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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 25
June 8 & 22

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



BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 5/2/17: \$8,068.70

Offerings Received for Week Ending 5/9/17: \$5,761.50

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$6,726.82

Average Weekly Need: \$5,790

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

**Reflects the amount received OVER Budget*



Calling all gardeners! I've been sharing with the leadership here at the church that one of my hopes was to create a vegetable garden here on the church grounds. We have lots of available space, and my experience is that growing and sharing vegetables is a life-giving thing for a church. At my last congregation we had a small community garden where the food raised was shared with the local food bank; the garden was a blessing both to the community and to the church. As someone who enjoys gardening, too, I can tell you it's a whole lot of fun to see things growing and to share the abundance of a summer garden.



So, I need your help. A few of us have been meeting already and planning for a garden here at the church, but we need more to make this happen. If you'd like to be a part of this project, can I ask you to come to a meeting? We're going to meet at the church on Sunday, May 21 at 5:30 p.m. for a brief meeting for those who are interesting in helping. If you can't come that evening, let me know you're still interested and we'll plug you in with helping.

A garden is work, but it's a lot of fun, too, and I'm envisioning a big crop of vegetables, sharing, and blessings from our garden this summer.

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones



- ♦ Sympathies to the family of June Johns, who passed away on Monday, May 8. Funeral services will be held at Hazelwood on Friday, May 12 at 10 a.m. with visitation at 9 a.m. Additional visitation hours will be held on Thursday, May 11 at Meeks Mortuary, Washington Street Chapel, from 5-7:30 p.m.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

"Thank you to our Hazelwood family for all the prayers, cards, and emails; and the visits from the elders and Rev. Jason during David's time in Rehab-to-Home after by-pass surgery."

~David & Susan Cartwright

"Thank you so much for all of the cards, visits, and prayers."

~Carolyn Starnes



We missed an Easter lily listing! Joan Gordon gave an Easter lily in memory of Bob Gordon, and her parents, Ellis & Mary Friar.

NEW MOWER

The Trustees have had to purchase a new industrial mower as our twelve-year-old mower died at the end of April, and the cost of repairing the old mower didn't make sense. The cost of our new mower was about \$9,000, and it came with a 6-year warranty. A couple members of the Board of Trustees volunteered to make a contribution to the church for this expense. After discussion, it was agreed that we would give the congregation the opportunity to also participate in funding this new mower. If you would like to share in this expense, separate from your regular giving, please use a pink or pew envelope and mark the memo line "MOWER FUND."



DISCERNMENT TEAM: UPDATE

We're still busy listening! Many of you shared thoughtful responses concerning our worship life in the informal listening with our Worship Discernment Team. We led a listening session with our youth, who gave very reflective responses to our questions about worship. We're planning a listening session with newer folks here at Hazelwood, and we have a formal listening session planned after worship on Sunday, May 21. If you'd like the opportunity to share and listen to one another as we discuss our worship as a congregation, please be sure to sign up for this special opportunity.

WHITE RIVER CLEANUP

The Hoosier Environmental Council is coordinating a clean-up effort along the Mounds Greenway. The Hazelwood Youth will be taking part on Saturday, June 10 at 9 a.m., and they want to invite the rest of the congregation to join them.

The goal for this project is to help make the White River corridor—and the parks that call it home—a cleaner, greener place for all to enjoy. The Mounds Greenway spans from Anderson to Muncie along the West Fork of the White River. Multiple groups will be helping with the cleanup, so don't fret, we won't be responsible for the whole stretch! Details are still being worked out as to the exact location of our site, so more information will be coming soon.

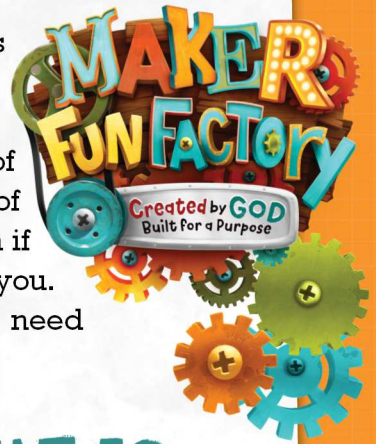
This project is a wonderful opportunity for Hazelwood to be good stewards of our community and God's creation. Sign up begins Sunday, May 21 in the Rotunda after Worship. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. James in the church office.

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:

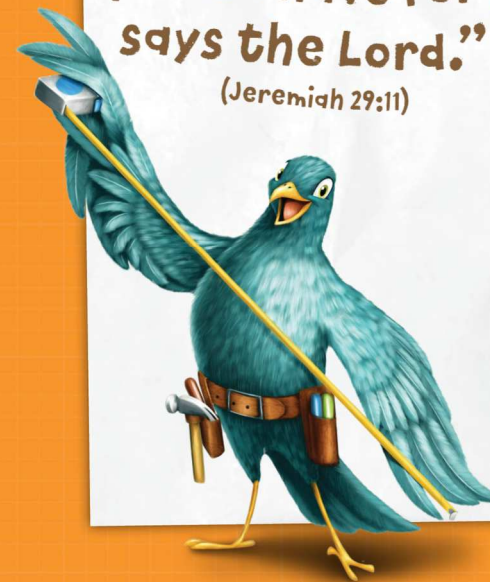
- ◆ Meals
- ◆ Decorating
- ◆ Cleanup
- ◆ Preschool Team Leader
- ◆ Registration (especially opening day)



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



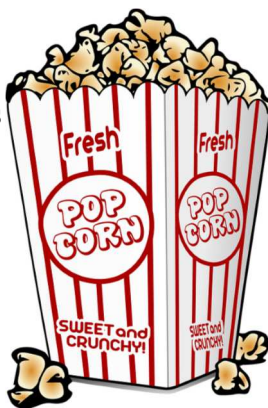
A Big Top Thank You

My sincere thanks to all who attended our Preschool Sunday on April 30. We had a wonderful turnout, and the children did such a great job! Preschool Team and Teachers, none of this would have been possible without your help. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your hard work and dedication to our ministry. Hazelwood congregation, thank you for such nice compliments and words of encouragement. Thank you, Rev. Petty, for the wonderful graphics and picture display as the children approached the platform. And thank you to the parents that helped downstairs with the children. I appreciate each and every one of you very much!

~Angie Lopez, Preschool Director

Looking Ahead

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| 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 |
| July 3-14 | Summer Break |
| July 17-Aug. 18 | 2nd Summer Camp Session |



SUMMER MISSIONS

The Youth Summer Missions trip last year to Give Kids the World was such an amazing blessing to all who were able to participate. Because of the incredible impact of the whole experience, our youth and youth sponsors have expressed interest in going back again next summer. But missions work isn't only about things far and away... local work is just as important! With that in mind, our Youth Summer Missions this year will focus on efforts right here in our own community.

The idea of impacting change locally is one our youth have focused on quite a bit already this year. Many of our discussions during All-Youth Fellowship have centered around concerns and thoughts for our church and community. Back in February, our youth collected "Change for Change" on Super Bowl Sunday with the purpose of raising funds to use in outreach to those in need in our community, especially those without a home. From this effort, Blessing Bags were created. These small bags gave not only our youth, but our entire congregation, a simple yet meaningful way to reach out to, and impact the lives of, those in need.

This year, our Youth Summer Missions will begin on Wednesday, June 7 and continue through Saturday, June 10. Plans are being made to work with some of our local community ministries including the Muncie Mission and the Hoosier Environmental Council. We may not be traveling away from home, but we will be staying together as a group throughout this time.

Family and church members, you are all invited to join us in these service projects. The impact we are able to have in our community can be so much greater with more hearts and hands involved! If you are interested in helping us, but unable to take part in the physical work, there are many other ways you can help out, such as providing meals, helping with transportation, or lending necessary tools or supplies. Details about our service projects will be coming out soon as plans are finalized, so keep an eye out for updates.

If you are interested in participating with our youth, or helping in other ways, please contact Rev. James in the church office or by email at hccjpetty@gmail.com.



DISBURSEMENTS

The following organizations received a contribution of \$300 from the Sulanke Trust, presented to them at the Missions Fair on Sunday, May 7:

- ♦ A Better Way
- ♦ Christian Ministries
- ♦ Habitat for Humanity
- ♦ Muncie Mission
- ♦ Whitely Community Council
- ♦ YWCA

The success of this Missions Fair was is due to these representatives willing to come and share their time with us. Thanks to all!

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.'



NOTES OF APPRECIATION

"Dear Friends,

What a gift you've given our hungriest neighbors! Thank you for your \$300 gift to the Second Harvest Food Bank. Your investment in our focus to impact hunger will provide enough food for 1,200 meals.

Once again, Thank You for all you do.

With gratitude,"

~Tim Kean

President & CEO, Second Harvest Food Bank

"Dear Friends,

Motivate Our Minds, Inc. sincerely thanks you for your generous donation of \$400 for a table of 8 at our 30th Anniversary Banquet. 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 MOMs is 'Educating children and families to grow and flourish.' You are a vital part of our continued success. Your contribution goes directly toward the positive work at Motivate Our Minds. Thank you again.

Gratefully,"

~Monique R. Armstrong

Executive Director, Motivate Our Minds, Inc.



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 or would like more information, contact Shirley Bookout at (765) 744-1207.

~Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team



May 14-20, 2017

- SUNDAY** • Sunday Worship, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
- TUESDAY** • Praise Band Rehearsal, 9 a.m., Sanctuary
• Trustees, 5:30 p.m., Chapel
• Board, 7 p.m., Cartwright Hall
- WEDNESDAY** • Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room
• Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft
- THURSDAY** • Preschool May Program, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary
• Piano Recital by Peter Douglas, 7:30 p.m., Sursa Hall
(Peter occasionally subs for our organist, Lori Rhoden)
- FRIDAY** • Last Day for Preschool Classes
• Men's Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall (Host: Bill Wakeland)

May 21-27, 2017

- SUNDAY** • Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
• Graduation Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
• All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Library
• Discernment Team Listening Session, 11:30 a.m., Children's Choir Room
• Hazelwood Garden Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Chapel
- MONDAY** • Area Ministers, 10:30 a.m., Chapel
• Preschool May Celebration, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- 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
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Looking Ahead...

May 29, 2017

Memorial Day, Church Office Closed

May 30, 2017

Preschool Summer Camp, 1st Session Begins

June 4, 2017

Pentecost

YOU'RE INVITED!



Masterworks Chorale performs the Duruflé *Requiem* and part III of Handel's *Messiah* on Saturday, May 20 in Sursa Performance Hall at 7:30 p.m. Four of our adult choir members are singing: Don Crose, J.D. Geib, Jeff Heavilon, and Ann Wolfe. They know you will enjoy the concert and would love to see you in the audience!

MOTHER'S DAY BALLOON RELEASE CELEBRATION

This Mother's Day, join with family and friends at Elm Ridge Funeral Home & Memorial Park to celebrate the lives and memories of our departed Mothers, Grandmothers, and loved ones at the first Annual Balloon Release Celebration. You need bring nothing but your love and memories. Come early to inscribe your prayers and wishes on beautiful balloons. All supplies will be provided free of charge by your neighbors at Elm Ridge. At 11 a.m. all visitors will set their memorial balloons free and watch together as prayers and wishes for their loved ones rise to the heavens. Light refreshments will be provided.

