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Sunday Schedule: Worship Service, 10 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship, 11:15 a.m.
Adult Church School, 11:30 a.m.
Children Church School, 10:10 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 are 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

March 16 & 30

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



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

March 2, 2017



Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.

Joel 2:12-13

BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 2/21/17: \$3,436.02

Offerings Received for Week Ending 2/28/17: \$5,756.92

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$6,026.34

Average Weekly Need: \$5,790

Jan. 2017 Offerings Compared to Budget: \$4,779.77*

**Reflects the amount received OVER Budget*



The 2016 Treasurer's Annual Report is available in the Library.



A few years ago I went through every possession in my house. I decided to see what I had in my home, from top to bottom, and I chose to keep the things I needed and get rid of the things I didn't. I lived in my house for a few years at that point. Things accumulate. Stuff gets piled away, out of sight, in closets and boxes. I decided I needed to go through it, room by room, closet by closet, and box by box, and take a good inventory of what I had and purge the things I didn't need.

Do you ever do that with your life, go over it, inch by inch, and assess what you have and rid yourself of what you don't need? More than your possessions, have you ever assessed your life—looked at your life and asked yourself what's helpful and what's not helpful? Sometimes we just need to take a good look at our lives and ask ourselves, "What's working here and what isn't?" There have been a few seasons like that for me, usually at a time of transition from one thing to the next, where I've taken a deep look at my life and asked myself what I was doing and where I was going. Socrates was reported to say "The unexamined life is not worth living." There's something to that; our lives need an occasional examining and adjusting.

We're beginning the season of Lent. Lent begins later this year, with Ash Wednesday coming on March 1. With it comes a later Easter on April 16. Lent is the 40 days we set aside before Easter for fasting, repentance, and renewal. In that time, we journey with Jesus toward the cross in preparation for Easter. Lent is a more than opportune time for taking a good look at our living. During the season, we ask ourselves the significant questions with the hope that God might lead us to renewal and new life. May we all be blessed with the task of some spring cleaning of the soul as we begin the season of Lent.

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones



- ♦ Our thanks to Mary Alice Lanning and family for the beautiful new Lent banners on each side of the baptistry, given in memory of her husband, Don Lanning.

OOPS!

Our March Birthday list wasn't quite complete! Please join us in wishing Barbara Syphers a very Happy Birthday on March 26!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY- MUNCIE MISSION

Muncie Mission Ministries has a position open for a part-time Special Events Coordinator.

The qualified candidate must be detail-oriented, able to multitask, and have good interpersonal, oral, and written communication skills. It is essential that employees of Muncie Mission Ministries have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and be willing to sign the Ministry's statement of faith.

Please contact Anna Baldwin at 765-288-9122 ext. 223 or you may email her at abaldwin@munciemission.org with any questions.



IU HEALTH BALL MEMORIAL HOSPICE

IU Health Ball Memorial Hospice is actively recruiting volunteers. Volunteers fill a vital companionship-driven role to patients and their families as they deal with issues related to life-limiting illnesses. Such roles include sitting with patients, running errands for caregivers, and providing quality emotional support during this difficult time. Training is provided to all volunteers. For more information, call the hospice office at (765) 747-4273 or 800-458-2255, and ask for volunteer coordinator/chaplain Abbie Guthrie, or email BallHospiceVC@iuhealth.org.

DISCERNMENT TEAM

Our Worship Discernment Team had its second meeting on February 27. Right now, the group is just setting the stage for its future work, defining the options that could be considered and the voices we need to hear. The Discernment Team was formed to help us, as a congregation, discern where God might be leading us in our worship life.

I've learned, in my few months here at Hazelwood, that strong feelings come with worship styles. Usually we're more drawn to one style or another, and experiencing a different style often evokes an emotional reaction. I'll ask, as we journey through this time of discernment, that you be kind to your sister or brother in Christ who might be drawn to a style different than yours. We'll have some opportunities for sharing and listening in the future, where you can share your voice (and hear others' voices). Through this time of discernment and discussion, as we hear from each other and the Spirit of God, the most important thing is to love your brother or sister in Christ, regardless of the style of worship he or she might choose.

Those serving on the Worship Discernment Team include: Steve Cartwright, Kathy Clary, Donna Dye, Jason Hahn, Tiffany Ingles, Barbara Money, Glen Sulanke, and Julie Thomas.

~Jason Jones

ALL-CHURCH WORK DAYS

February 4 was a great success as we tackled the main floor and attic areas of the church building. On February 18, we began the arduous task of clearing out the areas in the basement halls not being used by the preschool. A big thank you goes out to Shirley Bookout, John Burke, Tony & Marianna Gill, Rev. Jason, Dick & Marcia Miller, Rhea Morgan, Rev. James, Stefanie, & Logan Petty, Bill Ritchie, Dave & Laura Rowe, John Starnes, Jim Warrner, and Ann Wolfe for all their help with our second Work Day!

While a lot was accomplished on those first two Work Days, we still have a lot to do in order to successfully combine the contents of two buildings into one. Join us this Saturday, **March 4** from 9 a.m.-Noon as we continue to clean up the areas in the lower level of the church building and get ready to move the offices.

Not able to make it this weekend, but still want to help? **March 18** is Moving Day! Larger office items will be moved from the Fellowship House into their new spaces with a little help from 2 Men and a Truck. We will also take care of moving any large Preschool/ELC items that need to be relocated (with direction from Angie, the Preschool Director, of course!).

The task may seem daunting, but together we can accomplish anything!

I FOUND WALDO! NOW WHERE IS THE CHUCH OFFICE?

A couple months ago, word began to spread about the possible sale of the Fellowship House. As the possibility grew into more of a reality, one very big question needed an answer—where are the offices going to go? We hope, eventually, to build new office space to accommodate our needs. However, that is a long-term solution, and we had a more immediate need on our hands. So began the quest for a temporary solution, one that would cause as little disruption as possible to the day-to-day functioning of the church and preschool.

To find the answer to our question, groups met, facts were given, needs were outlined, concerns were expressed, opinions were considered, thoughts were shared, compromises found, and, slowly but surely, a plan began to come together. That plan is now, finally, concrete enough to put to paper and share with the congregation.

After our March 18 Moving Day, the temporary home for the church offices will be in the north hallway of the basement, underneath Cartwright Hall. The two doors on the right-hand side of the hall immediately before the doors leading to the outside steps will open to the offices of Rev. Jason, Rev. James, Marianna, Rhea, and Stefanie. Down the hall, the Chi Rho room will house the communal office equipment, such as the copier and fax machine, and is where the weekly staff meetings will take place. This room will also serve as a quiet, confidential space for Rev. Jason and Rev. James to meet with members of the congregation when needed. Our much-appreciated receptionists will have a desk upstairs in the Rotunda near the glass double-doors and will continue to help answer phones and greet visitors as they arrive. Meeting space for the various Committees and Teams that used to meet in the Fellowship House has been made in the Chapel at the front of the Sanctuary. Larger groups, such as the Church Board, will meet in Cartwright Hall.

Like any change, this is going to take some adjusting and getting used to for all of us. But, with a little patience and understanding, we can make the best of our temporary situation as we begin planning for a more permanent solution.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28





Valentine Surprise

I hope you all enjoyed the Valentine cards the preschool children made for the church congregation. We had lots of fun making them! We want you all to know you are loved and are so appreciated!

Scholarship Fund

Some of you have asked about sponsoring a child in Preschool. Enrollment began February 10, and with that always comes the need for scholarships for families in need. If you are looking for a way to help our preschool, this may be just what you are looking for. No gift is too small. I truly believe God rewards us many times over for our willingness to sacrifice on another's behalf. We appreciate any and all you can do for our precious children. Parents of families that receive scholarships donate their time in the classroom, bringing in extra snacks and gently used toys to help supply our classrooms.

If you are interested in donating to the Preschool Scholarship Fund, please contact Angela Lopez at (765) 284-2430, or on her cell at (765) 702-4864. We are thankful for any and all donations!

2017-2018 Preschool Rates

2-3 Year-Old Class Monthly Tuition, \$50.00

3-4 Year-Old Class Monthly Tuition, \$100.00

4-5 Year-Old Class Monthly Tuition, \$130.00

~Angie Lopez, Preschool Director

Looking Ahead

March 9 & 13 2-3 Class Parent/Teacher Conferences

March 13, 15, & 17 3-4 Class Parent/Teacher Conferences

March 20-24 Spring Break

April 14 Good Friday - No School

April 30 Preschool Sunday



AYF (ALL-YOUTH FELLOWSHIP)

Last week we watched the movie, "Letters to God," which tied back to our Summer Mission Trip last year at Give Kids the World Village and their recent addition of "Tyler's Mailbox." Tyler wrote letters to God and mailed them. His letters were not filled with selfish wishes or angry words. Rather, they were full of his prayers. They showed his way of seeing things through God's eyes.

Ultimately, Tyler's letters ended up in the hands of those who needed to hear his words the most—people who were struggling with prayer and making sense of the world around them. By following Tyler's example and writing their own letters to God, they expressed their true feelings and thoughts; some sad, some angry, some confused, the whole spectrum of human emotion. Through these letters came an understanding of how to pray; God brought clarity and healing through a sense of peace and assurance.

Tyler's story shows us that prayers do not have to be formulaic. They are simply a conversation with God. Tell God about your joys and concerns. Tell God what you are excited about, the wonderful things that happened to you today, and the things you are looking forward to doing tomorrow.

Not everything in life is sunshine and roses, and we can tell God about all of it. Tell God about your disappointments, your frustrations, and those times when you find it hard to understand the situation you find yourself in. Psalm 22 is a great example of a song/prayer of lament/complaint. Through this Psalm, the writer finds peace, hope, and trust in God.

My challenge to you: Write letters or pray to God as if God is your closest friend in whom you feel comfortable sharing anything and everything. Make this part of your spiritual practice through this season of Lent and watch how God will change your life.

~ Rev. James

Join us for our next All-Youth Fellowship on Sunday, **March 12**. We'll be polishing our acts for Taters 'n Talent!

SEASON OF LENT AT HAZELWOOD

ASH WEDNESDAY

We began the season of Lent on Wednesday, March 1 with our Ash Wednesday Service at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The Ashes we received are a sign of our mortality, repentance, and a marker of our desire to return to God with whole hearts.

LENT SOUP & STUDY

Pull up a chair as we enjoy a bowl of soup and delve into *Forgiveness: A Lenten Study* by Marjorie Thompson at 5:30 p.m. on March 5, March 19, March 26, and April 2 in Cartwright Hall.

PALM SUNDAY

Join us for a Procession of Palms and Worship service on Sunday, April 9 at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary as we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Enjoy a light supper on Thursday, April 13 at 6 p.m. as we come together in fellowship in Cartwright Hall. At 7 p.m., we will move to the Sanctuary for Worship and Communion in memory of Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the meal, please contact Stefanie in the church office.

EGG HUNT

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Hazelwood is Saturday, April 15! Kids up to grade 5 will meet in the Rotunda at 10 a.m. to search for those elusive Easter Eggs filled with candy.

If you would like to donate candy, or volunteer to help stuff Easter Eggs, contact Rev. James in the church office.

EASTER SUNDAY

He Has Risen!

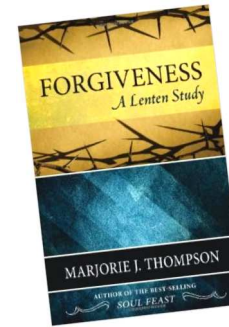
Join us in Worship on Sunday, April 16 at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

Youth that complete the Inquirers' Class will be baptized during the service.

INQUIRERS' CLASS

Whether you are new to Hazelwood or a youth interested in baptism, our Inquirers' Class is open to all who want to learn more about the Disciples of Christ and Hazelwood Christian Church. We are planning to start a class during the Lent season to explore the basics of our faith and what it means to be a member of Hazelwood. Please contact Rev. James if you are interested.

LENT SOUP & STUDY



Sometimes the name says it all, and *Soup & Study* is just what you'd expect it to be—during Lent we'll gather for Soup and for Study. Rev. Jason has led Lenten Soup & Studies in other congregations, and has found it to be a unique way to gather for both fellowship and renewal as we journey through this special season.

At 5:30 p.m. on March 5, March 19, March 26, and April 2 we'll share in this season of Lent through fellowship around some humble bowls of soup, and then we'll have a time of study. Our focus for Study will be Marjorie Thompson's book, *Forgiveness: A Lenten Study*.

We need folks to make soup for each evening, so if you'd like to share some soup, please sign up on Sunday. If you'd like to attend the Soup & Study, please sign up, too, so we'll have an idea of how many would attend.

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Isaiah 58:6-7



March 5-11, 2017

- SUNDAY**
- Worship, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
 - Gathering, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
 - Lent Soup & Study, 5:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall
- TUESDAY**
- Praise Band Rehearsal, 9 a.m., Sanctuary
- WEDNESDAY**
- No Bell or Choir Rehearsal
- SATURDAY**
- Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday: “Spring” Your Clocks Forward 1 Hour Before Going to Bed!

March 12-18, 2017

- SUNDAY**
- Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
 - All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
 - Taters ‘n Talent, 5 p.m., Cartwright Hall
- TUESDAY**
- Praise Band Rehearsal, 9 a.m., Sanctuary
- WEDNESDAY**
- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room
 - Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft
- THURSDAY**
- Worship Team, 7 p.m., Chapel
- FRIDAY**
- Preschool Team, 10:30 a.m., Chapel
 - Men’s Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall, Host: Gene Dobson
- SATURDAY**
- All Church Work Day, 9 a.m.-Noon



Warm up your taste buds and warm up your act! Our annual Taters ‘n Talent show will be at 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 12. Sign-up in the Rotunda after worship to share your talent!



Looking Ahead...

April 8, 2017

All Church Work Day - Getting Ready for Spring, 9 a.m.-Noon

April 13, 2017

Maundy Thursday Dinner, 6 p.m., Cartwright Hall

Worship Service with Communion, 7 p.m., Sanctuary

April 15, 2017

Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m.

2017 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
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WORSHIP

We'll gather as ONE body of Christ to worship the God of Love.

EDUCATION

Disciples learning together how we can live and work as the ONE family of God.

MISSION

Join us in using your passion for mission in service as ONE church.

Register today online at:

ga.disciples.org/registration

Early registration discount expires April 1, so don't delay!