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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

February 16, 2017  
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 2, 2017



**BUDGET UPDATE**

**Offerings Received for Week Ending 1/24/17: \$8,568.40**  
**Offerings Received for Week Ending 1/31/17: \$10,138.54**  
**Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$6,718.65**  
**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 are underway  
and will be arriving to your mailbox soon.



- ♦ Larry Rees has been released from the hospital.

**SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY**

Save up your change, and fill your pockets and purses this Sunday to help our youth effect change in our community! After the worship service on Super Bowl Sunday, our youth will be holding soup bowls to collect your change to use later in the month for their service project to the homeless in Muncie. What a great excuse to check those couch cushions, coat pockets, and all those other sneaky places change tends to collect!



A few years ago, while visiting family in Missouri, my dad showed me some old family cemeteries. Maybe he wanted to remember; maybe he wanted me to know where our people are. He took me on a drive through the country, finding the old Homeyer places. My grandmother was a

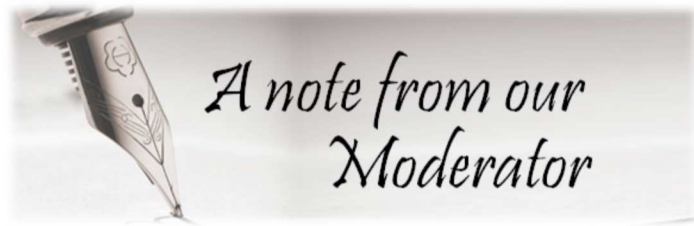
Homeyer, and he showed me the old home place (now abandoned), the one-room schoolhouse she attended (abandoned, too), and the country cemetery where many of the Homeyers are buried. The cemetery is really out in the middle of nowhere, along a gravel road, next to a church that, amazingly, is still open. A few dozen folks are buried there, and we quickly found my grandmother's parents. I never knew them, but my dad has memories of them. Their gravestones are in English, but wandering by the older gravestones in the cemetery, you see the language on the stones change to German.

Jones is a Welsh name, but most of my people are German. When I see a German athlete on TV I usually see a little of what I see reflected back in the mirror. The experiences are lost now, but I wonder what it was like for my ancestors, the Homeyers, Gephards, and Pfarrs, to load up their lives onto a boat and set out for this place. It had to be frightening, exhilarating, intimidating, and unlike anything I've ever experienced. I wonder, too, what it was like settling in this country. They set up farms, lives, and businesses in Missouri. Were they given funny looks when they were speaking German in public places? Did they get called derogatory names like "Kraut?" How often were they told to go back to Germany?

My grandparents' church hosted a German language worship service until the 1930's. My dad, as a kid, has memories of old guys speaking German at the church. For many of us, the immigrant stories of our ancestors are lost now, but I realize not even 100 years ago my people were still making sense of what it meant to come from a different culture to this new land. Our country is caught up in a national discussion on immigration and refugee resettlement. I'm not knowledgeable enough to have all the answers, but I will say I'm troubled by attitudes in our country now that make the outsider into the enemy. Immigrants need to respect laws, but laws, too, need to be fair and compassionate towards those, like my German ancestors, who are only seeking a better life, or like many refugees, fleeing an unstable homeland for a safe place to call home.

The main thing I can tell you is the Bible is full of admonitions to show kindness to the stranger. At the beginning of the Hebrew law is the command, "You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt" (Exodus 22:21). God's people often end up in places where they are the outsider, like Egypt and Babylon. Even Jesus and his family, according to Matthew, were for a time refugees in Egypt. We're reminded, too, that the stranger is the one who may be bringing the blessing. One of my favorite verses from Hebrews tells us not to "neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it" (13:2). Nations will always have strangers among them; most of our ancestors were once strangers, too. How we are, as Christians, to treat them seems pretty clear to me.

Grace & peace,  
Jason Jones  
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If you haven't heard by now, the Muncie Zoning Board approved the rezoning of the Fellowship House, clearing the path for its sale. While some details are still under wraps until the final deal goes through, there are a few changes we can share. Some of these may have appeared in recent communications, so if they look familiar, that's why!

Starting February 1, any meetings that typically took place in the Fellowship House will now meet in the Chapel at the front of the Sanctuary. If you are expecting a larger group than will fit in this space, let Stefanie know in the church office, and she'll find an alternate location. For example, Board Meetings will be held in Cartwright Hall.

We have scheduled some work days on February 4, February 18, and March 4. Take a look at the article on the next page for details on what we will be doing each day. If you haven't already signed up for one of these dates, you can do so either after Sunday's service, or by contacting the church office.

Lastly, March 18 is the big move. On this date, we'll be moving the office furniture we're taking to the temporary space. All strong backs are welcome. I'm sure we could even put to use some not-so-strong backs. If you have questions about the work days, contact Stefanie or Rev. James in the church office.

This is a new chapter in the life of our congregation, one that will open more doors than it is closing. While it may not be all smooth sailing, let us work together towards our common goal, being our B.E.S.T. for Christ.

Tony Gill  
Board Moderator

### **BOXES NEEDED!**

We have some moving to do! A big thanks to those who have already provided boxes for us to use as we move the offices. We will certainly put them to good use!

We are still welcoming box donations. If you have any boxes you would like to donate, please contact Stefanie in the church office.

### **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 prepare to combine what is currently housed in two buildings into just one. Plans are currently in the works to figure out just where the church offices will be located and how to make that move with minimal disturbance to the daily goings-on at the church.

One of the biggest hurdles we face is the need to free up some space. Anyone who has seen the current state of the storage areas in the church building knows just how monumental a task we have ahead! We have a plethora of *stuff* that just sits around collecting dust, much of it not touched for years. We need to ask ourselves, "Is this something that benefits our ministry?"

Thanks to our Property Committee, we have a game plan! We have a few All-Church Work Days scheduled to tackle these spaces and help us prepare the way for the transition to come. During these work days, we will be sorting the items in our storage areas into three groups: Keep, Donate, and Trash. To make this process easier and cut down on the chaos, a leader will be appointed to each area to direct what items fall into each category. Anything marked to be donated or thrown away, you are welcome to claim as your own... *but you must take it with you that day*. We have limited space and a tight time-table. Those things needed to run the offices and the many different ministries of Hazelwood will have to take priority.

**Saturday, February 4, 9 a.m.– Noon:** Our focus will be on sorting the main floor and attic spaces in the church building.

**Saturday, February 18, 9 a.m.– Noon:** We will be sorting non-preschool items in the lower level of the church building.

**Saturday, March 4, 9 a.m.– Noon:** Arrangements will be made for items that have been marked to donate to be picked up by Habitat Restore and Muncie Mission. A dumpster will be available for items marked as trash.


**Saturday, March 18, 9 a.m.– Noon:** Bring your muscles, it's 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.

Sign-up sheets for the work days will be in the Rotunda. It's a big task, but if we join together, we can make this happen!



# Preschool NEWS

Looking Ahead



- Feb. 3 Teacher Work Day
- Feb. 9 Chick-fil-A Spirit Night, 5-8 p.m.
- Feb. 20 Presidents Day - No School
- Feb. 16, 21, & 23 4-5 Class Parent/Teacher Conferences

## Chick-fil-A Spirit Night

Back by popular demand, we will have Chick-fil-A Spirit Night on February 9 from 5-8 p.m. For every purchase made accompanied by a Hazelwood Preschool flyer (below), the Preschool will receive a 10% donation from Chick-fil-A. This is a great way to have a good meal and support your preschool as well! Flyers will be available soon in the Rotunda and in Preschool/ELC. I hope to see all of you there!

# Spirit Night

Hazelwood Christian Preschool

Organization

February 9, 2017 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Date Time



## AYF: ALL-YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

"Then the king will say to those at his right Hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

*Matthew 25:34-36*

Join us during All Youth Fellowship to explore ways we can make this passage a reality!

**Sunday, February 5:** We will be collecting change after the worship service for our "Soup-er Bowl Sunday Change for Change". Please bring a soup bowl from home to collect change.

**Saturday, February 11:** I encourage everyone to participate in the Walk-A-Mile. You can walk, gather pledges, or pledge another person. Information about this event can be found in the Rotunda on Sunday or by contacting Shirley Bookout. AFTERWARDS, we will meet for an All Youth Fellowship activity. We will have a quick lunch and then, with the change collected from the "Change for Change," we will take hot meals downtown Muncie to feed the homeless.

**Sunday, February 12:** This is our church's Valentine Dinner carry in. Please join us as we fellowship with the larger church family. Because of our event on Saturday and the Valentine Dinner, there will be no All Youth Fellowship afterwards.

**Sunday, February 26:** We will meet as normal in Cartwright Hall for lunch and fellowship at 11:30 a.m. We will watch a short movie, discuss how that message impacts us and our community, and discover ways we can be part of the solution.

## 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.

## **LOVE IS IN THE AIR**

Often times, Valentine's Day gets a bad rap. More often than not, we associate Valentine's Day with *Eros*, romantic love. But there is so much more to love than all that mushy stuff! Just look at the many kinds of love recognized by the ancient Greeks: there is *Philautia*, the love of oneself; *Ludus*, the playful love you feel at the start of a relationship (think hearts aflutter and goofy grins); *Pragma*, the enduring love that goes on year after year; *Philia*, the love you feel for your friends; *Storge*, the love you feel for your family, your children, and your parents; *Agape*, selfless love for all—something we as Christians strive to embody. That's a lot of love to celebrate!

On Sunday, February 12, we will ALL come together and show our love for each other and for the Lord, as we share food and fellowship at our Valentine Carry-In Lunch at 11:30 a.m. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Rotunda. The sign-up sheet will help us to have a better variety of food, as well to have an accurate count for seating. If you have questions, feel free to contact Marianna Gill at 282-5969.



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. We will begin sign-up soon, so start thinking now about the talent you would like to share.

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

We have several dates available on the flower calendar. If you would like to give Altar flowers in memory or in honor of someone, contact Stefanie in the church office to check dates.



## **LETTER OF APPRECIATION**

"To our Friends at Hazelwood Christian Church,

I send this letter to you with tremendous thanks for being a friend of the Thirst Project! Through your generous support, you are demonstrating that one person can make a difference, just as one well can make a difference. One well can save lives. One well can transform a community. One well can.

Your contribution to Thirst Project reinforces what Thirst believes, that water has a unique power to transform lives. Thirst illustrates the power people have to radically change lives with small and simple, but significant, acts.

Thank you for your encouragement of Thirst Project's journey. We strongly believe that with your help, we can demonstrate that one well can make a difference."

~ Seth Maxwell, President & CEO

## **MUNCIE MISSION'S ANNUAL WALK-A-MILE IN MY SHOES**

Saturday, **February 11, 2017** (inclement weather date: February 18):  
Beginning at 9 a.m. at the Muncie Fieldhouse and walking to the Mission.

To sign up to walk, go to [walkformunciemission.com](http://walkformunciemission.com) and register under Team #120, Hazelwood. If you are unable to walk, please support a Hazelwood walker with your donation. For additional information, see Shirley Bookout in the Rotunda after worship, or call her at (765) 744-1207.



## **CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES' FOOD PANTRY**

Volunteers are needed for March 1, 2, & 3. Three volunteers are needed each day from 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Contact Marcia Miller at (765) 730-5552 to sign up, or for more information.

~Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team

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**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.

**February 5-11, 2017**



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| SUNDAY    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Worship, 10 a.m., Sanctuary</li><li>• Soup-er Bowl Sunday Change Collection in Rotunda After Worship</li></ul>                             |
| TUESDAY   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Praise Band Rehearsal, 9 a.m., Sanctuary</li></ul>                                                                                         |
| WEDNESDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room</li><li>• Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft</li></ul>                                        |
| THURSDAY  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preschool Chick-fil-A Spirit Night, 5-8 p.m., Chick-fil-A</li><li>    *You must have the flier with you at the time of purchase*</li></ul> |
| FRIDAY    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preschool Registration Begins for Current Students</li></ul>                                                                               |
| SATURDAY  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Walk-A-Mile, 9 a.m., Muncie Fieldhouse</li></ul>                                                                                           |

**February 12-18, 2017**

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| SUNDAY    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary</li><li>• Valentine Carry-In, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall</li><li>• All-Youth Fellowship, Meet at the Carry-In</li></ul> |
| TUESDAY   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Praise Band Rehearsal, 9 a.m., Sanctuary</li></ul>                                                                                                           |
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| FRIDAY    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Men's Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall (Host: David Cartwright)</li><li>• Preschool Registration Open to All</li></ul>                                           |
| SATURDAY  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All Church Work Day, 9 a.m., Lower Level of Church Building</li></ul>                                                                                        |



**Looking Ahead...**

**February 19, 2017**

Teacher Recognition During Worship  
Blood Drive, 9 a.m.-Noon, Cartwright Hall

**February 20, 2017**

Church Office Closed for President's Day

**March 1, 2017**

Ash Wednesday Service, 7 p.m., Sanctuary  
Jones Scholarship Applications Due

**March 4, 2017**

All-Church Work Day, 9 a.m.-Noon

**March 12, 2017**

Daylight Savings Begins: Turn Clocks Ahead One Hour!  
Taters 'n Talent, 5 p.m., Cartwright Hall



**VBS**

Mark your calendar for the week of July 17-21! Children from 3 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will join us in the MAKER FUN FACTORY from 5:30–8 p.m. Preregistration forms will come out in May and will be available on our website. For our older youth and all adults, we would love to see you join the proud ranks of volunteers who help make VBS happen. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mariangella Glaze or Rev. James Petty. We will have a meeting soon for those wishing to lead stations so we can plan ahead and have time to gather needed resources.

