

Hazelwood Christian Church
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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

June 22
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 8, 2017



BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 5/30/17: \$4,169.00

Offerings Received for Week Ending 6/6/17: \$4,671.20

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$4,375.24

Average Weekly Need: \$5,790

Jan.-Apr. 2017 Offerings Compared to Budget: \$14,080.46*

**Reflects the amount received OVER Budget*



- ♦ David Cartwright was released from rehab at Westminster and is back home.
- ♦ One of our beloved college students from choir, Jillian LaDow, will be spending the summer in New York taking advantage of a special teaching opportunity. Being so far from home can be both exciting and intimidating. If you would like to show her your support and let her know her Hazelwood Family is thinking about her and praying for her this summer, her address is 102 W. 80th St., Apt. #76, New York, NY 10024.

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 begins on Sunday, June 11 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.!



This happens to me all the time: someone asks about our church, I say a little about who we are and where we're at, then the person asks if we're a part of a denomination. I say, "Yes, it's called The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)." The question that follows is, "Well, what is that?" Then there's a pause as my mind tries to work up an answer. How do we describe who we are as Disciples? I've pastored Disciples churches for more than 20 years now, and the experience is always the same. Disciples like being Disciples, but we have a hard time explaining who we are. I've seen Disciples trying to describe our identity, stammering around for an answer, and end up trying to get out of an answer by saying, "Well, we're a little like Methodists or Presbyterians."

This summer I want to offer us an antidote to our uncertainty. I'm going to be preaching a sermon series called "Discipleness." I know that's not a real word, but it gets at what I want to do. I want to share in my sermons, from June 18 to July 16, what it means to be a part of the Disciples of Christ. Each Sunday I'll be sharing a particular theme of Disciple identity. More than our history, I want to get into who we are now and what we can claim as important to us today. So, if you scratch your head like most Disciples, struggling to explain who we are, then come this summer to find out some basic details about our identity.

Speaking of our denomination, our General Assembly is happening just down the road in Indianapolis. Our national convention will be meeting July 8-12 at the Indianapolis Convention Center. Thousands of Disciples will gather for worship, learning, and business. If you're curious about attending, you can find out more at <http://ga.disciples.org/>. If attending for the whole week isn't your thing, you could attend one or two nights of worship. I'm old enough now that my friends are getting to preach at the Assembly, and two I'd really recommend are Rev. José Morales Jr. on Saturday, July 8, and Rev. Virzola Law on Tuesday, July 11. I can promise you won't be disappointed if you attend one of those nights.

I love being a part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and I look forward to exploring what that means with you this summer.

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones

WHITE RIVER CLEANUP

Our youth will be heading out to join in the cleanup efforts along the White River corridor this Saturday, June 10. A few members of the congregation have even signed up to lend their hands to the effort!

This project of the Hoosier Environmental Council to clean up the Mounds Greenway, which spans from Anderson to Muncie, is a huge undertaking! Luckily there are many groups and organizations joining in the efforts throughout the summer.

For our part, we will focus on River Ridge Plaza Natural Area, a 50-acre natural area behind River Ridge Plaza along the White River in Anderson. We will meet up here at Hazelwood at 10:15 a.m. At 10:30, we will head out to Anderson, where we will meet up with the group coordinator in the parking area between Mancino's and Scatterfield Road (1606 S. Scatterfield Rd.).

For those helping out, bags and gloves will be provided. We've been asked to bring grabbers (a simple stick with a nail taped to the end will work). Be sure to wear long pants, boots are the preferable footwear, but a pair of tennis shoes will work, and it is never a bad idea to bring (and use!) sunscreen and bug spray.

This project is a wonderful opportunity for Hazelwood to be good stewards of our community and God's creation. You are all welcome to join in, even if you haven't had a chance to sign up. The more hands that join the effort, the larger the effect we can have! If you have any questions, please contact Rev. James in the church office.

GARDEN UPDATE

Our garden is growing! Thanks to hard-working, generous folks in our church we now have a vegetable garden growing on our grounds, just east of the red entrance doors. Things like tomatoes, green beans, onions, and cucumbers are growing there. We'll be sharing the produce with organizations that share with the needy and within our own congregation, too. We'll need help through the summer with watering, weeding, and picking, so your help is needed and appreciated. Cheryll Crose and Jim Warner are giving leadership to this project, so be sure to talk with them if you'd like to help.

WORSHIP DISCERNMENT TEAM

Our Worship Discernment Team is wrapping up its listening phase. Many of you have shared your thoughts through informal and formal listening sessions, so thank you to everyone who has participated. The Discernment Team will be taking the results from its listening to a time of deciding, where we'll begin to think about where God is leading us in our worship life. You can look forward to hearing more from the Team very soon.



Schools are out for the summer and it's nearly time for camps to begin! A great way to show our youth support this summer is to send them letters of encouragement and to pray for them during their time at camp. Our campers this year are:

High School Camps, June 12-17:

Adam Glaze at Traditional (formerly CYF)
Brynmar Rees at MAD

Middle School Camps, June 19-24:

Aurora Bennett, Jairen Rees, and Eloise McKean at MAD



All of our campers will be at the Geneva Center. If you would like to send them a letter, please write the camp they are attending at the bottom of the envelope and mail it to:

Geneva Center
"Campers Name Here"
5282 N Old US Hwy 31
Rochester, IN 46975

Preschool

Summer Camp

Summer Camp is in full swing. We are so excited to see some familiar faces and just as excited to meet some new friends as well! We began learning about dinosaurs last week, and we are excited to see what comes next! It's going to be a GREAT SUMMER!!

~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



SUMMER MISSIONS

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

(Colossians 3:17)

Our Youth Summer Missions have begun! This year, our focus is right here in our own community. Here are some highlights of our service projects:

Yesterday, we were at Muncie Mission, handing out bags of healthy trail mix we had put together that morning. We also donated hygiene kits we made to give to the men as they arrive at the Mission. The kits are in a nylon bag with a pull string that can be closed up and carried as a backpack. Inside each bag is shampoo, body wash, a comb, shaving gel & a razor, toothpaste & a toothbrush, and deodorant.

Today we are working with ARF. In addition to cleaning, we are helping to plant a memorial garden. Several flowers have been donated in memory of a 6-month-old child of one of the volunteers who recently passed away. We are clearing the ground, tilling the soil, planting the flowers, and mulching. We also brought donations of Pine-Sol, hotdogs, canned dog food, and other much-needed items.

Tomorrow, we will head over to the YWCA women's shelter, where we will be cleaning, sorting, and organizing their donation store. Many women and their children come to the shelter with nothing but the clothes on their backs. This donation store is where these women and children can pick up items they need. We will also be bringing donations of box fans, twin sheet sets, hair dye, and hair styling products.

Our Summer Missions will conclude on Saturday as we team up with the Hoosier Environmental Council for their White River Cleanup. We have a huge task ahead of us with the 50-acre natural area behind River Ridge Plaza in Anderson.

In addition to these community projects, we will also be working on Blessing Bags and various service projects here at Hazelwood. We will have time each day for devotions and fellowship together. We will even have a chance to spend a little time pool-side!

It is such a blessing to be helping the men, women, children, and animals of our own community. If you would like more information on our service projects, the organizations we are working with, or a complete list of donation requests for each organization, contact Rev. James in the church office, or send an email to him at hccjpetty@gmail.com.



HAZELWOOD ANGELS

Thanks to the following people, who helped with Christian Ministries' Food Pantry on either May 31, June 1, or June 2: Shirley Bookout, Cheryll Crose, Dick & Marcia Miller, Jim Warrner, and Elaine Wulff.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

"Dear Hazelwood Christian Church,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$300 to the Whitely Community Council. As you know, needy families and individuals in our community go without proper food, shelter, and essential medical care every day due to a variety of factors including low wages, job loss, injuries, illness, age, domestic violence, or divorce. While all of us are susceptible to hard times, children and the elderly are at the most risk, and they make up the largest number of people we serve. With the generous support of people like you, we will be able to help many of these families and individuals not only to meet essential daily needs, but to work toward a brighter future with programs in job training, education, counseling, elderly assistance, and housing. Thank you for donating.

Sincerely,"

~Ken Hudson, Executive Director
Whitely Community Council

"Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$300 to Greater Muncie Habitat for Humanity. Your gift helps to create family legacies of homeownership. Since our inception in 1986, Muncie Habitat has served more than 160 families in Muncie and Delaware County through new construction homes, house rehabilitations, and home repairs.

Thank you for helping us to continue to strive toward our vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

With gratitude,"

~Lindsey Arthur, Chief Executive Officer
Greater Muncie Habitat for Humanity

Missions Update: Notes of Appreciation, continued...

"Your donation to Love Stuff, Inc. was so needed and such a blessing. Rest assured that every penny will go to the aid and comfort of a child.

God bless you all. Love,"

~Karen Batty
Love Stuff, Inc.

"Hazelwood Christian Church,

A Better Way is grateful for your partnership in coming to the aid of adults and children who have been physically and emotionally abused. You saw people injured and in need, and you came to their rescue.

Peace be with you,"

~Keith Doudt
A Better Way

"Dear Hazelwood Christian Church,

We at the YWCA of Muncie were so honored to receive the \$300 contribution that you made to our organization on May 7, 2017. Every day, your donation helps to provide shelter services and advocacy for women and children throughout Central Indiana. Food, hygiene products, bedding, health and wellness, economic empowerment, and other essential services aid those we service as they transition from crisis to self-sufficiency.

The YWCA of Muncie is on a mission to create real change. Thank you for joining us as we endeavor to continue empowering women, eliminating racism, and assisting those without a home to call their own.

Again, thank you. Our staff and residents sincerely appreciate being able to count on your support.

Best,"

~Watasha Barnes Griffin, Executive Director
YWCA Muncie

~Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team

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June 11-17, 2017

- SUNDAY • Worship Service and Camp Commissioning, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
- TUESDAY • Praise Band Rehearsal, 9 a.m., Sanctuary
- WEDNESDAY • Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Sanctuary
• No Choir Rehearsal
- THURSDAY • Preschool Staff, 5:30 p.m., Preschool Conference Room
- FRIDAY • Men's Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall (Host: Charles Retherford)
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June 18-24, 2017

- SUNDAY • Father's Day Worship Service and Check Presentation to Winnie's Kids, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
• Listening Session, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
- TUESDAY • Praise Band Rehearsal, 9 a.m., Sanctuary
• Trustees, 5:30 p.m.
• Big Picture Team (formerly known as Cabinet), 7 p.m., Chapel
- WEDNESDAY • No Choir or Bell Choir Rehearsal
- FRIDAY • Preschool Summer Camp 1st Session, Last Day
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Looking Ahead...

July 2, 2017

Freedom Sunday Outdoor Worship Service and Ice Cream Social
**If the weather doesn't cooperate, worship will be in the Sanctuary*

July 4, 2017

Independence Day– Church Office Closed

July 8-12, 2017

Disciples of Christ General Assembly, Indianapolis

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

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13





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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: _____

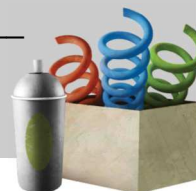
Relationship to Child: _____

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: _____