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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](http://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

September 14 & 28

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

Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them,  
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

Mark 10:14



## **BUDGET UPDATE**

**Offerings Received for Week Ending 8/22/17: \$3,350.50**

**Offerings Received for Week Ending 8/29/17: \$6,506.40**

**Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$4,972.72**

**Average Weekly Need: \$5,790**

**Jan.-July 2017 Offerings Compared to Budget: \$967.51\***

*\*Reflects the amount received OVER Budget*



If you watch the news, read a newspaper, or follow internet news, you know about the flooding in Houston. One of the benefits of social media, too, is I've been able to follow updates from friends who live in the Houston area, confirming they and their houses are OK. When I see such devastation, I usually want to find a way to help. We're so far away, and we wonder, "What can I do to make this better?"

The good news is we, as Disciples, have a way to help. Week of Compassion is our denomination's disaster outreach, and they're always quickly funding relief whenever a disaster occurs. We take a yearly donation for Week of Compassion, usually in February, but you don't have to wait until then to give. If you'd like to make a donation to Week of Compassion for flood relief, you can do so right now, and you have several ways to give. The quickest way is on their website, <http://www.weekofcompassion.org>. You can go to their website, make a donation, and they'll have the funds right away. If you'd prefer to make a donation through the church, you can give that way as well. If you'd like to give a special gift to Week of Compassion's flood relief, just write a check to the church and write "Week of Compassion" or "Hurricane Relief" or "Flood Relief" in the memo line, and we'll collect the funds and forward them to Week of Compassion.

Jesus tells us, in Matthew 25, the real test of our faith is when we see those in need and choose to help. And when we do so, it's as though we're doing it for Jesus himself. Our sisters and brothers in the human family in Houston are suffering now. Let's not ignore their needs but choose instead to give toward their relief.

Grace & peace,  
Jason Jones



- ♦ Jane Fraizer is a patient at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.
- ♦ Lois Gross is at Westminster as she recovers from her recent surgery.
- ♦ Mauri Mangas has been released from rehab at Elmcroft and is back home.
- ♦ Sympathies to the family of Robert Goff, who passed away on August 17 in Wheaton, IL. Robert and his late-wife, Phoebe, were devoted members of Hazelwood before they moved from the area.
- ♦ Randy Burke is back home after a brief hospital stay.

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**



Congratulations to Mark & Kendra Thomas on the birth of their daughter, Cecilia Joy Thomas, on August 23. Proud Hazelwood family members are grandparents Ron & Julie Thomas, and aunts Rachel Smith & Hannah Thomas.

## **NOTES OF APPRECIATION**

"Dear Hazelwood Family, Your prayers before, during, and after my recent surgery helped me through a worrisome time. The flowers were a welcome gift of your love and support. Thanks to all."

~Molly Wantz

"Dear Friends, So many months have passed and I'm still here, but with my many wonderful friends at Hazelwood, I'm surviving. Thank you, thank all of you, for the many visits, cards, flowers, and love shown to me by so many of you. I love all of you and miss you so much."

~Jeane Garrett

## **WHEELCHAIR NEEDED**

Up until recently, we have had a wheelchair at the Rotunda entrance for use by anyone who may need it. However, it was recently found to have a broken wheel, and we were forced to discard it. If you, or someone you know, has a wheelchair you would like to donate, please let the church office know.

## **YOU'RE INVITED!**

For those who haven't heard, Bill and Dee Moser have recently had solar panels installed at their home. They have been very pleased with the results and have realized quite a few people are curious about it. They would like to invite the congregation to their home, 608 N. Meadow Wood, for an Open House on Sunday, September 10 from 2-4 p.m. It will be a great chance to see their new system and satisfy that curiosity!

**DANCE LIKE NO ONE’S WATCHING...**



Join in the fun as Hazelwood dances the night away on Friday, September 22 from 7-9 p.m. in Cartwright Hall. Ms. Jane Pitzer has generously offered to teach us line dancing, so whether you have two left feet, or have been dancing since you first learned to walk, this is sure to be a night to remember! To keep the energy going, there will be plenty of refreshments available.

Sign-up for this free congregational event begins September 3 in the Rotunda.

**PUPPIES!**

John & Jill Clark have 4 AKC registered German Shepherd puppies still available to purchase. The puppies are now 8 weeks old, full of love and energy and are ready to find their forever homes. The puppies have great-grandparents from Germany on both sides. Mom and Dad are both very protective, family-friendly, and love to play (very ball-driven). Both dogs are on-site. Call (765) 730-7199 or (765) 288-3404 for more details.



*September Birthdays*

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| 3 Jairen Rees       | 12 Sally Geib     |
| 4 John Starnes      | 13 Howard Thomas  |
| Elaine Wulff        | Adam Glaze        |
| 5 Merribeth Bruning | 14 Patty Richards |
| 9 Ron Purtlebaugh   | 16 Carolyn Jones  |
| Ron Smith           | 19 Rachel Smith   |
| 11 Gary Edmonds     | 24 Mark Wages     |
| 12 James Medsker    | 25 Mary Briggs    |

If your name has been inadvertently left off, call the church office at 282-5969 or send an email to [hazelwoodchurch@gmail.com](mailto:hazelwoodchurch@gmail.com).



**CROP WALK**

“Hazelwood Christian Church CROP Hunger Walkers:  
We thank you for your ongoing support to end hunger here and around the world. You have been part of the program for many years. In 2016 you raised over \$2,500 for Church World Service and Christian Ministries, which means so much for those who need your help. We thank your pastor and your recruiters, who put so much effort and caring into the program. Please join us again for the 2017 CROP Hunger Walk in Muncie.

You are great! We look forward to seeing you on September 24 at Riverside United Methodist Church. Bring your spirit again!  
God bless you!”

~Christian Ministries of Delaware County, Indiana



The sign-up to walk, or contribute to a walker, begins Sunday, September 3 in the Rotunda. See Shirley Bookout to sign up or for more information.

~Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team

**CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES’ FOOD PANTRY**

Christian Ministries of Delaware County will be a recipient of the Meijer Simply Give Fall Campaign. The campaign starts Sunday, August 20 and continues through Saturday, September 16.

Christian Ministries’ double-match-days are Friday, September 1 & Saturday, September 2. This means if you buy a \$10 card Meijer will double-match it with \$20, so your total donation to the Christian Ministries’ Food Pantry will be \$30. The cards are available to purchase at the checkout lane.

Don’t miss out on this great opportunity to donate to this wonderful local ministry and watch your donation grow!



## **LIGHT A CANDLE FOR CHILDREN**

**"Moving Forward with Hope: Love and Justice for Every Child."**

Light a Candle for Children is an advocacy and prayer vigil that begins September 10, five weeks before the National Observance of Children's Sabbath on October 22, and is sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund in Washington, DC. Thousands of congregations from multiple faith groups unite during Children's Sabbath to simultaneously witness for children through prayer, education, and worship.

The Light a Candle Prayer Vigil uses a different focus scripture each week related to the overall theme in preparation for Children's Sabbath. The focus scriptures for 2017 are:

**Week of September 25:** John 6:9-11, Be an Example of Hope

**Week of October 2:** Hebrews 13:1-2, Be an Example of Justice

**Week of October 9:** 1 Thessalonians 1:4-8, Be an Example of Love

**Week of October 16:** John 21:15, Be an Example for Every Child



Daily Devotions for Light a Candle for Children can be found online at [lightacandle.blogspot.com](http://lightacandle.blogspot.com) and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/LightaCandleforChildren](https://www.facebook.com/LightaCandleforChildren) beginning Sept 25.



### **Looking Ahead**

<b>September 4</b>	Labor Day– No School
<b>September 5</b>	First Day 2-3 Year-Old Tuesday & 3-4 Year-Old Classes
<b>September 6</b>	First Day 2-3 Year-Old Wednesday & 4-5 Year-Old Classes
<b>September 25</b>	Chapel, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m., 4-5 Year-Old Classes
<b>September 26</b>	Donuts for Dad, 2-3 Year-Old Tuesday & 3-4 Year-Old Classes
<b>September 27</b>	Donuts for Dad, 2-3 Year-Old Wednesday Class
<b>September 28</b>	Chapel, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m., 3-4 Year-Old Classes
<b>October 3 &amp; 4</b>	School Pictures
<b>October 9-13</b>	Fall Break



### **KIDS IN WORSHIP**

It is such a joy to see young children in church on Sundays! Proverbs 22:6 tells us "Start children off in the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." Introducing children to the wonders of God and His unending love provides a foundation of faith these children will carry with them throughout their lives.

Church School, Children's Music, and All-Youth Fellowship are all great ways for children to grow in their faith while having fun and staying active, giving them an outlet for their seemingly boundless energy. Yet being a part of our Worship Service is just as important to their foundation of faith.

In order to help them focus their energy and learn from the Worship Service, Kids Packs are available every Sunday in the red plastic tote located right outside the glass Sanctuary doors. These packs are designed for kids up through 5th grade. In each pack, they will find activities relating to that Sunday's message or theme, crayons, and a package of fruit snacks. This gives them something fun to do before they are dismissed to Church School, while at the same time introducing them to that Sunday's message.

On the last Sunday of each month, rather than dismiss the children to Church School, we ask them to remain in the Worship Service with their families. This gives them an opportunity to not only see what the rest of our Worship Service is like, but also helps them learn how to pay attention and understand the message of the day. On these Sundays, there will be a special page in the Kids Packs called "Sermon Notes for Kids." As the service is happening, the children can complete this page to the best of their ability (for those who have not yet learned to read or write, they can use the back of the page to draw a picture of something they learned about in the sermon or through the music). And after the service, as a reward for their efforts, they can bring their completed sheet or picture to Rev. James for a special prize!

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>September 9</b>	Church Trip to Holiday World & Splashin' Safari
<b>September 10</b>	All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
<b>September 24</b>	All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall CROP Hunger Walk, 2 p.m., Riverside United Methodist
<b>September 27</b>	See You at the Pole, 7 a.m.

## September 3-9, 2017



- SUNDAY** • Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
- MONDAY** • Labor Day– Church Office Closed
- TUESDAY** • Nominating Committee, 5:30 p.m., Chapel
- WEDNESDAY** • Praise Band Rehearsal, 9 a.m., Sanctuary  
• Elders, 5:30 p.m., Chapel  
• Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room  
• Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft
- SATURDAY** • Church Trip to Holiday World & Splashin' Safari  
• Pies for Peace Event, 11:30 a.m., Canan Commons

## September 10-16, 2017

- SUNDAY** • Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary  
• All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
- WEDNESDAY** • Praise Band Rehearsal, 9 a.m., Sanctuary  
• Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room  
• Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft
- THURSDAY** • Preschool Team, 10:30 a.m., Chapel  
• Worship Team, 7 p.m., Chapel
- FRIDAY** • Men's Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall (Host: Dick Miller)
- SATURDAY** • S.A.R., 10 a.m., Cartwright Hall



## Looking Ahead...

### September 17, 2017

Sulanke Commons Dedication During Coffee Fellowship  
Organ Recital by Peter Douglas, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary  
*Peter has helped play for the Choir when Lori has been gone.*

### September 19, 2017

Trustees, 5:30 p.m., Chapel  
Board, 7 p.m., Cartwright Hall

### September 24, 2017

CROP Hunger Walk, 2 p.m., Riverside United Methodist  
*Registration begins at 1:30 p.m.*

**Pies for Peace and the City of Muncie Present**

**A celebration of Colors, Flavors, & American Pie!**

**FREE Event at Canan Commons**  
**September 9, 2017 - 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

**Come and make new friends over a free slice of tasty pie!**

Children & Family Games • Ivy Tech Student Pie Bake Contest  
Celebrity Pie-in-the-Face Contest • Children's Pie Walk  
Resource Fair • Dance & Music Talent Show • Food Trucks

*In the case of rain, the event will relocate to the downtown YMCA.*

**Like our Pies for Peace page on Facebook!**

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