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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

September 15, 2016
September 29, 2016

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



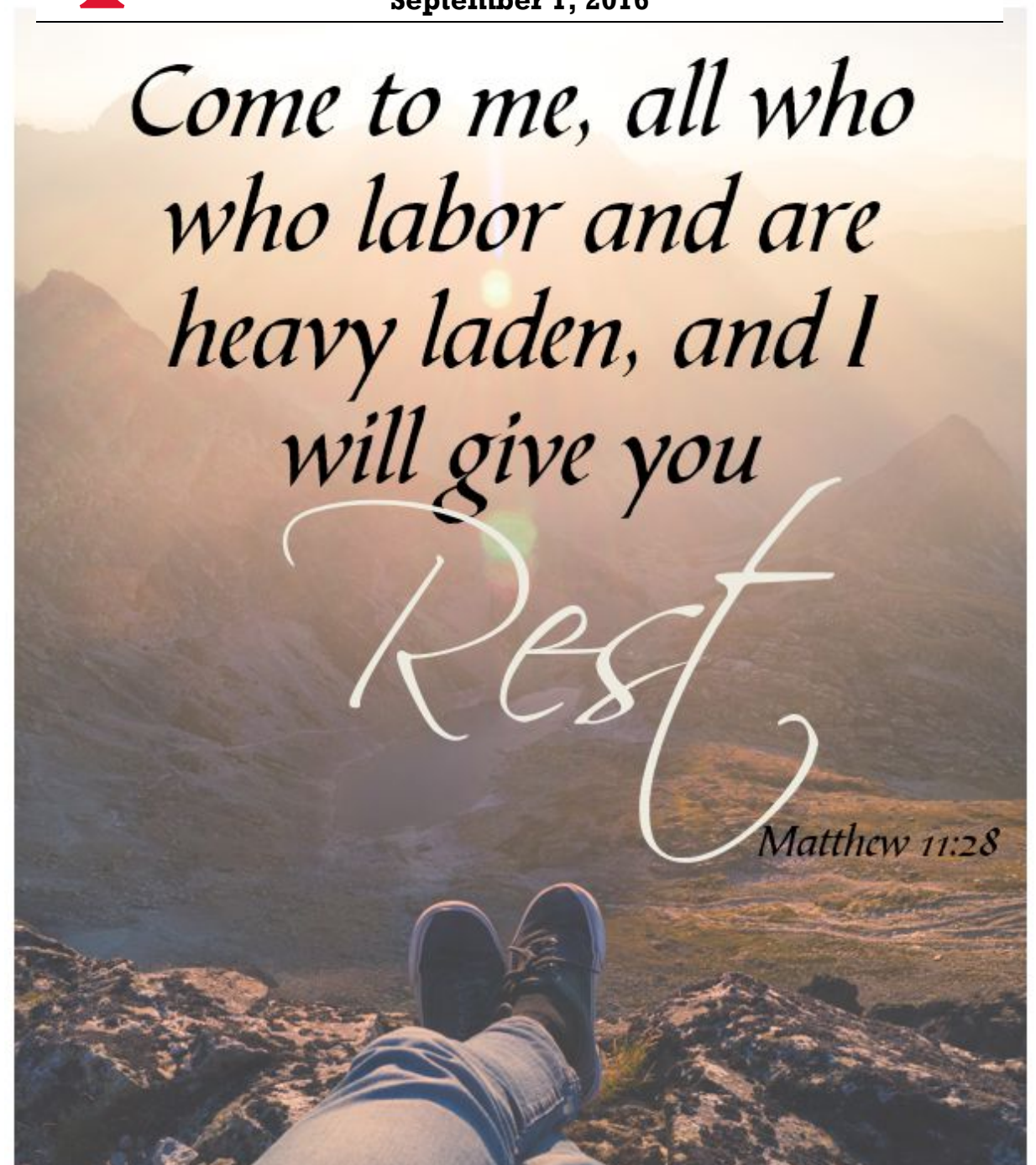
HAZELWOOD LEAVES

September 1, 2016

*Come to me, all who
who labor and are
heavy laden, and I
will give you*

Rest

Matthew 11:28



BUDGET UPDATE

Average Weekly Need: \$6,000

Offerings Received for Week Ending 8/24/16: \$4,301.02

Offerings Received for Week Ending 8/31/16: \$6,9697.70

January-July Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$18,730.10)*

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



I have a friend who said, "My problem is I know I'm right about most things, and I don't have time for those who don't understand how right I am." I laugh whenever I think about him saying that, but I also think, "Welcome to being a human." We settle into our own ideas and opinions, and we'd rather not deal with ideas and opinions different from our own.

Here's a big word for you: discernment. I know that's not a word you use every day, but I think that's what we need around Hazelwood Christian Church. Discernment means to judge well. But when we talk about it as Christians we're talking about discovering what God's will is for us. When we practice discernment we're thinking beyond immediate likes and dislikes. We're thinking *what would God have us do here?* Discernment leads us in decisions to do our best to understand God's will and to follow it.

The first step in discernment is listening. We don't often listen because we're sure we know what is best. But in discernment, we put aside our notions of what we prefer and we do our best to listen for God's leading.

How might we listen as a church? How might we open our ears and our hearts to hear God's voice among us? I believe listening happens as we pray, hear scripture, hear one another, and sense the leading of God in our own hearts. Listening first happens with the choice to do it, to lay aside our claims to know everything and, with humility, to open our hearts to God's leading. May we as a church learn to listen for God's voice of direction and wisdom as we journey forward together.

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones



- ◆ Mauri Mangas has been released from the hospital after receiving a pacemaker on August 23.
- ◆ Congratulations to Tiffany Ingles who was named "Teacher of the Year" for the 2015/2016 school year at Westview Elementary. Great job!
- ◆ Sympathies to the family of Anita Sallee, who passed away Tuesday, July 19. A Celebration of Life was held on August 28. Anita joined Hazelwood in 1965.
- ◆ Sympathies to Sonja Rees and family on the passing of her cousin, Rick Dixon, on August 28.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

"Thank you for selecting me as a recipient of the Jones Scholarship. The church has always been a big part of my life and I appreciate the love and support given to me. Thank you so much!"

~Ryan Tucker

"I am so grateful, and I thank you for your support, prayers, cards, and visits. It is a slow process, but I am getting stronger each day."

~Larry Green

"The family of Betty Jones wishes to express our gratitude for the cards, prayers, mortuary visits, and kindness during our time of sorrow."

~Cheryl McCoy



**Words @n Worship
from the Worship Team**

There are several people and groups who participate in the worship service of a Disciples of Christ Church. Our Elders and Deacons are two of these groups whose members are elected by our congregation at our annual Congregational Meeting. In the near future, you may be asked by the Nominating Committee to consider serving as an Elder or a Deacon. Here is a brief outline of the required duties of each:

Elders - Hazelwood has twelve Elders that serve at any given time. We strive for equal representation male/female. They are elected to a three-year term, and one-third are elected each year. The responsibilities of an Elder include promoting the growth and welfare of the church, giving spiritual oversight to the members with respect to the regular attendance and service at the Lord's Supper, giving oversight to the visitation of the sick, giving thoughtful consideration to policies of the church that will enable it to fulfill its complete mission, encouraging by example, and supporting all understandings of ministry at Hazelwood Christian Church.

Deacons - Hazelwood has an adequate number of Deacons as may be needed to serve the purpose of the congregation. Just like we do with Elders, we strive for equal representation male/female. The term is also three years, and one-third are elected each year. The responsibilities of a Deacon include cooperating with Elders in promoting the growth and welfare of the church, assisting in encouraging volunteers to greet and usher worshipers at all services, preparing and distributing the Lord's Supper, caring for the communion ware, receiving the offering with help of youth or others so assigned, assisting in financial canvasses, cooperating in preparation of candidates for baptism, assisting with baptismal services, helping in care and visitation of the sick, shut-ins, and those with special needs, giving counsel and service in the business affairs and program activities of the church, and performing other duties as may be assigned.

If you are asked to be nominated for either of these two positions, we hope you prayerfully consider.

~The Worship Committee

WINNIE'S KIDS

"On behalf of Shivembe Primary School, the School Board of Management, and the entire community, I write to acknowledge receipt of the following:

1. 255 school uniforms for girls and boys
2. School supplies (pens, pencils, erasers)
3. T-shirts
4. Medicine
5. Sanitary pads for the girls
6. Funds for the playground

We extend our sincere gratitude for the donations which were channeled through Prof. Winnie Mucherah. We realize the continued support you have given to the school to assist the needy children.

Thank you very much and God bless you!"

Yours faithfully,
Victor Umali Songole, Head Teacher

Join us on Sunday, October 2 during worship service as Winnie shares with us the trials and triumphs of her latest visit to Kenya. God is truly at work in this wonderful ministry, and Hazelwood is blessed to be a part of it!

YOU'RE INVITED

Our hearts and prayers were with Rev. Jason and Madeleine in California when they exchanged vows in July, and now that they are both here in Muncie and have had a chance to settle in, it's time to celebrate! Join us for a special Coffee Fellowship in Cartwright Hall on Sunday, September 18. There will be plenty of coffee, juice, and cake to go around as we all share in the joy marriage brings. We hope to see you there!

ALL CHURCH WORK DAY

We are blessed with such a wonderful property and even more blessed with wonderful congregants who give their time to help take care of that property! A big thanks to all who were able to join us last Saturday as we cleaned up the grounds and buildings: John Burke, Randy Burke, Dennis Holmes, Rev. Jason Jones, Rev. James Petty, Logan Petty, Glen Sulanke, Madeleine White, and Ann Wolfe.



Glory be to God

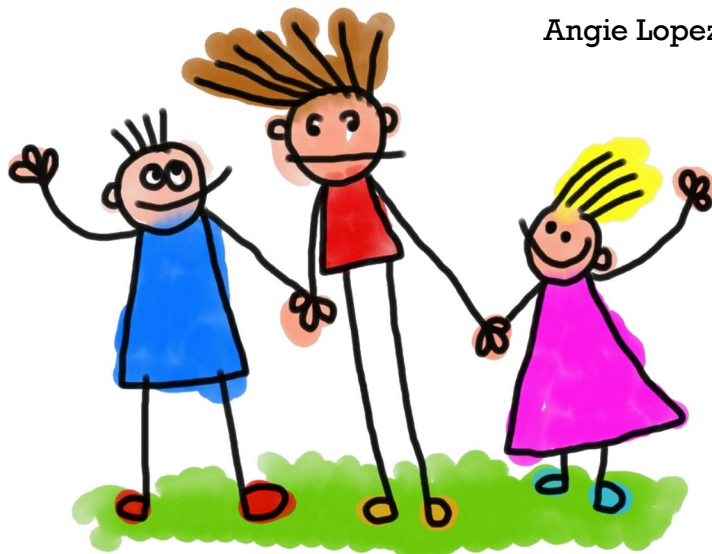
“And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:19

I want to thank the church for their prayers for our teachers and preschool on Sunday, August 28. We very much appreciate the love and support you provided by bringing in school supplies. Those supplies will be a huge help to us throughout this school year!

I also want to thank the preschool families for bringing in their student's school supplies at orientation. These supplies are such a blessing to us and the school. It's just one more way to see how God always provides for His children.

In His service,
Angie Lopez, Preschool Director



Summer Camp

Summer Camp has been so much fun this year! We have learned about dinosaurs, bugs, ocean friends, and much more. It's hard to believe this is our last week! Thank you, parents and grandparents, for sending your children to spend time with us this summer. We have truly been blessed with these precious children. What a fantastic summer!!



Looking Ahead

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| 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 a.m. & 12:40 p.m., 4-5 Year Old Classes |
| Sept. 27 | Donuts for Dad, 3-4 & 2-3 Tuesday Classes |
| Sept. 28 | Donuts for Dad, 2-3 Wednesday Class |
| Sept. 29 | Chapel, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m., 3-4 Year Old Classes |
| Oct. 4-5 | School Pictures |
| Oct. 10-14 | Fall Break |
| Oct. 18 | 2-3 Year Old Tuesday Class Open House , 6-7 p.m.
4-5 Year Old Class Open House , 6-7 p.m. |
| Oct. 20 | 2-3 Year Old Wednesday Class Open House , 6-7 p.m.
3-4 Year Old Class Open House , 6-7 p.m. |



ALL-YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (AYF)

In the coming weeks, the youth will be looking at the “D” word nobody likes to talk about... *discipline*. As youth living in our parents’ households and attending school, this word often conjures up negative thoughts about following rules and punishment for disobedience. But discipline is more than that.

Merriam-Webster’s Dictionary shows us there are many meanings to the word discipline:

- punishment; a field of study; control gained by enforcing obedience or order; orderly or prescribed conduct or pattern of behavior; self-control; a rule or system of rules governing conduct or activity; training that corrects, molds, or perfects the mental faculties or moral character.

We will be exploring the last of these meanings as we delve into *spiritual* discipline and how it shapes who we are and guides us throughout our lives.

Join us on September 11th & 25th and October 9th & 23rd at 11:30 a.m. in Cartwright Hall for a meal together. After our bodies have been fed, the real work begins as we break down into groups and seek to answer questions together such as: What are spiritual disciplines? Are they really that important for me? What is there to gain from developing good spiritual disciplines? How can I incorporate spiritual disciplines in my already busy life?

The answers we find will help us better recognize God’s will for us in our daily lives, and through that recognition, transform ourselves into the people God desires us to be.

~Rev. James

BTW: After our meeting on September 25th, we will join the rest of the church in the annual Crop Walk so don’t forget to wear (or at least bring!) your walking shoes!



DISBURSEMENTS

- ♦ \$100 to Christian Ministries
- ♦ \$150 to Edible Muncie of Delaware County, Inc.
- ♦ \$150 to Children’s Clothing Center of Delaware County, Inc.
- ♦ \$150 to Southside Middle School / Pantry

HAZELWOOD ANGELS

Christian Ministries Food Pantry

Hazelwood provided the following volunteers for August 24-26: Dick & Marcia Miller, Glen Sulanke, Jim & Judy Warrner, and Elaine Wulff. Thanks to all who served!

CROP WALK

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.

When we walk or make a contribution, we help save lives and give children a chance to grow healthy and strong. When we walk in the CROP Hunger Walk, we’re providing micronutrients that support better health and development, helping communities gain access to safe water, and giving families the tools and training to grow nutritious food.

The sign-up to walk, or contribute to a walker, begins Sunday, September 4, 2016. See you there!

~Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team





September 4-10, 2016

- SUNDAY • Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
- MONDAY • Labor Day - Church Office Closed
- TUESDAY • Preschool Fall Semester Begins
• Praise Band Rehearsal, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
- WEDNESDAY • Elders, 5:30 p.m.
• Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room
• MS Support Group, Cartwright Hall, 7 p.m.
• Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft
- THURSDAY • Preschool Team, 10:30 a.m.
- SATURDAY • Sons of the American Revolution, 10 a.m., Cartwright Hall

September 11-17, 2016

- SUNDAY • Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
• All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
- TUESDAY • Praise Band Rehearsal, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
- WEDNESDAY • Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room
• Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft
- FRIDAY • Men's Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall (host: David Cartwright)

All events held at Sulanke Fellowship House, unless otherwise noted.



Looking Ahead...

September 18, 2016

National Back to Church Sunday
Invite someone to church!

September 25, 2016

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

October 1, 2016

Disciples of Christ Regional Assembly
Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis
Register online at www.indianadisciples.org

October 8, 2016

Blessing of the Animals, 10:30 a.m.
Hazelwood Front Lawn

October 15, 2016

Habitat for Humanity Work Day, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

October 21, 2016

Men's Lunch, Noon - 1 p.m.
Host: Gene Dobson

October 22, 2016

Ball State Homecoming Parade, 9:30 a.m.

October 30, 2016

Music Fest Worship Service, 10 a.m.

October 30, 2016

Trunk-or-Treat, 6-7:30 p.m.
Hazelwood Parking Lot