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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](http://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 27  
May 11 & 25

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



# HAZELWOOD LEAVES

April 13, 2017

So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them.

John 13:14-16



## BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 4/4/17: \$4,012.50

Offerings Received for Week Ending 4/11/17: \$7,138.50

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$5,375.71

Average Weekly Need: \$5,790



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

*\*Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



An internet video of a Nazarene church's Easter celebration made its way around the internet a few years ago (if you're curious, search for "Easter Pageant Goes Up in Flames"). It shows the church's Easter musical, and they have some pyrotechnics involved, and—well—things start to go wrong. A singer is singing, and a minute into the video we see the prop that is to be Jesus' tomb being open with flames. The flames run around the door (as they were supposed to), and an actor playing Jesus comes out, but the door and the whole prop catch on fire. A group of men from the church run up on stage with fire extinguishers, and one brave man carries the still-flaming door out of a side door of the building. Amazing, through the whole fire experience, the singer who is singing kept right on going with his song.

I've been a part of lots of churches, and they all try to make Easter a big deal. Whether it's a musical with pyrotechnics or a traditional service with all the pomp and banners, most churches try to make Easter Sunday a big show. You can't blame us, though. It's the day of our big message, that Christ is alive, and we want to do it up as big as we can.

When I read through the scripture accounts, though, of Jesus appearing to his followers after he was resurrected, they all seem so quiet. Jesus didn't come bursting out of a flaming tomb prancing like a triumphant warrior; no, he quietly appeared to his disciples to restore their faith. He met them along a road, where they were staying, or on a beach after fishing, to gently restore their faith in him. There were no rock bands or huge orchestras to announce his rising, but simple, quiet meetings with his followers.

We're about to begin the 50 days of Easter. After the season of Lent, the season of Easter goes for 50 days until Pentecost. After the first big Sunday of Easter we'll have several weeks to celebrate with joy the fact that Jesus is risen. I hope, in this season we're about to begin, you have a quiet moment where you find Jesus, and he gently renews your faith.

Grace & peace,  
Jason Jones



- ♦ Jeane Garrett has been released from the hospital and is recovering at Morrison Woods.
- ♦ John Burke, our Property Manager, is a patient at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.
- ♦ Dr. Cartwright is recovering from heart bypass surgery.
- ♦ Sympathies to Debbi Rains and family on the passing of her mother on February 24.
- ♦ Sympathies to the family of Mildred Porter, who passed away on Tuesday, March 28. Services were held on March 30 at Garden View Funeral Home.
- ♦ Sympathies to Sam Devroy and family on the passing of his maternal grandfather.



### Words on Worship from Marianna Gill

This is the final 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 *Shabach* and *Zamar*. Today, I will talk about *Towdah*, *Barak*, and *Tehillah*.

**Towdah** (toe-dah') comes from the same principle root word as *Yadah*, but it is used more specifically. *Towdah* is an extension of the hand in adoration by way of application; raising our hands in faith and thanking God for 'things not yet received' as well as things already at hand.

*Psalm 50:23 Those who bring thanksgiving (towdah) as their sacrifice honor me; to those who go the right way I will show the salvation of God.*

*Psalm 50:14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving (towdah), and pay your vows to the Most High.*

**Barak** (baw-rak') is to bow down, to kneel down, to bless God as an act of adoration. The act is one of not begging, but of yielding to the King.

*Psalm 16:7 I bless (barak) the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.*

*Psalm 34:1 I will bless (barak) the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.*

**Tehillah** (teh-hil-law') is to praise, a song of praise, a spontaneous new song; singing from a melody in your heart by adding words to it. *Tehillah* refers to a special kind of singing—it is singing unprepared, unrehearsed songs. *Tehillah* is derived from the word *halal*; the singing of *halals*; perceived to involve music, songs of the spirit.

*Psalm 22:3 Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises (tehillah) of Israel.*

*Psalm 40:3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.*

The next time you're worshipping God, keep these words and their meanings in mind. There is more than one way to praise our Lord.



## **FRESH, CLEAN, AND READY FOR SPRING!**

Our Spring Clean-Up Work Day on April 8 was a huge success! Windows were cleaned, pews were polished, gardens were cleaned up, and sticks and leaves were gathered. None of this would have been possible without the help of our Hazelwood volunteers: Randy Burke, Marianna Gill, Rev. Jason Jones, Rhea Morgan, Rev. James, Stefanie, & Logan Petty, Jason, Bethany, Maggie, & Landon Ratts, Bill Ritchie, John Starnes, Glen Sulanke, and Ann Wolfe. Special thanks to Ball State's Circle K International Group who came out to help and to Jim Warrner for making arrangements for them to join us!

If you weren't able to help out with the Work Day but would still like to lend a hand, contact Stefanie Petty or John Burke at the church office. There are always opportunities available, indoors and out, to serve as a good steward to our church building and grounds.



Not that we need an excuse to get together and fellowship, but you are invited to join us on Friday, May 5 at 6 p.m. in Cartwright Hall to celebrate Cinco de Mayo! A taco bar will be provided; you are asked to bring your favorite Mexican dish (or your favorite non-Mexican dish!). Not sure what to bring? We will try to have some authentic (as authentic as we can find) Mexican recipes that you can pick up when you sign up. The sign-up for the dinner will begin on Sunday, April 16, or you can email Marianna Gill at [hccmgill@gmail.com](mailto:hccmgill@gmail.com) with your RSVP.

*¡Ven y únete a nosotros!*  
(Come and join us!)



### **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) 760-8449.



## **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

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# Preschool NEWS

## A Parent's Thoughts

*\*A shortened version of this letter ran in the last edition of the Leaves due to space constraints. Here is the letter in it's entirety.*

"The year 2016/2017 was our family's first year being a part of the Hazelwood Preschool community. We had our older son enrolled in a different preschool for the previous year. While that preschool met our needs as a family at the time, it didn't leave me with a desire to recommend it to another family. It wasn't that we had had a specific bad experience; it just didn't offer us a sense of belonging.

Hazelwood has been very different. From the very start, we felt welcomed into the warm community that is Hazelwood. A big part of this warmth comes from the leadership of Angela Lopez, who sets a gracious example which trickles down into the community of teaching staff. My daughter has loved her first teacher, whom she speaks of with fondness and for whom she often wants to pray 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

## Looking Ahead

<b>April 14</b>	Good Friday - No School
<b>April 14-16</b>	5Below Preschool Fundraiser
<b>April 30</b>	Preschool Sunday
<b>May 9</b>	Muffins for Mom, 10:45 a.m., 2-3 Tuesday & 3-4 Year Old Classes
<b>May 10</b>	Muffins for Mom, 10:45 a.m., 2-3 Year Old Wednesday Class
<b>May 12</b>	Mother's Day Picnic on the Playground, 4-5 Year Old Class
<b>May 16</b>	Last Day, 2-3 Year Old Tuesday Class
<b>May 17</b>	Last Day, 2-3 Year Old Wednesday Class
<b>May 18</b>	Last Day, 3-4 Year Old Class
	May Program, 6:30 p.m., 2-3 & 3-4 Classes
<b>May 19</b>	Last Day, 4-5 Year Old Class
<b>May 22</b>	May Celebration, 6:30 p.m., 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](http://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 hide eggs before the hunt. We will meet in the Rotunda at 9 a.m.
- 3) Help supervise the hunting grounds during the big event! With all the little ones wandering as they search, extra sets of eyes are always welcome!

If you would like to help, or have any questions, contact Rev. James in the church office.





# SEASON OF LENT AT HAZELWOOD

## 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.

## GOOD FRIDAY

### Day of Prayer:

We will join together on Friday, April 14 to form a continuous chain of prayer from 6 a.m.-6 p.m. If you didn't have a chance to sign up for a time slot, that's OK! You can still participate at home whenever is convenient for you. Simply find yourself a quiet place and spend some time in prayer, praise, and contemplation.

### Worship Service:

Sponsored by Christian Ministries of Delaware County, a Community Good Friday Service will be held at Noon at First Baptist Church on E. Adams Street. The Community Choir will be singing.

## 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 volunteer to help hide 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 LILIES WERE GIVEN...

### In honor of...

Our children  
John Tucker and Tony Ritchie families  
Michael Carlton family and Molly Kiron family  
3 children & their spouses, 4 grandchildren & their spouses,  
and 7 great-grandchildren

### From

Gene & Mary Dobson  
John & Carolyn Starnes  
Bill & Dee Moser  
Pat LaRue

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## Easter Lilies continued...

### In memory of...

William & Thelma Bowman and Eunice & Jim Miller (parents)  
Robert & Frances Sulanke

Byron Nixon Jr., Carolyn Shively, and Sidney & Lydia Crose  
Deceased family members  
Beloved grandparents  
Betsy Shults & Jack Dawson (Grandma Betsy & Grandpa Jack)  
Rev. Peter S. Shults (grandfather)  
Jim & Bea Insley and Lloyd & Buna Starnes (parents)  
Jess & Jean Smith and Dennis Swackhamer

Kenneth & Marjorie Wantz  
Charles & Virginia Ingram  
Floyd, Esther, & Alice Firestone and V.G. & Ruth Moser  
Bob Garrett  
Evelyn & Stanley Bartlett

Harry & Lydia Williams

Bob & Betty Warrner (parents)  
Mary Corena McDermott (mother)  
Willa & Mary Jane Stacker and Herbert & Ruby Miller

Don Lanning, Doris & Edward Zetterberg, and Betty  
Lee Dye  
Jean & Clell Douglass  
Ilyana Harty  
Amanda Kay Cartwright  
Bill G. Ritchie  
John Wean  
Sue Reece  
Helen Hartley  
Herbert & Suzan Myers and Ron & Vera Thomas  
Edward & Doris Zetterberg (parents), Roscoe Sr. & Mabel  
LaRue, Roscoe Jr. (husband), Betty Kirk (sister), and Bob  
Dupont  
Harvey & Aurora Clement  
Alva & Adda Mangas

### From

Shirley Bookout  
Bob & Betsy Cartwright, Thom Sulanke,  
and Glen Sulanke  
Don & Cheryl Crose  
Gene & Mary Dobson  
Amy, Katelyn, & Adam Moudy  
Andy, Wendy, Brynmar, & Jairen Rees  
Andy, Wendy, Brynmar, & Jairen Rees  
John & Carolyn Starnes  
Amarah McPhaul and Kylene  
Swackhamer  
Woody & Molly Wantz  
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Bill & Dee Moser  
Jeane, Beth, & Nancy Garrett  
Jeane Garrett, Elaine Wulff, and Mary  
Strubbe  
Jeane Garrett, Elaine Wulff, and Mary  
Strubbe  
Jim & Judy Warrner  
Jim & Judy Warrner  
Dick & Marcia Miller and Jeff & Sherri  
Christensen  
Mary Alice Lanning  
Donna Dye  
Ruthanne & Samuel Devroy  
Ruthanne & Samuel Devroy  
David & Susan Cartwright  
Bill & Leah Ritchie and Family  
Jim & Nancy Wean Reece  
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Ron & Julie Thomas  
Pat LaRue  
  
Ruth & Mauri Mangas  
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GRIEF GROUP

An adult grief group is being offered through IU Health Ball Memorial Hospice and IU Health Ball Memorial Cancer Services. Anyone experiencing grief due to a death is welcome to attend. This six-week program will meet every Wednesday evening beginning April 26, and ending May 31. The group will meet from 6-7:30 p.m. in the IU Health Ball Memorial Cancer Center, 2401 W. University Ave., Conference Room B.

Please call IU Health Ball Memorial Hospice at (765) 747-4273, or 1-800-458-2255, to register for this group on or before April 24. The cost is \$10 per family unit. Scholarships are available, just ask when you call.



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](http://abetterwaymuncie.org/events). Donations can be made at [abetterwaymuncie.org/donate/online](http://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](mailto: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.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP

Hazelwood Christian Church, though large, is not an island unto itself. We are a part of a great local neighborhood with many other churches, businesses, and homes. As a part of our neighborhood, it is our responsibility to strive to be good stewards, not only by caring for our own property, but also by helping to care for the neighborhood as a whole.

On Saturday, May 13, all are invited to join forces for a Neighborhood Clean-Up. We will all gather together at Grace Lutheran Church, 610 N. Reserve St., at 7:30 a.m. for donuts, coffee, and instruction. Work will begin at the chosen sites at 8 a.m. The Muncie Sanitation District will be joining us, driving around with trucks for us to deposit trash in.



We missed an April birthday! Next time you see Nancy Reece, please wish her a belated Happy Birthday! Her birthday was April 2.

April 16-22, 2017



- SUNDAY • Easter Sunday Worship, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
- TUESDAY • Praise Band Rehearsal, 9 a.m., Sanctuary  
• Trustees, 5:30 p.m., Chapel  
• Cabinet, 7 p.m., Chapel
- WEDNESDAY • Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room  
• Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft
- FRIDAY • Preschool Team, 10:30 a.m., Chapel  
• Men’s Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall (Host: Don Crose)

April 23-29, 2017

- SUNDAY • Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary  
• All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
- MONDAY • Area Ministers, 10:30 a.m., Chapel  
• CWF, 1 p.m., Jeane Garrett’s Home
- TUESDAY • No Praise Band Rehearsal
- WEDNESDAY • Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room  
• Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft



Looking Ahead...

April 30, 2017

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

May 5, 2017

Cinco de Mayo Congregational Dinner, 6 p.m., Cartwright Hall

May 7, 2017

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

\*More information about the Missions Fair coming soon!



## Easter Fundraiser

As you all know, Easter is just around the corner and I know just the place to go to fill those Easter baskets... Five Below! The best thing about shopping at Five Below is you will be helping out Hazelwood Christian Preschool!

Bring the flyer you see on the right to Five Below in Muncie on April 14, 15, & 16, and they will donate 10% of the amount of your purchases to Hazelwood Christian Preschool. **You must have the flyer with you at the time of purchase for us to get credit!**

**HAPPY SHOPPING!!**

~Angie Lopez, Preschool Director



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