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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

July 6 & 20

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



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

June 22, 2017

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 3:17



BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 6/13/17: \$5,226.35

Offerings Received for Week Ending 6/20/17: \$5,665.00

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$4,640.31

Average Weekly Need: \$5,790

Jan.-May 2017 Offerings Compared to Budget: \$10,770.92*

**Reflects the amount received OVER Budget*



- ♦ Tom Schnuck has been released IU Health Ball from Memorial Hospital.
- ♦ Ruth Mangas is a patient at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.
- ♦ Sympathies to Pat Patterson and family on the passing of her brother, Bob Whitney, in Massachusetts on June 18, and to Rhea Morgan and family on the passing of her aunt in Chicago.

OOPS!

We missed a June birthday! Please join me in wishing Jack Isenbarger a Happy Birthday. Jack celebrated his 94th birthday on June 20.

July Birthdays



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| 1 Adam Moudy | 13 Lois Rarick |
| 3 Jack Carmichael | 16 Pat Patterson |
| 6 Ruth Mangas | Austin Sulanke |
| Wanda Storms | 20 Fran Kirk |
| 7 Sonny McCoy | 21 Sonja Rees |
| Julie Thomas | 27 Mauri Mangas |
| 11 Krisha Conley | 29 John Clark |
| 12 Tori Foster | 30 Greg Emmanuel |
| | Rev. Jason Jones |

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



It's maybe a little early, but have you had any fresh-from-the-garden vegetables yet? My garden vegetables aren't formed yet, but it won't be long. Our garden at the church, if you haven't seen it yet, is doing great, with the plants springing up from the newly plowed soil.

A couple of years ago someone dropped off a zucchini for me at the church, and I remembered someone saying, "If no one gives you any zucchini it's a sign you have no friends." That's not wholly true, but there's a speck of truth in that. I took the zucchini, chopped it up, and then cooked it in olive oil and garlic. I added some basil from my own garden and some spaghetti noodles and a little salt and pepper, and it was delicious. I could have bought the zucchini and basil at the store, but knowing they were grown from local soil made the meal better.

I'm from the first generation of Joneses to have no farming experience. My great-grandpa, Andrew Jackson Jones, was a farmer, and my grandpa grew up farming. My Dad used to spend summers, as a child and teen, helping out on the farm. My sisters, cousins, and I don't know a thing about farming, though, and I think we're a little worse for it, too. Growing food from the ground connects us to creation. We're used to food from bags or boxes, food that seems to have processed away anything fresh or green. Watching something grow, harvesting it, and cooking it reminds us we are sustained by God's creation.

Christian faith has, at times, acquired a creation-denying spirit. At times we've been tempted to this idea that we need to escape from the created world or that creation is meant only for some cosmic garbage-bin. An extreme example of that line of thought is sects that practice mass-suicide, hoping they can escape creation. Standing against that line of thinking is our tradition of faith that says the created world is good, and God's ultimate plan is to redeem creation. Think of the beginning of Genesis, where God looks upon each piece of creation—land and water, animals and plants, and human beings—and says, "It's good." It is good. I hope you know the goodness of God's creation as you bite into that freshly picked garden vegetable this summer.

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones

BLESSING BAGS

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

(Matthew 25:40)

The Blessing Bags the Youth created in April have been a great success! I have heard a few stories from those who have had the opportunity to give a bag to help someone in need, and I have been amazed at the impact these small bags have made—not just in the lives of those who received them, but also in the lives of those who gave them.

I have had a couple opportunities to share a Blessing Bag myself over the last couple of months. The first bag I handed out was in Indianapolis when I was on my way to class. I noticed a man standing on the corner of 38th and Illinois Street with a cardboard sign. I had noticed him in the past, but until this day, I had always passed by and continued on my way. This time I drove around the CVS parking lot, pulled over to where he was standing, and I gave him a Blessing Bag. With tears in his eyes, he told me how he feels invisible because people ignore him, look the other way, or just keep on driving. Receiving the Blessing Bag gave him a sense of hope, and it stemmed from the simple act of being seen. He said he felt a little more human in that moment.

The second Blessing Bag I shared was just this past week. Adam Glaze was with me, and we were on our way home from camp. We were both exhausted from our camp experience and wanted nothing more than to get home and rest. I had heard many people talk about a gentleman who stood by the 241-exit ramp, but I had never seen him there before that day. The second Blessing Bag I had picked up in April happened to be between the two front seats and was easy to access. It took no more than a minute away from our trip home, but the impact we had on this man was obvious. He was so excited and kept saying just how blessed he felt receiving it.

These bags were easy to put together, and cost only about \$7.50 each. The contents are simple: some non-perishable food items, toiletries, a small bottle of water, a rain poncho, and a couple other basic items all contained in a single gallon-size bag. It looks so unassuming. Yet one of the best things about these little bags is that sometimes they are able to meet needs that have nothing to do with the contents within. I'm sure the items are put to good use by those who receive them, but the true blessings do not come from the physical items we give. The true blessings come from the giving of our time, our thoughts, and our prayers to people who so often feel invisible. We see them.

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Blessing Bags Continued...

All thirty of the Blessing Bags the Youth made in April were taken by members of the congregation within a couple of weeks. Judging from the stories I have heard, many of those bags have already been put to good use. During their Summer Missions, one of the many projects the Youth worked on was creating more Blessing Bags. These new bags are in the Rotunda and are available to anyone who would like to share in the amazing blessings these bags provide.

Whether you have already shared the bag you took in April, or have not yet had a chance to participate in this great ministry, I encourage you to pick up a Blessing Bag. Tuck it away in an easy to access spot in your vehicle, and 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 to be able to share more stories of the impact these bags have had. If you would like to share your story of God's blessing through these Blessing Bags, please let me know by calling the church office or emailing me at hccjpetty@gmail.com.

~James Petty

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM SUNDAY

This year we will celebrate our Religious Freedom Sunday on July 2. We will have our worship service outdoors at 10 a.m. Chairs will be set up in front of the Sanctuary steps, but you are invited to bring your own comfy chairs or a blanket if you prefer. Be sure to wear comfortable clothing, and you might want to bring some bug spray to ward off any pesky invaders!

After the service, we will have an ice cream social on the lawn. Sign up continues in the Rotunda so you can let us know if you would like to help provide some ice cream and toppings. It doesn't get much better than ice cream sundaes on a summer afternoon!

If the weather does not cooperate (we are all too familiar with good-old Indiana weather!), the service will be held in the Sanctuary, followed by our ice cream social in Cartwright Hall. We will be keeping an eye on the forecast and updating the website as to the location of the service.

Let's pray for great weather, and we'll see you on July 2 at 10 a.m.!

Preschool

Summer Camp

It's hard to believe we are approaching our last week of the first session of Summer Camp already. Summer Camp will be closed from June 26 - July 7 for summer vacation and will open back up on July 10 for our second session of camp! Have a great break!

~Angie Lopez, Preschool Director

Looking Ahead

June 23	1st Summer Camp Session Ends
June 26-July 7	Summer Break
July 10	2nd Summer Camp Session Begins
August 18	2nd Summer Camp Session Ends
August 21	Teacher Work Day
August 23	Orientation for 2-3 & 4-5 Year-Old Classes
August 23	Orientation for 3-4 Year-Old Classes
August 27	Preschool Teacher Recognition & Blessing
September 4	Labor Day
September 5	First Day of 2017-2018 School Year



NOTE OF APPRECIATION

"Thank you very much for your generous donation to the YWCA. The fans, make up, and hair products will be greatly appreciated by the women staying with us."

~YWCA Staff & Volunteers



DISBURSEMENTS

- ♦ \$1,000 to Winnie's Kids in Kenya

"WINNIE'S KIDS"

On Sunday, June 18, Rev. Jason presented Winnie with a check for \$11,900 for her annual trip to Kenya. Winnie came forward with her thanks and deep appreciation for such a wonderful gift, reminding us of the many ways this will help with kids in Kenya including: uniforms, medicine & hygiene supplies, school supplies, clothing, food, and "Strength Is My Refuge," a group of women who care for over 50 orphaned children. Winnie promised to be a good steward with this generous gift.

Amount:	Generously Donated By...
\$100	CWF
\$350	Yorktown Christian Church
\$617	Kenya Calendar Sales
\$700	Farmington Hills Church
\$1,000	Sulanke Trust, distributed by the Missions & Benevolence Team
\$2,825	Hazelwood Congregation
\$6,308	Friends at Ball State University
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\$11,900	

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CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Christmas in July is back! Starting July 9, and continuing every Sunday through the end of July, we will be collecting non-perishable items for Christian Ministries Food Pantry. Please bring items to be placed under the Christmas Tree in the Rotunda. Items needed include:

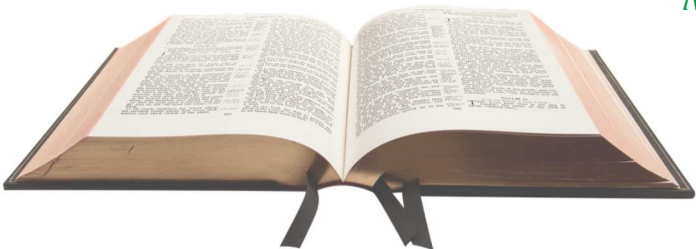
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| Boxed Pasta Dinners | Toilet Tissue |
| Hamburger Helper | Shampoo |
| Tuna Helper | Toothbrushes |
| Cereal | Toothpaste |
| Peanut Butter | Bath Soap |
| Macaroni & Cheese | Diapers |

Thank you for your generosity!

~Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Mark 12:41-44



June 25-July 1, 2017

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| SUNDAY | • Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary |
| MONDAY | • Area Ministers, 10:30 a.m., Chapel
• Discernment Team, 7 p.m., Chapel |
| TUESDAY | • Praise Band Rehearsal, 9 a.m., Sanctuary |
| WEDNESDAY | • No Choir or Bell Choir Rehearsal |

July 2-8, 2017

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| SUNDAY | • Freedom Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m., Lawn
• Ice Cream Social, 11:30 a.m., Lawn |
| MONDAY | • Praise Band Rehearsal, 9 a.m., Sanctuary |
| TUESDAY | • Independence Day – Church Office Closed |
| WEDNESDAY | • Elders, 5:30 p.m., Chapel
• No Choir or Bell Choir Rehearsal |
| SATURDAY | • Disciples of Christ General Assembly Begins, Indianapolis |



Looking Ahead...

July 10, 2017

Preschool Summer Camp 2nd Session Begins

July 17-20, 2017

VBS, 5:30-8 p.m.

Registration forms available in the Rotunda and on the church website

July 21, 2017

Men's Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall
Host: Gene Dobson



**Hazelwood
Christian Church
VBS 2017**
1400 W University Ave
Muncie, IN 47303

*Monday, July 17 through Thursday, July 20
5:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.*

REGISTRATION FORM
(one per child)
Please complete both sides



Child's Name: _____

Child's Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Child's Gender: _____ Grade Completed: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, ST, ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____

Parent/Caregiver's cell phone: _____

Home Email Address: _____

Home Church: _____

Person Responsible for picking up your child:

Phone: _____

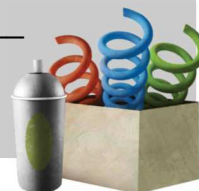
Relationship to Child: _____

Child's Allergies: _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to Child: _____



T-Shirt Size: _____

I give permission for my child's photo to be used by Hazelwood for promotional use, including but not limited to Facebook, Website, Twitter, church newsletters, and church slide shows.

Yes: _____ No: _____

Please complete and return to the church office by July 3, 2017, so we can make sure there is enough food and supplies available. Additional forms may be printed from our church website, www.hazelwoodchurch.org.

The cost is \$10.00 for the first child, \$5.00 for each additional child, with a family max of \$20.00. This is due at time of registration. This includes a meal each night, a VBS tee-shirt, Arts-n-Crafts, and other take home items.



For church use only:

Crew Number or Name: _____

Crew Leader's Name: _____