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HAZELWOOD LEAVES

January 12, 2012



Information for Veterans

Hazelwood Veterans and Surviving Spouses

The Veterans Administration offers the "*Veterans Aid and Attendance*" program as part of an "*Improved Pension Benefit*" that is largely unknown. This Improved Pension allows for Veterans and surviving spouses who require the regular attendance of another person to assist in eating, bathing, dressing, undressing, medication dosing, or taking care of the needs of nature to receive additional monetary benefits. It also includes individuals who are blind or a patient in a nursing home because of mental or physical incapacity. Assisted care in an Assisted Living facility also qualifies.

The rules governing Medicaid eligibility make "*Veterans Aid and Attendance*" benefits an essential resource for many veterans and spouses. Eligibility is based upon if the veteran has served ninety consecutive days active duty, with at least one day during war time, and are honorably discharged. "*Veterans Aid and Attendance*" benefits can be combined with Social Security and pension income, to make long-term care planning for veterans and their spouses.

This most important benefit is overlooked by many Veterans and many families with Veterans or surviving spouses. This is a "Pension Benefit," and it is not dependent upon service-related injuries for compensation. "*Veterans Aid and Attendance*" can help pay for care in the home, Nursing Home or Assisted Living facility. A Veteran is eligible for up to \$1,632 per month, while a surviving spouse is eligible for up to \$1,055 per month. A Veteran with a Spouse is eligible for up to \$1,949 per month. (Figures are from the Veteran's Administration as of January 1, 2010. Contact the VA to verify current "*Aid and Attendance*" monthly payments.)

Contact the Veterans Administration at 1-800-827-1000.

Rev. Colby Smith, Senior Minister
Linette Cook, Administrative Assistant, Newsletter Editor
John Starnes, Moderator

Sunday Schedule: Traditional Worship, 9 a.m.; Contemporary Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship, 10:15 a.m. and 12 noon; Church School, 10:10 a.m. and 10:30 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 will be constantly building and adding to it, so check back often!
You can also contact us through the Website. Check out the home page.



2012 Newsletter Schedule

January 12 & 26
February 9 & 23
March 8 & 22
April 5 & 19

As always, if you want something in, it is due one week prior to mail date.
Thanks!



Church
Calendar

January 15 - 20, 2012

- SUNDAY**
- Traditional service, 9 a.m., Sanctuary.
 - *Celebrate!* service, 10:45 a.m., Cartwright Hall.
 - *Celebrate!* team meeting, 1 p.m., Mancino's.
- MONDAY**
- Office closed in observance of MLK Birthday.
 - All Youth day trip, 9 a.m.
 - CWF, 2 p.m., home of Jeane Garrett.
- TUESDAY**
- No Preschool or Parents' Day Out.
 - Trustees' meeting, 5:30 p.m.
 - Praise Band, 6:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall.
 - Board meeting, 7 p.m., Rotunda.
- WEDNESDAY**
- Parents' Day Out, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., P.D.O. room.
 - Bell Choir, 6 p.m., choir room.
 - Choir, 7:15 p.m., choir loft.
 - College Bible Study, 8:30 p.m.
- THURSDAY**
- Parents' Day Out, 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., P.D.O. room.
- FRIDAY**
- Parents' Day Out, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., P.D.O. room.
 - Men's lunch, noon. Host: Gene Dobson.

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



Monday, January 16, the youth are invited to travel to the WonderLab Museum in Bloomington, IN, for the day. We will meet at the church at 9 a.m., and return by 6 p.m. The cost of the event is \$5, which includes lunch, snacks, and admission to the museum. Check out the website at www.wonderlab.org, and join us for a day of fun!



New from our Preschool!



We are excited to announce our new changes for Parent's Day Out!

1. We are lowering the age requirement for PDO from 18 months to 12 months. We hope this will help many of our families. We have added a new room that will be only for children 12 months - 2 years of age. This room is across the hall from the PDO room, next to the director's office. We will have toys and activities for the children in that room that are age appropriate. We will also have staff members assigned to that age group and room.
2. We will be adding a Tuesday morning session.
3. We are adding a special Early Bird session from 8:00-9:00 a.m. This is for children who need to be dropped off early, before preschool or the regular PDO session has started. The charge for this Early Bird Special is \$2.00. This session will be available every morning of the week.
4. We are also adding an After School Session from 3:00-4:00 p.m. This session is for children who need an additional hour after the regular PDO session or preschool class. The charge for this session is \$2.00, in addition to the regular \$8.00.

The schedule for the second semester is as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Early Bird 8:00-9:00	Early Bird 8:00-9:00	Early Bird 8:00-9:00	Early Bird 8:00-9:00	Early Bird 8:00-9:00
AM Session 9:00-12:30	AM Session 9:00-12:30	AM Session 9:00-12:30	AM Session 9:00-12:30	AM Session 9:00-12:30
Lunch Session 11:30-12:30	Lunch Session 11:30-12:30	Lunch Session 11:30-12:30	Lunch Session 11:30-12:30	Lunch Session 11:30-12:30
		PM Session 12:30-3:00		PM Session 12:30-3:00
		After School 3:00-4:00		After School 3:00-4:00

Thanks! Rebecca Swander: hazelwoodpreschool@hotmail.com or 284-2430

Looking Ahead . . .

Monday, January 16

Church offices closed in observance of MLK Birthday

Sunday, January 22

Special Dessert Concert, presented by the
Hazelwood choir and guests, 6 p.m.,
Sulanke Fellowship House

Monday, January 23

Family Fun Game Night, 7 p.m., Cartwright Hall and Rotunda

Saturday, February 11

Walk A Mile In My Shoes
benefit walk, beginning at 8 a.m., Muncie Field House



Everyone is welcome to join us for Family Fun Game Night, Monday, January 23, from 7-10 p.m. There will be volleyball in Cartwright Hall, card games, and board games in the Rotunda.

This is a great opportunity to spend time with others in our congregation, as well as meet new people.

Hope to see you there!

Walk a mile in my shoes



Walk A Mile In My Shoes, walk to alleviate hunger in our community, is set for Saturday, February 11. The one-mile walk is a fundraiser to benefit the Muncie Mission. Sign up to walk will begin Sunday, January 15, and continue through Sunday, February 5, in the Rotunda.

For more information or questions, please contact Shirley Bookout, 744-1207.

Thank you, Missions and Benevolence Committee.



January 22 - 27, 2012



SUNDAY

- Traditional service, 9 a.m., Sanctuary.
- *Celebrate!* service, 10:45 a.m., Cartwright Hall.
- Choir Dessert Concert, 6 p.m.
- Souperbowl of Caring, Youth fundraiser for Christian Ministries, begins. Bring canned goods to church.

MONDAY

- Parents' Day Out, 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., P.D.O. room.
- Family Fun Game Night, 7 p.m., Cartwright Hall and Rotunda.

TUESDAY

- Parents' Day Out, 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., P.D.O. room.
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- Parents' Day Out, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., P.D.O. room.
- Men's lunch, noon. Host: Larry Rees.

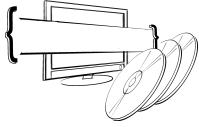
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Just A Reminder!

Committee chairs, please make sure to check the file in Receptionist's area, sign and approve any requests for checks, and get them back to the church office.

We want to welcome Rhea Morgan as our new Hazelwood bookkeeper. Rhea has taken over for Sandi, who has moved to Missouri. We wish them both well.





ADVENT VIDEO SERIES AND SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES
AVAILABLE ON DVD

We have made these DVDs available in the Library for you to check out: the Advent video series "Advent Attitudes;" the special December 4th service, "The Best Christmas Present Ever;" the Christmas Eve service, "Our Family Memories of Christmas."

"The Best Christmas Present Ever" is in a regular DVD case. The Advent video series and the Christmas Eve service is together on a DVD.

We hope you enjoy these as much as we did. Our thanks, once again, to all those who helped in any way with these video projects. Marianna Gill, Celebrate! Coordinator.



A Dessert Concert

Is being planned by the Hazelwood Choirs as a charity fundraiser. The event will be at 6 p.m. in the Sulanke Fellowship House on Sunday, January 22.

After serving dessert, members of the Choir and Bell Choir will entertain with musical numbers of the up-beat type. Two guest soloists have been invited to add to a wonderful evening of musical merry making, Angelique Zuluaga, from Indiana University, and Josh Turner, from Butler University. Josh is the Wakeland's grandson, and he has had three-quarters of a million views on his eighty-eight YouTube videos, playing different musical instruments.

Admission is free. A free-will offering will be accepted to benefit "A Better Way" of Muncie. Bring your family and friends.

JOYS AND CONCERNS . . .

Thanks To:

Don & Fran Kirk, and Don Crose, for delivering 27 poinsettias to our shut-ins on Hazelwood's behalf.

Andy Rees, Christmas Box Project Chair; Sara Laroche & youth, shopping for and wrapping the gifts; Donna Foley, telephone reminders; all who helped pack & deliver; and those who gave. Over 30 families, including 50 children in our community were served this Christmas. In addition, over \$4,000 was raised to meet the expenses.

Bill & Ruth Wakeland, Hazelwood choir members, Larry Rees, Tony & Marianna Gill, Shirley Bookout, and Cheryll Crose, for helping, cooking, and providing food for the scrumptious brunch on New Year's Day. What a way to start the New Year. You are all appreciated.

In Appreciation:

"Thanks to Rev. Colby and all our church family for the prayers, flowers, and visits during this time." Kathy Clary

"Thank you so much for the lovely poinsettia, delivered to me from the Hazelwood congregation. It helped to brighten my apartment for Christmas."
Mary Jo Anacker

"Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia. It has added so much to my holiday happiness." Betty Jones

"Let's praise God, who heard our prayers and provided a job for Monty Matuka, after graduating from Ball State this past December. Monty will be moving to Indianapolis on January 22. The family thanks Hazelwood Christians for nurturing and supporting Monty since his birth, in Muncie."
The Matuka family

Congratulations To:

Jarrold & Rachel Smith upon the birth of their daughter, Allie Noël Smith, born December 17, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital. Proud Hazelwood grandparents, Ron & Julie Thomas; Aunt Hannah, and Uncle Mark.

Nick & Kazumi Ringo upon the birth of their son, William, born December 16, in Japan. William is welcomed by sisters Sakura and Luna. Proud Hazelwood great-grandmother, Pat LaRue.

Laura Bennett and Shannon Brant, on the birth of their daughter, Alexis Isabella, born Sunday, January 8. Alexis is welcomed by big sister Aurora, and grandmothers Patricia Menzie and Cathy Stucker.

Sara Heavilon and Monty Matuka, December college graduates.