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Sunday Schedule: Traditional Worship, 9 a.m.; *Celebrate!* 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
July 19
August 9 & 23

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



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

June 28, 2012

Members of the Hazelwood Congregation.....

As you are aware, the May 20 congregational meeting resulted in a vote to explore re-location, with the general church board being responsible for the process. The board normally meets every other month, but has made the decision to begin monthly meetings effective with the June board meeting. The board met on June 19 to begin the process of exploration; to explore re-location and to explore remaining in our current location with necessary changes.

Two focus groups were formed during this meeting, with Jenny Grove accepting the responsibility to lead the group which will explore re-location options. So far, eight others have volunteered to participate in this focus group. The other focus group will be lead by Steve Cartwright, who will have the charge of exploring ways to remain at our current location. To date, three others have agreed to serve with this group.

As has been stated in past articles and meetings, we need the engagement of the entire congregation in this most important process in the life of Hazelwood Christian Church. Please prayerfully consider joining one of these focus groups. We especially need others to join the group to explore remaining at our current location. Contact Jenny Grove (jlgrove@gmail.com), 759-2261, or Steve Cartwright (scartwright2@yahoo.com), 759-5911, if you are willing to be part of the solution.

Also, two other groups will work on exploring worship options, and constitution/by-law revision. If you have an interest in these areas, please contact John Starnes (jcstarnes@comcast.net), 289-0334.

Finally, the entire congregation needs to be in prayer for this process, for our minister, staff, leaders, and each other, as we continue to seek God's direction for re-making Hazelwood Christian Church into an effective witness for Christ in this community.

The next board meeting is scheduled for July 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sulanke Fellowship House. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

John Starnes, Moderator



July 1 - 7, 2012

- SUNDAY**
- Congregational Breakfast, 8:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall, hosted by the M.A.G.I.C Men's Fellowship.
 - Combined service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary.
 - Picnic lunch following worship, Cartwright Hall. (Bring your own lunch.)
- MONDAY**
- Trip to Symphony On The Green. Meet at the church at 4:30 p.m. Contact Sara for information.
- WEDNESDAY**
- Office closed in observance of Independence Day. Have a safe and happy 4th.
- THURSDAY**
- Book Club, 6 p.m., Library. Discussion on "Courageous," by Randy Alcorn.
- FRIDAY**
- Family Game night, 5:30 p.m., porch of Sulanke Fellowship House.
- SATURDAY**
- Iron Man, Hazelwood Preschool fundraiser, 8 a.m., Muncie Reservoir. Contact Rebecca Swander for information.

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

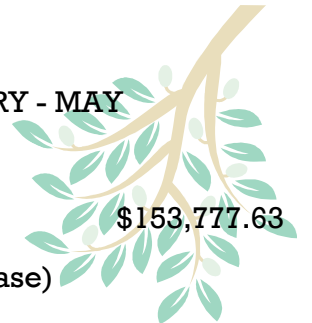


The 8th Annual Cancer Support Survivors Symposium, honoring the Spirit of Survivorship, will be held Saturday, June 30, 2012, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m., at Fairbanks Hall, in Indianapolis.

Hazelwood's Terry West will speak at one of the 1 p.m. sessions on: *Coping With The Cost of Cancer Care.*

Budget Report

May, 2012		JANUARY - MAY	
Total Income:	\$27,216.77	Total Income:	\$153,777.63
Increase or (Decrease)		Increase or (Decrease)	
Total Expense:	\$33,412.37	Total Expense:	161,604.97
Increase or (Decrease)		Increase or (Decrease)	
Other Income:	\$2,947.41	Other Income:	\$5,292.38
Increase or (Decrease)		Increase or (Decrease)	
Net Income:	(\$3,248.19)	Net Income:	(\$2,534.96)
Increase or (Decrease)		Increase or (Decrease)	



The Missions and Benevolence Committee will be collecting items for Christian Ministries Food Pantry Sunday, July 8 through Sunday, July 29. There is a constant need of replenishment, especially this time of year. The items most needed are: pasta mixes (complete dinners), Hamburger or Tuna Helper, cereal, toilet tissue, shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brushes, bath soap, razors, **and a desperate need for diapers and boys pull-ups.** Canned goods are not needed at this time but will be accepted. Please place items under the Christmas Tree in the Rotunda.

Thank you for your help and generosity. Missions and Benevolence Committee.

Help Needed....

“Our family owned a rental home on CR 1000 W, and June 20th the house caught fire, and the house and all the contents were destroyed. There was a family of four renting the home, and they have lost everything they owned. Unfortunately, they didn't have renter's insurance. No one was home at the time of the fire, and there were no injuries to the family or the firefighters.

“I'm just putting the word out asking for prayers and for donations if you feel moved to do so, and you are able. I can't begin to explain the emotion that I witnessed and the utter despair I saw. They have their vehicles but no belongings other than the clothes they were wearing.

“They are currently relying on the Red Cross for housing, and they are allowed to stay for two weeks, at which time they have to find a place to live. They are young parents in their early twenties without financial resources to recoup their loss. They are employed but barely meeting their expenses.

Mother sizes:

Shirt – medium

Pant – size 7

Shoe – size 6

Father sizes:

Shirt – large

Pant – 32 x 32

Shoe - size 10

“There are two one-year old boys, and they are wearing 18-month sizes now. 18-month size and up would be great. They will need clothes in bigger sizes in a few months. Their shoe size is 4-5.

“Toiletry items, towels, sheets, bedding, clothing, shoes, dishes, etc. Everything is needed. We've donated from our closets and cabinets and storage, but what they still need is daunting.

“My sister's church, Vermillion Christian, provided some emergency funds, and we purchased some bras, underwear, etc. that we thought probably wouldn't be donated, as well as a couple sets of clothes to get them through a couple days. We were also able to get two cribs donated. The family was so grateful and humbled when we took the donations to them. It was a very moving experience for our family to be able to express God's love to them through the donations. Hazelwood has also given a cash donation which is much appreciated.

“I will come and pick up items from you, or items could be left by the steps to the carriage house where Branson and Lacey live, and we'll get the items from there.

“If you can donate, please write a brief note and supply it with the items so the family knows the donations came through the Christian love and support of Hazelwood.

Thank you,
Arlene Shirk



July 8 - 13, 2012

SUNDAY

- Traditional service, 9 a.m., Sanctuary.
- *Celebrate!* service, 10:45 a.m., Cartwright Hall.
- Christmas in July food collection, Rotunda.

MONDAY

- Coed Softball Game, 7 p.m., field B, Muncie Sports Complex.
- Men's Softball Game, 8 p.m., field B, Muncie Sports Complex.

WEDNESDAY

- Parents' Day Out, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., P.D.O. room.

FRIDAY

- Parents' Day Out, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., P.D.O. room.
- Men's lunch, 12 noon. Host: Don Crose.

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



Muncie Civic Theatre presents
“On Golden Pond,” at their Studio
Theatre, June 22 - July 7 (weekends
only).

Our own Charles Retherford will be
playing the part of Norman Thayer,
Jr., (Henry Fonda's role in the movie).
Tickets may be purchased at the
Civic box office.



Church
Calendar

July 15 - 20, 2012

- SUNDAY**
- Traditional service, 9 a.m., Sanctuary.
 - *Celebrate!* service, 10:45 a.m., Cartwright Hall.
 - Christmas in July food collection, Rotunda.
 - Vacation Bible School set-up, 4 - 7 p.m.
- MONDAY**
- Vacation Bible School, 5 - 7:30 p.m.
- TUESDAY**
- Vacation Bible School, 5 - 7:30 p.m.
 - Board meeting, 7:30 p.m., east room.
 - Men's Softball Game, 7 p.m., field A, Muncie Sports Complex.
 - Coed Softball Game, 8 p.m., field A, Muncie Sports Complex.
- WEDNESDAY**
- Parents' Day Out, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., P.D.O. room.
 - Vacation Bible School, 5 - 7:30 p.m.
- THURSDAY**
- Vacation Bible School, 5 - 7:30 p.m.
- FRIDAY**
- Vacation Bible School, 5 - 7:30 p.m.
 - Parents' Day Out, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., P.D.O. room.

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A pig and a chicken were walking by a church where a gala charity event was taking place. Getting caught up in the spirit, the pig suggested to the chicken that they each make a contribution.

"Great idea," the chicken cried. "Let's offer them ham and eggs!"

"Not so fast," said the pig, "for you, that's a contribution, for me, it's a total commitment!"

Reminder! If you have not turned in your 2013 pledge card yet, please do so this week. Thanks!



July Birthdays 2012

- 1 Caroline Clark
- 2 Marjorie Shear
Anthony Williams
- 3 Jack Carmichael
- 6 Ruth Mangas
Arlene Shirk
Wanda Storms
- 7 Sonny McCoy
- 8 Abby Cartwright
Charles Wolfe
- 9 Rachel (Thomas) Smith
- 10 Madonna Drayer
- 11 Krisha Conley
- 12 Tori Foster
Betty Jones
- 13 Lois Rarick
- 16 Donna Lewis
Pat Patterson
Austin Sulanke
- 17 Steve Madsen, Jr.
- 18 Geneva White
- 20 Fran Kirk
- 21 Sonja Rees
- 24 Rosella Lamb
- 26 Scott Kolodchak
- 27 Mauri Mangas
- 29 John Clark
Don Lanning



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

Saying Goodbye

"It is hard to believe that it has been almost nine years since the first time I walked through the doors of Hazelwood Hall. Though raised in the Disciples Church, I came to Muncie as a college freshman with the intention of exploring various congregations before settling on one. I came to Hazelwood on my first Sunday in Muncie, however, and following that first service, left with my name written in on several lines of the Celebrate! volunteer board. I was already fully engaged in what would become my new home congregation.

"I have served alongside many of you in youth leadership, church camps, mission trips, Christmas box delivery, and much more. We have shared in fellowship together at lawn festivals, softball games, volleyball matches, euchre nights, Bible studies, retreats, and countless church meals. Hazelwood has been an ever present support to me in more ways than I can say—you have rejoiced with me in good times, comforted me through times of sorrow or confusion, championed me through the life experiences that have shaped who I am, and guided me along the path God put before me.

"Though I am starting out on a new leg of my journey, Hazelwood will always remain close to my heart. I thank you all for the loving support that has helped me reach this point in my life. I will cherish the memories I have made, and I look forward to visiting and continuing to share with you in the future."

Love,
Megan Sharp

Young Adult Ministry

You are invited to join all of the young adults, and those who are still young at heart, for some exciting evenings.



Friday, July 27 - Indianapolis Indians Ball Game. We will meet at the church at 5 p.m. for dinner, and then caravan to Indianapolis for the first pitch at 7:15 p.m. Cost for the dinner and game is \$10.00. RSVP to Sara no later than Sunday, July 15, to reserve your ticket.



August 3, 5:30 p.m. - Family Fun Game Night. We gather for volleyball, board games, and outdoor fun. Bring your own meat to grill. Drinks, sides, toppings for meat, and dessert will be provided.

Childcare can be arranged for either event. For more information, contact Sara Laroche.



Back
to School
Bash!

Hazelwood Youth, Preschool, and *Celebrate!* are joining forces. Saturday, August 25, you are invited to join us for a day of fun. *Celebrate!* will kick off our afternoon with an old fashion "Road Rally."

Our youth and preschool will meet us back at the church for a hamburger dinner, games, music and a movie on the lawn. This will be a fun event for the whole family, and we invite you to mark your calendar to join us for all, or part, of the event.

Details will be included in upcoming newsletters. Please consider joining us and supporting our youth, preschool, and *Celebrate!*



"Vacation Bible School is just around the corner..."

This year's VBS will begin in just a few short weeks. We will be hosting 'Adventures on Promise Island,' Monday, July 16 through Friday, July 20, from 5 to 7:30 p.m.. A big thank you to all those who have already signed up to help. We are still in need of a few good volunteers, some craft donations, and decorations to help make our church the island where God's promises come true. If you are willing to help, please contact Sara Laroche at 282-5969, or Mariangella Glaze at 760-8449.

"Registration forms will be available this Sunday. We will be accepting registrations through July 8. All children 2 years old (and potty trained) through 5th grade are invited to participate. Youth who have completed 6th grade, and older, are invited to help. There will be child care for those children 2 years and younger whose parents are helping with VBS.

"This year VBS includes a dinner. We will gather each evening in the Sanctuary for opening activities and then eat dinner together with our small groups. We will continue the evening with Bible stories, crafts, and games. We will end each night with a closing activity in the Sanctuary. Children will be dismissed from the Sanctuary each evening at 7:30 p.m.

"The cost to participate in VBS this year is \$10.00 for the first child in your family, and \$5.00 for each additional child, with a maximum cost of \$20.00 per family. This fee will help offset the cost of dinner, a t-shirt for each child, and a music CD of the week's songs for each family that participates in VBS. We hope you will join us." Mariangella and Sara

JOYS AND CONCERNS . . .

Mary Briggs has been released from IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.

Sympathy to:

The family of Joan Emshwiller, who died Monday, June 11. The service was held Saturday, June 16, at Hazelwood.

In Appreciation:

“Thank you to Mary Ann Matchett, and committee, for awarding me the Jones Scholarship! I'm very grateful for the church's support as I finish out my last few semesters of undergraduate study and prepare for life in grad school. Just to catch the congregation up on what I'll be doing in the fall, I'm currently an honors student double majoring in English Literature and Philosophy. I will also be a teacher's assistant with the philosophy department, as well as an editor with Stance, Ball State's international undergraduate philosophy journal. Thank you again, and best wishes!”
Esther Wolfe

“The Hazelwood volunteers have been a great blessing to the Whitely community! Thanks for giving of your time and talents to help with the Longfellow I-Read Workshop the past two weeks. Again, many thanks.”
Cornelius and Mary Dollison

Thanks to Carolyn Starnes and Sherrell Bryant, Chairs, and to all who helped with, donated to, and attended the Lawn Festival Thursday, June 21.

“Thank you for all of your prayers, flowers, and support given to Ruth Murray. She loved you all.” The family of Ruth Murray

“Thanks to all who helped with, or donated to the lawn festival. It was a great success this year!” Carolyn Starnes and Sherrell Bryant, Chairs.

Congratulations to:

Isaac and Laurel Nolan upon the birth of their son, Brek Paxtyn, June 16, 2012. Brek is welcomed by big brother, Camdyn.

Winnie Muhiga, who has been recognized with two separate honors from B.S.U. Department of Educational Psychology, *Teacher of the Year*, and Teachers College, *Outstanding Teaching Award*.

Congratulations to: (cont'd)

Megan Sharp, who has been named Executive Director of IAMH20, International Sustainable Development Water Security and Nutrition. Megan will be moving to Indianapolis the end of June.

Ann Wolfe was named president of the Board of Directors for Masterworks Chorale. Masterworks is East Central Indiana's premier auditioned community chorus. The 2012-2013 season will be its 35th year of sharing fine choral works. Ask Ann about season tickets and the upcoming cookbook!

Bill Ritchie who received the Professional Insurance Agents of Indiana Ralph Cleveland Professional Agent of the Year award. This award is presented to a member agent who is dedicated to, and demonstrates concern for, the independent insurance industry, and who upholds utmost professionalism, when working with agents and customers.

Kevin Marti, son of Ann Jones, has been promoted to President and CEO of Gleaner Life Insurance Society. Kevin, a native of Muncie, now resides in Michigan with his family.

The Reverend Genet Soule has been called to serve a 3-year term on the Indiana - Kentucky Conference United Church of Christ Board of Directors. Genet asks for the prayers and blessings of the congregation as she begins her term of service. The congregations of the IKC UCC are facing the same joys and challenges as Hazelwood Church. We are not alone, however, in discerning how God is calling our congregations to ministry and mission in the 21st century. We are bound together by a covenantal relationship called full communion.

In 1989, the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) approved a historic partnership of full communion. The two churches proclaimed mutual recognition of their sacraments and ordained ministry. Though remaining two distinct denominations, the UCC and Disciples have committed through their partnership to seek opportunities for common ministry, especially where work together will enhance the mission of the church. For example, The Common Global Ministries Board, formed by the UCC's Wider Church Ministries and the Disciples' Division of Overseas Ministries, unites the international mission work of the two churches.