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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
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

March 2 & 16, 2017

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



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

February 16, 2017



BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 2/7/17: \$7,183.62

Offerings Received for Week Ending 2/14/17: \$3,616.62

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$6,841.58

Average Weekly Need: \$6,000

Jan.-Dec. 2016 Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$18,548.21)*

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



As always, our Bookkeeper is hard at work for you!

Annual giving statements for 2016 have been mailed and should arrive in your mailbox soon if it hasn't already.



- ♦ We pledge our Christian love and support to Greg Dunsmore, who came forward on Sunday, February 4 to reaffirm his faith and join Hazelwood as a member.
- ♦ We would like to thank the Preschool Staff and children for the wonderfully creative valentines they made for the Hazelwood family.
- ♦ Thank you to all who joined us for the Valentine Carry-In, and thank you to all who helped with set up and clean up. It was a fun and lovely time together.
- ♦ Thank you to all who contributed Change for a Change during Soup-er Bowl Sunday. Over \$390 was collected and will be used in upcoming Community Service Projects by the Youth.
- ♦ Fran Parkinson has been released from the hospital.

INVITATION

The next Gathering, an informal brunch to let newcomers and church members meet Rev. Jason, will occur Sunday, March 5 at 11:30 a.m. in Cartwright Hall. If you have not had a chance to attend one, please consider adding your name when the sign-up sheet is made available.

~Ann Wolfe, Christian Life Chair



I've mentioned before the big, little-used word, "discernment." I think a good way for Christians to define discernment is "the prayerful process of seeking God's leading." When we practice discernment we're not simply asking, "What do I want?" or "What do you want?" We're asking "What does God want?"

One of the places I believe we could benefit from discernment is in our worship life. Our church has been worshipping together in one worship service with both contemporary and traditional music, and I believe we've done a good job with blending two different styles. Now that I've been here more than half a year I think it's important for us to ask ourselves the question, "Where is God leading us in our worship life?"

We've formed a Worship Discernment Team that will lead us in asking this question. Over the next few months you'll hear a lot from this team as it leads us in discerning where God might be leading us in our worship. There are a couple things I ask of you in this time. The first is to pray, asking that God would lead us. The second thing I ask of you is harder. Part of discernment is setting aside our wants to open ourselves up to God's wants. That, when you get to doing it, is really hard. We all have our wants when it comes to worshiping; we have styles of music we prefer and ways we think worship should look. Some of us think worship should happen purely with organ music and hymns; others think worship should happen with a band and contemporary choruses. Beyond those two styles there are many other expressions and ways of worshiping, and usually we're naturally drawn to one way or the other. I ask you, as best you can, to step away from what you're naturally drawn to and ask yourself the bigger question of "God, where would you lead us in worship?"

I often quote the verse from Psalm 127 that says, "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain." What we're seeking, in this time of discernment, is for God to be the builder of our worship.

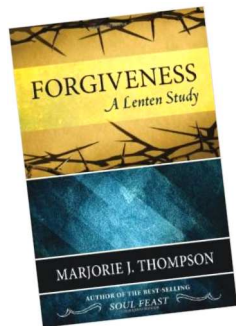
Grace & peace,
Jason Jones

Faith is not knowing what the future holds
but knowing who holds the future.

INQUIRERS' CLASS

Whether you are new to Hazelwood or a youth interested in baptism, our Inquirers' Class is open to all who want to learn more about the Disciples of Christ and Hazelwood Christian Church. We are planning to start a class during the Lent season to explore the basics of our faith and what it means to be a member of Hazelwood. Please contact Rev. James if you are interested.

LENT SOUP & STUDY



Sometimes the name says it all, and Soup & Study is just what you'd expect it to be—during Lent we'll gather for Soup and for Study. Rev. Jason has led Lenten Soup & Studies in other congregations, and has found it to be a unique way to gather for both fellowship and renewal as we journey through this special season.

At 5:30 p.m. on March 5, March 19, March 26, and April 2 we'll share in this season of Lent through fellowship around some humble bowls of soup, and then we'll have a time of study. Our focus for Study will be Marjorie Thompson's book, *Forgiveness: A Lenten Study*.

We need folks to make soup for each evening, so if you'd like to share some soup, please sign up on Sunday. If you'd like to attend the Soup & Study, please sign up, too, so we'll have an idea of how many would attend.

TEACHER RECOGNITION

In any church, the role of teacher is a vital one. We are very fortunate here at Hazelwood to have so many who are willing to take on this role in its many forms. They lead bible study groups, teach Sunday School, direct our choirs, guide our youth, and work with the littlest of our congregation in the nursery. Those who have taken on these monumental tasks this past year include: Myrna Atkinson, Anissa Conley, Gene Dobson, Mary France, Andrew Glaze, Mariangella Glaze, Rita Horton, Rev. Jason Jones, Mary Ann Matchett, Nlandu Matuka, Bill Moser, Monica Pavel-Kissinger, Rev. James Petty, Andy Rees, Brynmar Rees, Wendy Rees, Rachel Smith, Pati Sparks, Julie Thomas, and Vicki Vance. Our deepest appreciation goes out to this great group of teachers!

There are always new opportunities arising for teachers here at Hazelwood. Contact Rev. James for information on how you can get involved!



Warm up your taste buds and warm up your act! Our annual Taters 'n Talent show will be at 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 12. Sign-up begins Sunday, February 19, so start thinking now about the talent you would like to share!



“Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” (Matthew 25:40)

God is most tangibly present in this world where people hunger, thirst, lack adequate clothing and shelter, and are sick or imprisoned. Christ claims as family members people who suffer.

Christ is so present in them that when you feed the hungry, care for the sick, welcome the stranger – you feed, and care for, and welcome Christ.

When you give through Week of Compassion to those who suffer from natural disasters, war, or systemic poverty, you let them know: **You are here.**

“COMPASSION asks us to go where it hurts, to enter into the places of pain, to share in brokenness, fear, confusion, and anguish.

COMPASSION challenges us to cry out with those in misery, to mourn with those who are lonely, to weep with those in tears.

COMPASSION requires us to be weak with the weak, vulnerable with the vulnerable, and powerless with the powerless.

COMPASSION means full immersion in the condition of being human.”

~Henri J.M. Nouwen



ALL-CHURCH WORK DAYS

With the pending sale of the Fellowship House comes the fact that we have a lot of work ahead of us as we combine what is currently housed in two buildings into just one. To that end, a few All-Church Work Days have been set to prepare the way.

February 4 was a great success as we tackled the main floor and attic areas of the church building. A huge thank you to Shirley Bookout, Tony Gill, Rev. Jason Jones, Jay & Mary Ann Matchett, Rhea Morgan, Rev. James, Stefanie & Logan Petty, Jim Reece, John Starnes, Woody & Molly Wantz, Jim Warrner, and Ann Wolfe for helping with this monumental task!

While a lot was accomplished on that first Work Day, we still have a lot to do. This **Saturday, February 18** join us from 9 a.m.– Noon as we go through the non-preschool areas in the lower level of the church building.

Not able to make it this weekend, but still want to help? On **March 4** from 9 a.m.– Noon, we will be finishing up with organizing the storage areas and preparing the new space for the church offices. And 9 a.m.-Noon on **March 18** is Moving Day! Larger office items will be moved from the Fellowship House into their new spaces. We will also take care of moving any large Preschool/ELC items that need to be relocated.



Preschool News

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone that came out last Thursday night for our Chick-fil-A Spirit Night. We had a great turnout. It filled my heart with joy to see so many families of the Hazelwood preschool and congregation there. What a great night of fellowship and sharing a good meal together!

~Angie Lopez, Preschool Director

Open Enrollment

Come one come all to our open enrollment this Friday starting at 7:30 a.m.!



Looking Ahead

Feb. 20	Presidents Day - No School
Feb. 16, 21, & 23	4-5 Class Parent/Teacher Conferences
Feb. 27	Chapel, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m., 4-5 Year Old Classes
March 2	Chapel, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m., 3-4 Year Old Classes
March 9 & 13	2-3 Class Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 13, 15, & 17	3-4 Class Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 20-24	Spring Break



Youth News

SUMMER CAMPS

It's that time of year when we start planning our summer and vacations. Our region is sponsoring numerous camps again this year. Please note, many have changed dates and locations from last year.

As of right now, we are waiting on the Indiana Region to post tuition information and registration forms. We will make those available to you as we receive them.

Geneva Center — Rochester, Indiana

June 12–17 High Sch. (Grade 9–12)

Traditional

MAD

CROSS

Hands on Mission

June 13–15 You and Me #1 (Age 5+ w/adult)

June 19–24 Middle Sch. (Grade 6–8)

Traditional

MAD

CROSS

June 23–25 You and Me #2 (Age 5+ w/adult)

June 26–July 1 Explorer camp (Grade 4–5)

June 26–July 1 Leadership Camp (Age 16–Grade 12)

June 27–29 New Beginnings Camp (Grade 1–3)

June 29–July 1 You and Me #3 (Age 5+ w/adult)

Bedford Christian Camp — Bedford, Indiana

June 19–24 High Sch. Camp (Grade 9–12)

June 26–July 1 Middle Sch. Camp (Grade 6–8)

July 5–7 You and Me (Age 5+ w/adult)

July 13–15 New Beginnings Camp (Grade 1–3)

July 17–22 Explorer Camp (Grade 4–5)



YOUTH SPRING ASSEMBLY

Mark your calendars for April 28–30 for the annual Youth Spring Assembly at the Geneva Center. This is a wonderful event for high school and middle school youth. It is a great chance to meet other youth from the Indiana Disciples region, with worship and activities tailored to you. Please contact Rev. James if you are interested in attending this event or would like more information.

JONES SCHOLARSHIP

C. Darrell and Edith Jones Scholarship applications are now available in the Rotunda and Fellowship House. Applicants, or their parents, must be a church member for at least two years. Deadline for submission is **March 1, 2017**. For more information, contact Mary Ann Matchett at mrsstiky@comcast.net.

SEASON OF LENT AT HAZELWOOD

ASH WEDNESDAY

We begin the season of Lent on Wednesday, March 1 with our Ash Wednesday Service at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The Ashes we receive are a sign of our mortality, repentance, and a marker of our desire to return to God with whole hearts.

LENT SOUP & STUDY

Pull up a chair as we enjoy a bowl of soup and delve into *Forgiveness: A Lenten Study* by Marjorie Thompson at 5:30 p.m. on March 5, March 19, March 26, and April 2 in Cartwright Hall.

PALM SUNDAY

Join us for a Procession of Palms and Worship service on Sunday, April 9 at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary as we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Enjoy a light supper on Thursday, April 13 at 6 p.m. as we come together in fellowship in Cartwright Hall. At 7 p.m., we will move to the Sanctuary for Worship and Communion in memory of Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the meal, please contact Stefanie in the church office.

EGG HUNT

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Hazelwood is Saturday, April 15! Kids up to grade 5 will meet in the Rotunda at 10 a.m. to search for those elusive Easter Eggs filled with candy.

If you would like to donate candy, or volunteer to help stuff Easter Eggs, contact Rev. James in the church office.

EASTER SUNDAY

He Has Risen!

Join us in Worship on Sunday, April 16 at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

Youth that complete the Inquirers' Class will be baptized during the service.



HAZELWOOD ANGELS

WALK-A-MILE IN MY SHOES: Walkers include: Shirley Bookout, Rev. Jason Jones, Jay Matchett, Mary Ann Matchett, Bill Moser, Felix Muhiga, Francis Muhiga, Khamasi Muhiga, Winnie Muhiga, Rev. James Petty, Logan Petty, Jim Warrner, Judy Warrner, and Ann Wolfe. This year, walkers raised \$1,385 to support the Muncie Mission's many needs, receiving a Certificate of Appreciation for raising over \$1,000. Thanks to all who walked and/or made a financial donation.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

"Thank you for your donation to A Better Way. Your generosity will help people in crisis to find peace. We truly appreciate your kindness. Sincerely,"

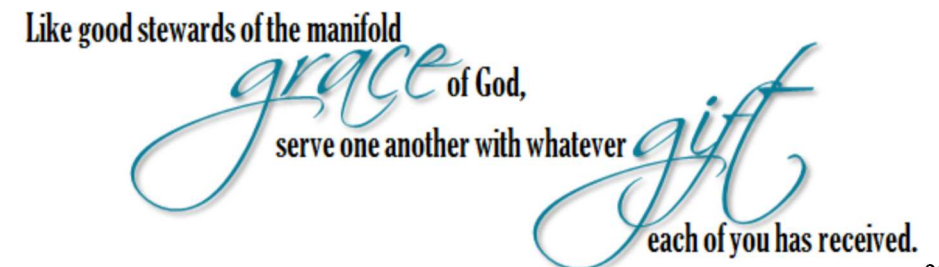
~H.W., A Better Way



IU HEALTH BALL MEMORIAL HOSPICE

IU Health Ball Memorial Hospice is actively recruiting volunteers. Volunteers fill a vital companionship-driven role to patients and their families as they deal with issues related to life-limiting illnesses. Such roles include sitting with patients, running errands for caregivers, and providing quality emotional support during this difficult time. Training is provided to all volunteers. For more information, call the hospice office at (765) 747-4273 or 800-458-2255, and ask for volunteer coordinator/chaplain Abbie Guthrie, or email BallHospiceVC@iuhealth.org.

~Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team



February 19-25, 2017



- SUNDAY**
- Blood Drive, 9 a.m.-Noon, Cartwright Hall
 - Worship, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
- MONDAY**
- Presidents' Day—Church Office Closed
- TUESDAY**
- Praise Band Rehearsal, 9 a.m., Sanctuary
 - Trustees, 5:30 p.m., Chapel
 - Cabinet, 7:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall
- WEDNESDAY**
- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room
 - Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft

February 26-March 4, 2017

- SUNDAY**
- Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
 - All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
- MONDAY**
- Area Ministers' Meeting, 10:30 a.m., Chapel
 - CWF, 1 p.m., Jeane Garrett's Home
 - Discernment Team, 7 p.m., Chapel
- TUESDAY**
- Praise Band Rehearsal, 9 a.m., Sanctuary
- ASH**
- WEDNESDAY**
- Elders, 5:30 p.m., Chapel
 - Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room
 - Ash Wednesday Service, 7 p.m., Sanctuary
 - Choir Rehearsal, Following the Service, Choir Loft
- SATURDAY**
- All Church Work Day, 9 a.m.-Noon

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



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| 1 Andy Rees | 17 Yeno Matuka |
| 2 Sue Weller | 18 Dee Moser |
| 5 Steve Cartwright | 20 Felix Muhiga |
| Carol Schussler | 22 Dennis Holmes |
| 8 Shirley Bookout | 24 Jeane Garrett |
| 15 Judy Warrner | 28 Jim Warrner |
| 16 Jillian LaDow | 29 Amy Moudy |

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



Looking Ahead...

March 5, 2017

Lent Soup & Study, 5:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall

March 12, 2017

Daylight Savings Begins: Turn Clocks Ahead One Hour!

Taters 'n Talent, 5 p.m., Cartwright Hall

March 17, 2017

Men's Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall, Host: Gene Dobson

March 18, 2017

All Church Work Day - Moving Day for the Offices, 9 a.m.-Noon

2017 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

JULY 8-12, 2017 | INDIANAPOLIS



WORSHIP

We'll gather as ONE body of Christ to worship the God of Love.

EDUCATION

Disciples learning together how we can live and work as the ONE family of God.

MISSION

Join us in using your passion for mission in service as ONE church.

Register today online at:

ga.disciples.org/registration

Early registration discount expires April 1, so don't delay!