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Sunday Schedule: Worship Service, 10 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship, 11:15 a.m.
Children Church School, 10:10 a.m.
Adult Church School, 11:30 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 18, 2016
September 1, 2016
September 15, 2016

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



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

August 4, 2016

Trust in the Lord
forever, for the
Lord God is an
everlasting
rock.

Isaiah 26:4

BUDGET UPDATE

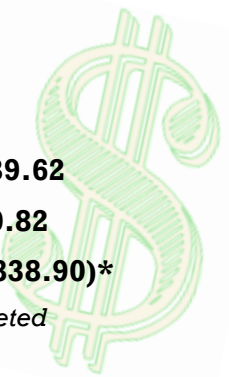
Average Weekly Need: \$6,000

Offerings Received for Week Ending 7/27/16: \$9,339.62

Offerings Received for Week Ending 8/3/16: \$4,820.82

January-June Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$23,838.90)*

**Those parentheses mean we have received LESS than budgeted*



Thank you to everyone who helped out last Sunday as we celebrated my installation here at Hazelwood Christian Church. I'm still thinking about the beautiful rendition of *Be Thou My Vision* the choir shared, and those cupcakes we had afterward were fantastic. Rev. Carolyn Reed from the Indiana Region of Disciples brought a challenging message for us as we journey on the winding road into the future. Thank you, everyone!

These last couple months have been a time of great change for me with my moving here and getting married in July. We had a beautiful wedding in California, and everything went according to plan. I really appreciate the way the staff here all filled in for me while I was away. Right now, Madeleine, my new wife, is on her way, and she'll soon be settled with me here in Muncie. As you get to know Madeleine, something you should know is she has opted to keep her last name, which is White. Every couple makes their own choices on things like that, so I hope you'll understand she's very much my wife but will still be known as Madeleine White. As I mentioned before, Madeleine's cousin, Sienna, who is 18 years old, will be coming, too, and staying with us for a time. I know you'll give them the same friendly welcome you've already given me.

As things start to get settled here for me, I'm thinking about the future, and I do so with hope. The future is never like the past, but I believe very much that God goes with us into the future, and I look forward to the places God will lead us together.

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones



- ♦ Wanda Strauch has been released from the hospital and is recovering from her recent surgery at Morrison Woods.
- ♦ Jeane Garrett is at Morrison Woods following a brief stay at the hospital.
- ♦ Tom Schnuck had surgery on his back on Wednesday, July 27. Please be in prayer that this procedure helps to ease the pain he has been in.
- ♦ Bill Ritchie is recovering at home after receiving a pacemaker at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital on Monday, August 1.
- ♦ Larry Rees suffered a fall last week in which his collar bone was fractured.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

"Dear Hazelwood, I am so appreciative of the Jones Scholarship. I am truly blessed to be a part of such a supportive church family. I am very excited to start my Junior year at Ball State University."

~With gratitude, Andrew Jean Rowe

"Thank you to our Hazelwood family for the flowers, prayers, visits, and support."

~The Kirk family

"Thank you for the flowers, prayers, and thoughts during my recent stay in the hospital. I am feeling better."

~ Ellen Edmonds

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 to this!

We are incredibly fortunate to have a great group of volunteers who take a few hours of their time each week and bravely battle the front lines at the reception desk: Jack Carmichael, Dennis Holmes, Rita Horton, Carolyn McShurley, Dee Moser, Tom Schnuck, 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! Some of them have been at this for years, others have only recently begun, but all hold a special place in the hearts of the Hazelwood staff for all they do.

There are still a couple of open shifts at the reception desk we would love to see filled! If you are free on Wednesday 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, contact Stefanie in the church office.



AND THE NOMINATION GOES TO...

The 2016 Nominating Committee has been formed and is ready to start the task of finding candidates among the active participants in the Hazelwood congregation to serve as Officers, Elders, and Deacons to our church. The members of the committee were approved by a special board meeting on July 24 and are: Shirley Bookout (chair), Jeane Garrett, Dennis Holmes, Marsha Miller, and Carolyn Starnes.

Open nominations will begin September 18 and go through October 2. If you have any questions, or would like to nominate someone from the congregation for a position, you can contact any member of the Nominating Committee.



**Words on Worship
from the Worship Team**

On May 31, 2015 our traditional and contemporary worship services were combined, and we came together as one body to experience our first blended worship service. The reasons for combining were many: attendance for both services had been steadily declining, there were numerous logistical issues with holding two simultaneous services, and despite the belt-tightening and budget cuts that *all* areas of the church were undergoing, our financial resources were being stretched to the point where the added expense of two services— whether simultaneous or at different times— had become unsustainable. We had little choice; some big changes were going to have to be made.

As we came together and blended the two different styles of worship, adjustments and concessions were made by those from both services. However, many positive things happened with the change as well. Much like a marriage bringing two families together, coming together into one worship service allowed us to go from being two groups worshiping God in the same building to becoming one unified church family. Many of us got to know others in the church that had been there for years, but we had never before had a chance to meet. There were now more people available to serve as Elders, Deacons, and greeters each Sunday. Our children and youth were able to enjoy a new sense of unity with each other as they came together to learn and grow in love and worship of Jesus.

This last year has been a time of adjustment, compromise, learning, and growing for us all, and the Worship Team continues to work together with the Elders, Pastors, and others involved in the worship service to improve our blended service and make it something we all look forward to each week. We know many in the congregation have concerns, thoughts, and ideas about our service. Our plan is to make the W.O.W. article a regular in the newsletter. It will be a place where we can address those concerns, answer your questions, and let you know why we do what we do, and why we do things the way we do.

In order to make the most of this opportunity, we need to hear from you! If you have something you would like us to address, jot it down, stick it in an envelope marked "Worship Team," and place it in the offering plate on Sunday. You can also feel free to email hazelwoodchurch@gmail.com, call Stefanie in the church office at (765) 282-5969, or mail it in to us addressed to: Worship Team at Hazelwood, 1400 W. University Ave., Muncie, IN 47303. We look forward to hearing from you!!



Celebration

Hazelwood Christian Preschool has received their VCP Certification and is officially on Level 1 of the Paths to Quality Program... and you are cordially invited to help us celebrate this great accomplishment!

Date: Thursday, August 18

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Cartwright Hall



Teacher Recognition & Blessing

On Sunday, August 28 Hazelwood will have a special moment of prayer and blessing for the preschool and its teachers during the worship service. At that time, you will be encouraged to bring forward any back-to-school items you wish to donate. Items we are needing include:

- ♦ Copy paper
- ♦ Staples
- ♦ Paper Towels
- ♦ Water Color Paint
- ♦ Finger Paints
- ♦ Paper Plates (small or large)
- ♦ Small Pom Poms (pink or assorted)
- ♦ 100% Juice
- ♦ Packaged Snacks
- ♦ Crayola Crayons and Markers (washable please!)
- ♦ Ziploc Bags (quart and pint sizes)
- ♦ Wax Paper

If you cannot be in worship on that day, you can bring your items in another Sunday and place them in the designated bin in the Rotunda. As always, we appreciate all of your prayers and support for our great school!

Adopt a Child/Family

If you are looking for a way to get involved with the preschool but aren't quite sure what you can do, how about "adopting" a child for the year? You would be helping a child/family in need by providing a supplement to their tuition. You could also support them by praying for the family, sending them notes of encouragement, and coming to Hazelwood to enjoy special moments for your adopted preschooler such as Chapel, the Christmas Program, and Preschool Sunday. What a great way to help the littlest of our community get a great start on their education while learning to love God along the way!

If you are interested in adopting a child for preschool, contact Preschool Director Angie Lopez by phone at (765) 284-2430, or by email at hccalopez@gmail.com.



Looking Ahead

Aug. 22	Teacher Work Day
Aug. 22-26	Summer camp/ELC will be open (Students MUST be registered to come ahead of time)
Aug. 24	Orientation, 4-5 & 2-3 Year Old Classes
Aug. 25	Orientation, 3-4 Year Old Classes
Aug. 29-Sept. 2	Summer camp/ELC will be open (Students MUST be registered to come ahead of time)
Sept. 5	Labor Day - No School
Sept. 6	First Day, 3-4 & 2-3 Tuesday Classes
Sept. 7	First Day, 4-5 & 2-3 Wednesday Classes
Sept. 26	Chapel 9:10 & 12:40, 4-5 Year Old Classes
Sept. 29	Chapel 9:10 & 12:40, 3-4 Year Old Classes





FUN IN THE SUN

Hazelwood youth will kick off the new school year with our **Back to School Pool Party & Cook Out** at Shirley Bookout's on Sunday, August 14 from noon until 3 p.m. Please bring a snack to share. Drinks and hotdogs will be provided. In between all the fun, we will handout a fall schedule and talk about some of the upcoming youth events.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Rev. James in the church office, or by email at hccjpetty@gmail.com.

MISSIONS TRIP PRESENTATION

As many of you know, we had an amazing experience at **Give Kids the World** in Orlando, FL this summer. There is no doubt that God was with us throughout our time there, and I want to thank everyone who played a part in helping to make this wonderful trip happen. From the initial planning to welcoming us home, the entire congregation has been incredibly supportive. Thanks to your prayers and the wonderful leadership of our youth sponsors, we felt God's hand guiding and protecting us every step of the way. In fact, this trip was so moving for our youth group, we plan to return in a few years and invite all the members of our congregation to join us on this life-changing experience!!

We were incredibly fortunate to have many opportunities to raise funds for this trip, and our youth and sponsors all worked hard to do their part. Now that there has been time to sit down and do a final accounting of all expenses, I am happy to report our trip came in UNDER budget! Our fundraising efforts, combined with donations from several Hazelwood members, money-saving choices such as renting a house rather than hotel rooms and cooking our own food instead of eating out, resulted in a positive balance when all has been accounted for. That is absolutely amazing for a trip of this magnitude!

We can't wait to share some special moments of this inspiring mission trip with you during the worship service on Sunday, August 14!

~Rev. James



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Thanks to all who participated in bringing non-perishable items for Christian Ministries Food Pantry. Items donated included:

- 242 Rolls of Toilet Tissue
- 75 Bars of Soap
- 46 Toothbrushes
- 23 Tubes of Toothpaste
- 15 Sticks of Deodorant
- 7 Bottles of Shampoo
- 50 Misc. Toiletry Items
- 30 Boxes of Cereal
- 40 Boxes of Hamburger Helper
- 6 Boxed Meals
- 17 Boxes of Potatoes
- 13 Rice Side Dishes
- 26 Boxes of Mac & Cheese
- 13 Cans of Tuna
- 28 Cans of Soup
- 59 Misc. Cans of Food
- 18 Bottles of Water
- 24 Cans of Fago Soda
- 50 Misc. Food Items

This totals over 700 items donated– **way to go Hazelwood!!**

CROP WALK

Muncie Area CROP Hunger Walk 2016

When: Sunday, September 25 at 2 p.m.
Registration starts at 1:30 p.m.

Where: College Avenue United Methodist Church
1968 W. Main St.

Sign up to walk, or contribute to a walker, begins Sunday, September 4, 2016.



~Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team



August 7-13, 2016

- SUNDAY • Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
- TUESDAY • Praise Band Rehearsal, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
• Preschool Team, 12:30 p.m.
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August 14-20, 2016

- SUNDAY • Worship Service & Missions Trip Presentation, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
• Youth Pool Party, Noon, Shirley Bookout's Home
- TUESDAY • Praise Band Rehearsal, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
• Trustees, 5:30 p.m.
• Cabinet, 7 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY • Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room
• Vocal Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft
- THURSDAY • Paths to Quality Celebration, 6:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall
• Worship Team, 7 p.m.
- FRIDAY • Men's Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall (host: Charles Retherford)
- SATURDAY • All Church Work Day, 9 a.m.
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All events held at Sulanke Fellowship House, unless otherwise noted.

Looking Ahead...

August 28, 2016

Blood Drive for Indiana Blood Center
9 a.m.– Noon, Cartwright Hall

September 16, 2016

Men's Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall
Host: David Cartwright

September 25, 2016

CROP Hunger Walk, College Ave. United Methodist Church
2 p.m., Registration begins at 1:30 p.m.



Join us for an All Church Work Day on Saturday, August 20. We will gather at 8:30 a.m. for donuts and juice in the Library. Work starts at 9 a.m. and will continue until noon. If you can hold a dust rag, wash a window, vacuum a carpet, sweep a sidewalk, or pull some weeds, we can put you to work. There are quite a few jobs, both inside and out, that need done in order to be ready and welcoming for all the great Fall events we have planned here at Hazelwood, and we can use all the helping hands we can get!

Not able to join in on the All Church Work Day? You can still do your part! Next time you see a cobweb in the corner, or a piece of paper on the ground, don't pass it by. Grab a tissue and get that cobweb! Bend down and pick up that piece of paper! Have a couple of free hours during the week? Let John know. He is always happy to have some volunteer help! Just like it takes a village to raise a child, it takes the whole church family to care for our buildings and grounds and keep them in a state we can all be proud of.