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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 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

February 7, 2013



I believe that diversity is a part of the natural order of things--as natural as the trillion shapes and shades of the flowers of Spring or the leaves of Autumn.

I believe that diversity brings new solutions to an ever-changing environment, and that sameness is not only uninteresting but limiting.

To deny diversity is to deny life--with all its richness and manifold opportunities. Thus I affirm my citizenship in a world of diversity, and with it the responsibility to--

Be tolerant. Live and let live. Understand that those who cause no harm should not be feared, ridiculed, or harmed, even if they are different.

Look for the best in others.

Be just in my dealings with poor and rich, weak and strong, and whenever possible to defend the young, the old, the frail, the defenseless.

Be kind, remembering how fragile the human spirit is.

Live the examined life, subjecting my motives and actions to the scrutiny of mind and heart, so to rise above prejudice and hatred. *Care.*

Gene Griessan



February 10 - 15, 2013

- SUNDAY**
- Traditional service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary.
 - *Celebrate!* service, 10 a.m., Cartwright Hall.
 - Rainbow, Chi Rho, CYF, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 - Sign-up for Tacos `N Talento, Rotunda.
 - Sign-up for Lenten Study, Rotunda.
- WEDNESDAY**
- Elders, 5:30 p.m.
 - Ash Wednesday service, 7 p.m., Sanctuary.
 - Choir, 7:30 p.m., choir loft.
 - Praise Band rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall.
- FRIDAY**
- Men's lunch, 12 noon. Host: Bill Patterson.

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



Our General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be held July 13 - 17, in Orlando, Florida. If you are interested in representing Hazelwood as a voting delegate, please contact our Moderator, Dennis Holmes, or Rev. Colby Smith. In conjunction with the assembly, Rev. Sara is planning a mission project, for the youth, in Orlando. Contact Rev. Sara for more information.

Holy Humor!

The Rev. Billy Graham tells of a time early in his career when he arrived in a small town to preach a sermon. Wanting to mail a letter, he asked a young boy where the post office was. When the boy had told him, Dr. Graham thanked him and said, "If you'll come to the Baptist church this evening, you can hear me telling everyone how to get to heaven."

"I don't think I'll be there," the boy said, "You don't even know your way to the post office."

Looking Ahead . . .

Wednesday, February 13
Ash Wednesday Worship Service,
7 p.m., Sanctuary

Monday, February 18
Church Office closed in observance
of Presidents' Day

Wednesday, February 20
Lenten Study, 12 - 1 p.m.
Bring your lunch

Pastors' class, 5 - 6 p.m.
Dinner is provided,
call Rev. Colby to participate

JOYS AND CONCERNS . . .

Dorles Jennings, Laura Rowe, and Bill Patterson are patients at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.

John Parker has been released from IU Health Blackford County Hospital.

Larry Carter is now home from Kokomo.

Sympathy to:

Ron Thomas and family upon the death of Ron's uncle, Donald H. Thomas, February 1. Rev. Colby conducted the service at Meeks on Tuesday, February 5.

In Appreciation:

"The flowers are beautiful, and they sure made my day! Thank you all."
Sonja Rees

Congratulations to:

Dr. Winnie Muhiga, winner of an Immersive Learning Award at Ball State University, for excellence in student development, for "Schools within Context of Community" Project.

Dr. George Wolfe, whose article, "The Courage to Reject Our Culture of Violence," was picked up by the Sojourners website last month.



February 17 - 22, 2013



SUNDAY

- Traditional service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary.
- *Celebrate!* service, 10 a.m., Cartwright Hall.
- Sign-up for Tacos `N Talento, Rotunda.
- Sign-up for Lenten Study, Rotunda.
- Week of Compassion emphasis begins.

MONDAY

- Church office closed in observance of Presidents' Day.
- Youth outing, 11:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Christian Women's Fellowship, 2 p.m., home of Jeane Garrett.

TUESDAY

- Trustees' meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- Cabinet meeting, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- Lenten Study, 12 - 1 p.m.
- Pastors' class, 5 - 6 p.m.
- 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: Don Crose.

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Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars for the week of June 10 - 14 for Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is "Everywhere Fun Fair," where our children will be learning about Sarah and Abraham; a cheerful widow; a Good Samaritan; Zacchaeus; and of course, Jesus.

At this time, we are seeking volunteers to direct or co-direct, lead Bible story time, crafts, music, food time, and games. We also need leaders for the preschool crafts, Bible story time, and team leaders for the small groups.

If you are interested in leading, or partnering with someone to work in these areas, please mark your calendar for a VBS meeting, Monday, February 25, at 6 p.m., in the Sulanke Fellowship House. We will have the curriculum that evening so leaders can begin planning for VBS.

We look forward to this being a fantastic VBS again this year.

It Pays to Shop at Rural King!

During the week of **February 10 - 16**, any member of a congregation who makes a purchase at Rural King can turn in their sales receipt to the church.

After February 16, the church will take the sales receipts to their local Rural King store, where receipts will be totaled, the sales tax deducted, and a check issued to Hazelwood for 5% of the net total.

Get your receipts to Linette!



To our congregation— Camp isn't just about our youth. At infant dedications we, as a congregation, offer our support and encouragement to the infant and their parents to help raise the child in a Christian manner. Each summer we have approximately 15 youth attend summer camps, and this year, you can be a part of this opportunity as well. Please consider supporting our youth in one of the following ways...

- *Pray for our youth* as they prepare for summer camp, for travel mercies, and that they may draw closer to God and grow as Christians through their camp experiences this summer.

- *Scholarship a youth.* Each year it is a joy to send so many young people to church camp. Please consider helping offset a youth's tuition through a donation. Your donation, along with the half tuition camp scholarship the church offers, will allow for many of our youth to experience camp this summer. This year's average camp tuition has increased to \$260.

- *Consider being a counselor* this summer. If you have a passion for Christ, like the outdoors, and enjoy spending time with youth, consider counseling one or more camps this summer. For every five youth we send to camp, we are asked to provide a counselor from our congregation as well. This is a great way for you to see what our youth experience, and give back to the greater church body. Information and registration forms may be obtained through the church office. There is not a fee to be a counselor.

- *Ask our youth about camp* when they return. Each youth brings back numerous stories and experiences they would love to share with you about their summer church camp experience.





Women of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ):

Women's ministry throughout the Indiana Region has had a strong pattern each year, due in part to our Spring events. The Indiana Women's Commission has found, however, that though the Spring events have attempted to remain relevant for the women of Indiana, women's ministry is changing, and we need to step back and take time to listen. To that end, we have decided that rather than Spring Conferences this year, we will gather for much needed conversations, so that we can listen to what the women of Indiana want and need.

We will be hosting Coffee Chats, in various congregations, so that women can come together to answer the question, "What direction do the ministries provided by the Women's Commission need to take for the women of Indiana?"

The Disciples Women of Indiana are cordially invited to one of these coffee chats: March 2, 10 a.m. - noon, Avon Christian Church; March 23, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Allisonville Christian Church; April 13, 10 a.m. - noon, First Christian Church, Gas City; April 20, 10 a.m. - noon, Southport Christian Church.

For more information, contact Cheryl Cloar at cheryl@indianadisciples.org.



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 has begun. Check out the table in the Rotunda.

Christian Ministries Food Pantry - Attention volunteers!

Three volunteers are needed for Wednesday, March 20; Thursday, March 21; and Friday, March 22, from 8:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. If you have extra brown paper bags, please bring them to use for sacking food.

Won't you prayerfully consider helping out on one, or all, of these dates? Your assistance with this community service project is greatly appreciated. Please give me a call if you are able to help.

Thank you.

Cheryll Crose
Home - 759-8655
Work - 751-7278





It is hard to believe it is already time to start enrollment for the 2013-2014 school year. The enrollment for current Hazelwood Christian Preschool, PDO, and Hazelwood Christian Church families began Friday, February 1.

To reserve a spot for your child in our preschool program, please return the registration card and fee promptly. Enrollment is based on the day and time we receive the enrollment card.

Enrollment to previous Hazelwood Christian Preschool or PDO families began Friday, February 8.

Open enrollment (families outside of the preschool or church) will begin on Friday, February 15. Please feel free to share our enrollment information with anyone in the community.

For more information, or to receive an enrollment card, contact Rebecca Swander, Director, at 717-9449

Preschool Needs



Donations Needed.....

The preschool is still in need of some donations. We could use paper towels, disinfecting wipes, baby wipes, napkins, and packaged snacks. We greatly appreciate your donations.

Preschool News!

Would you be willing to help support a preschool family?

The 2013-2014 school year will soon be here! As costs continue to increase for families, we have many in our preschool that are seeking financial assistance to send their child to preschool. Because of the importance of early childhood education, as a preschool we try to offer assistance to as many as we can. However, our costs have also increased, and it has become much more difficult to offer financial assistance for the next school year.

As a congregation, you have supported the preschool in many ways. You have offered donations, support, time, and prayer. We very much appreciate all that you have done to support this important ministry in our community.

We would like to offer the opportunity for you to continue to support by offering donations to our scholarship account. This could be done two ways:

- You can offer a one-time donation that will be put into the scholarship account for the 2013-2014 school year.
- You can make a monthly donation to support one family who is receiving scholarship.

Our tuition for next school year is as follows:

2-3 Year Old Classes = \$45 a month

3-4 Year Old Classes = \$85 a month

4-5 Year Old Classes = \$115 a month

Enrichment Classes = \$85 a month

Transition Classes = \$250 a month

All of our families who receive financial assistance must also volunteer in our preschool. We believe a strong sense of ownership and pride is developed if the financial assistance recipient has contributed to the cost of their preschool involvement. Therefore, applicants will be asked to pay a portion of the tuition. The most we award for scholarship is half of the tuition.

If you are willing to support a preschool family or make a one-time donation to our scholarship account for the 2013-2014 school year, please contact Rebecca Swander. You can contact Rebecca through email at hazelwoodpreschool@hotmail.com or 284-2430, ext. 25.

Thank you for all of your support and consideration.