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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

April 13 & 27

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



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

March 30, 2017

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and
my own know me, just as the Father knows
me and I know the Father.
And I lay down my life for the sheep.

John 10:14-15



BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 3/21/17: \$5,440.02

Offerings Received for Week Ending 3/28/17: \$7,491.92

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$5,914.62

Average Weekly Need: \$5,790

Jan.-Feb. 2017 Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$484.63)*

**Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



On Maundy Thursday, at the end of our worship, we'll share in a Tenebrae service. You've probably experienced this before, where candles, one by one, are extinguished until all the lights are out. It's a way of connecting with Jesus' death and remembering, for a time before the resurrection, the light went out with Jesus' death. I remember leading one, years ago, knowing when the final candle was extinguished I wouldn't be able to recite the verse I was supposed to recite because there was no light to see by. Here, as we follow Jesus through the end of Lent, we know the light gets dimmer. On Easter we'll celebrate the light's return, but during Holy Week we pause for a moment to remember the light went out, that Jesus was put to death and shut away in a tomb.

We all know these dark moments in life, when life's light goes dark. Maybe it's in a hospital room when a path to health isn't there. Maybe it's as you take in the news and you begin to lose hope for the future. Maybe it's at a kitchen table when a family starts to fall apart. Maybe it's in the dark corners of our own minds, when the hurts and mistakes and pains of life dim the light until it almost can't be found. Here, as we journey toward the cross with Jesus, we remember those moments, and we know Jesus knows those moments, too. He knew what it was for everything to turn against him and to seemingly defeat him. Here, in this time, as the light becomes dark, we look to Jesus, who walks through those places with us.

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones



- ♦ John Burke, Lois Gross, Ruth Mangas, and Larry Rees have been released from the hospital. Lois is currently recovering at Westminster.
- ♦ Jeane Garrett is a patient at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.



Words on Worship from Marianna Gill

This is a continuation from a previous article about the 7 Hebrew words of praise I learned about at a Worship Together Conference in Franklin, Tennessee in February. Pastor Darren Whitehead was the speaker for this General Session. In the last newsletter, I talked about *Yadah* and *Halal*. Today, I will talk about *Shabach* and *Zamar*.

Shabach (shaw-bakh') is to shout, to address in a loud tone, to command, to triumph (a holy roar), to proclaim with a loud voice, unashamed, the glory, power, mercy, and love of God. The phrase "shout unto the Lord" can be understood as the action of *SHABACH*. It is not just being loud. You should have the attitude of putting your whole being into it, an attitude of being totally uninhibited.

Psalm 47:1 O clap your hands, all peoples; shout (shabach) to God with the voice of joy (or triumph).

Zamar (zaw-mahr') is to pluck the strings of an instrument, to sing, to praise; a musical word which is largely involved with joyful expressions of music with musical instruments. Translated many times as "sing praises," it implies the singing of praise in set composition of words and music. This kind of praise is mostly rejoicing.

1 Chronicles 15:16 David also commanded the chiefs of the Levites to appoint their kindred as the singers to play on musical instruments, on harps and lyres and cymbals, to raise loud sounds of joy (zamar).

Psalm 57:8-9 Awake, my soul! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn. I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises (zamar) to you among the nations.

The next time you're worshiping God, keep these words and their meanings in mind. There is more than one way to praise our Lord. In the next newsletter, you will learn about *Towdah*, *Barak*, and *Tehillah*.

VBS: ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Plans for this summer's VBS are well underway, and it's shaping up to be a great time for all! We are still in need of a few more adult volunteers. If you would like to work with the preschool kids, take charge of meal time, or simply volunteer to float wherever you may be needed each night, contact Rev. James in the church office, or Mariangella Glaze at (765) 332-2040.



ALL-CHURCH WORK DAYS

We were able to successfully move the offices from the Fellowship House to the Church building over the last couple of months. The response to our calls for help through All-Church Work Days was incredible, and none of this would have been possible without you all! Special thanks to Tony & Marianna Gill, Rev. Jason Jones, Dick Miller, Rhea Morgan, Bill Moser, Rev. James, Stefanie, & Logan Petty, Jason Ratts, Bill Ritchie, Glen Sulanke, Madeleine White, and Ann Wolfe for flexing their muscles during the March 18 Moving Day.

Now that the dust is beginning to settle in the offices, it is time to look ahead to all of the wonderful events that arrive with spring! Kids will be roaming the grounds looking for candy-filled eggs during our annual Easter Egg Hunt, we will come together in fellowship and worship on Maundy Thursday, Easter Sunday Worship will be filled with friends and family celebrating the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and during worship on April 30 our Preschool children and their families will join us for Preschool Sunday.

With all these special events coming up, we want to look our best, so we are calling for one more All-Church Work Day as we do a bit of Spring Clean-up both inside and out! Our main focus will be the grounds, clearing up the debris of winter in the yards and gardens. If we have enough volunteers to spread our efforts, we will head inside for a bit and put a shine on our Sanctuary, Rotunda, and Library areas. As the saying goes, many hands make light work!

YOU'RE INVITED!

If you're looking for something to do this Saturday, April 1, head out to Blue Barn Shrimp at 1290 West CR 400 South in Muncie. They're celebrating one year in business. Hazelwood attendees, the Hahn family, along with Joanna's parents David & Lisa, also of Muncie, own the Blue Barn Shrimp. They've invited the church to attend their open house on Saturday, April 1, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. During the open house, visitors can enjoy free tours of the facility. During the tour, visitors are welcome to ask questions while learning how a heterotrophic system allows the business to raise shrimp sustainably. Guests can also enjoy free shrimp samples and learn how to peel the perfect shrimp. Small businesses are vital to any community. Let us show our support for one of our own and their small business.

YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT

Again, Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." John 20:21

Many kids in our generation have a strong desire to be involved in making the world a better place. The youth at Hazelwood share that feeling and want to be more involved in giving back to our community. Inspired by another youth group, we have recently taken on a hands-on community service project that will allow us to do just that, and we want to invite the rest of the congregation to participate.

This simple, yet powerful, project aims to help the less fortunate in our community. These people often do not have easy access to many of the basic necessities we take for granted each day- clean water, food to eat, and a clean body. To help fill these needs, we have put together Blessing Bags. Contained in each gallon-sized bag is a bottle of water, peanut butter crackers, dried fruit, a granola bar, beef jerky, a rain poncho, tissues, a toothbrush (with a cover to keep it clean), toothpaste, mouthwash, a bar of soap, deodorant, wet wipes, hand sanitizer, a small manicure set, and lip balm. These bags can have such a huge impact in people's lives and each was filled for about \$7.50!

The idea is to take a bag (or two!) and store it in your car. The next time you come across someone in need, don't drive by! Stop, hand them a Blessing Bag, talk with them (pray with them!), invite them to church. These small acts of kindness can mean the world to these people who don't have much and are so often overlooked or ignored by those who pass by.

We would love for the entire church to join us in this service project. Thirty Blessing Bags have already been assembled and are ready to be given. If you would like to take a bag to hand out, you can pick one up at the sign-up table in the Rotunda on Sunday morning.



We don't want the blessings to stop at only 30 bags. If you would like to contribute funds to continue this service project, one of us will be at the sign-up table after worship on Sunday to accept donations. You can also donate by placing a check (separate from your regular offering, please) in the offering plate, just be sure to write "Youth-Blessing Bags" on the memo line.

~The Hazelwood Youth
2017 0330

Preschool NEWS

Parent Thoughts

"When Chris and I were looking for a preschool/daycare, we wanted a place where Layla would be loved and nurtured. God led us to Hazelwood. From the moment we walked in the doors, we knew it was the right fit for our family. Layla wakes up every morning excited to go see Ms. Nancy and her friends. She is always greeted with a hug and a warm welcome. Since she started in August, her social skills and her vocabulary have developed ten-fold. There would be no hesitation to recommend Hazelwood to anyone who is looking for a well-managed, well-run preschool/daycare who has the child's best interest at heart. Thanks,"

~Sarah L.

"From the very start, we felt welcomed into the warm community that is Hazelwood. My daughter has loved her first teacher, whom she speaks of with fondness and for whom she often wants to pray for before bed. However, all of this would not have been possible apart from a generous scholarship. This scholarship made it possible for us to enroll our daughter in the 2-3 Year Old Class. Without that provision, we would not have been able to afford this privilege, and my daughter would have missed out on this tremendous gift of new experiences and an environment filled with discovery. We love Hazelwood Christian Preschool!"

~Rachael LeRoux

We Need Your Help

We are looking for someone to help paint furniture and can use a screwdriver to help with some little items in our preschool. If that sounds like something you would be able to volunteer your time doing every now and then, please contact Angie Lopez at (765) 284-2430.

~Angie Lopez, Preschool Director

Looking Ahead

April 3	Graduation Pictures Taken, 4-5 Year Old Class
April 10	Deadline for Cap & Gown Order, 4-5 Year Old Class
April 14	Good Friday - No School
April 14-16	5Below Preschool Fundraiser
April 30	Preschool Sunday
May 9	Muffins for Mom, 10:45 a.m., 2-3 Tuesday & 3-4 Year Old Classes
May 10	Muffins for Mom, 10:45 a.m., 2-3 Year Old Wednesday Class
May 12	Mother's Day Picnic on the Playground, 4-5 Year Old Class



YOUTH CAMP REGISTRATIONS

Camp registration this year is a little different and is now done entirely online. Camp dates and locations, as well as links to register, can be found at indianadisciples.org/commissions/commission-on-faith-formation. After you register, please print a copy for our church records.

Early registration deadline is **April 30**. As in years past, the church will cover half of the camp registration tuition. Please contact Rev. James in the church office for more information or if you have any questions.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Children through 5th grade are invited to join us Saturday, April 15 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). Afterward, we will gather together again 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) Donate candy to fill the plastic eggs. Keep in mind the candy will need to fit in the regular size plastic eggs, so nothing too large please.
- 2) Help stuff eggs on Sunday, April 9 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 year-olds).
- 3) Help hide the eggs before, or help 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 in the church office.



SEASON OF LENT AT HAZELWOOD

LENT SOUP & STUDY

Pull up a chair as we enjoy a bowl of soup and wrap up our study of *Forgiveness: A Lenten Study* by Marjorie Thompson at 5:30 p.m. on 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 Ann Wolfe at (765) 212-2394.

DAY OF PRAYER

Join together on Friday, April 14 as we form a continuous chain of prayer from 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Sign up in the Rotunda for a half-hour time slot to spend in prayer either in our Chapel at the front of the Sanctuary, or in the comfort of your own home.

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.

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, April 17, 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.**

Volunteer Opportunities



April 2-8, 2017

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| SUNDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship, 10 a.m., Sanctuary • Lent Soup & Study, 5:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall |
| TUESDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise Band Rehearsal, 9 a.m., Sanctuary |
| WEDNESDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elders, 5:30, Chapel • Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room • MS Support, 7 p.m., Library • Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft |
| FRIDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter Lily Order Deadline |
| SATURDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All-Church Work Day– Spring Clean-up, 9 a.m.-Noon |

April 9-15, 2017

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| SUNDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary • All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall |
| TUESDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise Band Rehearsal, 9 a.m., Sanctuary |
| WEDNESDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room • Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft |
| THURSDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maundy Thursday Dinner, 6 p.m., Cartwright Hall • Worship Service, 7 p.m., Sanctuary |
| FRIDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day of Prayer • Men's Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall • Jillian LaDow's Senior Recital, 5:30 p.m., Sursa Hall, BSU |
| SATURDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m. |



Looking Ahead...

April 30, 2017

Preschool Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
Youth Camp Registrations Due

May 7, 2017

Missions Fair, 11:15 a.m., Rotunda

Look for more information on the Missions Fair in the next newsletter!

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A BETTER WAY: PEACE WALK

The A Better Way Peace Walk will be at **9 a.m. on Saturday, April 15**. Walk, recruit walkers, make a pledge, or do all three. Proceeds will promote peace, protection, and violence prevention. It is approximately 3 miles long, looping from Westside Park to the Fallen Heroes Bridge and back again. Walkers can pre-register online at abetterwaymuncie.org/events. Donations can be made at abetterwaymuncie.org/donate/online. Please come out to show your support for the prevention of violence, and for assisting those who have experienced it. If you have any questions, please contact A Better Way by phone at (765) 747-9107, or email Kate Murray at KM@abwservices.org.

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

Stuff-A-Bus will be from 12-6 p.m. on **April 21 & 28** at Marsh Supermarkets on McGalliard & Tillotson.

Volunteers are needed for a 2-hour shift to hand out flyers to customers in Marsh Supermarkets. Please contact Cheryll Crose at (765) 759-8655 to volunteer.

*If you have a service group willing to help with this fundraiser, please let Cheryll know. Christian Ministries can sure use the volunteers, and it will give them service hours for their organization.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



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| 1 Lee Anne Chambers | 15 Warner Van Fleet |
| 2 Dick Miller | 18 Alayne Retherford |
| 6 Jenny Grove | 20 Cheryll Crose |
| Charles Retherford | Faith Smith |
| 7 Vicki Vance | 23 Logan Petty |
| Molly Wantz | Jim Reece |
| 10 Lukau Matuka | 27 Seth Dickson |
| 11 Laura Rowe | 28 Mildred Porter |
| 13 Betsy Cartwright | Bill Ritchie |
| Joan Gordon | |

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