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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 are constantly building and adding to it, so check back often!
You can also contact us through

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

April 14, 2016
April 28, 2016

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



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

March 31, 2016

Many of us have long wondered if the fence surrounding Hazelwood sends a “you are not welcome here” message, and we have recently received confirmation of just that: in one of Rev. James’ recent seminary classes, he was assigned to canvass the neighborhood surrounding the church and ask questions about people’s perception of Hazelwood. Numerous times residents pointed out the fence made the property look uninviting. They felt “only rich people” go to Hazelwood, and the fence made them think the church was telling them to “keep out.” Some residents said the fence made it look like the place was an estate rather than a church. Rev. Jason Jones even pointed out at the congregational meeting on February 28 that you could easily miss Hazelwood when driving by it.

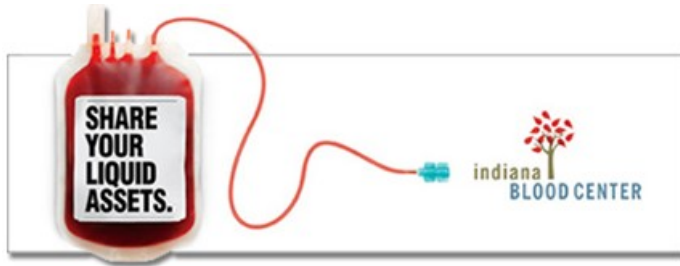
We want to make Hazelwood more visible as the welcoming house of worship it is! To that end, the Hazelwood Board has voted to accept the Trustees’ request that the entire front portion of our property’s fence be taken down. Plans are already being completed to provide a way to display Preschool banners, as well as other banners for Hazelwood activities. Let us show our community that all are welcome here!

“Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” *Romans 15:7*



BLOOD DRIVE

Hazelwood is teaming up with the Indiana Blood Center! We will be hosting a blood drive on Sunday, April 17 from 9 a.m. - Noon in Cartwright Hall. The entire donation process takes about an hour of your time and gives you a chance to be an integral part of this life-saving network in our community.



Sign up for a donation time in the Rotunda and roll up your sleeve to save a life!

For more information on the donation process, visit www.indianablood.org.

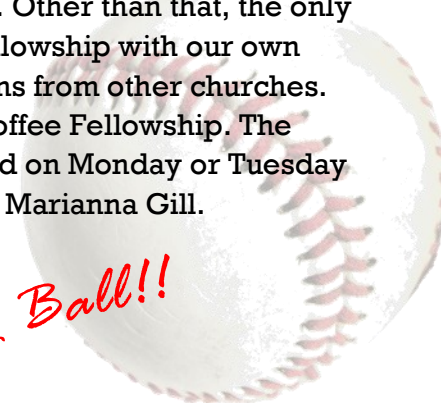
GRIEF GROUP

Anyone experiencing grief due to a death is welcome to attend a new adult grief group beginning April 27. This six-week program will meet every Wednesday evening in the IU Health Ball Memorial Cancer Center, 2401 W. University Ave., Conference Room B, from 6 - 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per family unit. To register, please call (765)747-4273 or 1-800-458-2255, on or before April 22. Scholarships are available, just ask when you call to register for the group.

SOFTBALL TEAM SIGN-UP

Hazelwood is looking for guys and gals who would like to play on a softball team this summer. Players must be 14 years of age or older. Other than that, the only requirement is that you have fun! It's a great way to fellowship with our own church members, as well as a chance to meet Christians from other churches. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Rotunda during Coffee Fellowship. The season starts in mid-May and games are usually played on Monday or Tuesday nights. If you have any questions, talk to Andy Rees or Marianna Gill.

Play Ball!!



- ♦ Sympathies to Donna Dye on the passing of her brother in Wyoming on March 19.
- ♦ Ardis Rogers is recovering from her recent hospital stay at Morrison Woods.

Thanks

- ♦ Our heartfelt thanks to Pastor Maynard Powell. We have been truly blessed by having him lead us from the pulpit for the last 8 weeks.
- ♦ Our Sanctuary and church building have been decorated for spring and look beautiful! Thanks to John & Carolyn Starnes and Bill & Dee Moser for all the hard work.

Welcome

- ♦ We pledge our Christian love and support to Jairen Rees, who was baptized Easter Sunday.

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 31 - April 6: (1) John Starnes
(2) Bob Weller

April 7-13: (1) Bob Weller
(2) Jim Warrner



So much to be *Thankful* for...

Often times, when we hear the word “give,” we think in terms of a monetary gift. As Christians, we are asked to give so much more than that! And that’s just what the following people did! When they were asked, they answered the call. What a blessing it was to have Mary Dobson, Glen Sulanke, and Ann Wolfe leading our Lenten Study this year. For 6 weeks, these folks gave their time, talent, and heart to help lead us during the Lenten season. I wish to thank them for their commitment to this church and to the Lord. If you had the opportunity to attend even one of the study sessions, I hope you will join your voice with mine in thanking these folks for their leadership.

~Marianna Gill, Worship Coordinator

Thank you to Mary Ann Matchett and Kelly Heavilon for serving the meal at our March 20th Newcomers Brunch, and to Mary Dobson for preparing comments about the Disciples denomination. We extended Hazelwood hospitality to newcomers Thom Hicks and his son Chandler, and we hope they feel at home here in worship and in fellowship. Brunches will be scheduled periodically to welcome newcomers in our midst.

~Ann Wolfe, Christian Life Chair

To all who helped out with the Maundy Thursday dinner, thank you from the bottom of my heart! Putting together a dinner for so many was a first for me. From the kind advice given beforehand, to all those who helped clean up afterward, it wouldn’t have happened without you. I am truly blessed to be a part of the Hazelwood family... and I promise to have the coffee hot and ready the next time around!!



~Stefanie Petty, Administrative Assistant

Our Easter Egg Hunt last Saturday was a “hopping” success with 25 kids from our church, preschool, and community coming out to hear a short lesson on the miracle of Easter and join the search! Thank you to all who helped with this annual endeavor. None of it would have been possible without your donations of plastic eggs, candy and surprises, and your time spent stuffing and hiding the eggs. The excitement and joy in the eyes of the children as they search for, find, and enjoy their treasure-filled eggs is beyond compare!

~Rev. James Petty



Give
Thanks
in all circumstances;
for this is the
will of God
in Christ Jesus for you.

I Thessalonians 5:18

Preschool News



Hurry, Hurry! Don't Delay!
Register for Summer Camp today!

Summer Camp registration has begun. If you are interested in enrolling your child or grandchild, be sure to get them signed up as soon as possible. The spots are going fast and you don't want them to miss out on all the fun we will be having here at Hazelwood Preschool's Summer Camp programs!

1st Summer Camp: May 31-July 1

2nd Summer Camp: July 18-August 19

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



Looking Ahead

April 24	Preschool Sunday & Art Show
May 3	2-3 Tuesday & 3-4 Year Old Classes: Muffins for Mom, 10:45 a.m.
May 4	2-3 Wednesday Class: Muffins for Mom, 10:45 a.m.
May 6	4-5 Year Old Class: Picnic on the Playground
May 17	2-3 Year Old Tuesday Class: Last day of school
May 18	2-3 Year Old Wednesday Class: Last day of school
May 19	3-4 Year Old Class: Last day of school 2-3 & 3-4 Year Old Classes: May Program, 6:30 p.m.
May 20	4-5 Year Old Class: Last day of school
May 23	4-5 Year Old Class: May Celebration, 6:30 p.m.



Our youth are selling discount cards to help raise money for their summer mission trip to Orlando, Florida with Give Kids the World, an amazing organization that serves families of children with life-threatening illness. The cards are \$20.00 each and list 18 local vendors, ranging from restaurants to service providers.

Included with this card is a one-year membership to Three Winners. Three Winners will give you access to deals from additional vendors in our area, as well as vendors that are local to wherever your travels may take you! You can print these additional deals from your computer, or simply download an app to your smart phone. It doesn't get any easier than that!

If you would like to purchase a card, or volunteer to help sell them alongside our youth, please see Rev. James.

If you would like to learn more about Give Kids the World, check out their website: www.gktw.org.



Committee



Just a quick update on the arrival of our incoming minister, Rev. Jones. He will be starting on June 1, 2016. Shirley and the Search Committee are staying in touch with Jason as he plans his transition, and have made known to him our willingness to assist throughout this process. Keep an eye on the Hazelwood Leaves for ways you can help him, and his future wife, feel at home.

~Tony Gill, Search Committee

The Personnel Committee invites feedback from the congregation regarding the work being done by Hazelwood's non-ministerial staff. Certainly, this feedback will include well-earned commendations. The staff—along with Rev. James Petty, Rev. Diane Zehr, and others in the congregation—have done an amazing job of keeping this institution going during this time when we have not had a full-time Senior Minister at the helm. The congregation may also suggest where improvements might be made, such as in the areas of property maintenance and congregational communications.

The Personnel Committee is directly responsible for the following staff:

John Burke, Caretaker
Marianna Gill, Worship Coordinator
Rhea Morgan, Bookkeeper
Monica Pavel-Kissinger, Director of Choirs
Stefanie Petty, Administrative Assistant

You may call or email any member of the committee:

Glen Sulanke (Committee Chair), Don Crose, Winnie Muhiga, Laura Rowe, Ron Smith, Jim Warrner, Tony Gill (ex-officio), James Petty (ex-officio), Andy Rees (ex-officio).

~Glen Sulanke, Personnel Committee Chair

*If you need contact information for members of the Personnel Committee, call the church office at 282-5969, or email at hazelwoodchurch@gmail.com.



NOTE OF APPRECIATION:

Motivate Our Minds, Inc. sincerely thanks you for your generous donation of \$300. Given all the opportunities you have to support local organizations, we sincerely appreciate the fact that you find our programs worthy of your investment.

The mission statement of Motivate Our Minds is “Educating children and families to grow and flourish.” Your contribution goes directly toward the positive work at Motivate Our Minds. Thank you again.

~Gratefully, Monique R. Armstrong, Executive Director

HAZELWOOD ANGELS:

On Tuesday, March 22, Gene and Mary Dobson provided breakfast, and Larry and Sonja Rees provided dinner, for the Christian Ministries' Sleeping Room. Thank you for your help!

Volunteer Opportunities



STUFF-A-BUS fundraiser for Christian Ministries will be held Friday, April 15 and Friday, April 22 at the Marsh stores on Tillotson and McGalliard. Volunteers are needed to pass out flyers for two-hour shifts. We ask customers to donate non-perishable food items, diapers, and toilet paper. If you are willing to help, please call Cheryl Crose at (765) 759-8655.

~Blessings to all, Missions & Benevolence Team



April 3-9, 2016

- SUNDAY**
- Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
 - All Church Work Day Sign-up, Rotunda
 - Blood Drive Sign-up, Rotunda
 - Softball Sign-up, Rotunda
- TUESDAY**
- Praise Band Rehearsal, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
- WEDNESDAY**
- Elders, 5:30 p.m.
 - Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room
 - The Embassy Prayer Group, 7 p.m.
 - MS Support Group, 7 p.m., Cartwright Hall
 - Vocal Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft
- SATURDAY**
- All Church Work Day, 8:30 a.m. - Noon

April 10-16, 2016

- SUNDAY**
- Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
 - Blood Drive Sign-up, Rotunda
 - Softball Sign-up, Rotunda
 - Gum Ball Fundraiser for Preschool Begins
- TUESDAY**
- Praise Band Rehearsal, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
- 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**
- Ministerial Relations, 7 p.m.
- FRIDAY**
- Men's Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall (Host: David Cartwright)

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

ALL CHURCH WORK DAY

Our first All Church Work Day of 2016 was one of our most successful yet, with 18 people coming in to lend a hand. So much was accomplished, but there is so much more to do!

Please join us on Saturday, April 9, from 9 a.m. until Noon. We will meet again in the Library at 8:30 a.m. for juice and donuts before we begin assigning tasks. This time around, we will be continuing to clean up the church grounds, spreading mulch in our various flower beds, and cleaning the Fellowship House.

It's a big job keeping our buildings and grounds in tip-top shape, but when we come together as a church family it becomes a manageable task! Sign-up in the Rotunda during Coffee Fellowship. If you would like more information, please contact Rev. James.



Looking Ahead...

April 17, 2016

Blood Drive for Indiana Blood Center, 9 a.m.-Noon, Cartwright Hall

April 24, 2016

Preschool Sunday

May 5, 2016

Cinco de Mayo Dinner, Cartwright Hall
(More information coming soon)

May 15, 2016

Graduation Sunday