deadline to receive orders is Sunday, November 12.**

**# of poinsettias ordered (@\$15 each)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Given by** \_\_\_\_\_

**In memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

**In honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please enclose check, payable to Hazelwood,  
in the amount of \$15 for each gift (poinsettia) ordered.**

