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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.

January 29
February 12 & 26
March 12 & 26

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



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

January 15, 2015

Let's get CREATIVE!

"David Gauntlett, in his book, *'Making Is Connecting: The Social Meaning of Creativity,'* from *DIY and knitting to Youtube and Web 2.0*, writes that creativity 'helps us to build resilience...and the creative capacity to deal with significant challenges.'

"Not only is creativity part of resiliency, 'creativity is an act of defiance,' says dancer Twyla Tharp, as creativity breaks through the status quo and pushes our imaginations to explore, dream, and imagine a world made new.

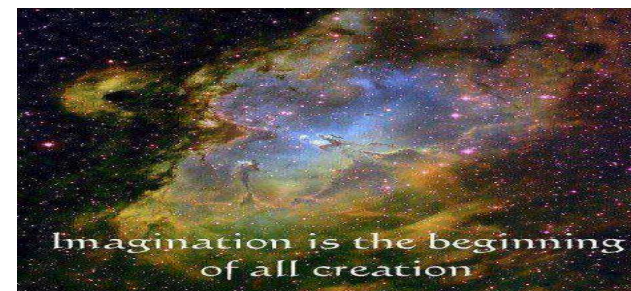
"We are made in the image of a 'creator' God, and so the gift of imagining new ways of living and new possibilities are woven into our being. We have some significant challenges to deal with this year, but instead of letting them overwhelm us, let's look at them as opportunities to create new life at Hazelwood Christian Church.

"I saw our creative God at work last week as our church was opened up and became a true sanctuary and safe place for a whole community of God's people. Was there any part of the building or our hearts that were not touched by the outpouring of love that happened here?"

"I saw pain shared but also so much love and understanding. Our creative God was truly doing a beautiful thing in showing us that out of tragedy can come seeds of newness and life. I feel a sense of hope sprouting up around this community. Enjoy it. Let it move you to allow yourself to imagine new ways of being, new ways of relating to each other, new ways of letting God love you into newness of life.

"Creativity can be fun. Let's see what God can make of us."

~Rev. Diane





January 18 - 21, 2015

- SUNDAY**
- Traditional Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary.
 - *Celebrate!* Worship Service, 10 a.m., Cartwright Hall.
 - Orders taken for Dr. Cartwright's latest book, Rotunda.
 - Walk-A-Mile sign-up, Rotunda.
- MONDAY**
- Church Office closed in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday.
- TUESDAY**
- Praise Band rehearsal, 9:45 a.m., Cartwright Hall.
 - Trustees' meeting, 5:30 p.m.
 - Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY**
- Handbell Choir rehearsal, 6 p.m., choir room.
 - Choir rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., choir loft.



January 25 - 28, 2015

- SUNDAY**
- Traditional Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary.
 - *Celebrate!* Worship Service, 10 a.m., Cartwright Hall.
 - All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m.
 - Walk-A-Mile sign-up, Rotunda.
- MONDAY**
- Preschool Chapel, 9:10 a.m., & 12:40 p.m., Sanctuary.
 - Area Ministers' meeting, 11 a.m.
- TUESDAY**
- Praise Band rehearsal, 9:45 a.m., Cartwright Hall.
- WEDNESDAY**
- Bell Choir rehearsal, 6 p.m., choir room.
 - Choir rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., choir loft.
- THURSDAY**
- Preschool Chapel, 9:10 a.m., & 12:40 p.m., Sanctuary.

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

Staff Changes...

Upon Ann Wolfe's retirement as Hazelwood's Children's Music Director, Monica Pavel-Kissinger has been selected, and has agreed, to assume the extra responsibilities of directing the Children's Choir. We welcome Monica into this added position. We are grateful that all of our choirs are in her capable hands!

"I have enjoyed playing organ for the worship services, accompanying the choir, handbells, and playing with the *Celebrate!* band, when needed, for many years. My grandfather once told me, 'Find a job you love and you will never have to work a day in your life.' I have found that job at Hazelwood, and I look forward to many years together.

"Today, I celebrate the many years I have served as the organist at Hazelwood, as well as God's continuous call to ministry in my life; the call to the ministerial roles at Hazelwood Christian Church, and theological education at Christian Theological Seminary.

"In taking on these new roles, I promised my family, the senior minister, our Ministerial Relations Committee, and many others I would constantly evaluate my positions and responsibilities at home, church, and school. In evaluating these last several months, I found myself being stretched a little too thin to adequately spend the time needed in all the different areas of my life.

"I've prayed and talked with family, friends, and advisors about my current situation. As much as I love the music program here at Hazelwood, I feel I need to resign from these musical responsibilities and focus on the ministerial role God is moving me toward. In looking forward to what will be expected of me from seminary, in order to graduate, and the Disciples of Christ, for ordination, this resignation will be beneficial not only to me, but to Hazelwood as we move forward together.

"I will continue to serve until the end of January as the organist, and assist in any way I am able in hiring a new organist. I look forward to continually serving Hazelwood as your Associate Pastor, and sharing the wonderful things I have learned and experienced at seminary."

Sincerely,
Rev. James Petty, Associate Minister

Missions Update...

(Missions update continued)

NOTES OF GRATITUDE:

“Thank you for your recent contribution of \$100 to *Feed My Sheep, Muncie Inc.* Your gift made it possible for us to serve and deliver over 1,100 meals, and over 1,000 bags of groceries on Thanksgiving this year.”

Sincerely, Eric L. Fenstermaker, Treasurer & Rev. Jeffry N. Veatch, Secretary, Feed My Sheep Board of Directors

“Many, many thanks for the delicious meal that you served for the *Whitely Neighborhood Council* on Monday, December 8. We have heard nothing but positive feedback.” Cornelius and Mary Dollison

“We are grateful for your gift of \$250 to *The Second Harvest Food Bank*. Your donation will help provide food for individuals who do not have enough food to put on their tables each day. Thanks again for making a difference during the holidays, and beyond.” Tim Kean, President & CEO

“Hazelwood, you have made a difference in the lives of your neighbors! Thank you for your gift of \$250 to *Christian Ministries*. No benefit was bestowed upon this donor in exchange for their contribution...other than the joy of giving to an organization that supports programs that help people with food, shelter, and emergency assistance.” Robert Rhoades, Board President

“Thank you for your thoughtful contribution of \$250 to our organization, *Muncie YWCA*. All donations help to improve the lives of the homeless women, and women with children we shelter in our facility. Your support allows us to continue to encourage, educate, and empower our residents, as well as members of the community, who take advantage of the programs and activities we offer. Again, we thank you for your kind contribution.” Nancy Buchert, Executive Director

“Thank you for your recent staff of volunteer bell ringers. Each dollar you helped collect will fuel important services, for individuals and families in crisis, through basic needs programs, disaster relief efforts, and so much more. Thank you for your gift of time to the *Salvation Army*. God Bless.”
Lts. Kevin & Mary Robbins, Corp Officers

DISBURSEMENTS:

Christian Ministries Sleeping Room Men & Staff, \$225.00 in gift cards.

HAZELWOOD VOLUNTEERS:

Christian Ministries Food Pantry, December 17, 18, & 19: Carol Schussler, Dick & Marcia Miller, Jim & Travis Warrner, Judy McKenna, Peggy Fast, and Don & Cheryll Crose. Blessings to all for their service.

Salvation Army Bell Ringers: Don & Cheryll Crose; Brayton and Evan Conley; Pat LaRue; John Clark; Shirley Bookout; Glen Sulanke; Jim and Travis Warrner; Tiffany Ingles; Ed Marlow; Bob & Sue Weller; Mary Ann Matchett; Linda Morical; Andy, Brynmar, and Jairen Rees. A big thanks to all these ring-a-lings.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

Muncie Mission's 11th Annual “Walk-A-Mile-In-My-Shoes,” Saturday, February 14, 2015. Proceeds will support the Mission's ongoing commitment towards building hope for the homeless. Sign up to walk or support a walker begins Sunday, January 18 through February 8, in the Rotunda. Prayerfully consider taking a step into the struggles facing the homeless, by walking or contributing.

Blessings to all, The Missions & Benevolence Team

Walk To End Alzheimer's

As reported to you in October, The Alzheimer's Association extended fundraising to the Anderson walk to December in an attempt to reach the area goal of \$60,000. Denise Fosnaugh wishes to thank Hazelwood Christian Church for raising “...an incredible \$512, and helping raise \$57,000 to continue our mission to eliminate Alzheimer's Disease!” ~Peggy Fast

JOYS AND CONCERNS...

Herb Myers is a patient at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.

Sympathy to:

The family of Rosella Lamb who died December 22, 2014. Services were held Saturday, December 27, in Daleville.

Dee & Bill Moser upon the death of Dee's sister, Alice "Maxine" Story, December 30. Services were held Tuesday, January 6, in Angola.

The congregation wraps the Clark family, John, Jill, Justin, and Gwen, in love and prayers upon the tragic death of Annie and Caroline, following an auto accident on January 2. Services were held Friday, January 9, at Hazelwood, with Rev. Diane Zehr officiating. Remember the Clarks in the weeks and months to come.

"Dear Diane, James, and friends,
Please know that we held you and the church community in prayer, as you grieve the death of the Clark sisters. In this tragic, sorrowful time, know that others are praying with and for you, and all those touched by this loss. May you know God's sustaining loving presence with you. In Christ," ~Women's Prayer Group, Geist Christian Church, Indianapolis

In Appreciation:

"Thanks to our church family for the beautiful flowers, the poinsettia, calls, cards, and mostly prayers, for Don and me." ~Don and Ardis Rogers

"Thank you so much for the lovely retirement reception the Personnel Committee hosted for me on December 14th. Everything, from the corsage, to the cakes, to the music-decorated card basket, are all appreciated. The two generous gift cards will be put to good use! Your thoughtful well-wishes are all very special to me. I look forward to 'laity life' at Hazelwood, and being able to listen to the sermon once again!"
~Sincerely, Ann Wolfe

"Hazelwood friends, Jim and I both want to thank you for the lovely poinsettia. It was so nice of you to remember us. We have enjoyed it this holiday season. Thanks again to all of you."
~Jim and Mary Briggs

Joys and concerns continued on next page.

Wilma W. Purtlebaugh wishes to express her sincere appreciation and warmest thanks to all of her Hazelwood Christian friends for the visits, cards, flowers, and prayers. They were most uplifting during a long hospital stay, especially the prayers!

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way with the meals, set-ups, and services for the Clarks. Many came together in love for the Clarks, and it's very much appreciated.
~Linette

January Birthdays, 2015

2	Mallory Masiogale	23	Lois Gross
4	Kara Tucker	24	Cathy Purtlebaugh
8	Rachel Tucker	26	Jay Matchett
	Alexis (Bennett) Brant	27	Robert Purtlebaugh
9	Stefanie Petty		Stan Bobbitt
10	Evan Conley	29	Andrew Glaze
14	Michael Heavilon	30	Andrew Rowe
15	Brayton Conley		
17	Donna Dye		
18	Linda Roberts		
21	Zachary Foster		
22	Bill Moser		

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