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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](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 28  
October 12 & 26

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



# HAZELWOOD LEAVES

September 14, 2017



Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32

## **BUDGET UPDATE**

**Offerings Received for Week Ending 9/5/17: \$3,520.30**

**Offerings Received for Week Ending 9/12/17: \$6,187.50**

**Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$4,856.04**

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

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

*\*Reflects the amount received OVER Budget*



I don't believe fun means insignificant. We often associate fun activities with frivolous meanings. Fun activities, we usually think, are nice little additions to life, but they don't carry any serious worth. I think, though, fun is essential. Without fun moments and events, life turns into a soulless drudgery without any laughter or joy. We need moments of happiness, and we need to do things that encourage them.

That's true for a church, too. A church needs to have fun together. We need opportunities where we're just happy to be together and happy doing what we're doing. Those moments of congregational fun bring people together, allowing us to know one another in a new way and allowing us to laugh together.

We're doing a couple fun things here during the autumn season. The first is on Friday, September 22. We're having a night for line dancing from 7 to 9 p.m. that evening. We'll have a professional line dance leader here, and we'll have some snacks and refreshments, too. Even if you feel like you have two left feet, come on out because--well--it'll be a lot of fun! The other is a cookout on October 1 at the Ritchie's. They'll have hayrides, games, and we'll roast hot dogs around a fire.

These are both chances for us to have fun together as a church. We'll be together, we'll enjoy what we're doing, and we'll leave there saying, "That was a lot of fun," and to me that's a really important thing to do.

Grace & peace,  
Jason Jones



- ♦ Jane Fraizer is back home after a brief stay at the hospital.

## **BLESSINGS ABOUND!**

- ♦ Congratulations to Yeno and Nlandu Matuka on the birth of their grandson, Rhys Poray, on August 30. Mom Masita and baby are doing well.
- ♦ Thank you to Mary Ann Warfel who so generously provides the coffee we use for Coffee Fellowship each Sunday!
- ♦ Thank you to Don & Cheryll Crose for donating a wheelchair to Hazelwood! This chair will be available in the Rotunda for anyone who may have need of it during church events.



**Words on Worship  
From Marianna Gill**

I was recently asked by a congregant about the possibility of having the Praise Team singers help lead the hymns. They mentioned that sometimes we do hymns that aren't as familiar, and having the singers lead them would help the congregation to sing more confidently. It's also been mentioned that it's hard for the computer operator in the sound booth to hear the congregation singing sometimes, and that makes it challenging to know when to change the lyric slides.

We want the congregation to be free to worship with their whole hearts, whether singing hymns or praise songs. We are willing to try this, and we encourage your feedback over the next few weeks. Feel free to speak to anyone on the Worship Team: Julie Thomas, Andy & Wendy Rees, Tony & Marianna Gill, Amy Moudy, Ann Wolfe, Carolyn Starnes, Laura Rowe, Julie Rhoden, Sally Geib, Rev. James, and Rev. Jason.

## **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 began 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](http://www.facebook.com/LightaCandleforChildren) beginning Sept 25.

## **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

Maybe we don't mention enough in church what a blessing our animals are to us. Many of us have dogs, cats, or other types of animals, and these furry friends become important parts of our lives. They are often a unique blessing in our lives and it's time we celebrate those special animals!

Animals large and small (and their humans!) are invited to come together on the Hazelwood Lawn on Saturday, September 30 at 10:30 a.m. for a Blessing of the Animals Service. This date coincides with the feast day for St. Francis, who was a friend to animals and was even reported to preach a sermon to birds. There will be a brief worship service celebrating our animals, and a time when you'll be welcomed to have your animal receive a small blessing. You'll need to have your animal leashed or in a carrier for the event (it might be pandemonium without that!). We'll even have some water bowls out for dogs.

Even if you don't have a pet, you are more than welcome to join us! This will be a time of joy and fun as we celebrate God's gift of animals to us.



## **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 in the Rotunda after worship.

## **UPDATED DIRECTORY**

Believe it or not, the last Hazelwood Directory was put together back in 2011. A lot has happened in the last 6 years, and it's high time we publish an updated version! In order to make this happen, we need a couple of things from you:

1. **Your current contact information:** Let us know how you would like your name, and those of your family members, to appear. We'll also need your address, phone numbers (be sure to indicate home or cell phone, and if it is a cell phone, let us know which family member it belongs to), and email addresses (again, please let us know which family member the email belongs to).
2. **A recent photo of your family:** It can be any photo you like— a studio picture done by a professional photographer, a family picture at home with your pets, even your favorite vacation photo will work! If you have a digital copy, you can send the file (preferably in .jpeg format, though we are able to work with other formats if needed) to the church office at [hazelwoodchurch@gmail.com](mailto:hazelwoodchurch@gmail.com). If your preferred photo is a physical copy and you don't have a digital version, bring it by the church office. We can scan your photo and get the original back to you. We even have a plan for those of you without a current family photo! Madeleine White has graciously agreed to be our photographer during Coffee Fellowship after worship on September 24 and October 1. Just be sure the whole family can be there, and bring your smiles!

Our goal is to have the new directory ready before Thanksgiving, so please get your photo and information to the church office no later than October 15. If you have any questions, please contact Stefanie in the church office or by email at [hccspetty@gmail.com](mailto:hccspetty@gmail.com).



# Preschool



## Welcome Back

Welcome back to preschool everyone. It has been so good to see all the familiar faces and to meet all of our new students. Just a reminder to everyone, safety is always a priority here at Hazelwood Christian Preschool. All doors leading into the children's area will be locked, as will the classroom doors. All the classrooms have windows for easy observation by parents, and parents may always get into the building by ringing the doorbell to the Extended Learning Center. As always, if someone is picking up your child other than the parents, please send a note with your child. This way we can make sure they are on the pick up list. It's going to be a GREAT YEAR!

## 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*)

A few months ago I had the opportunity to apply for a grant through Child Care Resource and Referral agency. Many preschools all over the state apply for these, and many times they are extremely hard to get. I felt God nudging me to take the time to apply for our preschool, and so I did. It is with great joy that I tell you I received word last week that Hazelwood Christian Preschool was one of the five that were chosen for a \$1,750.00 grant! God is good!

We were given this grant to make educational purchases to help support our advancement with the Paths to Quality Levels. I am so thankful to be giving you such good news!

~Angie Lopez, Preschool Director

## Looking Ahead

<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
<b>October 19</b>	Preschool Open House, 6-7 p.m.



## SEE YOU AT THE POLE

See You at the Pole began in 1990 as a challenge by a youth group just like ours in Texas. They felt called to set aside one day where all could gather to pray over their school, community, government, and nation. The action of this youth group has become a yearly event on the fourth Wednesday of September at 7 a.m. around flagpoles nationwide. No longer is this event simply one for youth – it has extended to other educational institutions, places of businesses, government buildings, and communities across the U.S.

There are a variety of things you may see happening at a gathering around the flagpole: worship, music, special guest speakers, bible study, etc. The most important thing is *prayer*. This can be done individually, in small groups, or with the entire group.

For those unable to gather around the flagpole, you can still be a part of this wonderful phenomenon! Be in prayer for those who are courageous and able to meet. Pray for the testimony they give through their presence and their prayers. Pray for the movement of the Spirit while they meet, and throughout the day, as they encounter others.

For more information on See You at the Pole, please visit their website [www.syatp.com](http://www.syatp.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<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.
<b>October 1</b>	All-Church Cookout at the Ritchie's Farm, 4 p.m.
<b>October 8</b>	All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
<b>October 21</b>	BSU Homecoming Parking, 8 a.m.
<b>October 22</b>	All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
<b>October 29</b>	Trunk-or-Treat, 4 p.m.

## **ALL-CHURCH WORK DAY**

Join us for an All-Church Work Day on Saturday, September 23. We will gather at 8:30 a.m. for donuts and juice in Sulanke Commons. 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 our Property Manager John Burke 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.



## **ALL-CHURCH COOKOUT**

An All-Church Cookout is a great way to say goodbye to summer and hello to fall! Bill and Leah Ritchie have graciously invited the entire church to their farm, 6300 N. CR 500 W. in Muncie, on Sunday, October 1 from 4-9 p.m. (in the event of rain, the cookout will be held on Sunday, October 8). Everyone in the family is sure to have a blast with games, hayrides, and a bonfire to roast hot dogs!

Hot dogs, drinks, and tableware will be provided by the church. You only need to bring your lawn chairs or picnic blankets, and any sides you might want to accompany your hot dog.

We are looking for a couple of able-bodied volunteers to help with set-up for the cookout half an hour before the festivities start. If you are interested in helping out, please let us know when you sign up in the Rotunda after worship.

## **MUSIC FEST!**



On Sunday, October 22, Hazelwood will celebrate worship through music with our annual MUSIC FEST.

You can vote for your favorite hymns and praise songs to be included in this musical service by using the insert in your bulletin the next few Sundays. There is a ballot box for your completed voting sheet in the Rotunda. If you need a little help remembering the name of a praise song, there will be a list by the ballot box to help you out.

Vote now, and vote often! Make sure your favorite hymns or praise songs get chosen for our MUSIC FEST!



## **HAZELWOOD ANGELS**

Thanks to the following people who helped with Christian Ministries' Food Pantry on either September 6, 7, or 8: Don Crose, Gene Dobson, Mary Ann Matchett, Dick & Marcia Miller, and Elaine Wulff.

## **CROP WALK**

### **"End Hunger One Step at a Time"**

When: Sunday, September 24

Registration begins at 1:30 p.m.

Walk begins at 2 p.m.

Where: Riverside United Methodist Church

There are TWO steps you can take to help:

STEP ONE: Sign up to WALK and ask people to sponsor you.

STEP TWO: Sponsor a walker.

Prayerfully consider how you can help. STEP ONE, STEP TWO, or BOTH. Together, STEP by STEP, we can make a difference in the lives of hungry people in the world.

Sign up this Sunday in Sulanke Commons following worship. If you need additional information, please contact Shirley Bookout at (765) 744-1207.

~Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team



*If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.*

*Isaiah 58-10*





## September 17-23, 2017

- SUNDAY**
- Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
  - Sulanke Commons Dedication, During Coffee Fellowship
  - Organ Recital by Peter Douglas, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- TUESDAY**
- Trustees, 5:30 p.m., Chapel
  - Board, 7 p.m., Chapel
- WEDNESDAY**
- Praise Band Rehearsal, 9 a.m., Sanctuary
  - Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room
  - Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft
- FRIDAY**
- Line Dance, 7 p.m., Cartwright Hall
- SATURDAY**
- All-Church Work Day, 9 a.m., Meet in Sulanke Commons

## September 24-30, 2017

- SUNDAY**
- Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
  - Photo Session for Directory, During Coffee Fellowship
  - All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
  - CROP Hunger Walk, 2 p.m., Riverside United Methodist
- MONDAY**
- Area Ministers, 10:30 a.m., Chapel
  - CWF, 2 p.m., Morrison Woods, Room 101
- WEDNESDAY**
- Praise Band Rehearsal, 9 a.m., Sanctuary
  - Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room
  - Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft
- SATURDAY**
- Blessing of the Animals, 10:30 a.m., Front Lawn



## Looking Ahead...

### October 1, 2017

World Communion Sunday

All-Church Cookout, 4-9 p.m., Bill & Leah Ritchie's Farm

### October 8, 2017

Night of Praise, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

### October 20, 2017

Men's Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall (Host: Yeno Matuka)

### October 21, 2017

BSU Homecoming Parking, 8 a.m.

### October 22, 2017

Music Fest

### October 29, 2017

Trunk-or-Treat, 4-6 p.m.

### November 11, 2017

Hazelwood Fall Bazaar, 8 a.m.– 2 p.m.

## THE INDIANA CHRISTIAN

As many of you know, *The Indiana Christian* is a quarterly newsletter distributed by the Regional Office and is full of valuable information for Indiana Disciples. It brings not only news, but ideas, information, and inspiring stories that help strengthen personal faith and congregational life.

The Regional Office is in the process of updating the distribution list for *The Indiana Christian*. If you would like to receive a printed copy, please let Stefanie in the church office know by Sunday, October 1. If you would prefer to view *The Indiana Christian* electronically, you can see current and past editions on their website at <http://indianadisciples.org/news/>.

