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# HAZELWOOD LEAVES

January 10, 2013



Dear Hazelwood Family:

As we begin a new calendar year and new church year, I want to take a minute to thank all of you who supported me during my tenure as Board Moderator in 2012. Your willingness to serve, pray, and support the ministry of Hazelwood helped make the year go more smoothly. We faced many issues and challenges together, were successful in some, and still have others to work through, but in the end, God has blessed us greatly.

As we begin 2013, I would ask all of you to prayerfully support our ministers, Colby and Sara, our church staff, our Moderator, Dennis Holmes, and our Vice Moderator, Amy Stucky, as they lead the congregation through the opportunities and challenges of this year. Please seek ways to assist the ministry by asking what you can do before someone else has to ask you. Let us serve together through unity, prayer, and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

I recently read a devotional by W. H. Burnett based on Psalm 133:1 – “Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brothers and sisters to dwell together in unity,” and I would like to share it with you. King David likens the unity of all to the holy anointing oil that ran down from Aaron’s beard to the skirt of his garment. This anointing oil was made from various components which could never be cohesive until they were blended together with the olive oil (Ex.30). So it is in our day. Each one of us has a distinctive character and temperament which makes unity almost impossible, but when the Holy Spirit – represented by the olive oil – is introduced, our differences are merged into a cohesive unity pleasing to God. May we each give the Holy Spirit His way so that unity will be maintained and God glorified (at Hazelwood). May God Bless us all.

John Starnes  
Past Moderator

Rev. Colby Smith, Senior Minister  
Linette Cook, Administrative Assistant, Newsletter Editor  
Dennis Holmes, Moderator

Sunday Schedule: Traditional Worship, 10 a.m.; *Celebrate!* Worship, 10 a.m.  
Coffee Fellowship, 11:15 a.m. Children Church School, 10:10 a.m.;  
Adult Church School, 11:30 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.



Look for us at:  
**[www.hazelwoodchurch.org](http://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.

Hazelwood Leaves Schedule

2013

January 24  
February 7 & 21  
March 7 & 21

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



## January 13 - 18, 2013

- SUNDAY**
- Traditional service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary.
  - *Celebrate!* service, 10 a.m., Cartwright Hall.
  - Rainbow, Chi Rho, CYF, 11:30 - 1 p.m.
  - *Celebrate!* Team meeting, noon, Cartwright Hall.
- MONDAY**
- Christian Women's Fellowship, 1 p.m., home of Jeane Garrett.
  - Worship Team meeting, 6 p.m.
- TUESDAY**
- Trustees' meeting, 5:30 p.m.
  - Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY**
- Bell Choir, 6 p.m., choir room.
  - Praise Band rehearsal, 7 p.m., Cartwright Hall.
  - Choir, 7:15 p.m., choir loft.
- FRIDAY**
- Men's lunch, 12 noon. Host: Gene Dobson.

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

### Parking Courtesy



Be Kind to Your Fellow Worshipers:

Now that we have both of our Sunday morning services beginning at 10 a.m., please remember that if you are able to walk a little further, please leave the closer spaces, and the handicap spaces, for those who really need them. There have been times when people have shown up for worship, and turned around and went home because there were no close spaces for them to use. If you have no trouble walking, take one of the spaces on the far north Fellowship House lot. Visitors, and those who have trouble walking, will really appreciate your kindness.

### Looking Ahead . . .

**Saturday, February 9**  
Walk A Mile Fundraiser

**Wednesday, February 13**  
Ash Wednesday



Prepare for Baptism

Easter Preparation Pastor's Classes....

Rev. Colby and Rev. Sara will lead a series of Pastor's Classes, during Lent, for our youth who are in 4th and 5th grade (ages 10 & 11). This will be in preparation for baptism on Easter Sunday. The classes will be on Wednesday evenings, February 20 & 27, and March 6, 13, and 20, from 5-6 p.m., and will include supper. Students are asked to commit to all five sessions. Contact Rev. Colby or Rev. Sara to sign your child up for the classes, or if you have any questions.

### Hazelwood Book Club



ATTENTION READERS:

Book Club Selections -  
February 7: The Dovekeepers by Alice Hoffman  
March 7: Wild by Cheryl Strayed  
Everyone welcome! Hazelwood Library, 6 p.m.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS . . .

### Sympathy to:

Linda Crall, upon the death of her sister, on December 27, in North Carolina.

### In Appreciation:

Thank you to Don & Fran Kirk and Don Crose who delivered 25 poinsettias from Hazelwood to our homebound members.

Thank you to everyone who “adopted” an individual from the Mental Health Association. We were able to make Christmas brighter for 42 people. Thanks for your generosity!

“Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia. It certainly added color and helped to brighten up my apartment.” Mary Jo Anacker

### Congratulations to:

Curtis Bobbitt, PHD89, Great Falls, Montana, who received the Marich Outstanding Faculty Member Award at the University of Great Falls, where he is a professor of English. Curtis, the oldest son of Stan and Joan Bobbitt, grew up at Hazelwood and was an active member and youth group leader.

Michelle Carter upon the birth of her twins, Garrett Alexander Carter, (9:31 a.m.) and Gabriella Addison Carter, (9:32 a.m.), December 28, 2012, in Kokomo, Indiana. Mother and babies are doing well. Garrett and Gabriella are also welcomed by proud family members: Dr. Larry & Toni Carter, grandparents; and Erin Ciscell and Natalie Castillo, aunts.

### Thanks to:

“I would like to thank everyone who assisted with the Celebrate! worship services on December 23 and Christmas Eve. It is rare when Tony and I leave for vacation over the holidays, but it was nice to spend Christmas with Tony's brother, Andrew, in Florida this year. It's the good people of Hazelwood that helped make that possible. I especially want to thank Shannon Shirk, Wendy & Andy Rees, Michael Grove, Amy Stucky, James Petty, Ann Wolfe, Amy Moudy, Rev. Sara Laroche, Rev. Colby, Jason Scott, Alexis Schussler-Weisheit, and Jonathan Rowe, as well as all the ‘unpaid servants’ who filled in our volunteer slots for each service. You all hold a dear place in my heart.”

Marianna Gill, Celebrate! Coordinator

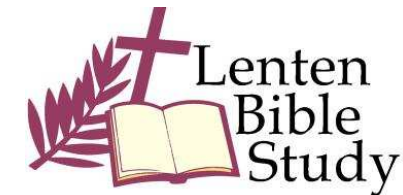


## January 20 - 25, 2013



- SUNDAY
- Traditional service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary.
  - *Celebrate!* service, 10 a.m., Cartwright Hall.
- MONDAY
- Office Closed in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday.
- WEDNESDAY
- Creative Arts Group, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., east porch.
  - Bell Choir, 6 p.m., choir room.
  - Praise Band rehearsal, 7 p.m., Cartwright Hall.
  - Choir, 7:15 p.m., choir loft.
- THURSDAY
- Kindergarten Readiness meeting, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary.
- FRIDAY
- Men's lunch, 12 noon. Host: Ed Wagner

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Lent Study Coming in February

Lenten lunch study, Wednesdays, February 20 and 27, and March 6, 13, and 20. The sessions will begin at noon with a light lunch, in the Sulanke Fellowship House. We will conclude by 1 p.m. Come, and join Rev. Colby and Rev. Sara on this Lenten journey. More information will be coming soon.





**"The Evolution of Faith"**  
***How God Is Creating a Better Christianity***

Quaker preacher and author Philip Gulley has a new book out in which he claims to tell "How God is creating a better Christianity!" The book is called *The Evolution of Faith*, a title that is challenging enough, without the mention of evolution.

Gulley will be speaking about the 2011 book and answering questions Jan. 13 at 2 p.m. at Eastgate Christian Church, 8100 East 16<sup>th</sup> Street, in Indianapolis. Co-sponsors of the event are St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Downey Avenue Christian Church, Central Christian Church, Allisonville Christian Church, and First Baptist Church of Cumberland.

Gulley has written, or co-written, 21 books, among them the *Front Porch Tales*, humorous accounts of a fictitious Indiana community called "Harmony," in which there is very little. He also has written a hilarious book called *I Love You Miss Huddleston and Other Inappropriate Longings of My Indiana Youth*. Copies of that book will be available as well for signing.

Nobel Peace Prize Winner Archbishop Desmond Tutu says about Gulley's book that it is very much needed, calling it "An important book for any person of faith."

Oklahoma minister Robin Meyers, author of *The Underground Church*, and a peace activist, rolls all of Gulley's chapter titles from *The Evolution of Faith* into one paragraph in his own book, including "Meeting needs would be more important than maintaining institutions, gracious behavior would be more important than right belief, peace would be more important than power," and "this life would be more important than the afterlife."

Gulley lives in Danville, Indiana, and serves the Fairfield Friends meeting house on Camby Road, off Indiana 67.

**From The Mission Field....**

Dear friends,

"Merry Christmas from the Branams in China! We eagerly anticipate celebrating the birth of our savior here and sharing this joy with those around us. We arrived in China on July 25th, so we will also celebrate our 5-month anniversary on Christmas day. So far we have established our community and worked hard at language learning. We are grateful for your prayers and support. We pray that this letter finds you well. If you have pledged to give annually, but haven't honored that pledge yet in 2012, please take this opportunity to do that.

"Lastly, we want to be sure to keep in touch with you in the coming year. If you are not currently receiving our newsletters by email but would like to, please get in touch with us. Sometimes our emails can end up in your spam or bulk mail folders. One way to avoid that is by adding [jpb040@gmail.com](mailto:jpb040@gmail.com) as a contact in the address book of your email application."

In Christ, Jonathan & Tiffany  
Josiah, Judah, Samuel, & Ezekiel



Walk a Mile in My Shoes ~ *Building Hope with Each Step*

Saturday, February 9 (inclement weather date, February 16), starting point Muncie Field House, 9 a.m. This is a fundraising effort to benefit the Muncie Mission. The walk is from the Muncie Field House to the Muncie Mission. The MITS Bus will provide transportation back to the Field House after the walk. Sign-up to walk begins Sunday, January 13, during coffee fellowship, and continues through Sunday, February 3. Prayerfully consider taking a step into the struggles facing the homeless by walking. Walkers are asked to get "sponsors," to donate on behalf of your walking efforts. If you are unable to walk, please consider helping by making a donation to the Mission by supporting one of our walkers. Make your check payable to Hazelwood, and mark it "Walk a Mile." Thank you, Missions and Benevolence Committee