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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

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 27, 2017

And remember,
I am with you always,
to the end of the age.

Matthew 28:20



BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 4/18/17: \$5,127.50

Offerings Received for Week Ending 4/25/17: \$7,537.89

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$6,261.66

Average Weekly Need: \$5,790

Jan.-Mar. 2017 Offerings Compared to Budget: \$4,392.98*

**Reflects the amount received OVER Budget*



Years ago, a couple weeks into the season of Easter, I preached a sermon titled *Easter Hope Lives On*. A guy asked me before worship, “Didn’t we have Easter a couple weeks ago?” I explained Easter is more than just one day, it is a season of 50 days. We often forget Easter is more than just a day but is a season celebrating the resurrection. The liturgical colors in the church stay white. We worship, through the season, with the joy of knowing Jesus is risen.

Lent and Advent get a lot of focus in church life as particular seasons. During Advent the church is decorated, and we light the candles on our Advent wreath. During Lent people often take on spiritual disciplines to give extra focus to the season. During the season of Easter, though, we’re a little confused about what to do.

Here’s my suggestion: during this season of Easter, you might take on a special way to celebrate the resurrection. Find one way to celebrate the life Jesus gives. It could be the practice of taking a walk each day, where the signs of spring are all around you. It could be a weekly ice cream date with a friend, where there’s joy in being together around something sweet that awakens new life in you and your friendship. It could be that each morning you sing the chorus *Alleluia*, where the simple words of praise focus your heart on the good news of this season.

Throughout the Easter season I’m preaching on joy, so find something that brings you joy through this time. However you choose to experience the season, may you know the good news that Jesus is risen during these days.

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones



- ♦ David Cartwright is recovering from bypass surgery at Westminster, Cooper Vista.
- ♦ Bill Patterson is recovering at Morrison Woods after a skin graft procedure.
- ♦ John Burke, Bill Ritchie, and Julie Thomas have all been released from the hospital.
- ♦ Patty Richards was recently in the hospital in Ft. Wayne is now recovering at Coventry Meadow, 7843 W. Jefferson Blvd. Ft. Wayne, IN 46804 (no room number is needed if you would like to send her a card).



Ardis Rogers
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NOTES OF APPRECIATION

“Thank you to all who helped with the Maundy Thursday Dinner, from planning to clean-up. And special thanks to Ann Wolfe and Shirley Bookout for coordinating it all!”

~Stefanie Petty

“Our Easter Egg Hunt last Saturday was a “hopping” success with 45 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 candy, surprises, and your time spent stuffing and hiding the eggs. The excitement and joy in the eyes of the children as they searched for, found, and enjoyed their treasure-filled eggs is beyond compare”

~James Petty

“Special thank you to Glen Sulanke, Jim Warrner, and Ann Wolfe for the wonderful help they gave Friday evening (April 14) with the placement of the butterflies for Easter. The butterflies thank them, and so do we!”

~Bill & Dee Moser



WORSHIP DISCERNMENT TEAM: UPDATE

Our Worship Discernment Team has been busy listening. After worship on April 23 we listened to folks gathered during Coffee Fellowship, and we will do so again on April 30. We're also planning some more formal listening sessions on May 7 and May 21. We will meet in the Children's Choir Room, downstairs, after Coffee Fellowship. These are chances for us to listen to you, and for you to listen to each other, as we talk about how we worship and what our worship might look like in the future. We're limiting the size of these listening sessions to 20 persons, so please be sure to sign up if you'd like to participate.

I've been impressed, in the listening we've done already, with the thoughtful responses on our worship life and where God might be leading us in our worship. I'm excited to hear more, and I hope you'll take the opportunity to join in one of these upcoming listening sessions.

~Jason Jones



Congregational Dinner

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 after worship in the Rotunda or email Marianna Gill at hccmgill@gmail.com with your RSVP.

¡Ven y únete a nosotros!

(Come and join us!)

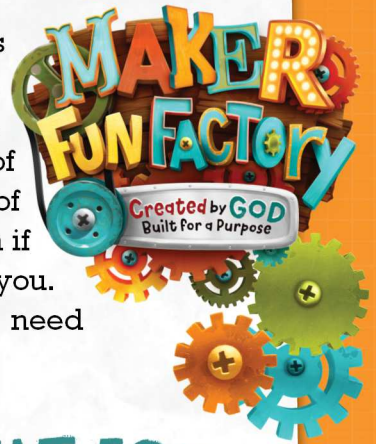


Summer is right around the corner and VBS is getting closer! This year, we will take children from our church, preschool, and community on a trip to the Maker Fun Factory during the week of July 17. But before we explore the wonders of God's creation, we need volunteers to help! Even if you can only commit to one day, we can use you. Here are some of the areas in which we still need volunteers:

- ◆ Meals
- ◆ Decorating
- ◆ Clean up
- ◆ Preschool Team Leader
- ◆ Registration (especially opening day)

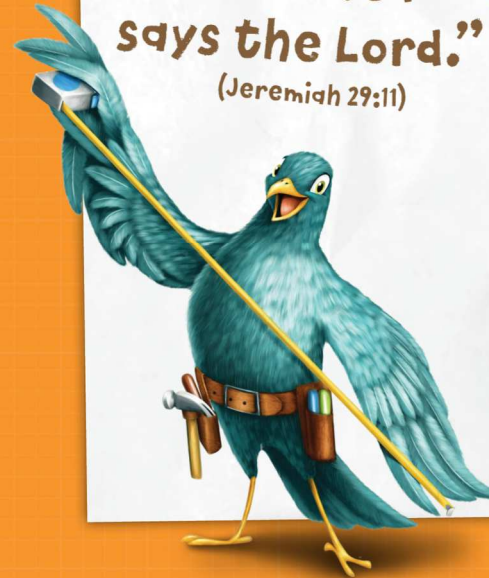


BUILT FOR A PURPOSE



“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord.”

(Jeremiah 29:11)



Other ways you can help:

- ◆ Pray for our children, teachers, and leaders during VBS.
- ◆ Donate items needed for crafts or meals. Please see Rev. James or Mariangella Glaze.
- ◆ Monetary donations to help cover cost of VBS materials or for children to attend who wouldn't be able to participate otherwise.



Preschool NEWS

Gumball Machine Fundraiser

Thank you to those who have already donated to our fundraiser and those who have prayed for us and our ministry. The fundraiser will continue to run until April 30 for those of you who are still interested in contributing to our Preschool ministry.



Don't Delay— Register Today!

Summer Camps begin May 30, and they are filling up fast! If you have not yet signed up for summer camp, you may want to do so as soon as possible. Summer really is just around the corner, and I would hate for your child to miss all the summer fun Hazelwood Preschool has to offer!

~Angie Lopez, Preschool Director

Looking Ahead

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
May 16	Last Day, 2-3 Year Old Tuesday Class
May 17	Last Day, 2-3 Year Old Wednesday Class
May 18	Last Day, 3-4 Year Old Class
	May Program, 6:30 p.m., 2-3 & 3-4 Classes
May 19	Last Day, ELC & 4-5 Year Old Class
May 22	May Celebration, 6:30 p.m., 4-5 Year Old Class
May 23	Teacher Work Day
May 30	1st Summer Camp Session Begins



ATTENTION GRADUATES!

High School and College graduates will be recognized during worship on Sunday, May 21. If you are a graduate, or you have a Hazelwood graduate in the family, please let us know!

Graduates and their immediate families are invited to join Rev. James for lunch, immediately following the worship service in Cartwright Hall. Pick up a Graduation Information and Reservation form in the Rotunda or church office. Be sure to turn it in no later than Sunday, May 14 to be recognized.

YOUTH CAMP REGISTRATION

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.

Geneva Center — Rochester, Indiana

June 12–17 High Sch. (Grade 9–12)
 Traditional
 MAD
 CROSS
 Hands on Mission
June 13–15 You and Me #1 (Age 5+ w/adult)
June 19–24 Middle Sch. (Grade 6–8)
 Traditional
 MAD
 CROSS
June 23–25 You and Me #2 (Age 5+ w/adult)
June 26–July 1 Explorer camp (Grade 4–5)
June 26–July 1 Leadership Camp (Age 16–Grade 12)
June 27–29 New Beginnings Camp (Grade 1–3)

Bedford Christian Camp — Bedford, Indiana

June 19–24 High Sch. Camp (Grade 9–12)
June 26–July 1 Middle Sch. Camp (Grade 6–8)
July 5–7 You and Me (Age 5+ w/adult)
July 13–15 New Beginnings Camp (Grade 1–3)
July 17–22 Explorer Camp (Grade 4–5)





DISBURSEMENTS

- ♦ Motivate Our Minds, \$400
- ♦ The following organizations received a contribution of \$300 from the Sulanke Trust:
 - ♦ Second Harvest
 - ♦ Special Olympics
 - ♦ Children's Clothing Bank
 - ♦ Wayside Mission
 - ♦ Love Stuff, Inc. (provides stuffed animals for abused, neglected, or displaced children)

HAZELWOOD MISSIONS FAIR

The Missions & Benevolence Team is sponsoring a Missions Fair on Sunday, May 7. The local organizations represented include: Christian Ministries, A Better Way, Habitat for Humanity, Muncie Mission, Whitely Community, and YWCA. A representative from each of these organizations will be introduced during the morning worship and will be available during Coffee Fellowship to share more information about how their organization works and shares in the community. Please take the time to stop, ask questions, and meet these dedicated people.

WINNIE'S KIDS

During the month of May, we will be accepting donations to help 'Winnie's Kids' in Kenya. Each donation received will be matched, up to a total of \$1,000, from the Missions & Benevolence Sulanke Trust. Please mark all contributions 'Winnie's Kids,' place it in either a pink or pew envelope, and add it to the offering plate during Sunday morning worship (if writing a check, it would greatly help our bookkeeper if you write a separate check from your regular offering). We will present Winnie with our offerings on 'Kenya Day,' Sunday, June 18. There are great needs in Kenya, so please prayerfully consider how you can help 'Winnie's Kids.'



CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES' FOOD PANTRY

May 31-June 2 are Hazelwood's days to work at the Food Pantry from 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Please consider helping out with this worthy community project. If you are able to help, contact Shirley Bookout at (765) 744-1207.

~Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team

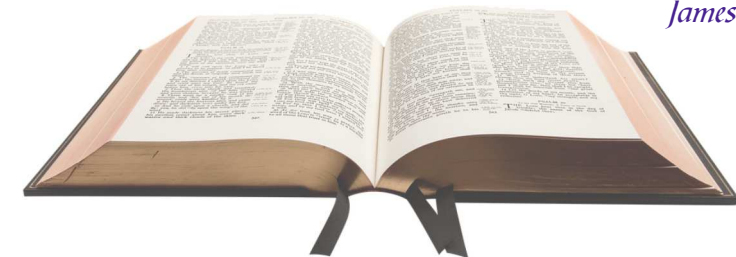
NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP

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, our Neighborhood Association has invited us all to take part in a Neighborhood Clean-Up. We will all gather together at Grace Lutheran Church, 610 N. Reserve St., at 7:30 a.m. Thrivent Financial will be providing coffee and donuts to get us started. Work will begin at the chosen sites at 8 a.m. and continue until noon, RAIN OR SHINE! Even the Muncie Sanitation District will be joining us, driving around with trucks for us to use to deposit trash.

"What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead."

James 2:14-17





April 30-May 6, 2017

- SUNDAY
- Sunday Worship, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
 - Trustees, Immediately After Worship, Chapel
- TUESDAY
- Praise Band Rehearsal, 9 a.m., Sanctuary
- WEDNESDAY
- Elders, 5:30 p.m., Chapel
 - Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room
 - Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft
- FRIDAY
- Cinco de Mayo Congregational Dinner, 6 p.m., Cartwright Hall
- SATURDAY
- Ball State Graduation, BSU Campus

May 7-13, 2017

- SUNDAY
- Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
 - Missions Fair, 11:15 a.m., Rotunda
 - All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
 - Discernment Team Listening Session, 11:30 a.m., Children's Choir Room
- 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
- Preschool Staff, 5:30 p.m., Preschool Conference Room
 - Worship Team, 7 p.m., Chapel
- FRIDAY
- Preschool Team, Noon, Chapel
- SATURDAY
- Neighborhood Clean-Up, Grace Lutheran Church, 7:30 a.m.



Looking Ahead...

May 14, 2017

Mother's Day

May 19, 2017

Men's Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall
Host: Bill Wakeland

May 21, 2017

Graduation Sunday

Lunch for Graduates, Cartwright Hall, 11:30 a.m.

**Graduates– be sure to let us know you are graduating!
Pick up a Graduation Form from the Rotunda or Church Office.*

May 29, 2017

Memorial Day, Church Office Closed

May 30, 2017

Preschool Summer Camp, 1st Session Begins

June 4, 2017

Pentecost

May Birthdays



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| 1 Jason Scott | 17 Marcia Miller |
| 2 Ruthanne Devroy | 18 Mary Ann Matchett |
| 4 Helen Tyler | 21 Wanda Isenbarger |
| 6 Chris Conley | 23 June Johns |
| 8 Rita Horton | 26 Bill Patterson |
| 16 David Cartwright | 27 Rita Green |

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