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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 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

May 8, 2014

FROM OUR SENIOR MINISTER . . .

“Alcibiades, Greek statesman and military commander, stated a bit over twenty-four hundred years ago, ‘*As contraries are known by contraries, so is the delight of presence best known by the torments of absence.*’ It was true for him when leaving his native Athens for Sparta, this same remains true to this day for me and my family. Suzy and Jessica and Chance and I will most earnestly and sincerely feel the pain of absence from being with the dearest of people.

“Hazelwood has become central to our lives and shared faith. This congregation consists of among the most faithful and enduring individuals who provide endless inspiration in the Christian walk.

“Speaking of that which is endless. . . The estate on which this church family operates its ministries has been something of an endless challenge over the years. It promises to increasingly continue to be the same going forward. One hot spot is remedied only to have two others flare up. The capital campaign which must launch soon is of the highest necessity.

“Succeeding capital campaigns are certain to follow to address other known debilitating issues which have yet to reach critical mass. Thing is, serial capital projects drain not only large sums of consecrated giving, and exhaust patience within our fellowship, but they eradicate the possibilities for ministries which are right now desperately needed. If we were to be answerable for how well we provide for the bankers and building contractors of this world, then, all would be well. But, we know that will not be the case. It is to widows and orphans and resident aliens as the Bible teaches. It is to the lonely and those who live in darkness that we will be answerable when all is said and done. Filling collapsing cisterns and re-conditioned porch columns and servicing thirty-nine furnaces & a/c units and eliminating black mold from premises where it should have never been allowed to form and the infinite litany of property issues is neither noble nor faithful but self-serving.

“I mention all this in my farewell thoughts because of my constant faith in this fellowship of kindred hearts. My love and loyalty remains undiminished. Know then it is with reasoned hope I lift one last time before you the current significance, and increasing importance in the days to come, of the Permanent Fund. The Hazelwood Endowment is the permanent solution beyond the band-aid patches of continual expensive maintenance projects. The Endowment is a masterpiece put together by Ron Thomas, Jack Carmichael, Charles Retherford, Jim Warrner and Dr. Darwin Collins of the Christian Church Foundation. Grow the Permanent Fund and you grow this ministry! I know, I know, enough already.

“Do know Hazelwood's leadership has never been stronger. You can place your trust and your effort behind good ministry going forward. From strength to greater strength will continue to be the Hazelwood way. Be constructive in building the Body of Christ, be diligent in safeguarding this fellowship of faith, and be tireless in prayer.

“My family and I wish to express our gratitude and quiet thanks for the many expressions of kindness and support we have received. To paraphrase Thomas Meehan: How lucky we are to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.”

-Rev. Colby Smith
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May 11 - 16, 2014

- SUNDAY
Mother's Day
- Traditional service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary.
 - *Celebrate!* service, 10 a.m., Cartwright Hall.
- MONDAY
- Preschool Team meeting, 1 p.m.
 - Men's Softball Game, 8 p.m., field C, Muncie Sports Complex.
- WEDNESDAY
- Bell Choir rehearsal, 6 p.m., choir room.
 - Choir rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., choir loft.
- FRIDAY
- Men's lunch, 12 noon. Host: Charles Retherford.

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

JOYS AND CONCERNS . . .

Fran Parkinson has moved to Bethel Pointe, Muncie.

Sympathy to:

Judy Waters and family upon the death of her brother-in-law, Lynn Waters, April 27.

Leah Ritchie and family upon the death of her sister, Anna Johnson, May 3.

In Appreciation

"The Waters family and Westside United Baptist Church wishes to thank Hazelwood for their prayers, flowers, and encouragement at the death of Lynn Waters."



Please be in prayer for our Search Committee, as the process of calling a minister for Hazelwood continues. Committee members are: Myrna Atkinson, Shirley Bookout, Jack Carmichael, Mike Haars, Wendy Rees, Tom Schnuck, Eric Shirk, and ex officio, Amy Stucky and Tony Gill.



Sunday, May 18, at both services, we will honor our 2014 graduates and present the 2014-2015 Jones Scholarship awards. Following worship, a special luncheon will be served to the graduates and their family.



Fans Needed!

Come out and support our softball players!



Congratulations to our Men's Softball Team on their win Monday night!

Games are at Muncie Sports Complex on east Highway 32. Our men's team has combined with Holy Trinity to make the "Holywood" team.

Season schedule...

Monday, May 12, 8 p.m., field C
Monday, May 19, 7 p.m., field A
Thursday, May 29, 8 & 9 p.m., field B
Monday, June 2, 6 p.m., field C
Monday, June 9, 7 p.m., field B
Monday, June 16, 9 p.m., field C
Monday, June 23, 9 p.m., field D
Monday, June 30, 9 p.m., field C
Tuesday, July 15, 7 p.m., field A
Monday, July 21, 8 p.m., field D

Cheer on our players!

*** A change for this year is that there is a gate fee for entry. You can pay \$1 per game, or you can pay \$5 for the whole season. The money is to pay for some improvements at the Sportsplex.**



May 18 - 21, 2014

GRADUATION SUNDAY

- Traditional service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary.
- *Celebrate!* service, 10 a.m., Cartwright Hall.
- Graduation luncheon, 12 noon. For those with reservations.

MONDAY

- Area Ministers' meeting, 11 a.m.
- Christian Women's Fellowship, 2 p.m. Home of Jeane Garrett.
- Mens Softball game, 7 p.m., field A, Muncie Sports Complex.

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

- Bell Choir rehearsal, 6 p.m., choir room.
- Choir rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., choir loft.

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Looking Ahead . . .

Monday, May 26

Church office closed in observance of Memorial Day.

Sunday, June 1

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

VBS Coming Soon!!!

Summer is almost here which means VBS is getting closer! We are all excited about this program, and we can't wait to share it with the children in our church, preschool, and community. Before we can do this, we need volunteers to help. Even if you can only commit to one day, we can use your help. Here are some of the areas in which we still need help:

Preschool VBS Director: helping to oversee the preschool VBS program downstairs, the preschool children get to where they need to be on time, and the overall flow of the different areas.

Preschool Crafts
Preschool Cinema
Preschool Games
Preschool Bible Story
Elementary School Games
Nursery Workers
Decorating
Clean up
Registration (especially on opening day)

Other ways you can help:

- Pray for our children, teachers, and leaders during VBS.
- Donate items needed for crafts or meals. Please see Rev. James or Mariangella Glaze.
- Monetary donations to help cover cost of VBS materials or for children to attend that wouldn't be able to participate otherwise.

Rev. James Petty

Preschool News...

"Thank you to Hazelwood Congregation, Preschool Children and their Families, Preschool Alumni, Teachers, Rev. Colby, the Celebrate! Praise Team, Rev. James Petty, and the Preschool Team for a very successful Preschool Sunday. It was so good to have the church so full. The children did an amazing job! Thank you to John, Judy and Randy for our table set-up and tear-down, we really appreciate all you do."

Angie Lopez, Director

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
- 3-4 year-old class \$95
- 2-3 year-old class \$50

Coming up...

May 9 - Class Picnic, 10:45 a.m., 4-5 year-old a.m. class; 2:15 p.m., 4-5 year-old p.m. class, Playground.

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

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

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

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

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

May 20 - May Celebration, 2-3 year-old Class program 10:30 a.m.; 3-4 year-old Class program 11 a.m.

May 20 - May Celebration and Graduation, 4-5 year-old Classes, 6:30 p.m.

May 27 - 1st Summer Camp begins.

July 3 - Last day of 1st Summer Camp.

July 21 - 2nd Summer Camp begins.

Aug 22 - Last day of 2nd Summer Camp.

Summer Camp Registration Deadline is May 15th



"A very special 'Thank You' to Ed Wagner, for his very generous gift to our preschool."



MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Tom Schnuck, Hazelwood Deacon and Superintendent of Beech Grove Cemetery, has completed the plans for the traditional Memorial Day observance. It will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 26, in the Veterans Section at Beech Grove.

America's Hometown Band, under the direction of Roger McConnell, will provide the music. Soloists will be Becky Bly and Dale Basham. Rev. Colby Smith will deliver the prayers. The Delaware County Honor Guard will salute all veterans with a volley.

Jack Carmichael will read an address, titled, "Annual Address in Memory of the Heroic Dead," which was delivered originally by Jack's Great-uncle, Rev. Oliver Carmichael, on Memorial Day of 1901. He had been elected as a State Representative in 1900. A Civil War veteran, he had been shot in one leg at Gettysburg. After returning to Delaware County, he moved from Monroe Township to Muncie, he joined our congregation (then known as First Christian Church), and he was ordained as an Elder in 1880. He had joined the congregation in 1874.

Rev. Oliver had a younger brother, Valentine, who had joined our congregation in 1869 - the year after it was organized. Valentine was ordained in 1874. Both were then active in preaching at several churches in this area, including Yorktown and Daleville.

Rev. Oliver and Rev. Valentine were two of a family of 15 siblings. One of their younger brothers was E. F. "Mont" Carmichael, who was also a member of our congregation, and he was Jack's grandfather.

Missions Update..

Note of Gratitude

"Thank you for your generous donation to Christian Ministries. We appreciate both your financial gifts and your other gifts of food, paper goods, etc. We could not do what we do without your prayers and support. May God Bless you all."

Becky Clock, Christian Ministries Director

"Winnie's Kids" in Kenya

Sunday, May 11 will be the Special Offering Day to support Winnie Muhiga and the children of Kenya. All donations will be matched from the Missions and Benevolence Committee Sulanke Trust, up to a total of \$1,500. This includes all donations made in the month of May.

June 1 - Missions Sunday

A combined Worship Service, with honored guest speakers Mary Dollison, Whitely Community; Ray Rains, Muncie Mission; and Becky Clock, Christian Ministries, sharing about their ministries and how our financial support helps them.

Food Pantry

Volunteers needed, Wednesday, June 18; Thursday, June 19; and Friday, June 20, from 8:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to help with this worthy community service project. You may contact Jim Warrner, 717-0544, to sign up, or for more information.

God bless!

Thanks, Missions and Benevolence Committee



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

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



As part of the congregation's 125th anniversary celebration, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Muncie Indiana, will be hosting the Indianapolis Brass Choir at Cornerstone Center for the Arts, 520 East Main Street, Sunday, May 18, at 4 p.m.

As part of the concert, a free-will offering will be collected to support Project Stepping Stone, a Muncie homeless ministry, providing short-term, free housing to local families. Holy Trinity began the ministry in partnership with Lutheran Church of the Cross in 1988. Today, with the added support of First Presbyterian Church, the ministry is looking to expand, partnering with local social service agencies and providing more services to families in need.

Free tickets are available online at www.HolyTrinityLutheranChurch.com or by calling the church office, 282-0619.

Pastor Tracy Paschke-Johannes
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church



Offering For

Winnie's Kids

We will be taking a special offering for
The Kenya Shivembe School Children
("Winnie's Kids") this Sunday.
Please prayerfully consider how you can help.