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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
September 4 & 18
October 9 & 23
November 6 & 20

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



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

August 14, 2014

HAZELWOOD CONGREGATION:

As many are aware, at the beginning of the year, accusations were made against the church staff, and Rev. Colby, in particular. Because of this, the church board authorized the employment of Summers, Carroll, Whisler LLC, Certified Public Accounts, to perform an Agreed Upon Procedures Engagement to specifically inspect the following areas: Reserve Checking Account; Operating Checking Account; Employee compensation, W-2 forms, 941 forms, expense accounts, employee benefits and contracts; Procedures for collecting, counting, recording, and depositing receipts; procedures for approving payments.

The following is a summary of Michael Whisler's findings. The entire audit is available for any participating member to review, in the church office. Arrangements would need to be made with Linette, in advance, for the report to be available to you. It will not be available to take off of premises.

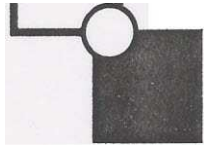
We appreciate your patience, as we have tried to thoroughly sort out all of the concerns that were raised. The church has been commended by Mr. Whisler, for our handling of, and safeguarding of, the church's assets.

There has been no fault or fraud found on the part of any staff member. A sincere apology goes to the entire church staff, and to Rev. Colby Smith, especially, for the stress these past few months have created.

Amy Stucky

Hazelwood Moderator

(see next page for Whisler summary)



Summers, Carroll, Whisler *LLC*

Certified Public Accountants

July 1, 2014

Trustees & Board of Directors
Hazelwood Christian Church
1400 W University Ave
Muncie, IN 47303

To Whom It May Concern:

“On May 14, 2014 we completed and issued our report of the agreed upon procedures engagement requested by the Trustees of Hazelwood Christian Church. In summary, we found that general account and book-keeping system are well designed and provide for a system of checks and balances to assure the proper record keeping and safeguarding of the Church's assets. The areas that were found weak were the understanding of restrictive designated gifts, taxability of certain employee benefits and IRS requirements related to housing allowance. Lack of knowledge in these areas would not be considered fraud.

“When meeting with the Trustees, it was decided to perform an ‘Applied Upon Agreed-upon Procedures’ engagement instead of an ‘Opinion Audit.’”

“An opinion audit is where the auditor expresses an opinion as to whether the financial statement properly represent the results of the operation of the organization for the period covered. It would include the auditor gaining an understanding of the accounting system, limited testing of internal controls and testing of other documentation. An opinion audit is much more time consuming and more expensive.

“I was very happy to learn that I was a recipient of The C. Darrell and Edith L. Jones Scholarship. I am writing to thank you for your generous financial support towards my higher education. I am currently finishing up my summer semester, and I will begin my second year of Dental Hygiene at the end of August. This month I will be taking the first of many licensing exams. Throughout the next year I will have several more licensing exams, and I will be graduating in the spring of 2015. By awarding me The C. Darrell and Edith L. Jones Scholarship, I am able to concentrate on what is important for me, education. Your financial generosity has allowed me to be one step closer to my goal, and it has inspired me to help others by giving back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help other students achieve their goal, just as you have helped me. Sincerely,”
Heather Kruger

Congratulations to:

Emily Weiss, who was featured in a recent article: “13-year-old Emily Weiss went 1:11.19 to win the 100 breaststroke, putting up the fastest time for a 13-year-old girl that we could find in USA Swimming's database.” To see the full article go to <http://swimswam.com/indianas-emily-weiss-rockets-top-13-year-old-rankings-111-19-100-breast/>.
Way to go Emily!

Ryan Tucker, placed on the Indiana High School Baseball Coaches' Association's Academic All-Star team. Ryan is one of two players from East Central Indiana who were so honored!

Jim & Mary Briggs, who celebrated 60 years of marriage on August 13.

We pledge our Christian love and support to Denise Glasson, who transferred her membership to Hazelwood, Sunday, August 3, during the Traditional service.

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JOYS AND CONCERNS...

Sympathy to:

Don Lanning and family upon the death of Don's sister, Barbara (Lanning) Whitenack, July 29, in Ohio.

In Appreciation:

"As I prepare to leave for college in August, I would like to take a moment to thank my church family for helping me realize my dream. From Sunday School, to youth group, to singing in the choir and playing handbells, I have learned many lessons from my church family. I would also like to say thank you for providing me with money from the Jones Scholarship, which is helping me to afford continuing my education. Many thanks."

Michael McKean

"A late 'Thank You' to my Hazelwood family for attending the calling, and or funeral; honoring Arnold L (Larry) Carter, our husband and father. The lovely service was conducted by Dr. Cartwright, Rev. Paul Vise, and my three daughters, with organ music by Rev. James Petty. Your prayers and cards sent have provided comfort to us. We appreciate the women who provided food, drinks, and serving, for both the calling and funeral luncheon. Many memorial contributions in memory of Larry continue to be made to Hazelwood, the National MS Society, and to the Dr. Arnold L. Carter Scholarship Fund, c/o Old National Bank. For these we thank you. Thanks also for the memorial flowers on the alter, July 27. May God Bless all of you!"

Dr. Carter, from Heaven, Toni Carter, Michelle Carter, Erin (Carter) Ciscell, and Natalie (Carter) and Cesar Castillo.

"Thank you to Mary France for joining the ranks of 'Hazelwood Weeders,' by helping with the bell flower patch. You might catch her before Sunday services prowling for pesky foliage."

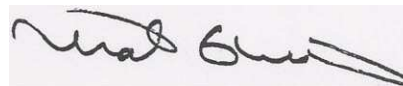
Ann Wolfe

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"An agreed-upon procedures engagement is more customized to the needs of the organization in testing the areas of most concern. Upon meeting with the representative of the Board of Directors and Trustees, and evaluating the concerns and questions being posed, we felt that all would be addressed utilizing this type of engagement. Our intent was to study the areas and accounting procedures that should be tested to evaluate the accounting system, and the proper recording of receipts and disbursements both programmatically and with regard to personnel. This type of engagement allowed us the ability to keep the costs much lower for the Hazelwood congregation, while still providing the necessary answers by a customized review of the records.

"We appreciate the opportunity to provide these services. I personally have been involved in church related accounting for over thirty years, and I enjoy getting a different perspective on church accounting from another organization."

Sincerely,



Michael G. Whisler, CPA

PRACTICAL POINTS TO PONDER

1. Believers are to seek unity, not uniformity (1 Corinthians 1:10).
2. Only open and honest communication can help to solve divisions in the church (1 Corinthians 1:11).
3. Division always results when we emphasize the messengers over the message (1 Corinthians 1:12).
4. Jesus, our Head, is not divided; nor should His body, the church, be divided (1 Corinthians 1:13).
5. Christians are to be united in the one Lord, in whose name we are saved and baptized (1 Corinthians 1:14-15; Acts 4:12; Ephesians 4:5-6).
6. The preaching of the gospel, not ministry styles, must be our main concern (1 Corinthians 1:16-17).

-Don Kakavec



August 17 - 20, 2014

- SUNDAY**
- Traditional Worship service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary.
 - *Celebrate!* Worship service, 10 a.m., Cartwright Hall.
 - Youth Mission Trip Video, both services.
 - *Celebrate!* Team meeting, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall.

- MONDAY**
- Area Ministers' meeting, 11 a.m.

- TUESDAY**
- Trustees' meeting, 5:30 p.m.
 - Preschool CCDF training, 6:30 p.m.
 - Church Board meeting, 7 p.m.

- WEDNESDAY**
- Praise Band rehearsal, 10:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall.
 - Bell Choir rehearsal, 6 p.m., choir room.
 - Choir rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., choir loft.

August 24 - 27, 2014

- SUNDAY**
- Traditional Worship service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary.
 - *Celebrate!* Worship service, 10 a.m., Cartwright Hall.
 - Youth Pool Party, 12 noon, home of Shirley Bookout.

- MONDAY**
- Preschool Teachers' work day.

- WEDNESDAY**
- Bell Choir rehearsal, 6 p.m., choir room.
 - Neighborhood Association meeting, 7 p.m.
 - Choir rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., choir loft.

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



- 1 Barb Marlow
- 3 Eleanor Crouch
Jairen Rees
- 4 John Starnes
- 5 Merribeth Bruning
- 8 Danny Fouse
- 9 Ron Purtlebaugh
Ron Smith
- 13 Howard Thomas
- 14 Patty Richards
- 16 Carolyn Jones
- 23 JoAnn Rainey
- 25 Mary Briggs

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



Help Needed...

We need a volunteer to help with kitchen attendant duties for Hazelwood's two kitchens. These duties include: help care for kitchens by keeping things organized, stocked, and tidy. If you are interested in helping, please contact Linette, in the church office, 282-5969; or Shirley Bookout at 744-1207.

At our combined worship service on Sunday, July 6, Dr. David Cartwright, Minister Emeritus and our Regional Elder, presented the following Stewardship Certificate from the Christian Church in Indiana:



"In Appreciation for your Generosity, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Indiana recognizes and thanks Hazelwood Christian Church, Muncie, for its stewardship in support of Disciples Mission Fund and Special Day Offerings in 2013. Top Ten in Dollar Increase in Giving." Richard L. Spleth, Regional Minister, and David Cartwright, Stewardship Commission Chair. "Specifically, this means that Hazelwood was in the top ten churches in increased dollar giving among the 160 Disciple congregations in Indiana last year. Well done, good and faithful servants! Blessings,"
Dr. David Cartwright



Summer Camp

"It's hard to believe that summer has gone by so fast. We have had so much fun learning about Zoo Animals, Fun on the Farm, Ooey Gooey Bugs, and Dinosaur Adventures. Parents have been so appreciative to have been able to send their children to Summer Camp, and to learn more about God, all while having fun. We only have one more week of Summer Camp and then the teaching staff begin preparing their classrooms for Preschool."

Preschool Orientation

"If you know of anyone that has not signed up for Preschool yet, please tell them to do so as soon as possible. Some of the classes are filling up quickly! The 2-3 year-old classes and the 4-5 year-old classes will be meeting for orientation on Wednesday, August 27, at 9 a.m. The 3-4 year-old classes will meet on Thursday, August 28, at 9 a.m.

Important Dates

- August 25 - Teacher Work Day
- August 27 - 2-3 year-old & 4-5 year-old Classes Orientation
- September 1 - Labor Day No School
- September 2 - First day for 2-3 year-old Tuesday Class and 3-4 year-old Classes
- September 3 - First day for 4-5 year-old Classes
- September 16-17 - School Pictures
- September 25 - 3-4 year-old Classes, Chapel 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m.
- September 29 - 4-5 year-old Classes, Chapel 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m.
- October 13-17 - Fall Break



August 31 - September 4, 2014

- SUNDAY
 - Traditional Worship service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary.
 - *Celebrate!* Worship Service, 10 a.m., Cartwright Hall.
- MONDAY
 - Church Office closed in observance of Labor Day.
- WEDNESDAY
 - Bell Choir rehearsal, 6 p.m., choir room.
 - MS Support, 7 p.m., Cartwright Hall.
 - Choir rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., choir loft.
- THURSDAY
 - Book Club, 6 p.m., Library. Discussion on "Bee Season," by Myla Goldberg.

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

Looking Ahead . . .

Sunday, September 14

CROP Hunger Walk,
2 p.m., College Avenue UMC

Sunday, October 26

Youth Sunday, combined service,
10 a.m., Sanctuary

Saturday, November 8

Hazelwood Fall Bazaar,
7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.,
Cartwright Hall & Sulanke Fellowship House

CAMPFIRE SYMPHONY

Hazelwood is invited to join their brothers and sisters from Holy Trinity Lutheran at their annual Campfire Symphony. It's a time of fellowship, food, and fun. It's basically a variety show, outdoors, under the stars. And there really will be a campfire! It will be Saturday, September 6. Horse rides, games, boating, and fishing for the little ones begin at 6 p.m. Bring your own poles. Bring your own picnic supper, and eat any time. The music will begin at 7:15. If you'd like to have an act in the show, you can contact Marianna Gill at 282-5969. The Campfire Symphony is at John Scholl's house, at 2104 N. Nebo Rd., 1/2 mile south of Menards/Meijers.



“Dear Church,
After an eventful summer, I am preparing for one more year of great musical collaboration with Hazelwood family and friends. I'm hoping, with all my heart, that this year many of you that like to sing, or would like to ring bells, will be making a step forward and come join us. We'll be so thrilled to have you.

“Our rehearsals are: Wednesday, 6-7 p.m., Handbell Choir; and 7:15-8:30 p.m., Adult Choir. Sunday mornings we meet at 9:30 a.m. for warm-up, and we sing an anthem for most of the services.

“ If you would like to contact me, please email me anytime at mpavelkissinger@gmail.com.

“Thank you so much for your support the past two years. I've been very blessed to know you and to work with you. God Bless,”
Monica Pavel-Kissinger

Mission Trip Sunday:

“Many of us fondly remember the impact church camps, VBS, and mission trips had upon us as we were growing up. Thankfully, these same life-changing opportunities are still available for today's youth. As with most things, the cost of these experiences is significantly higher than when most of us attended, and it continues to increase with each passing year. While our youth have several fundraisers to help offset these costs, special offerings and scholarships given, by those led by the Spirit, are essential in allowing many of our youth to participate in these events.

“On Sunday, August 17, we will have a special presentation in both worship services. We took pictures and videos during our mission trip to Washington, D.C. Tony Gill has graciously and wonderfully put together a video so we can share our experiences with you.

“We will also take up a special offering to help cover the cost of sending our youth on the mission trip, sending them to church camps, and being able to participate in our VBS program. The experiences our youth have at these events will help to shape them into the people they will become, and just as in years past, the fact that Hazelwood continues to generously provide this financial help demonstrates the level of commitment we have to our youth's Christian education and development.” Rev. James Petty

Church Family Video Nights:

“I would like to start our family fun nights back up this fall. This is open to everyone in our church family. We are planning a few movies that are appropriate for all ages, and they will inspire everyone to reflect upon their own Christian walk, no matter where they are on the journey. Please watch for more information as these events come together.”

Rev. James Petty



Youth Happenings...

Youth Activities:

"This summer seemed long, but at the same time it seems to go by too quickly. First, I would like to say how proud I am of all our youth. From camps, to mission trips, to VBS, you have represented Hazelwood very well. Beyond just the number of you who participated or helped, your hard work and great attitude throughout these events have not gone unnoticed. I look forward to our fellowship and Bible study time this school year. We have just a few youth events in August:

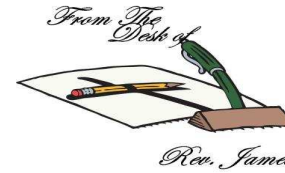
- Sunday, August 17, we will be presenting our mission trip experience with the congregation in both services. The youth group is also in charge of the coffee fellowship after the service. We have the snacks and drinks covered, we need you to help serve and greet. This is a great opportunity for you to personally share your experiences over the summer through camps, mission trip, and VBS during the coffee fellowship.
- Sunday, August 24, we will meet at Shirley Bookout's house for our 'Back to School Bash and Pool Party,' after the worship service. Elementary School and High School youth are asked to bring a snack to share. Middle School youth are asked to bring a two-liter bottle of soda to share. I will provide the meat and buns. This will give us an opportunity to share our fall program with you. Please plan on being there!"

Coming in Sept:

- 9/7: All Youth Fellowship (AYF) from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. AYF will meet in the Fellowship House east room for lunch, unless noted otherwise.
- 9/14: AYF 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. We will then journey over to College Ave. UMC for the Crop Walk (1:30 - 3 p.m.)
- 9/21: AYF 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 9/28: AYF 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Youth Meals:

We will have sign up for those who are willing and able to help sponsor meals for our youth groups. These meals give our youth an opportunity to fellowship together before they go into a time of Bible study and prayer. Please pray and consider how you or your group may be able to help.



"I cannot believe it has been a full year since I began to serve Hazelwood in my new role. It has been a wonderful first year and a time of growth for me, as things change and new challenges arise. I want to thank everybody for their continued support and prayers for me as I have taken on new duties during the time of change. It is a position I feared because of my personal lack of experience. I felt I have grown through this process; pushed my comfort zone, expanded my abilities, and increased my experiences.

"The things we as a congregation have been able to accomplish would not have been possible without everybody's help. We have a great staff, a wonderful board, moderators, and committee members, and a multitude of volunteers who have stepped up and helped. Our prayer warriors have also been an integral part of our church life as they continue to pray for our strength, spiritual growth, and commitment to God's plans. I know there are countless others who make the day-to-day things go so smoothly. This is an awesome congregation, and I want to thank everyone for the part they play in the ministries of Hazelwood.

"This congregation has been a gift and a privilege for me to serve, as I grow in the ministry God has called me to serve, and as I study at CTS. I look forward to more wonderful years as we serve and worship the Lord together! Thank you and God bless!"

Rev. James Petty

Back To School Store...

"The Back to School Store is a surplus store in Muncie that allows schools to come in and get items for the classroom for free. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to save money by getting gently used educational supplies, paper goods, and other equipment. In return they ask us to volunteer our time by working in the store. For every 7 hours we volunteer, we receive a shopping trip, with a max of 10 shopping trips per year. We are looking for individuals to volunteer at the Back to School Store, to earn free shopping trips for our teachers. If you are interested in volunteering an hour or two, for Hazelwood Christian Preschool, please contact me at 284-2430 (Preschool Office) or 702-4864 (cell phone) anytime. Thank you," Angela Lopez

MISSIONS UPDATE!

NOTE OF GRATITUDE

"I would like to personally thank you for your donation of \$162.58 to the preschool for maintenance fees. We are so fortunate here at Hazelwood to have a place to share God's word, as well as provide a safe and loving environment to those families. Once again, thank you very much."

Angie Lopez, Preschool Director

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

We received 180 rolls of toilet tissue; 89 boxes of Hamburger, Tuna, and Pasta Helper; 37 boxes of cereal; 32 cans of miscellaneous canned goods; 16 jars of peanut butter; 4 Banquet complete meal kits; 11 jars of spaghetti sauce; 8 boxes spaghetti; 39 boxes Mac & Cheese; 6 boxes cereal bars; 15 boxes prepared potatoes; 8 cans meat; 3 boxes crackers; 4 packaged cookies; 3 bags rice, 3 bags beans; 46 tooth brushes; 41 tooth paste; 37 bars of soap; 21 shampoo/conditioners; 2 liquid detergent; 24 additional miscellaneous items. Over 600 items, plus monetary donations of \$205.00, were collected for Christian Ministries' Food Pantry, which includes items donated by the children attending VBS. Thanks to all who shared. What a Blessing!

HEARTS & HANDS UNITED

Twenty pairs of size 6 boys shoes (new) were donated, along with 9 pair purchased from the Missions & Benevolence fund. These shoes were distributed Saturday, August 2, at the Backpack/School Supply Give-away, at the Delaware County Fairgrounds. Thanks for your generous donations.

FOOD PANTRY

Once again, volunteers are needed for August 27, 28, and 29, from 8:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Three volunteers are needed each day. Prayerfully consider volunteering to help with this worthy community service project. You may call Carol Schussler, 289-8887, to volunteer, or for more information.

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CROP WALK

The annual CROP Hunger Walk will be Sunday, September 14, starting at College Avenue United Methodist Church. Registration at 1:30 p.m., walk begins at 2 p.m. CROP Hunger Walks help fight hunger and poverty locally and globally, with 25% of money collected, given to local food pantries. Hunger and poverty are rampant in our world and escalating in these current economic conditions. Our local CROP Hunger Walk is a great place to start doing something to help.

Sign-up to walk or to support a Hazelwood walker will begin Sunday, August 24, in the Rotunda. Together, with your family, group, or congregation, we can change the world, one step at a time.

Blessings and thanks to all!

Missions & Benevolence Committee

Coupons for Christian Ministries:

"I am always looking for ways to help others out in our community. I was visiting Christian Ministries one day this summer to help a person out in the Muncie area. As I was waiting for this lady to arrive, I noticed the secretary was cutting out coupons. I figured they were for her own shopping trip. When I inquired, she said those were coupons people have donated. She cuts them out, and sets them out for those who may need them to help buy their essential groceries.

"There are times we felt led to help a good and just cause, but we have given all the extra money our budget can allow. I use a few coupons when I go to the grocery store, but I know there are several that I don't use and just throw away. I've saved a few diaper coupons for relatives, but I never really thought about the rest of the coupons.

"I think what Christian Ministries is doing is wonderful, and needed in our community. The coupons are just another way they are able to help others, and a way we could help that doesn't cost us any extra money. I will have a box set up in the Fellowship House to collect these coupons for Christian Ministries. They do not have to be cut out, but please make sure they are not expired."

Rev. James Petty

