

Hazelwood Christian Church  
1400 W University Avenue  
Muncie, IN 47303  
Ph. (765) 282-5969; Fax (765) 282-5569  
Email: [hazelwoodchurch@gmail.com](mailto:hazelwoodchurch@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.hazelwoodchurch.org](http://www.hazelwoodchurch.org)  
Preschool website: [www.hazelwoodpreschool.org](http://www.hazelwoodpreschool.org)

Rev. James Petty, Associate Minister  
Stefanie Petty, Administrative Assistant & Newsletter Editor  
Andy Rees, Moderator  
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](http://www.hazelwoodchurch.org)**  
We are constantly building and adding to it, so check back often!  
You can also contact us through

## NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

March 17, 2016  
March 31, 2016

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



# HAZELWOOD LEAVES

March 3, 2016

And all *God's* people said...  
*Amen!*

This past Sunday, February 28, Hazelwood members in attendance voted, **unanimously**, to call a new Senior Minister. While those at the meeting were able to meet him and ask questions, we are not able to provide any more details about him at this point. This will allow him the space to notify his current congregation, and for them to start planning the transition in an orderly manner.

What I can say, is everyone I've spoken to is excited at the prospects the future holds, and is eager to begin our new journey. At this point, we are planning on him starting around the first of June.

I would also like to take this time to once again thank all the members of the Search Committee in its various forms: Shirley Bookout, Wendy Rees, Amy Stucky, John Starnes, Kelly Heavilon, Andy Rowe, Jack Carmichael, Tom Schnuck, Myrna Atkinson, Eric Shirk, and Mike Haars. Our first meeting was early May, 2014. In the intervening time, we've had many ups and downs; but through it we've grown as a congregation, laughed, shed some tears, and learned how to come together.

As we await the new minister's arrival, let us continue to be in prayer for each other, and remember, *we are to be the change we want to see at Hazelwood*. If we wish to grow the church, reach out to our neighbors- it is up to us. We can't let someone standing on a bridge holding the rope pull us up.

~Tony Gill, Search Committee



Our congregational lunch and meeting were a huge success in no small part to Shirley Bookout, who put in a vast amount of time and effort organizing and arranging the event. So when you see Shirley, be sure to take a moment to let her know her efforts are so very appreciated!

### **ALL CHURCH WORK DAY**

Hazelwood is blessed with such beautiful buildings and grounds, and it takes all of us to keep them at their best! Join us Saturday, March 12, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, for the first All Church Work Day of 2016. We'll meet in the Rotunda for donuts, coffee, and juice before we start assigning tasks.

ALL are encouraged to participate as we shake off winter in anticipation of the spring season and all of the wonderful activities it brings to Hazelwood: Palm Sunday, Week of Prayer, the annual Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Sunday, Preschool Sunday, and so much more! **Everybody is needed!** There are many things to be accomplished to get our church and grounds ready to welcome all during these church and community events!



**DON'T FORGET!**

# SPRING FORWARD

**SUNDAY, MARCH 13 @ 2AM!**

Set your clocks ahead 1 hour before going to bed Saturday night.

You don't want to be late to church!



- ♦ Stan Bobbitt has been released from Maples Nursing Home in Goshen and is now back home.

### **Letter of Appreciation:**

"Thank you so much for providing us the mansion to hold my sister's celebration of life. It was perfect. Our guests really enjoyed the mansion and it's beauty. I know my sister would have loved it too. When my brother and I went through the building one last time to make sure every thing was in order, there was a really beautiful atmosphere of peace and calm... so thank you Hazelwood Church. Our day really was lovely!"

~Theresa Jones

### **ELDER SCHEDULE FOR PASTORAL CARE**

The Elders will be helping Rev. James with pastoral care and calls. Each week in the bulletin, the elders on call for the current week and the upcoming week will be listed. You may either call them directly, or call the church office first and 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:



**March 3-9:** (1) Amy Stucky  
(2) Leah Ritchie

**March 10-16:** (1) Leah Ritchie  
(2) John Clark

# EASTER IS COMING - TIME TO DECORATE!

It will soon be time to decorate our church with the lovely lilies and other decorations for Spring and Easter. If you would like to help by donating an Easter Lily in memory, or in honor, of someone this year, please fill out the form below, and send it to the church office with your check , or drop it in the offering plate on Sunday (to make it easier for our bookkeeper, please make your check separate from your regular offering). We will not be able to take telephone orders. Each gift is \$15, and you will be entitled to take a lily home with you after Easter. Names will be listed in bulletins on Easter morning.  
*Thank you!*

## Easter Decoration Gift Order

**Deadline to receive orders is Friday, March 18, 2016.**

**# of Lilies ordered (@\$15 each)**\_\_\_\_\_

**Given by** \_\_\_\_\_

**In memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

**In honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please enclose check, payable to Hazelwood,  
in the amount of \$15 for each gift (lily) ordered.**

# HOLY WEEK AT HAZELWOOD



## Palm Sunday

Join us for a Procession of Palms and Worship service on Sunday, March 20 at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary as we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

## Maundy Thursday

Enjoy a light supper on March 24 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



Children through 5th Grade are invited to join us Saturday, March 26 for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt! We will gather in the Rotunda at 10 a.m. before beginning the hunt for the elusive eggs on the lawns (if the weather isn't cooperating, the eggs will be hidden inside). After the hunt, we will gather together in the Rotunda for a special Easter prize awarded in each age group.

There are many ways you can help us get ready for the Egg Hunt:

- 1) Help us prepare the grounds at the All Church Work Day on March 12.
- 2) Donate candy and plastic eggs. Keep in mind the candy will need to fit in regular size plastic eggs.
- 3) Help stuff eggs on Sunday, March 20 after the worship service, or stuff eggs at home. If you stuff them at home, please indicate the type of candy, or appropriate age group (we want to avoid hard candy for the 0-3 group).
- 4) Help hide eggs before, or supervise the hunting grounds during the big event! We will meet in the Rotunda at 9 a.m. to begin hiding eggs.

If you would like to help, or have any questions, contact Rev. James.

## Easter Sunday

He Has Risen! Join us in Worship on Sunday, March 27 at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Youth that complete the Inquirers' Class will be baptized during the service.





# PRESCHOOL News

## SUMMER CAMP: GOD'S LITTLE EXPLORERS

I know it's hard to think about summer when it's still so cold outside, but it will be here before we know it. This year I'm excited to begin our summer with God's Little Explorers. We will be exploring everything from dinosaur fossils, to insects, and even ocean friends. The summer camp dates are below!

1<sup>st</sup> Summer Camp: May 31- July 1

2<sup>nd</sup> Summer Camp: July 18 - August 19

\*\*\*Registration for each camp is only \$20.00\*\*\*

## PARENT LETTER

"Mrs. Lopez, thank you so much for taking the time to talk with me this week about Mrs. Sterrett's 4-5 Year Old Class and the wonderful changes you've made! The energy has truly changed here, and God's presence is obvious! We are really looking forward to having Mrs. Sterrett teach our youngest son and attending Hazelwood Christian Preschool again. Thank you!"

~Kara Byrn

## LOOKING AHEAD

<b>March 14</b>	2-3 & 3-4 Year Old Classes: Conferences begin
<b>March 21-25</b>	Spring Break- No School
<b>March 26</b>	Hazelwood's Annual Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m.
<b>April 24</b>	Preschool Sunday & Art Show
<b>May 3</b>	2-3 Tuesday & 3-4 Year Old Classes: Muffins for Mom, 10:45 a.m.
<b>May 4</b>	2-3 Wednesday Class: Muffins for Mom, 10:45 a.m.
<b>May 6</b>	4-5 Year Old Class: Picnic on the Playground



## Taters 'N Talent

Like to sing? Perhaps dance or drama is more your thing? Whatever your talent may be, share it at our annual Taters 'N Talent Fundraiser on March 13 at 5 p.m.! Still can't get over your crippling stage fright? That's OK, too! Just sit down and enjoy the talents others share while you enjoy a baked potato with all the fixin's. The cost is only \$7 per person (max. of \$25 per family) and all proceeds will go toward youth events and the summer mission trip.

Please contact Rev. James if you want to share your talent, donate food, or find other ways to help.

## Parents Night Out

Being a parent is a tough (but oh, so rewarding!) job. Whether it's to do some shopping without the kids in tow, to have a meal at a restaurant with just your spouse, or simply to enjoy some peace and quiet, sometimes you just need a couple of kid-free hours. That's where we come in! The Hazelwood youth are sponsoring "Parents Night Out" on Friday, March 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. The kids get to watch a VeggieTales movie and do some fun crafts with their friends, while their parents have some time to do... well, whatever they please!

The cost for this event is \$4.00 per child, or \$6.00 if they would like to have a slice of pizza (either pepperoni or cheese), and a juice box. Additional snacks will be available during the event for \$.50 each.

To ensure we have enough supervision (and enough snacks on hand!), preregistration is required for this event. You can pick up registration forms in the church office, or in the Rotunda.

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to help out, contact Rev. James.



**“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

The power of prayer is an awesome thing! What better way to honor the sacrifice Jesus made for us all than to spend an hour of quiet, focused prayer in His name? Join us for Hazelwood’s Week of Prayer, March 20-26. Sign up at the bulletin board in the Rotunda.

**“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.” 1 John 5:14**



## **Muncie 40 DAYS!**

Saturday nights, now through April 2  
7 p.m., Cartwright Hall

Muncie 40 Days is a movement of God calling His people to seek His face with repentant hearts; call out to God for healing; do something for our city and Ball state that breaks every chain. We believe in the power of God to transform our city and give it a national presence that speaks of faith in Christ!

### **WE WILL...**

- ◆ Contend for the unity of faith, involving over 12 Muncie churches!
- ◆ Anticipate a radical advancement of the Kingdom of God at Ball State University!
- ◆ Seek God’s face with repentance and humility!
- ◆ Pray and worship as one body of Jesus Christ!

Worship and leadership will be provided by various churches and Ball State campus ministries. We hope to see you there!!



### **DISBURSEMENT**

\$250 to Muncie Mission

### **LETTER OF APPRECIATION**

“Dear Friends, thank you for your participation in Muncie Mission’s 12th Annual ‘Walk-A-Mile in My Shoes’ fundraiser. We always look forward to this event that will raise the awareness of the plight of the homeless and provide funding for the Mission to be able to minister in a positive and loving way. When You Give... We Give. Thank you so much.”

Sincerely, Frank Baldwin  
Executive Director, Muncie Mission

## **Volunteer Opportunities**



### **CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES’ SLEEPING ROOM**

Volunteers are needed to prepare meals, breakfast at 6 a.m. and dinner at 6 p.m., for the following weeks: March 20-26, March 27-April 2, and April 3-9. Please contact Shirley Bookout at (765) 744-1207 for more information, or to sign up to help.

~Blessings to all, the Missions & Benevolence Team





## March 6 - 12, 2016

- SUNDAY**
- Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
  - All Church Work Day Sign-up, Rotunda
  - Taters 'N Talent Sign-up, Rotunda
  - Maundy Thursday Dinner Sign-up, Rotunda
  - Week of Prayer Sign-up, Rotunda
  - All Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
- TUESDAY**
- Praise Band Rehearsal, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
- WEDNESDAY**
- NO Bell or Vocal Choir Rehearsals
  - The Embassy Prayer Group, 7 p.m.
- THURSDAY**
- Lenten Study, 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
  - Ministerial Relations, 7 p.m.
- SATURDAY**
- All Church Work Day, 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
  - Muncie 40 Days Concert of Prayer, 7-9 p.m., Cartwright Hall

## March 13 - 19, 2016

- SUNDAY**
- Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
  - Week of Prayer Sign-up, Rotunda
  - Maundy Thursday Dinner Sign-up, Rotunda
  - Taters 'N Talent, 5 p.m., Cartwright Hall
- TUESDAY**
- Praise Band Rehearsal, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
  - Trustees, 5:30 p.m.
  - Board, 7 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY**
- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room
  - The Embassy Prayer Group, 7 p.m.
  - Vocal Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft
- THURSDAY**
- Lenten Study, 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- FRIDAY**
- Preschool Fundraiser at 5 Below begins
  - Men's Lunch, 12 p.m., Cartwright Hall, host: Charles Retherford
- SATURDAY**
- Muncie 40 Days Concert of Prayer, 7-9 p.m., Cartwright Hall

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



# Looking Ahead...

### March 20-26, 2016

Week of Prayer

### March 21-25, 2016

Preschool Spring Break

### March 24, 2016

Maundy Thursday Dinner, 6 p.m., Cartwright Hall  
Worship Service, 7 p.m., Sanctuary

### March 26, 2016

Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m., Rotunda

