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Sunday Schedule: Worship Service, 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

December 17
January 7, 2016

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



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

December 6, 2015



- December 6: Second Sunday of Advent, lighting of the Joy candle. Hanging of the Greens worship service, 10 a.m. Youth Secret Santa Shopping, 11:30 a.m.
- December 12: Receptionist and Staff Christmas carry-in, 6 p.m., Sulanke Fellowship House.
- December 13: Third Sunday of Advent, lighting of the Peace candle. Worship service, 10 a.m.
- December 17: Pack Christmas Boxes, 6 p.m., Rotunda.
- December 19: Deliver Christmas Boxes, 8:30 a.m., drivers and helpers needed. Sign-up during Coffee Fellowship in the Rotunda.
- December 20: Fourth Sunday of Advent, lighting of the Love candle. Worship service, 10 a.m.; Christmas Eve service rehearsal, 11:30 a.m., Sanctuary.
- December 24: Church office closes at noon. Christmas Eve worship service, 8 p.m., Sanctuary. Light reception in the Rotunda/Library following worship.
- December 25: Have a Blessed Christmas day.
- December 27: Worship service, 10 a.m.
- December 31: Church office closes at noon.
- January 1, 2016: Have a Happy New Year! Church office closed.

JOYS, CONCERNS, and INFORMATION

Concerns:

- ♦ Jane Jack had neck surgery. She is now at Westminster.
- ♦ Don Kirk is now at Signature Healthcare of Muncie, on North Walnut, in Rm. 210.
- ♦ Bob Purtlebaugh is also at Signature Healthcare of Muncie, in Rm. 906.

In Appreciation:

“Our thanks to John and Carolyn Starnes, John and Randy Burke, Rev. James and the youth, and all who contributed poinsettias to help make our congregation festive for the Christmas season. Names for the poinsettias are listed on another page, as well as in the bulletin for this Sunday’s ‘Hanging of the Greens’ worship service.” Marianna Gill, Worship Coordinator.

“We want to thank you for adopting nursing home residents for Christmas. Hazelwood adopted 40 residents this year! Yeah, Hazelwood! Yeah, God! Please know how special your gifts and cards mean to those who are lonely. Not only do they receive something, but thanks to you, it is a gift specifically for them. They experience love from you and from Christ. Despite the challenges the congregation has faced this year, you graciously poured your heart out to those in need. Thank you once again for bringing joy to our hearts through your love for Jesus and for others. This wonderful gift lift wouldn’t have happened without Shirley Bookout. Thank you, Shirley for taking the lead! By His Grace,” Nikki Haars



The Shivembe calendars for Winnie’s Kids are in! You can pick yours up this Sunday in the Rotunda. The calendars are \$18, and they make great gifts!



The 2016 offering envelopes are in the Narthex. If you don’t see yours, and you would like a box, please put your name on the sheet of paper beside the boxes.

CHRISTMAS BOX PROJECT

We continue our Christmas Box sign up for volunteers to help pack and deliver boxes of foods and gifts for children. On Thursday, December 17, we will meet in the Rotunda/Library area to pack the boxes with the non-perishable foods at 6 p.m. Those of you who can, meet at 4:30 p.m. to tape boxes together, check the food, and sort them into stations for packing.



There is another important way you can help with this worthwhile project...give a monetary gift. Our goal to serve the needy families in our community is \$3,000. To date, we’ve only received \$500. You can mark your check “Christmas Box Project” and put it in the offering plate or drop it by the church office. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated.

Search Committee Update

“The new Search Committee met on the evening of December 2nd for their organizational and orientation meeting. New members John Starnes, Kelly Heavilon, and Andy Rowe join returning members Shirley Bookout, Wendy Rees, Amy Stucky and Tony Gill.

“The committee received names of a couple of individuals that may be available in early January as a new Interim Minister. Additionally, we received a potential candidate for the Senior Minister position. We will meet next Wednesday to start the evaluation of these candidates.

“You may wonder, if we have a candidate for Senior Minister, why are we still considering an Interim? Currently, we have the pulpit filled through the end of the year. However, Rev. James will be continuing his schooling once the new year starts. Given the timeline requirements (time to schedule interviews, Board Meeting approval, two weeks to schedule a congregational meeting, and an accepted candidate offering 2-3 months notice for their current congregation), we are still looking at several months before we can realistically fill the pulpit with a new Senior Minister. The Search Committee, Elders, and Worship Committee all agreed that, given the situation we’re in, a second Interim Minister would be needed to help guide us the rest of the way.

“The members of the committee appreciate your prayers as we continue our search for the right individual for Hazelwood.” - Tony Gill, Board Moderator



December 5 - 12, 2015

- SATURDAY
 - Hanging of the Greens rehearsal, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary.
- SUNDAY
 - Hanging of the Greens Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary. Second Sunday in Advent.
 - Check out the sign-up table in the Rotunda.
 - Offering envelopes for 2016 are available in the Narthex.
 - All-Youth Fellowship Secret Santa Shopping, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall.
- TUESDAY
 - Praise Band Rehearsal, 10 a.m., Sanctuary.
- WEDNESDAY
 - Elders, 5 p.m.
 - Bell Choir rehearsal, 6 p.m., choir room.
 - Missions & Benevolence, 6:15 p.m.
 - Search Committee, 7 p.m.
 - Vocal Choir rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., choir loft.
- SATURDAY
 - Church Staff & Volunteer Receptionist’s Christmas Party, 6 p.m.

December 13 - 19, 2015

- SUNDAY
 - Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary. Third Sunday in Advent.
 - Check out the sign-up table in the Rotunda.
 - All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m. Wrapping Secret Santa presents.
- TUESDAY
 - Praise Band Rehearsal, 10 a.m., Sanctuary.
 - Christian Women’s Fellowship Christmas Luncheon, 1 p.m., Jeane Garrett’s home.
 - Preschool Christmas Program, 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary. All are welcome.
- WEDNESDAY
 - Bell Choir rehearsal, 6 p.m., choir room.
 - Vocal Choir rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., choir loft.
- THURSDAY
 - Pack boxes for the Christmas Box Project, 6 p.m., Rotunda.
- FRIDAY
 - Men’s Lunch, noon, Cartwright Hall. Host: Gene Dobson.
- SATURDAY
 - Deliver boxes for the Christmas Box Project, 8:30 a.m.

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



LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, December 20

Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Christmas Eve service rehearsal, 11:30 a.m., Sanctuary.

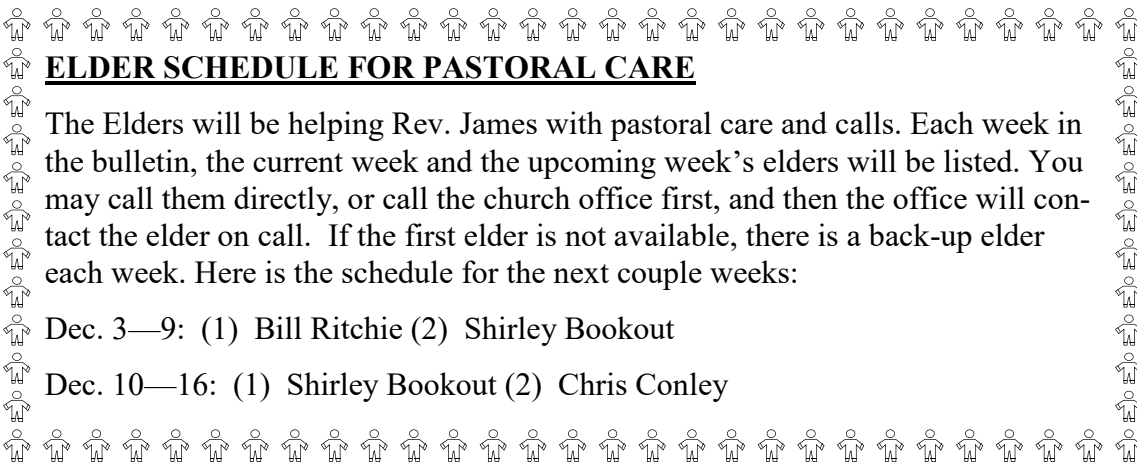
Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve Worship Service, 8 p.m., Sanctuary.

Light reception following worship in the Rotunda/Library.



If you would like to distribute Christmas cards to your Hazelwood family without postage, two wooden boxes have been given to us for that purpose. You may drop your greeting cards in the box, using the alphabet dividers. The boxes are in the Rotunda. This is an easy and economical way to share greetings during the Christmas season.



ELDER SCHEDULE FOR PASTORAL CARE

The Elders will be helping Rev. James with pastoral care and calls. Each week in the bulletin, the current week and the upcoming week’s elders will be listed. You may call them directly, or call the church office first, and then the office will contact the elder on call. If the first elder is not available, there is a back-up elder each week. Here is the schedule for the next couple weeks:

Dec. 3—9: (1) Bill Ritchie (2) Shirley Bookout

Dec. 10—16: (1) Shirley Bookout (2) Chris Conley

The beautiful decorations that enhance Hazelwood this Christmas season are given by the following:

Shirley Bookout in memory of parents, William & Thelma Bowman, and Eunice Miller
Jack Carmichael in memory of parents, John & Gertie Carmichael
David & Susan Cartwright in memory of Lester & Louise Cartwright, and Earl & Anna Merrick
Lee Anne Chambers in memory of brother, Jay Hamilton, and mother, Martha Jeanne Hamilton
Ruthanne and Samuel Devroy in memory of Jean & Clell Douglass
Ruthanne and Samuel Devroy in memory of Ilyana Harty
Donna Dye in memory of Lee Dye, and in honor of Ruth & Dave Griffey's anniversary on December 23
Jeane Garrett, Elaine Wulff, and Mary Strubbe in memory of parents, Stanley & Evelyn Bartlett
Jeane Garrett, Elaine Wulff, and Mary Strubbe in memory of grandparents, Harry & Lydia Williams
Jeane Garrett, Beth & Nancy in memory of Bob Garrett
Dennis Holmes in memory of Lowell Holmes
Dennis Holmes in memory of Grace Holmes
Dennis Holmes in memory of Diane Holmes
Mary Alice Lanning in memory of husband, Don Lanning, and parents, Doris & Edward Zetterberg
Mauri & Ruth Mangas in memory of parents, Harvey & Aurora Clement, and Alva & Adda Mangas
Dick & Marcia Miller, and Jeff & Sherri Christensen in memory of Willa & Mary Jane Stacker, and Herbert & Ruby Miller
Rhea & Tom Morgan, in memory of parents
Bill & Dee Moser in memory of parents, V.G. & Ruth Moser, and Floyd & Esther Firestone, and Maxine Stoy
Bill & Dee Moser in honor of the Molly (Moser) Kiron Family, and the Michael Carlton Family
Katelyn and Adam Moudy in memory of Myrtle & James Cundiff
Katelyn and Adam Moudy in memory of Gladys, Newell, & John Jeffs
Wanda Quinn-Isenbarger in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Glen Hayden
Wanda Quinn-Isenbarger in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Clark Hayden

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Lori Rhoden in memory of mother, June Rhoden
Lori Rhoden in honor of father, James Rhoden
Patty Richards, Greg, Jenny, Ethan, & Kyle Baitz, in memory of Harold Richards
Bill & Leah Ritchie, Casey & Rylee Ritchie, Jeff & Kathy Clary and family in memory of Bill G. Ritchie
Pati Sparks in memory of parents, June & Roscoe Bell and brothers, Thom & Dan Bell
John & Carolyn Starnes in memory of Lloyd & Buna Starnes and Jim & Bea Insley
John & Carolyn Starnes in honor of their grandchildren
Howard & Judy Thomas in memory of parents, Oral & Mary Thomas
Howard & Judy Thomas and Mary Anne Warfel in memory of parents, Bill & Judy Warfel
Ron & Julie Thomas and family in memory of parents, Herbert & Suzan Myers and Ron & Vera Thomas
Woody & Molly Wantz in memory of parents, Marjorie & Kenneth Wantz
Woody & Molly Wantz in memory of parents, Virginia & Charles Ingram

Missions Opportunities

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

1. **FOOD PANTRY:** Our next opportunity to volunteer at the food pantry is December 16, 17, and 18. Volunteers distribute food from 8:45 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Prayerfully consider helping. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Marcia Miller at 730-5552 for more information or to sign up to help.
2. **SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING:** Hazelwood will be ringing the salvation army bell Tuesday, December 24, at the Marsh on McGalliard, from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. You can sign up to ring the bell for an hour. There will be a sign-up sheet during Coffee Fellowship after worship on Sunday.
3. **WALK-A-MILE IN MY SHOES:** Mark your calendar for the Muncie Mission's 12th annual walk on Saturday, February 13, 2016.