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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

December 22, 2016
January 5, 2017
January 19, 2017

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



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

December 8, 2016

Though your sins are like
scarlet
I will make them as
white
as snow

Isaiah 1:18

BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 11/29/16: \$9,295.12

Offerings Received for Week Ending 12/6/16: \$7,956.12

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$6,288.10

Average Weekly Need: \$6,000

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

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

A NOTE FROM OUR BOOKKEEPER

All offerings must be received in the office or postmarked by December 31 in order to be counted toward your 2016 giving.



God works on a different schedule than ours. I remember a low-budget commercial on St. Louis-area television promising instant financing. The guy was selling furniture, or cars, or electronics; I don't even remember, but I remember his sales pitch. "You want the one you want, and you want it now," he said. That's how we usually are. We want what we want, and we want it now. We're that way in our faith, too. In our prayers, we usually want God to respond immediately, but, more often than not, we wait.

God, though, according to 2 Peter, works with different timing. 2 Peter 3:8-9 says, "But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance." God is patient, and God is willing to wait so we all might come to repentance and know God.

We're in this season of Advent, waiting for Christmas, but maybe we're not the only ones waiting. Maybe God is waiting, too. We usually think of ourselves waiting for God, but maybe God is waiting for us. Maybe God has been waiting on you and me, waiting for us to repent and to come back to God. What has God been waiting for in you and your life? Maybe the time has come to end the waiting and come to repentance and back to God.

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones



- ♦ Our sympathies to the family of Mary Jo Anacker, who passed away on Monday, December 5. Services will be held at Hazelwood on Thursday, December 8 at 11 a.m. with calling beginning at 10 a.m.
- ♦ Thanks to all who contributed poinsettias in memory and honor of loved ones. Special thanks to John & Carolyn Starnes for volunteering their time to decorate our church building. The decorations bring such life to the church!

NAME TAG REMINDER

Name tags were originally made available to help Rev. Jason get to know us. We regularly get visitors to Sunday service, however, so please consider continuing to wear your name tag in order for our newcomers to start getting to know us!

MUSIC NOTES

Monica Pavel-Kissinger will be directing our choirs for the last time on Christmas Eve before moving to Michigan. There will be a basket in the Rotunda for cards and notes of appreciation from the congregation on December 11 & 18. We will present the cards to Monica during the service on December 18.

Masterworks Chorale presents "Welcome Yule!" on Saturday, December 17 at 7:30 p.m. at High Street United Methodist Church. Tickets are available at the door, or ask one of our choir members singing in the concert: Don Crose, Jeff Heavilon, and Ann Wolfe.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS WERE GIVEN

In honor of...
Our children
Michael Carlton & family and Molly (Moser) Kiron & family
Jeanne Hamilton (mother)
Anniversary of Ruth & Dave Griffey
Jenny Weller

In memory of...
Our parents and our son, John
Many family & friends who have passed before me
Aurora & Harvey Clement
Adda & Alva Mangas
James & June Rhoden (parents)
Don Jean Lanning

Harold Wages (father)
Kenneth & Marjorie Wantz
Charles & Virginia Ingram
Helen Hartley

Sue Reece

John Wean
Floyd & Esther Firestone, Alice Stoy, and V.G. & Ruth Moser
Robert Gordon
Mr. & Mrs. Ellis Friar
Bill G. Ritchie (son)
Our Jeffs and Cundiff grandparents
Lester & Louise Cartwright and Earl & Anna Merrick
Dr. Arnold L. (Larry) Carter and son, Matthew L. Carter
William & Thelma Bowman and James & Eunice Miller (parents)
Don Jean Lanning, Doris & Edward Zetterberg, and Betty Kirk
Wilma & Mary Jane Stacker and Herbert & Ruby Miller

Lloyd & Buna Starnes
Jim & Bea Insley

From
Gene & Mary Dobson
Bill & Dee Moser
Lee Anne Chambers
Donna Dye
Bob & Sue Weller

From
Gene & Mary Dobson
Dennis Holmes
Mauri & Ruth Mangas
Mauri & Ruth Mangas
Lori Rhoden
Dave, Laura Jean, &
Andrew Jean Rowe
Mark Wages
Woody & Molly Wantz
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Carol Lowry, Heather
Throgmarten, & Jim Reece
Jim & Nancy Reece, Carol,
& Heather
Jim & Nancy Reece
Bill & Dee Moser
Joan Gordon
Joan Gordon
Bill & Leah Ritchie and family
The Moudy family
David & Susan Cartwright
Toni E. Carter
Shirley Bookout
Mary Alice Lanning
Dick & Marcia Miller and Jeff
& Sherri Christensen
John & Carolyn Starnes
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Christmas Poinsettias Continued...

James R. Tucker
Rev. Robert & Frances Sulanke
Jay Hamilton (brother)
Ronald & Phyllis Matchett
Giles & Dorothy McCann
Betsy Shults (Mom & Grandma) & Grandpa Jack
Rev. Peter S. Shults (Dad & Grandfather)
William Weller
Doris & Maurice Jennings
Jean & Clell Douglass
Ilyana Harty
Dean Herberling
Larry E. Green
John & Gertie Carmichael (parents)

John, Suzanne, Ryan, Kara, & Rachel Tucker
The Sulanke children, grandchildren,
& great-grandchildren
Lee Anne Chambers
Jay & Mary Ann Matchett
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Andy, Wendy, Brynmar, & Jairen Rees
Andy, Wendy, Brynmar, & Jairen Rees
Bob & Sue Weller
Bob & Sue Weller
Ruthanne & Samual Devroy
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Jeff & Kelly Heavilon and family
Rita J. Green and family
Jack Carmichael

CHRISTMAS BOX PROJECT

This project is about celebrating Advent with the families we help. 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.

Each of the 30 families on our list will receive gifts for the children and 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.

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.



ADVENT AT HAZELWOOD

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 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

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP & COFFEE HOUSE

What better way to welcome the Newborn King than to worship together on Christmas Day! We will have a casual worship service in Cartwright Hall at 10 a.m. on December 25. There will be brunch items available, so you might want to come a few minutes early to fill your plate!

The worship team will be hosting the brunch, but several of the team members will not be able to be present that day. If you would like to help coordinate things in the kitchen that morning, or even help to provide food, that would be greatly appreciated! Please talk to Marianna Gill if you can help that day.



Preschool NEWS

Preschool Christmas Program

Everyone is welcome as we celebrate the birth of Jesus this season! We cordially invite you to join the Preschool for our Christmas Program on December 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This will be a time to see the children perform their Christmas songs and memory work, as well as a time to celebrate all that God has given us in the birth of his son, Jesus. Refreshments will follow our program, so please join us for a great evening!

Looking Ahead

Dec. 15	Christmas Program, All Classes, 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 22– Jan. 4	Christmas Break
Jan. 5	Classes Resume
Jan. 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School



YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY & OVERNIGHT

Plans are underway for our annual Youth Christmas Party and Overnight on Friday, December 30. We'll have a gift exchange, watch movies, play games, and we may even have a chance to stop by the Sky Zone! Be sure to let Rev. James know if you are planning on attending so we can make advance reservations and arrange for rides. Don't forget to invite a friend or two—the more the merrier!



NOTE OF APPRECIATION

“Thank you so much for your generous in-kind contribution of lunch provided for Women Build Volunteers on October 15, 2016. Your donation valued at \$182 to Greater Muncie Habitat for Humanity is very appreciated, as is your support of Muncie Habitat. Please know that with your gift, you are allowing Habitat to continue helping families experience the stability and security created by homeownership. We are blessed to live in a community that truly cares about its neighbors.”

With Gratitude,
Lindsey Arthur, Chief Executive Officer

HAZELWOOD ANGELS

Over 200 items were received for Christian Ministries' Food Bank on Gratitude Sunday and delivered by John & Carolyn Starnes. Thank you, John & Carolyn, for your faithful and loyal dedication to Hazelwood and its many ministries!

NURSING HOME GIFT LIFT

Thanks to everyone who participated, we were able to provide gifts for 41 patients who otherwise may not have had anything for Christmas. A true Blessing!

RING BELLS

Hazelwood will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army on Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Marsh at Wheeling and McGalliard. Please prayerfully consider signing up to ring for one hour. Sign up begins Sunday, December 11 in the Rotunda. For more information, or to sign up, contact Shirley Bookout at (765) 744-1207.

Volunteer Opportunities



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. There are several ways you can help: provide and serve a meal, use food they have available and serve it, or prepare food and have someone else deliver and serve. Also, financial help is always welcome. 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. Sign up to walk, or to support a walker with your contribution, begins Sunday, January 15, 2017 in the Rotunda. Their hope depends on us— prayerfully consider where you can help.

~Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team





December 11-17, 2016

- SUNDAY**
- Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
 - All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
(Secret Santa Gift Wrapping Following Meal)
- MONDAY**
- Trustees, 5:30 p.m.
- TUESDAY**
- Praise Band Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
- WEDNESDAY**
- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Sanctuary
 - Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft
- THURSDAY**
- Arrival of Non-perishable Food for Christmas Box Project, 5 p.m.
 - Pack Boxes for Christmas Box Project, 6 p.m., Cartwright Hall
 - Preschool Christmas Program, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- FRIDAY**
- Men's Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall (Host: Don Crose)
- SATURDAY**
- Arrival of Perishable Food for Christmas Box Project, 8 a.m.
 - Deliver Christmas Boxes, 8:30 a.m.

December 18-24, 2016

- SUNDAY**
- Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
 - Christmas Eve Rehearsal, 11:30 a.m., Sanctuary
- TUESDAY**
- Trustees, 5:30 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY**
- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room
 - Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft
- SATURDAY**
- Christmas Eve Worship Service, 7 p.m.
 - Christmas Eve Reception After Service, Rotunda

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



Looking Ahead...

December 25, 2016

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

December 26, 2016

Church Office Closed

January 1, 2017

Happy New Year!

Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary

January 2, 2017

Church Office Closed

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. 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.

