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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.



Holy Humor!

Thanksgiving Prayer

"Father, bless us according to our thanklessness, lest Thou bless us according to our thankfulness, and we starve."



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

November 8, 2012

From Our Moderator....

A group including Shirley Bookout, Barb Marlow, Mary Ann Matchett, John Starnes, Bob Weller, Sara Laroche, and Rev. Colby Smith met several times to review and revise the current constitution/by-laws. The new document entitled "Governance Guidelines" has been made available for review. Copies of the document are located in the library area of the church.

This new document combines the constitution and by-laws into one document which is very similar to the current document, although some of the terminology has changed. Some of these changes are a direct result of the listening sessions held earlier in the year. The major changes are as follows:

- Changes "members" to "active participants."
- Cleans up the nomination/election process.
- Reduces the size of the church board as has been discussed for several years.
- Defines ministry teams instead of committees.
- Eliminates the Financial Secretary position since the new counting system in cooperation with the Bookkeeper and Treasurer makes this unnecessary.
- Eliminates property committee and makes that a function of the Trustees and Property Manager.
- Combines Christian education, membership, and outreach into the Christian Life ministry team.

The new Governance Document will be voted on during a special congregational meeting to be held on November 25, immediately following the 9 a.m. Sanctuary service (approximately 10:15 p.m.)

John Starnes, Moderator

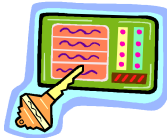




November 11 - 16, 2012

- SUNDAY**
 - Veterans' Day
 - Traditional service, 9 a.m., Sanctuary.
 - *Celebrate!* service, 10:45 a.m., Cartwright Hall.
 - Cheese ball & Christmas wreath sales, Rotunda.
 - Women's Organization Bazaar sale, Rotunda.
 - Usborne book sale, Library. Benefits Hazelwood Preschool.
- MONDAY**
 - Christian Women's Fellowship, 1 p.m., home of Jeane Garrett.
- TUESDAY**
 - Praise Band, 6:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall.
- WEDNESDAY**
 - Elders' meeting, 5 p.m.
 - Creative Arts Group, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., east porch.
 - Bell Choir, 6 p.m., choir room.
 - Choir, 7:15 p.m., choir loft.
- FRIDAY**
 - Men's lunch, 12 noon. Host: Rev. Colby Smith.

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



To address our growing security concerns, we now have an intercom system at the Fellowship House. If the building is locked, go to the south porch door, and follow the printed instructions to use the intercom.

Thank you!



CHRISTMAS IS COMING - TIME TO DECORATE!

It will soon be time to decorate our church with the lovely poinsettias and other decorations for Advent and Christmas. If you would like to help by donating a poinsettia in memory, or in honor, of someone this year, please fill out the form below, and send it to the church office with your check, or drop it in the offering plate on Sunday. We will not be able to take telephone orders. Each gift is \$15, and you will be entitled to take a poinsettia home with you after Christmas. Names will be listed in the bulletins for our Hanging of the Greens worship service.

Thank you!

Christmas Decoration Gift Order

Deadline to receive orders is November 25, 2012.

of Poinsettias ordered (@\$15 each) _____

Given by: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor : _____

*Please enclose check, payable to
Hazelwood Christian Church
in the amount of \$15
for each gift (poinsettia) ordered.*



Psalm 84:1-2

"How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord."

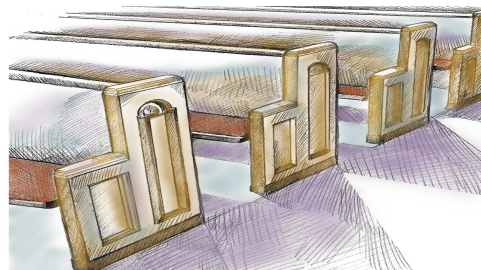
"For some reason it appears that the psalmist was unable to attend the services of God. There are saints today in the same situation -- for various reasons they are unable to be at worship gatherings as in days gone by. Their cry is, 'How amiable is God's house.' The word 'amiable' means 'loveable,' 'dear,' or, 'beloved.' Those of us who are well able to attend, do we feel this way? Often we find many reasons not to be there. May we, like David and shut-in saints, appreciate anew how dear the gathering of God's people is."

Robert Surgenor

C.A. Wellesley pinned the following: "Gathered to Thy name, Lord Jesus, losing sight of all but Thee, O what joy Thy presence gives us, calling up our hearts to Thee."

"It pains me to see so many empty pews each Sunday (a day given to us as a gift from God). May the sanctuary be alive with your presence next Sunday, and in the Sundays to come."

John Starnes, Church Board Moderator



JOYS AND CONCERNS . . .

Larry Carter has moved to Kindred Transitional Care and Rehabilitation Center, Room# 420, 429 W Lincoln Road, Kokomo, Indiana, 46902.

Dorothy Whitaker has moved to Elmcroft in Muncie.

Ed Marlow has been released from IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.



Thanks to:

"Thank you for contributing such nice new and gently used bath and bed linens during October! Family Services at the Muncie Mission certainly does appreciate those." Peggy Fast

A very special "thank you" to Kelly Heavilon, who provided and decorated the tables for our Thanksgiving Dinner last Sunday; for the volunteers who cut pies, prepared and served drinks, helped serve the dinner, cleaned up after the meeting; and those who provided the delicious pies for dessert. What a blessing you all are.

"Thank you so much to Rev. Colby Smith for his visit, for the flowers, but mostly for all of your prayers and best wishes during my recent hospital stay." Ed Marlow

Looking Ahead . . .

Sunday, November 18

Gratitude Sunday, a time to bring canned goods for the Food Pantry, and your offerings to the altar.

Sunday, December 2

First Sunday of Advent.

Hanging of the Greens Service, 9 a.m.

"The Christmas Narrative," 10:45 a.m.

Preschool News!

The preschool has had a busy and fun month in October. We celebrated with our fathers during Dad's Night. We also came together for fellowship during our two Open Houses. Another highlight of the month was the Halloween Parties. The children loved parading in their costumes! This month we are looking forward to our 4-5 Year Old Thanksgiving Feast, our Family Reading Night, and field trips to Marsh and Pizza Hut. We are learning, and thankful, for such a wonderful preschool!

The Hazelwood Christian Preschool Board will be selling their famous cheddar cheese balls and dessert cheese balls at the Family Fun Festival & Bazaar, and between services, as well as the next two Sundays. Cheese balls cost \$6.00 each. These are great for the upcoming holidays, or they make a nice Christmas gift. The preschool is also selling their Christmas Wreaths this year. We will have those available for purchase at the Family Fun Festival & Bazaar, as well as the next two Sundays. The order forms will also be available in the Sulanke Fellowship House. The Christmas Wreaths are great gifts, as they can include a message and be shipped directly to the person to which you are giving it. All proceeds from these fundraisers will support Hazelwood Christian Preschool.

The Usborne Book Fair will be available at the Family Fun Festival & Bazaar and between services on Sunday. These books are educational and can be great gifts for children. All proceeds from this book fair will be used to purchase books for our classrooms.

During the months of December and January, we are without our Ball State volunteers. Therefore, we are asking for some help with volunteers. We would love to have you volunteer with us! We will need volunteers from 9 - 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 - 3:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. If you are interested, please contact Rebecca.

The preschool is running short on a few items: disinfecting wipes, paper towels, toilet paper, packaged snacks, napkins, crayons, markers, and copy paper. If you are able to provide any of these items, we would greatly appreciate it. There is a donation box available in the rotunda.

As always, please know that the preschool is appreciative of the congregation's continual support and prayers!

Rebecca Swander,
Preschool Director



November 18 - 23, 2012

- SUNDAY**
- Gratitude Sunday. Bring non-perishable items along with your tithes and offerings.
 - Traditional service, 9 a.m., Sanctuary.
 - *Celebrate!* service, 10:45 a.m., Cartwright Hall.
 - Cheese ball and Christmas wreath sales, Rotunda.
- MONDAY**
- Family Fun Game Night, 7 p.m., Cartwright Hall & Library.
- WEDNESDAY**
- Bell Choir, 6 p.m., choir room.
 - Choir, 7:15 p.m., choir loft.
- THURSDAY**
- Church office closed. Happy Thanksgiving!
- FRIDAY**
- Church office closed.



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Congregation invited.....

Jane Jack's 95th birthday celebration,
December 2, 2 - 4 p.m.,
Sulanke Fellowship House.

Hosted by Alyson Madsen & family

~ please omit gifts ~