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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.
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

2014
April 10 & 24
May 8 & 22
June 5 & 19

Items to be published in the
Newsletter are due in the
office one week prior
to mail date.
Thank you!



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

March 20, 2014

A LETTER FROM OUR MINISTER:

March 17, 2014

Dear Hazelwood:

“With great difficulty, Suzy and I have come to the conclusion that our ministry at Hazelwood must draw to a close. In the best interest of Hazelwood's varied ministries, and my personal health, making this transition services both.

“The best years of our ministry have been enjoyed within this congregation. On behalf of myself, Suzy, Jessica and Chance, I wish to express our appreciation for the opportunity to serve a challenging ministry, holding among the best of people. As we relocate, understand a large part of us will remain with all of you.

“My deepest gratitude is reserved for those I have served alongside. Those called, by this church body, to serve this congregation in fulfilling those portions of the ministry, entrusted to their trained, specialized care, continue to inspire me. They have all practiced giving, without counting costs, with their time and abilities, turned the other cheek (more than any church staff should ever have to), and with vibrant faithfulness more than overcome all obstacles, all while maintaining the higher way.

“According to the Letter of Call presented when asked to become Hazelwood's Senior Minister, I now submit a ninety day notice to conclude my ministry on Wednesday, June 18th.”

Sincerely,

Rev. Colby Smith

(Rev. Colby's last day to preach will be Easter Sunday. The Board approved his taking accumulated vacation time after that.)



March 23 - 28, 2014

- SUNDAY**
- Traditional service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary.
 - *Celebrate!* service, 10 a.m., Cartwright Hall.
- TUESDAY**
- Praise Band rehearsal, 7 p.m., Cartwright Hall.
- WEDNESDAY**
- Bell Choir rehearsal, 6 p.m., choir room.
 - Neighborhood Association meeting, 7 p.m.
 - Choir rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., choir loft.
- FRIDAY**
- Youth Lock-in, 6 p.m.
 - Lenten Study, 6 - 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

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

Looking Ahead . . .

Maundy Thursday, April 17
Dinner, 6 p.m., Cartwright Hall,
Service, 7 p.m., Sanctuary

Saturday, April 19
Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m.,
youth helping hide eggs need to be
at the church at 9 a.m.
See Rev. James for more information

Coming to Emens...

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ~ ~

On Thursday, April 3rd, Eva Kor will be in Muncie to tell her story about life in a Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz, Poland, during World War II. She and her twin sister, Miriam, were part of the human experimentation conducted by Nazi physician Josef Mengele.

The Emens auditorium event begins at 3 p.m., with a documentary film, followed by Mrs. Kor's testimony about forgiveness. Our Lenten study series is on forgiveness, so this event can provide a real-life experience from which to gain inspiration.

According to *The Star Press*, Mrs. Kor's visit is sponsored by Ball State University's Jewish Studies Program, Office of the Provost, Emens Auditorium, Ball Brother's Foundation, Community Foundation of Muncie and Delaware County, the Committee for a Positive Influence, as well as other groups and individuals. The presentation is free to the public.



Stuff-A-Bus



Christian Ministries Stuff-A-Bus will be held April 4th and 11th at the Wheeling Marsh and the Tillotson Marsh.

If you are able to help for a two-hour period at either store, please call Cheryl Crose at 759-8655. The shifts are 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

This benefit supports the Christian Ministries Food Pantry which feeds about 200 people a week. Your food or monetary donations are always welcome.

Thank you.

JOYS AND CONCERNS . . .

Tom Schnuck has been released from IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.

Larry Carter has moved to Golden Living Care in Muncie.

Sympathy to:

The family of Nancy Lee who died Tuesday, March 11. Services were held at Hazelwood Friday, with Rev. Colby Smith officiating.

In Appreciation:

"Thanks to Stefanie Petty for the lovely and delicious cupcakes for Teacher Recognition Sunday." Carolyn Starnes

"Kay and I would like to thank our church family for your prayers, for Rev. Colby's visit to the hospital for my three-day tune-up, and for the flowers." Sincerely, Tom & Kay Schnuck

"A Big Thank You to all who helped make Taters 'N Talent a big success. The food was yummy, and the talent was fun. Your monetary contributions will help support the Youth on their mission trip to Washington, D.C., later this year. Thanks to Rev. James for chairing this event!"

Congratulations to:

Happy Birthday to Leon Jones, turning 100 years young on March 27!

Bryan Smith and Jennifer Hutcheson upon their upcoming wedding, April 5, at Northview Christian Church in Danville, Indiana.

Emily Weiss, who finished her Age Group State Swim Meet this past week end, setting 2 new state and meet records. Way to go Emily!



Just A Reminder...

The Youth Mission Trip forms are due in to Rev. James no later than April 6th!



March 30 - April 4, 2014

SUNDAY

- Traditional service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary.
- *Celebrate!* service, 10 a.m., Cartwright Hall.

MONDAY

- Jones Scholarship committee meeting, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY

- Praise Band rehearsal, 7 p.m., Cartwright Hall.

WEDNESDAY

- Bell Choir rehearsal, 6 p.m., choir room.
- MS Support group, 7 p.m., Cartwright Hall.
- Choir rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., choir loft.

THURSDAY

- Book Club, 6 p.m., Library. Discussion on "The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion," by Fannie Flag.

FRIDAY

- Lenten Study, 6 - 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

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SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

At the March 18 General Board meeting, in addition to our minister's announcement (see front page), Vice-moderator, Bill Ritchie, resigned his office, and Tony Gill was elected to finish the unexpired term of Vice-moderator. Also, Howard Thomas' retirement from the church staff was announced. Moderator, Amy Stucky, announced that she will be working, with our Regional Minister, on forming a Search Committee to hire, first an Interim Minister, and then a Senior Minister. There was also an update on the audit, and it is in the hands of the accounting firm, and in process.

Report of Elders: Jim Warrner reported the Board of Elders discussed the issues the board was dealing with at the January meeting. On behalf of the elders, Jim stated that methods and committees are in place to report and discuss concerns over any issue Hazelwood members have, and those methods should be utilized to convey concerns. Jim reported the elders are very disappointed that an accusatory letter was sent, instead of issues being brought to elders [or other appropriate methods being followed].



April Birthdays!

2	Dick Miller	18	Alayne Retherford
6	Jenny Grove	20	Cheryll Crose
	Charles Retherford		Faith Smith
7	Vicki Vance	22	Nikki Haars
	Molly Wantz		Peggy Fast
10	Lukau Matuka	23	Jim Reece
11	Laura Rowe		Logan Petty
13	Betsy Cartwright	25	Shannon Shirk
	Joan Gordon	27	Seth Dickson
15	Stephanie Jones	28	Bill Ritchie
	Warner Van Fleet		Barbara Schuck

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



“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.”

Jeremiah 29:11



HAVE YOU NOTICED ? . . .

If you're by the church on any given week day, you will notice all the trucks and cars parked there. We have reached an agreement with the construction workers who are currently working down in the Village. Those who wish, are parking on our lot, for a fee. This was approved by the Church Board Officers, our attorney was consulted, and has drafted a waiver which parkers sign, and the fee collected will be designated for Winnie's Kenya Kids, Hazelwood Preschool, and Christian Ministries. But more than that, this creates good-will in the community. These workers were either having to be bussed to and from Westside Park, or take there chances on getting parking tickets down in the village. Being able to park so close adds more free time to their long day, and allows them to have access to their car for lunch, etc. They are very appreciative, and respectful of our property. This will probably go on through August, or whenever the Village project is completed . It's a win-win situation. Thanks to Rev. Colby, and others involved, for making this happen!

EASTER IS COMING - TIME TO DECORATE!

It will soon be time to decorate our church with the lovely lilies and other decorations for Spring and Easter. If you would like to help by donating an Easter Lily 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 lily home with you after Easter. Names will be listed in bulletins on Easter morning. *Thank you!*

Easter Decoration Gift Order

Deadline to receive orders is Wednesday, April 9, 2014.

of Lilies ordered (@\$15 each) _____

Given by _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

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