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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
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

February 7 & 21
March 7 & 21
April 18
May 9 & 23

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



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

January 24, 2013

TEN THINGS YOU CAN DO TO INCREASE WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

1. Commit to faithful worship attendance yourself.

Your presence is important to your spiritual growth and the vitality of your church.

2. Follow up with people who are absent.

People like to know they are missed. Check in on friends, choir mates, or others who miss worship to make sure all is well.

3. Never judge people who drift away from the church.

They may be attending elsewhere, they may find it difficult to return after the death of a loved one, or they may have to work on Sundays. Whatever the reason, guilt trips are not helpful.

4. Personally invite others.

There's still nothing like a personal invitation to convince a friend, neighbor, or coworker to give your church a try. Special events like choir concerts, kids' events, or service projects may be easier entryways to church than Sunday worship.

5. Keep your worship bulletin on hand.

Circle worship times or a specific calendar event, and pass it along to someone with a personal invitation to come.

6. Keep your eyes peeled.

Watch for people in the parking lot who could use a hand; a parent wrangling three kids and a diaper bag, or someone without an umbrella on a rainy day.

7. Put others before yourself.

Welcoming new people into the church can often mean getting outside our comfort zones. Be open to new people and new ways of doing things.

8. Adopt a newcomer.

Beyond just greeting new people, invite them to sit with you. Invite them to lunch after church and introduce them to others as you would a friend.

9. Catch visitors before they leave.

Greet visitors after worship, before talking with family and friends.

10. Pray for people without a church home.

Ask God to open your eyes to people in need of a loving Christian Community, and to open doors for you to invite them.

From *Ministry Matters*



January 27 - February 1, 2013

- SUNDAY
- Traditional service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary.
 - *Celebrate!* service, 10 a.m., Cartwright Hall.
 - Rainbow, Chi Rho, CYF, 11:30 - 1 p.m.
 - Sign-up for Walk A Mile event, Rotunda.
- MONDAY
- Preschool Chapel, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m., Sanctuary.
 - Ministerial Relations committee, 5:30 p.m.
- TUESDAY
- Preschool Chapel, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m., Sanctuary.
- 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: Rev. Colby.

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,
9 a.m., Muncie Fieldhouse

Wednesday, February 13

Ash Wednesday Worship Service,
7 p.m., Sanctuary

Hazelwood Book Club



Book Club, Hazelwood Library, 1st Thursday, 6 p.m.
February 7: The Dovekeepers by Alice Hoffman
March 7: Wild by Cheryl Strayed
Everyone welcome!

Easter Preparation Pastor's Classes....



Prepare for Baptism

Rev. Colby and Rev. Sara will lead a series of Pastors' 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 (or another agreed upon time). 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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS . . .

Dorles Jennings is a patient at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.

Sympathy to:

Monica Pavel-Kissinger upon the death of her grandmother in Romania.

Wanda Storms upon the death of her brother, Bobby Graves, January 15, in Muncie.

The family of Madonna Drayer upon her death January 21. She was living at Morrison Woods.

Congratulations to:

Michael & Cynthia Lund, Miamisburg, Ohio, upon the birth of their son, Henry Ryan Lund, January 13, 2013. Henry Ryan is welcomed by siblings Parker, Kara, and Emmett. Michael & Cynthia are former Hazelwood members.

In Appreciation:

“Thank you for your financial contribution to the food pantry in December. Your care and concern for others in our community is outstanding. You truly exhibit a Christian approach to your neighbors.

“Our needs are ongoing, but we are so blessed to have people and congregations like you. You do not forget those in need.

“May God continue to bless each of you so you have enough with extra to share.”

Becki Clock, Christian Ministries Executive Director

“Thank you so much for participating in the Mental Health of America Program, adopting a nursing home resident for Christmas. Everyone was adopted again this year.

“I also want to especially thank Rev. Sara Laroche for taking the lead and ensuring this important ministry happened this year. Thank you Sara and thank you Hazelwood. You were an answer to prayer.”

Sincerely, Nikki Haars



February 3 - 9, 2013

SUNDAY

- All-Church Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
- Traditional service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary.
- *Celebrate!* service, 10 a.m., Cartwright Hall.
- Sign-up for Walk A Mile event, Rotunda.
- Sign-up for Tacos N Talento, Rotunda.

MONDAY

- Personnel committee, 6 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.

THURSDAY

- Book Club, 6 p.m., Library. Discussion on: “The Dovekeepers,” by Alice Hoffman.

FRIDAY

- Preschool Board, 9:15 a.m., preschool area.
- Men’s lunch, 12 noon. Host: Dr. Cartwright.
- Parents’ Night Out, 5:30 - 9 p.m., P.D.O. area.

SATURDAY

- Walk A Mile Fundraiser, 9 a.m., Muncie Fieldhouse.

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This year’s Lenten Bible Study will be Wednesdays, February 20 & 27 and March 6, 13, 20, from 12-1 p.m. Our study will be based on the book, “Thank God It’s Thursday.” We will have copies for the congregation to purchase at \$10.00 each, or you may purchase a digital copy to read on your e-reader. We will also be utilizing our technology during the study by blogging the discussion. So whether you can join us in person, or via the net we, hope to hear your discussion during this season of preparation and reflection. Keep checking for more information regarding how you can connect with us via the Internet for this study.

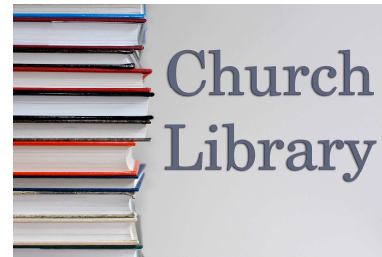




February 2013

- 1 Michael McKean
- 2 Lois Parker
- 4 Mike Haars
- 7 Nancy Shaffer
- 13 Wendy Rees
- 14 Sherrell Bryant
- 17 Jill Clark
- 18 Melissa (Starnes) Ritchie
- 20 Jonathan Rowe
Cassie Swander
- 21 Wilma Purtlebaugh
- 22 Alyson Madsen
- 23 Scott Heavilon
- 24 Gwendolyn Clark
Sara Laroche
- 25 Lucy Dickson
- 26 Charles Towns

If your name has been inadvertently left



Library Update

The library is entering the 21st century. We have begun the process of scanning our library books into Goodreads. This is an online database that everyone can access to see what books they might wish to borrow from the church. You can view Goodreads in a variety of ways. If you already have an account, you may friend Hazelwood Church on Goodreads. You may also create an account to view Hazelwood's library, check out the link via facebook, or you may wish to wait until we have everything set up in the library and view the Hazelwood account after services on Sundays. Please know that if you create an account, Goodreads is a public service. We are responsible for what is posted on our login, but not on the whole website. We hope you will enjoy being able to see what books our library has to offer, and take advantage of borrowing from our library. Remember, if you borrow a book, there is no check out process, just return the book to the cart when you are done.

Offering Envelopes



We have a new system in place, and it would be very beneficial if everyone would please use the giving envelopes provided you, whenever possible. If you would like envelopes and you don't have them, please call the church office. Thank you!



Taters 'N Talent is heading south for the winter....

This year Taters 'N Talent is going south of the border. Join us for "Tacos 'N Talento" on Sunday, March 10, beginning at 5:30 p.m. That's right, we will be eating tacos: spicy tacos, mild tacos, soft tacos, hard tacos, and dessert, while we enjoy the talents of our Hazelwood congregation. Cost of the meal is \$7.00 per person, with a max of \$25.00 per family. All proceeds will benefit the youth activities. Sign-up for talent acts and food donations will begin on Sunday, February 3, in the Rotunda.

Walk a mile in my shoes



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

Saturday, February 9 (inclement weather date, February 16), starting point Muncie Fieldhouse, 9 a.m. This is a fundraising effort to benefit the Muncie Mission. The walk is from the Muncie Fieldhouse to the Muncie Mission. The MITS Bus will provide transportation back to the Fieldhouse after the walk. Sign-up to walk continues through Sunday, February 3, in the Rotunda. 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