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HAZELWOOD LEAVES

November 29, 2012



ADVENT AT HAZELWOOD

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

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.

Newsletter Schedule

2012
December 13
2013
January 10 & 24

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



December 2: First Sunday of Advent; M.A.G.I.C. Men's Breakfast, 7:45 a.m.; Hanging of the Greens, 9 a.m.; "The Christmas Narrative," 10:45 a.m.; sign up for Christmas Projects.

December 5: Women's Organization, *Mary's Baby Shower*, 1 p.m.

December 9: Worship at 9 & 10:45 a.m.; Youth Secret Santa Shopping, 12:30 - 3 p.m.

December 12: Receptionists' Christmas party, noon.

December 13: Pack Christmas Boxes, 7 p.m., Rotunda.

December 15: Deliver Christmas Boxes, 8 a.m.

December 16: Worship at 9 & 10:45 a.m.

December 17: Family Game Night, 7 p.m.

December 18: Trustees meet; No Board meeting.

December 23: Worship at 9 & 10:45 a.m.

December 24: Church office closes at noon; Worship at 7 p.m. "Tell Me The Story;" coffee fellowship reception, 8:30 p.m., Rotunda; Worship at 9 p.m. *Traditional Lessons and Carols.*

December 25: Christmas Day, Have a Blessed Christmas; Church office closed.

December 30: One family worship service, 10 a.m., Cartwright Hall.

December 31: Church office closes at noon.

January 1: Church office closed. Welcome to 2013!



December 2 - 7, 2012

- SUNDAY**
- M.A.G.I.C. Men's breakfast, 7:45 a.m.
 - Hanging of the Greens service, 9 a.m., Sanctuary.
 - "The Christmas Narrative," 10:45 a.m., Cartwright Hall.
 - Sign up for Christmas Projects.
 - Open House for Jane Jack, to celebrate her 95th birthday, 2 - 4 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend.
- WEDNESDAY**
- Women's Organization Mary's Baby Shower, 1 p.m.
 - Bell Choir, 6 p.m., choir room.
 - Choir, 7:15 p.m., choir loft.
- THURSDAY**
- Book Club, 6 p.m., Library. Discussion on books by Kristin Hannah. Bring goodies to share with the group.
- FRIDAY**
- Men's lunch, 12 noon. Host: Dr. Cartwright.

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 north porch door, and follow the printed instructions to use the intercom. Thank you!



Did you go home with the wrong raincoat? John Starnes is missing a black raincoat. If you got the wrong one by mistake, please return it to him. Yours, that John took in error, is hanging in the Rotunda. Thank you!



Masterworks Chorale's holiday concert is 7 p.m., December 8, at First Presbyterian Church. Our own Ann Wolfe performs in this choir and would like to see your friendly faces in the audience!

She also has the new Masterworks cookbook available for your holiday shopping (\$15). If interested, please e-mail Ann, acwolfe@bsu.edu or call, 212-2394.



Christmas Cards

If you would like to distribute Christmas Cards to your Hazelwood Church family without postage, two wooden boxes have been given to us for that purpose. You may drop your greeting cards in the box, under the alphabet tabs. The boxes will be set up in the Rotunda, during Advent. This is an easy and economical way to share greetings during the Christmas Season.

Looking Ahead . . .

This Sunday, December 2

First Sunday of Advent.
Hanging of the Greens Service, 9 a.m.
"The Christmas Narrative," 10:45 a.m.

Sign up to for Christmas Projects.

Thursday, December 13

Pack boxes for Christmas Box project,
7 p.m., Rotunda & Library.

Saturday, December 15

Deliver boxes to needy families,
meet at 8 a.m., Rotunda.

JOYS AND CONCERNS . . .

Thanks to:

“Thank you to everyone for all their support of the Hazelwood Fall Festival and Bazaar. This year was a great success with the Preschool and Youth raising over \$2,000 to help support classroom needs in the Preschool, and mission trip activities for our youth. We would like to especially thank each person who volunteered their time to the bazaar. Without each of you, it would not be possible to hold this event. Thank you for your patience, support and encouragement of our Preschool and Youth at Hazelwood.”

Rev. Sara Laroche and Rebecca Swander

In appreciation:

“Rebecca Swander, Rev. Sara Laroche, and the youth groups are to be commended for the hard work and great results from the Family Fun Festival & Bazaar. It takes everyone working together. Congratulations for the successful effort on their part. The Women’s Organization wish to extend our appreciation for the financial support and many donations of goodies, as well as the time and effort in helping prepare items sold at our booth. Also, what a joy and good time was had during the hours of interaction with visitors at our booth. Thanks again!”

Judy Thomas

“Thank you for the balloons. I enjoyed them and didn’t have to worry about any fragrance bothering me.”

Leah Ritchie

“The response to our request for cookies to sell at the Bazaar was tremendous! A big thank you to all who contributed, and for the good help we had selling at the cookie counter. The Women’s Organization earned \$251.75 for our church from cookie sales. Thanks again to all who helped make it so successful. Blessings to you all.”

Pat Patterson

“Thanks to the Hazelwood Congregation for all of your prayers and support while I was hospitalized. Rev. Colby’s visits were greatly appreciated, as were the beautiful flowers sent by the Women’s Organization. I look forward to seeing you again soon.”

Dorothy Whitaker

“Thanks for the very kind thoughtfulness, the flowers (mom’s favorite color), and for all your prayers. Mom is doing better and asked that we send this message to her church family.”

Linda McKean, Dennis Whitaker, (and Dorothy Whitaker)

“A hearty ‘thank you’ to all of you that came out last Saturday, November 17, to help spruce up the Hazelwood lawn and polish the hand bells. LOTS of sticks, leaves, and debris were cleaned up. The hand bells are so shiny you’ll need to put on sunglasses while they ring! Keep on the lookout for our next group project, and come join in on the camaraderie.”

Ann Wolfe,

Hazelwood Heritage Hundred representative

Remember those
who are less
fortunate



We will have individuals up for “adoption” again this year, through the Mental Health Association.

Stop by the display in the Rotunda. Help someone feel remembered this Christmas Season. Thanks!



December 9 - 15, 2012

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- 3 Gene Dobson
- 4 Jane Jack
- 5 Michael Grove
- 6 Wanda Strauch
- 9 Mary France
Mariangella Glaze
- 11 Ruth Griffey
Chelsee Journay
- 12 Susan Cartwright
- 13 Ann Yingst
- 14 Patricia Menzie
- 17 Esther Wolfe
Allie Smith
- 19 Judy Thomas
Mary Anne Warfel
- 20 Leah Ritchie
- 21 Marianna Gill
- 22 Kendra Masiongale
- 26 Lou Wilson
- 27 Kelly Heavilon
- 28 Mary Alice Lanning
Cathy Stucker
Esther Towns
- 29 Carolyn Starnes
Taylor Estep
- 31 Martha Davis



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

SUNDAY

- Traditional service, 9 a.m., Sanctuary.
- *Celebrate!* service, 10:45 a.m., Cartwright Hall.
- Rainbow, Chi Rho, & CYF, 12:30 - 3 p.m. Secret Santa Shopping.

MONDAY

- Christian Women's Fellowship, 1 p.m., home of Jeane Garrett.

WEDNESDAY

- Receptionists' Christmas party, noon.
- 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.

THURSDAY

- Packing boxes for Christmas Box Project, 7 p.m., Rotunda and Library.

FRIDAY

- Preschool board, 9:15 a.m., Preschool room.
- Men's lunch, 12 noon. Host: Oskar Wagner.
- Parents' Night Out, 5:30 - 9 p.m., P.D.O. room.

SATURDAY

- Deliver boxes for Christmas Box Project, 8 a.m.

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



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 ~

From Our Preschool



“We are having so much fun this semester! The preschool classes are looking forward to our special Christmas programs and parties in December.

“During the months of December and January, our Ball State University volunteers are not available to help us in our classrooms. We could use a lot of help, as our classrooms depend on the help of our volunteers. We could use volunteers Monday-Friday from 9 -11:30 (the AM Class) and 12:30-3 (the PM Class). If you are interested in helping in the classroom, please contact Rebecca Swander. We appreciate any help you can give us!

“We still have some cheddar and dessert cheese balls left for sale. These are great for holiday gatherings and gifts. If you are interested in purchasing a cheese ball, you can contact Rebecca. They will also be available during Coffee Fellowship.

“During the month of December, we will be collecting items for ‘A Better Way.’ We will have a donation box in the Rotunda. Please feel free to donate any books, toys for children, toiletries, and gifts for the women. Thanks!

“We would like to extend a special thank you to the congregation of Hazelwood Christian Church for supporting the preschool in so many ways. Through your support of our fundraisers, donations, time, and prayers, we are able to provide the best preschool for our children. It is truly a ministry of Hazelwood Christian Church.”

Rebecca Swander, Preschool Director

Christmas Box Project



Volunteers are needed to help with our Christmas Box Project this year. We will be packing the boxes on Thursday, December 13, at 7 p.m., in the Rotunda and Library. Delivery will be Saturday, December 15, at 8 a.m.

If you can help pack or deliver, please contact Heather Hernly, 748-0686. There will be a sign-up sheet starting this Sunday.

We need to raise \$3,000 this year. If you wish to contribute to this project, make your check payable to Hazelwood Christian Church, and mark your check “Christmas Box Project, 2012.”

Most importantly, please pray for each family receiving these gifts of food and toys.

secret santa shopping



Sunday, December 9, our youth will meet from 12:30 - 3 p.m., to shop for, and wrap, the gifts that will be included in the Christmas Box Project. Each year our youth pick out the gifts for the children included in this outreach program.



Beginning January 6

DID YOU KNOW . . .IT'S COMING . . .?

Sunday, January 6 is the kick-off!! Of what, you ask?? Sunday, January 6, 2013, is the first Sunday of our simultaneous worship services! Both services (Traditional and Celebrate) will begin at 10 a.m. Why, you ask? Much study and conversation has gone into this decision. The major reason is so that all of our church family can be at church at the same time on Sunday mornings. This will align us with growing congregations that share the same Sunday morning platform. If we are to grow, we need to do some things differently. This will allow for greater unity within Hazelwood by sharing common worship times. Other benefits are: a combined coffee fellowship time; adult, youth, and children shared Sunday morning Bible time; unified children's choir; and greater possibility for whole-church activities.

Please mark your calendar now for Sunday, January 6, and plan to be at church at 10 a.m.



Please note....

Because of budget cuts for 2013, we will no longer be able to mail newsletters through the mail, unless you help us. If you need to have newsletters mailed, please send a check for \$15.00, made out to Hazelwood, and mark it "newsletters," and we'll be sure to get you on the list for mailing.

If you have an e-mail address, please provide it to us, so that we can send it to you that way, or you can see the newsletter on our website (hazelwoodchurch.org), or pick one up in the church or Fellowship House. Thank you!

CHECK IT OUT



Recently, a lot of work has gone into our web site calendar. We have an up-to-date, user friendly, month-at-a-glance calendar for your use. When you see the calendar item, you can "hover" over it, with the cursor, to get more information about the event. Please make use of this. You can always know what's going on at Hazelwood. Just go to our web site, hazelwoodchurch.org, and click on calendar. You can go from there. More than one month at a time is posted. Let us know what you think. We're always trying to improve and update our web site. We hope it gets some good use!



"Ring Bells"

Hazelwood is ringing bells for the Salvation Army, and we need your help.

When: Saturday, December 22, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Monday, December 24, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Where: Marsh on Wheeling, at the West Door.

Sign up will begin Sunday, December 2, in the Rotunda.



Meals for the
homeless

Coming in January....

January 13 - 19, Hazelwood is signed up to provide meals for the Christian Ministries Sleeping Room. This will include breakfast and dinner, each day. More information will be in the December newsletter.