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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

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

April 24, 2014



Donate Children's Books, birth - age 5 appropriate,
Monday, April 28 - Friday, May 16.

The simple act of providing children with books makes them 75% more eager to read, and increases other activities such as reading with others, borrowing books, and reading voluntarily, according to a recent study published by the South African Journal of Libraries and Information Science (2011). Children who are read to are more likely to enter kindergarten ready to learn. We're writing to ask you to help provide children in Delaware County with books so all children enter kindergarten eager to read.

From April 28 to May 16, the B5 Literacy Council's Wonder Readers League will be co-sponsoring a book drive with United Way of Delaware County, and the Muncie Public Library to collect books for children throughout Delaware County.

Through the book drive we aim to collect new and gently used books for children, focusing particularly on books for birth to age five. Muncie Sanitary District has donated several collection bins, which will be placed at specified collection sites throughout the county for the duration of the book drive.

Make your way to a site near you!

Walmart - South
Muncie Mall
Muncie City Hall
Muncie Public Library: Kennedy and Maring-Hunt Branches
Star Financial Bank (Broadway branch)
Old National Bank Branches Muncie and Yorktown
First Merchants Bank Branches (Muncie)
Mutual Bank Branches (Muncie)
Delaware County Building
Ball State Federal Credit Union
Ivy Tech, Cowan Road Campus

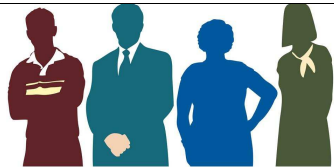
Thank you,
Ginny Nilles, Director, Muncie Public Library
Sue Godfrey, Project Coordinator, United Way



April 27 - May 1, 2014

- SUNDAY**
- Preschool Sunday service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary.
 - Farewell Dinner for the Smiths, 12 noon, Cartwright Hall, for those with reservations.
- TUESDAY**
- Praise Band rehearsal, 7 p.m., Cartwright Hall.
- WEDNESDAY**
- Missions & Benevolence Committee meeting, 6 p.m.
 - Bell Choir rehearsal, 6 p.m., choir room.
 - Choir rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., choir loft.
- THURSDAY**
- Book Club, 6 p.m., Library. Discussion on "Union Street Bakery," by Nancy Ellen Taylor.

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



SEARCH COMMITTEE

Search Committee Named

At Tuesday night's Board meeting, Amy Stucky named the following people to the Search Committee: Myrna Atkinson, Shirley Bookout, Jack Carmichael, Mike Haars, Wendy Rees, Tom Schnuck, Eric Shirk, and ex officio, Amy Stucky and Tony Gill. This team will meet with Associate Regional Minister Carolyn Reed on a regular basis, for the process of hiring, first an Interim Minister, and then a Senior Minister.

Please pray for the search committee, and our church. Support, encourage, and thank the committee members for taking on this huge task for our Hazelwood Congregation.

JOYS AND CONCERNS . . .

Fran Parkinson has moved to Rawlins House, in Pendleton.

Toni Carter has been released from Ortho Indy, following surgery.

In Appreciation:

"Thank you for the handshakes, greetings, cards, gift-cards, cake, well-wishes, etc. Basically, thanks to all of you who thanked me! I appreciate all the love and friendships from my church family."
Howard Thomas

"Thank you so much. Adam is thrilled with the get-well balloons and baseball mug/arrangement. It brightened his day. I'm pretty sure he's going to ask to sleep with it in his bed tonight. Thanks!"
Amy, Adam, & Katie Moudy

Congratulations to:

We pledge our Christian love and support to Geneva White, who rededicated her life to Christ last Sunday.

Holy Humor!

A man was circling the block searching for a parking spot. Finally, after the third time around, he prays, "God, if you help me find a parking spot, I will go to church every Sunday and tithe ten percent of my income."

Immediately, a spot opens up, and the man prays, "Never mind, I found one."

Attention 2014 Graduates

If you are a graduate, or have a Hazelwood graduate in the family, please let us know! High School and College graduates will be recognized in both services on Sunday, May 18.

Graduates, and their immediate families, are invited to join the minister for lunch, immediately following worship service. Please fill out the form below with the names of graduates and their school information. Please turn your reservations in as soon as possible (no later than May 12th) so students can be recognized.

GRADUATE INFORMATION

(only those whose names we receive can be honored)

Please return this form to the church by May 12, 2014.

Name _____

Graduate of: _____ High School _____ Technical School
_____ College _____ Graduate School

Name of Institution: _____

If other than high school: Major _____

Degree: _____

Future Plans: _____

A graduation lunch will be held Sunday,
May 18, following worship service.

Please indicate your total number of reservations _____.



May 4 - 7, 2014

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.
- *Celebrate!* Team meeting, 12 noon, Mancino's.
- VBS planning meeting, 1 p.m.
- Handbell performance, Parkview Nursing Home, 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- Elders' meeting, 5 p.m.
- Bell Choir rehearsal, 6 p.m., choir room.
- Choir rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., choir loft.

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

Looking Ahead . . .

Sunday, May 18

Graduation Sunday.

Graduates honored, both services.
Graduation lunch, following Worship.

Monday, May 26

Church office closed in observance
of Memorial Day.

Sunday, June 1

Missions Sunday,
combined Worship Service,
10 a.m., Sanctuary.



May 2014 Birthdays

- 2 Ruthanne Devroy
- 4 Debra Masiongale
Helen Tyler
- 6 Chris Conley
- 8 Rita Horton
John Rainey
Sasha Kolodchak
- 13 Emily Cartwright
- 16 David Cartwright
- 17 Marcia Miller
- 18 Larry Green
Mary Ann Matchett
- 19 Andrew Cartwright
- 21 Wanda Isenbarger
- 23 June Johns
Luke Jones
- 24 Megan Sharp
- 25 Branson Shirk
- 26 Bill Patterson
- 27 Rita Green
Carl Morris, Jr.

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



An Invitation
from Dr. Ann Wolfe:

Masterworks Chorale
performs Faure's "Requiem"
on Saturday, May 17,
Sursa Hall, at 7:30 p.m.

Also featured are a
Mendelssohn and a Mozart piece.
Tickets are \$10 seniors,
\$12 adults. Students and
children are free.

A silent auction will
also be featured.



Rev. James

Hazelwood Christian Church and Preschool is volunteering to help with **Affresh Ironman 70.3 Muncie**, July 12, 2014. We are volunteering at the Run Aid Station 4. This is a great opportunity for all to participate. Even if you are not able to be there the whole time, we can still use you. The time frame is 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., which includes a couple hours for set up in the morning, and a couple of hours for clean up. The bulk of the help is needed during the actual race.

The more volunteers we get to help, the more money the Ironman competition will donate to our preschool and children's ministries. In order for Hazelwood to get credit, we need all wishing to volunteer to register by May 15, online.

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION:

1. Go to www.ironmanmuncie.com
2. Find and click on the "Volunteer" Tab
3. Click on the link for "Group Volunteering"
4. Choose "Hazelwood Christian Church" from the drop down list.
5. Enter the password "ironman" (all one word, all lower case)
6. Complete the registration
7. Notify and instruct all volunteers in your group to do the exact same thing you just did!

Please notify Rev. James that you have registered and the hours you are available to work.



Attention Campers!

The deadline for summer camp Early Bird registration is May 1.

Applications are available in the church office, on the desk in the library, or on the Indiana Disciples website:

<http://camp.indianadisciples.org/>.

Hazelwood 2013 Giving Statements

(cont'd)

“In the recent weeks leading up to the April 15th tax deadline, several current church members and three formerly in attendance have petitioned the church office for a revised 2013 statement of giving. A local tax preparer has informed them Hazelwood's 2013 giving statements run contrary to I.R.S. tax code. The year-end statements did not include the phrase ‘no goods or services were provided by the religious organization in return for the donations made.’ The preparer additionally stated the I.R.S. has initiated actions whereby it was now becoming ‘fussy’ about such substantiations.

“Let me be clear about such allegations. Both the I.R.S. and the Indiana Department of Revenue have reviewed Hazelwood's giving statements provided to the membership of our congregation for their 2013 offerings, and found them to be perfectly acceptable. Let me be more specific. Mr. Moore, Delaware County I.R.S. field agent, I.R.S. Employee #1000233129, officed at 225 N. High Street, reviewed this matter personally and stated unequivocally that Hazelwood had complied with statute. The language employed in the cover letter defines the nature of the giving disclosed in the accompanying statement of giving. In fact, he mentioned his own personal congregation submitted to its membership simply a single spreadsheet for each respective giving unit, with no accompanying cover letter nor explanation, and he, as the tax law representative for this region, found it to be acceptable and otherwise unremarkable.

“However, in an effort to be thorough, as the specter of new, or renewed I.R.S. enforcement against tax-exempt organizations and their constituencies so stated by the tax preparer mentioned, he was asked to provide contact information within the I.R.S. for those who are trained to specialize in scrutinizing non-profits. Agent Moore provided the direct number to the I.R.S. Department of Tax Exempt/Government Entities. Through this office, Mr. Benton, I.R.S. Employee #0571086, offered additional direction.

“Agent Benton introduced and produced I.R.S. Publication 1828 for Hazelwood's consideration. He highlighted how on page 24 federal tax policy specifically details a church or religious organization is under no compunction to acknowledge contributions, neither would they incur any penalty if they desire not to provide written acknowledgment (of course, Hazelwood's General Board does desire to provide statements of giving to each and every church family of their tithes or offerings.) Agent Benton additionally lifted up how any offering under \$250 never requires any form of substantiation - ever. Separate offerings are not aggregated for purposes of measuring the \$250 threshold. He stated the cover letter provided met all the necessary substantiation for acknowledgment.

“Further, he was asked about I.R.S. current or future plans to crack down on the language used in congregational letters and statements of giving to determine enforceable action. Agent Benton stated the Department of Tax Exempt/Government Entities has no knowledge of any movement to become ‘fussy’ about congregation individual statements of giving. In fact, he asked me to restate the question posed to him silently to myself and see if it made any sense whatsoever. Point made.

“The Indiana Department of Revenue heavily endorsed the I.R.S.'s position. D.O.R. employees Mindy, #2716, and Israel, #2514, and finally within the office of Tax Exempt Organizations, Tomika, #10018, stated, like I.R.S. agents Moore and Benton, that there is no requirement by the state on this matter.

“In conclusion, the one tax preparer demanding reissuance of current yearly giving statements is not in accord with the code, practices or requirements concerning rules of charitable giving acknowledgment and substantiation. Within the very firm this tax preparer is employed are colleagues who handle other Hazelwood congregant's tax work. Not one other colleague in the very same firm determined any need to instruct Hazelwood to reissue a 2013 Statement of Giving. No other CPA, accountant, bookkeeper, within a firm or as an individual preparer, who fully knowing code, practices and requirements concerning rules of substantiations have made even cursory contact for a revised giving statement to prevent a client from running afoul of the I.R.S. Indiana D.O.R., federal local representative, I.R.S. national office for the Department of Tax Exempt/Government Entities all concur your Hazelwood Christian Church 2013 Giving Statement provided through your church offices is complete and acceptable and without omission.”

Reverend Colby Smith
Senior Minister
Hazelwood Christian Church

I.R.S. Department of Tax Exempt/Government Entities: toll free 1-877-829-5500
Indiana Department of Revenue: 1-317-232-2240

Missions Update!

Christian Ministries

Stuff-A-Bus, Fridays, April 4 & 11, Hazelwood volunteers included Marcia Miller, Dick Miller, Jim Reece, Nancy Wean, Barb Marlow, Cheryl Crose, and Don Crose. Thanks and Blessings to all who helped.

Notes of Gratitude

“Thank you so much for your continued financial support of our YWCA. Your commitment to the YWCA helps support our mission of empowering women in need. Your community of faith is a blessing.” Mary House, YWCA Board of Directors.

Looking Ahead

May - An opportunity to support “Winnies Kids” in Kenya by placing your contribution in a pink envelope or pew envelope. Please mark all contributions “Winnies Kids.” All donations will be matched from the Missions and Benevolence Committee Sulanke Trust, up to a total of \$1,500.00. There are great needs in Kenya. Please prayerfully consider how you can help. This is a blessing to all.

June - Sunday, June 1, will be Missions Sunday, a combined Worship service, with honored guest speakers Mary Dollison, Whitely Community; Ray Rains, Muncie Mission; and Becky Clock, Christian Ministries. You will be blessed to hear about these organizations, and how our financial support helps them. The following four Sundays of June, a video presentation of four other organizations we support will be shared during the service. Thanks to all of you, the Sulanke Trust and Endowment Fund, we are able to make a difference in our community.

July - “Christmas in July” collection of non-perishable needed items for Christian Ministries.

Blessings to all, Missions & Benevolence Committee



Preschool News...



Reminder

“Don't forget Preschool Sunday this Sunday at 10 a.m., in the Sanctuary! The children have been practicing and they are very excited about showing off all their skills and art work. We hope to see you there!”

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

“Thanks to those that have donated already to the Gumball Machine Fund-raiser. We are very appreciative. Please continue to keep us in your prayers. ‘Thank You’ to Jack Carmichael for putting together a 13-page list of preschool alumni to invite to our 20 years of Education Excellence Celebration; to Molly Wantz for putting the labels together to place on the alumni postcards; to Kay Schnuck and Julie Thomas for donating juice for Preschool Sunday.”

2014-2015 Preschool Discounts

“In an effort to help our families in our local community, the Preschool will now be offering a 15% discount to Hazelwood Church Members. We will also be offering a 10% discount to families that work at BSU and IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.”

Next year's rates for preschool are as follows:

4-5 year-old class \$130.00

3-4 year-old class \$95.00

2-3 year-old class \$50.00

Coming Up!

May 13 - Muffins for Moms, 2-3 year-old Tuesday class and 3-4 year-old class, 10:30 a.m.

May 14 - Muffins for Moms, 2-3 year-old Wednesday class, 10:30 a.m.

May 14 - 2-3 year-old Wednesday class, last day of school

May 19 - 4-5 year-old class, last day of school

May 20 - 2-3 year-old Tuesday class and 3-4 year-old class, last day of school

May 27 - July 3, 1st Summer Camp

July 21 - Aug 22, 2nd Summer Camp

Angie Lopez, Preschool Director