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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
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

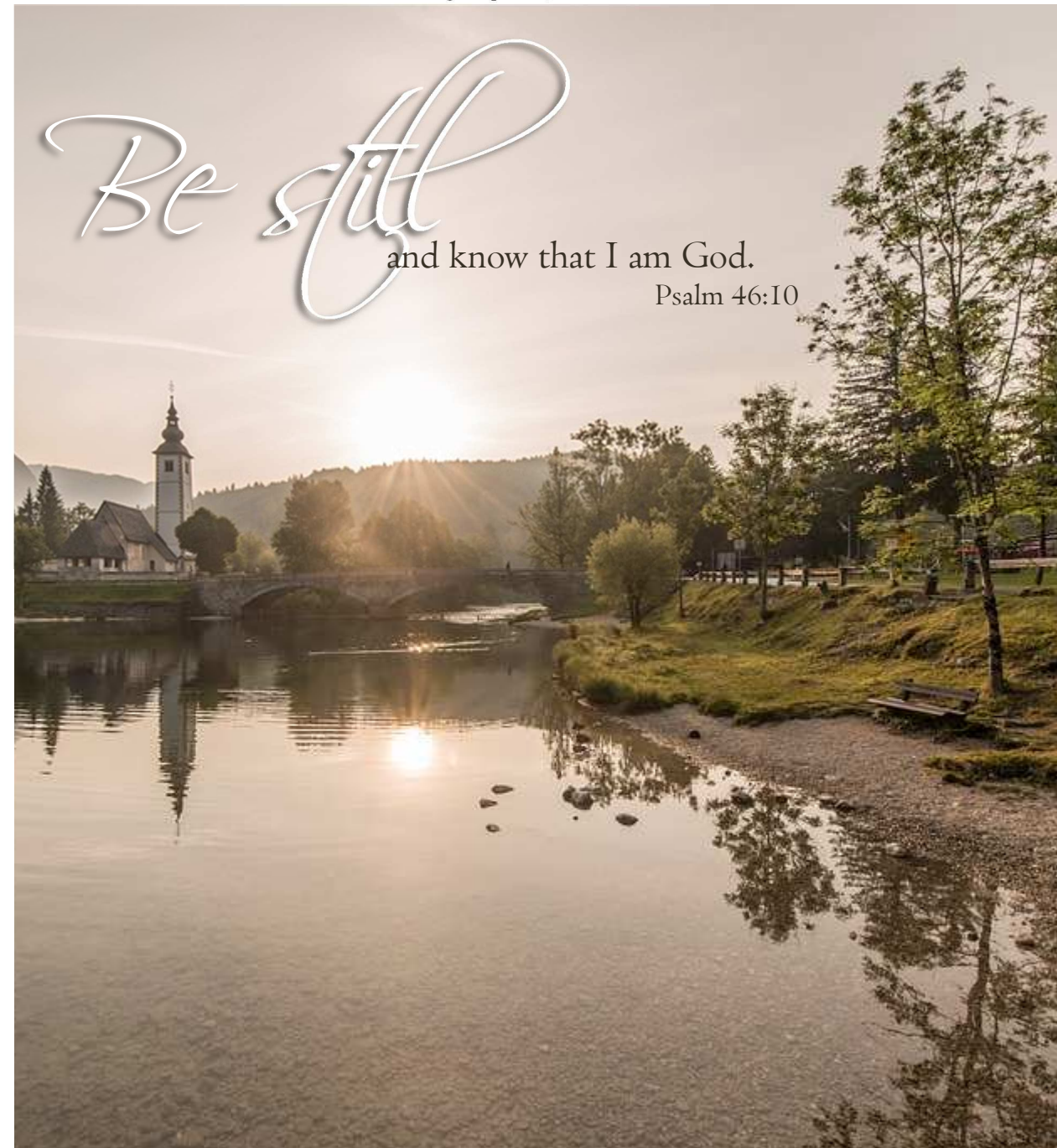
August 3, 17, & 31

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



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

July 20, 2017



BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 7/11/17: \$6,963.50
Offerings Received for Week Ending 7/18/17: \$6,928.50

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$5,527.54
Average Weekly Need: \$5,790

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

**Reflects the amount received OVER Budget*



Every two years our denomination, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), holds a General Assembly. Disciples from all over the United States and Canada come together in one place for a few days of worship, learning, business, and fellowship. Last week, almost 4,000 Disciples came to Indianapolis to be together for a few days. Rev. James and I were both able to attend, and as always I really enjoyed the chance to be with so many other Disciples. I enjoy the worship and learning (and even the business sessions), but I enjoy most seeing other Disciples I know from other parts of the country. I'm always exhausted when it's over, but I'm sad to see it end.

The big thing I can tell you from the Assembly is our denomination has a new General Minister & President. We Disciples have a national leader, often just referred to as the GMP, who provides leadership to our whole denomination. After Rev. Sharon Watkins served for two terms, we've elected a new leader in Rev. Terri Hord Owens. I was able to hear Rev. Owens speak, and I found her to be a very articulate and authentic leader. I think she'll be great for our church! This is a significant step for us because she's the first African-American woman to lead a mainline denomination. And, we can be proud she's a fellow Hoosier, originally from Terre Haute. I hope you'll join me in celebrating her new leadership among Disciples, and I hope you'll keep her and all Disciples in your prayers.

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones



The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

James 5:15-16



SANDWICH & STUDY

I love the biblical book of Revelation. Most of us are scared off by Revelation's intense imagery, and we often concede the book to those who only want to use it for hateful messages or conspiracy theories. When we understand the type of writing Revelation is and the situation of its original readers, we find instead a hopeful and life-giving message. We're going to study Revelation in August on Wednesday evenings with a special program called Sandwich & Study. We'll gather at 6pm on August 9, 16, 23, and 30. We'll first share in a light sandwich meal, and then we'll have a time of learning from Revelation.



We need some volunteers who would agree to make sandwiches for each evening (along with maybe some chips and a drink). We'll have a sign-up sheet in the Rotunda starting July 23 for those who would like to sign up to attend and/or provide sandwiches. A study book is available called *Breaking the Code* by Bruce Metzger, and it costs \$8. I hope you'll share in this special study and fellowship, and if you have questions don't hesitate to ask me.

~ Jason Jones

DISCIPLES NEWS

General Assembly elects Teresa Hord Owens as first African-American woman to head mainline denomination



Rev. Teresa "Terri" Hord Owens was elected Sunday, July 9 to serve as the General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. She is the first African-American to hold this post and the second woman to lead the denomination.

Hord Owens comes to the position in a time of renewed emphasis on the issues of race, particularly in the United States. Her election comes on the 50th anniversary of the Merger Agreement uniting the African-American and largely white branches of the American-born denomination. She is currently pastor of a predominately white congregation in the Chicago area.

"We need to stop demonizing differences as deficiencies," Hord Owens says. "We should seek to understand, to work through our differences in priorities, opinions, methods, and goals. This will not be easy, but imagine what an example this will be for the world if we can bridge the gaps in politics, identity, geography and theology."

Hord Owens' resume includes more than 20 years in corporate America leading diverse teams in data management before she entered seminary. For the last 15 years, she has been the dean of students at the University of Chicago Divinity School, shepherding a varied student body in both background and theology.

The election of Hord Owens follows the 12-year tenure of the Rev. Sharon E. Watkins, who was the first female to lead a mainline denomination in the United States upon her election in 2005. Hord Owens' term is six years with an option for re-election in 2023 for an additional six-year term.

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was born out of the Stone-Campbell Movement, part of the Great Awakening on the American frontier in the early 1800s. The denomination is congregationally governed, meaning each congregation appoints its own leadership and determines its own mission and support. There are 32 regional bodies that support congregations as well as relate to the general ministries of the denomination.

(More information on structure: <http://disciples.org/our-identity/our-structure/>)

THE HEROES OF THE HAZELWOOD OFFICE

Everyone likes to think they have what it takes to do it all. In reality, it often takes the coordinated effort of many hands to make things come together and operate smoothly, and the daily operations of the Hazelwood office are certainly no exception!

We are incredibly fortunate to have some great volunteers who take a few hours of their time each week and bravely battle the front lines at the reception desk: Rita Horton, Dee Moser, Molly Wantz, and Elaine Wulff. They are the owners of the friendly voices you hear answer the phone when you call and the smiling faces you see when you stop by. Without them, the day-to-day work of the Hazelwood staff would be much more difficult to accomplish! This group has been at this for years and holds a special place in the hearts of the Hazelwood staff for all they do.

There are quite a few open shifts at the reception desk we would love to see filled! If you are free on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday mornings from 9 a.m.-Noon, or Wednesday afternoons from 1-4 p.m. during the winter months (December-April), please prayerfully consider helping out.

If you would like to volunteer, or have any questions about what the receptionists do during their shifts, contact Stefanie in the church office or by email at hccspetty@gmail.com.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Coffee Fellowship after worship on Sunday mornings has long been a staple here at Hazelwood. Our various Teams and Committees take turns hosting. They provide the cookies and snacks, get the tables set and ready, prepare the coffee and juice, help serve as people come through the line, and make sure it all gets cleaned up afterward. It can be quite a task!

Over the years our congregation has gotten smaller, and our Teams and Committees have followed suit. Add the fact that many people serve on multiple teams, and we end up with the time and cost requirements of hosting Coffee Fellowship being shared by a fairly small group of people. It's a situation that needs a little help.

It's time to band together as one big Hazelwood Family and help out with Coffee Fellowship responsibilities. Perhaps you would like to gather your family and friends together to host one Sunday. Maybe you would like to join forces with one of our Teams or Committees to help them host. Whether it's a little or a lot, any and all help is appreciated!

If you would like to help, please let Stefanie know. You can reach her by phone at the church office, or by sending an email to hccspetty@gmail.com.



Preschool

Remodeled Toddler Room

Thanks to Andy Rees, Rev. Petty, the Hazelwood Youth, John Burke, and Randy Burke for removing a wall to give our Toddlers some much needed space. Thank you Ken and Seth Lopez for volunteering your time to move equipment, desks, etc. to make this move successful. Thank you Property Committee for the new flooring in the ELC PK room. It looks wonderful!

If you are not familiar with our Toddler room, it is down in the ELC wing. We serve families with children one and two years of age in this classroom. If you haven't had a chance to see it yet, I encourage you to come visit us this summer.

~Angela Lopez, Preschool Director

Summer Camp

Summer Camp is in full swing with our second session. The children have been busy learning about everything from gardening to around-the-world activities. This week we made dream catchers and talked about what the Native Americans used them for. It is such a blessing to see these children grow in their spiritual lives as well as academically. We are so blessed to have this ministry in our community.

Looking Ahead

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– No School
September 5	First Day 2-3 Year-Old Tuesday & 3-4 Year-Old Classes
September 6	First Day 2-3 Year-Old Wednesday & 4-5 Year-Old Classes
September 25	Chapel, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m., 4-5 Year-Old Classes
September 26	Donuts for Dad, 2-3 Year-Old Tuesday & 3-4 Year-Old Classes
September 27	Donuts for Dad, 2-3 Year-Old Wednesday Class
September 28	Chapel, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m., 3-4 Year-Old Classes



SUMMER MISSIONS PRESENTATION

Church camps and Summer Missions have kept the Hazelwood Youth quite busy this summer. Most summers, the youth head out on a week-long trip for their Summer Missions. This year, they changed things up a bit and focused on service projects right here in our own community. By pairing up with Muncie Mission, YWCA of Muncie, ARF, and The Hoosier Environmental Council, our Youth were able to touch the lives of local men, women, children, and animals. They even did a little demolition work here at Hazelwood to help our preschool to expand their Toddler room! These experiences have challenged, stretched, taught new skills, and changed our youth forever. It was an adventure they were excited to share with family and friends.

On Sunday, August 13, the Youth will have a chance to share their Summer Missions experiences with the Hazelwood congregation during the morning worship service. The needs in our community are great, but as our Youth will tell you: whether you are young, or simply young at heart, we can all make a difference in the lives of those around us!

BACK-TO-SCHOOL POOL PARTY

This summer has gone by so fast! With the start of the new school year approaching, plans for our regular All-Youth Fellowship meetings are in the works, and what better way to kick things off than a pool party!

Shirley Bookout has graciously invited the Hazelwood Youth to her home for All-Youth Fellowship and a Pool Party! So mark your calendars for August 13 from Noon-3 p.m. We will talk about upcoming AYF events and plans, then it's all about the food and fun! Hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Please bring a snack to share and anything you need for swimming (don't forget the sunscreen!). RSVP to Rev. James if you are planning on attending, so he can be sure there is plenty of food to go around!





Tonight we will wrap things up for VBS 2017. Our dedicated team of volunteers has spent the last few evenings guiding nearly 30 kids through The Maker Fun Factory where they learned about themselves as a part of God's amazing creation! We ate dinner, sang, danced, played, experimented, and crafted. We even collected items to donate to the women and children at the Muncie YWCA. It has been an amazing experience!

Huge thanks go out to our volunteers who made it all happen: Adam Glaze, Marianna Gill, Mariangella Glaze, Rita Horton, Tiffany Ingles, Rev. Jason Jones, Carolyn McShirley, Mary Ann Matchett, Dylan Mofield, Rhea Morgan, Amy Moudy, Rev. James Petty, Stefanie Petty, Brynmar Rees, Jairen Rees, Sonja Rees, Leah Ritchie, Laura Rowe, Mason Shoults, Olivia Shoults, Rachel Smith, Julie Thomas, Rachel Tucker, Ann Wolfe, and Wyatt York.

And to our Hazelwood family: None of this would have been possible if it weren't for all your love and support! You gave your time, money, supplies, decorations, and prayers, all to help spread God's love and teachings to these wonderful little ones!



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Christmas in July continues through Sunday, July 30. Please help by bringing non-perishable food and toiletry items, and place them under the Christmas Tree in the Rotunda. Items needed include:

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

Along with the November Commitment Sunday sharing, these are the two times each year we reach out and support Christian Ministries Food Pantry. Your help is gratefully appreciated!



HEARTS & HANDS UNITED GIVEAWAY

Saturday, July 29, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Fairgrounds Memorial Building



Hazelwood has been asked to provide 50 NEW pairs of BOY'S/MEN'S SIZE 5 ATHLETIC SHOES. So far, 30 pairs have been donated. We will continue collecting through Sunday, July 23. Your help would be appreciated to meet our goal of 50 pairs. Thanks!

MOTIVATE OUR MINDS

You're Invited to the 6th Annual Community Appreciation Block Party! Free food, fun, games, and live music!

When: Saturday, July 22
10 a.m.-2p.m.

Where: 2023 E. Highland Ave.

~Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team

Volunteer Opportunities



Care Hospice Services is looking for volunteers in the Muncie area to assist their hospice patients. The activities are various and could include things such as making crafts/blankets, companionship, errand running, yard work, etc. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Jeannette Crouch by email at Jcrouch.care@gmail.com or by phone at (317) 214-9459.



July 23-29, 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
• Trustees, 5:30 p.m., Chapel
• Board, 7 p.m., Cartwright Hall |
| WEDNESDAY | • No Choir or Bell Choir Rehearsal |
| THURSDAY | • Worship Team, 7 p.m., Chapel |

July 30-August 5, 2017

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| SUNDAY | • Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary |
| TUESDAY | • Praise Band Rehearsal, 9 a.m., Sanctuary |
| WEDNESDAY | • Elders, 5:30 p.m., Chapel
• No Choir or Bell Choir Rehearsal |
| THURSDAY | • Preschool Team, 10:30 a.m., Chapel |



Looking Ahead...

August 9, 2017

Sandwich and Study Begins, 6 p.m., Cartwright Hall

August 13, 2017

Youth Missions Presentation During Worship
Youth Back-to-School Pool Party, Noon, Shirley Bookout's Home

August 18, 2017

Men's Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall (Host: Don Crose)

August 20, 2017

Sunday School Teacher Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall

August 21, 2017

Ball State University Fall Classes Begin

August 23, 2017

Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room
Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft

August 27, 2017

Preschool Teacher Recognition and Blessing During Worship

WANTED: HOST FAMILIES

The Indiana Academy is looking for families willing to host International Students. Check out <https://academy.bsu.edu/international/bios/> for more information on the Indiana Academy's International Student Program and the students currently in need of a host family.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13:2