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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 29, 2016
October 13, 2016
October 27, 2016

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



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

September 15, 2016

The grass withers,
the flower fades,
but the word of
our GOD will stand
FOREVER

Isaiah 40:8

BUDGET UPDATE

Average Weekly Need: \$6,000

Offerings Received for Week Ending 8/24/16: \$6,401.12

Offerings Received for Week Ending 8/31/16: \$7,962.12

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

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



There are people in my life who are easy to love— my family, my friends. Most of the time love comes effortlessly toward them. I love them because it's easy to love them, and they love me right back. Some in life, though, are hard to love. Some I dislike, some have done me harm, and some I'm just more comfortable hating than loving. Jesus tells us, "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who harass you so that you will be acting as children of your Father who is in heaven" (Matt 5:44-45).

All kinds of people show up in churches. Most of the time it's easy to love one another in church. The best people I've known in life are people I've met in churches and loving them isn't any challenge at all. I know, though, if you hang around a church long enough you'll find someone who is a challenge to love. It's inevitable that eventually you'll meet someone who rubs you the wrong way or has a different idea about how to do things, and you'll find love is a challenge. It's with that person, Jesus says, our faith comes into action; where we love those we'd prefer not to love.

How do you do that? First, you pray. You pray for that person, praying God would bless him or her and change your own heart toward them. You might find it hard to dislike someone after praying for them every day. Two, you act with goodwill toward that person. Complement the person who makes you uncomfortable; offer to help them. If anything, refrain from saying something bad about the person you dislike, and you might find your attitude toward them changing.

I've heard it said that one of the benefits of being in a church that isn't huge is we can't hide from those we dislike. In a megachurch a person can be anonymous and never have to deal with a challenging relationship. In a less-than-mega church, we can't always hide, and maybe there's a hidden blessing there. Maybe God is teaching us through those relationships, and when we learn to love that person who is a little harder to love, we grow to be a little more like God.

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones



- ♦ Wanda Strauch and Jeane Garrett have both been released from Morrison Woods and are now back in their respective homes.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

"I want to express sincere thanksgiving for all who responded to my recent illness with concerns, prayers, cards, and visits. I would also like to give special thanks to Rev. Jason, whose visits meant so much. I am home now, and hope to be back in Sunday Worship with you all soon."

Love, Wanda Strauch

UPCOMING SURGERY

On Friday, September 16, Randy Burke, our Assistant Caretaker, will be having surgery on his arm and will be out for the next 3-6 weeks as he recovers. Prayers for a successful surgery and quick healing are certainly needed, but that's not all! As half of our caretaking staff at Hazelwood, Randy's absence will have a huge impact on keeping our buildings and grounds clean and in working order, and we simply do not have the funds available to hire a substitute.

Vacuuming, dusting, and window washing are all simple ways to help out. If you would like to volunteer during Randy's recovery, please let the church office know. Whether it's a one-time thing or a little time each week, all help is greatly appreciated!

INVITATION

The Gathering in August was very helpful in letting Rev. Jason meet some members in a small group setting. The next Gathering will be Sunday, September 25 in the Library area at 11:30 a.m. If you are a member or newcomer interested in brunch and conversation with our minister, please see Ann Wolfe during Coffee Fellowship to sign up.



Words on Worship from the Worship Team

The Worship Team has received a response to our first W.O.W. article asking for comments and questions. This response noted a preference for the traditional service, an opinion that the two services do not blend well, and a concern that the praise band songs are hard to follow. We hope to address those concerns here.

Worship may be our biggest struggle right now– blending two different styles of worship into a cohesive service is not easy. Some people are pleased with the blending, others prefer one format or the other. Our goal as your Worship Team is to work together with the Elders, Pastors, and others involved in the worship service to satisfy *everyone's* worship needs.

Music is only one of the many components of the worship service here at Hazelwood, though it is one many of us look forward to. Something we hope you will keep in mind is while you may not like a particular song or type of music, another person does. As Christians, we are called to show love and compassion to one another. One way to do that is to sing a song that isn't what we would normally choose, but we sing that song to include another who might prefer it. We realize there is certainly a learning curve involved with singing new styles of music. While some of us are learning worship songs, others are learning hymns. However, with repetition comes familiarity. Before long, the songs or hymns that are new to you now and feel awkward to sing, will be something you find yourself singing in the car on the way home. The important thing to remember is God wants your worship to come from the heart– it doesn't matter if it's necessarily the right words on the right beat or even in the right key. It's all about coming together in a spirit of worship.

~The Worship Team

Don't forget:

We want 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.

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. I know my cat, Max, has been a constant companion for me for 13 years now. He was another heartbeat in my home during my single years. His purr on my lap or his meow when I come in is a unique blessing to me. I know it's true for many of you, too, that your animals are a gift in your 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, October 8 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, please come! This should be a day of joy and fun as we celebrate God's gift of animals to us.

~ Jason Jones



PASSING THE TORCH

Among her many roles here at Hazelwood, Carolyn Starnes has taken care of decorating our Sanctuary with the changing of the seasons for many years. It has been under her watchful eye that the window decorations were placed, the flowers on the altar changed, Easter Lilies set up, Christmas trees lit, Poinsettias arranged... the list goes on and on! Season after season, Carolyn has joyfully managed to keep our place of worship looking beautiful. However, with all of the other commitments she has in her life, she has come to realize it is time to pass this particular service on to another.

Please join me in thanking Carolyn for her many years of beautifying our Sanctuary, and prayerfully consider stepping into this role. It is a great opportunity for someone who wants to serve the church, but is perhaps more comfortable having a "behind the scenes" role!

If you, or your group, are interested in helping, contact Stefanie in the church office, or by email at hccspetty@gmail.com.

THE LIFE OF A STUDENT PASTOR

As a seminary student at Christian Theological Seminary (CTS), the past two years have taught me wonderful things about our faith, about who I am, and about the gifts God has given me. One of the things I love about CTS is their dedication to the practice of ministry as much as to the academic side of seminary education. As such, part of my studies involve two years of supervised ministry. I have been able to do my first year of supervised ministry at Hazelwood, but in order to be ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the Indiana Region requires student pastors to serve at least one year of their supervised ministry in a church that is not the student’s home church.

Throughout the past several months, I have been working on a way to do my second year of supervised ministry in a setting that would not interfere with my responsibilities at Hazelwood, and I have been blessed to find a situation that comes pretty close to filling that bill. I received a call last Sunday from Yorktown Christian Church to be their student pastor starting in October. This is an excellent opportunity for me as a student, as well as for YCC, as it has been quite some time since they have had a pastor come in who is already familiar with the area. This opportunity does have one draw-back: I will not be able to participate in the Sunday morning worship services during the academic year I will be serving at YCC. This time with you is something I will greatly miss because it allows me a chance each week to connect with many of you!

Luckily, this opportunity does allow me to continue the vast majority of what I already do here at Hazelwood. You will still find me in the Hazelwood office during the week. I will still be actively involved with the youth and children’s ministries, helping plan worship services & special events, visitations, and much more. Throughout this time, I will also be making a special effort to stay connected with all of you despite my absence on Sunday mornings.

The support and love I receive from my Hazelwood family is something I thank God for each day. While I will greatly miss sharing in Sunday morning worship with you during this time, I am looking forward to all the wonderful things I will learn at YCC and seeing the ways in which it enables me to grow closer to God.

~James Petty

May the *Lord* watch between you & me
while we are *apart*
Genesis 31:49



Back to School

What a wonderful couple of weeks the start of the new school year has been! We have a great team of teachers and staff this year; they are both knowledgeable and loving with the children. We are all very excited to start sharing the love of Jesus with these precious ones. The children are wide-eyed and full of excitement as they enter their new classrooms, buzzing with the anticipation of making new friends, learning about Jesus, singing songs, and having fun. Please continue to pray for a great year for our little scholars, their families, and our teachers.

This year it seems as though we have lots of new families that have recently moved into the Muncie community. I have told them about what an awesome church Hazelwood is and have invited them to come and worship here. Please be on the lookout for new faces on Sunday morning as we welcome families that are looking for a new church to call home. A church filled with noisy children is a church that is truly alive!

As always, thank you for the support and love you show us in so many ways!
~Angela Lopez, Preschool Director

Looking Ahead

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| 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)

Our next meeting will be Sunday, September 25. We will meet at 11:30 a.m. in Cartwright Hall for lunch. Group discussions begin at noon.

Don't forget! After AYF on the 25th we will head over to College Avenue for the Crop Walk. Please bring comfortable clothes and shoes! You will also need consent forms signed by a parent or guardian to participate in the Crop Walk. If you haven't yet received a consent form, please see Rev. James this Sunday for a copy. You can also request a copy via email at hccjpetty@gmail.com.

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.



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.

There are four ways you can help:

- 1) Sign up to walk and get sponsors
- 2) Sponsor a Hazelwood walker
- 3) Walk in spirit and get sponsors
- 4) Pray for the walkers

Prayerfully consider how you can help!

Together, STEP by STEP we can make a difference in the lives of hungry people in the world. Sign up this Sunday!

If you need additional information, please contact Shirley Bookout at (765)744-1207.



WINTER COAT DRIVE

We will be collecting winter coats for Christian Ministries during the first two Sundays in October. There will be a bin in the Rotunda to place your donation. Coats will be distributed to those in need on October 15.



STUFF-A-BUS fundraiser for Christian Ministries will be held November 4 & 11 at the Marsh stores on Tillotson and McGalliard. Volunteers are needed to pass out flyers for two-hour shifts. If you are willing to help, please call Cheryl Cruse at (765)759-8655.

~Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team
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September 18-24, 2016

- SUNDAY**
- National Back to Church Sunday
 - Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
 - Special Coffee Fellowship, Cartwright Hall
- TUESDAY**
- Praise Band Rehearsal, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
 - Trustees, 5:30 p.m.
 - Board, 7 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY**
- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room
 - Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft
- THURSDAY**
- Preschool Staff, 4:30 p.m., Preschool Conference Room

September 25-October 1, 2016

- SUNDAY**
- Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
 - All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
 - Gathering, 11:30 a.m., Library
 - CROP Hunger Walk, 2 p.m., College Ave. United Methodist
- MONDAY**
- Area Ministers, 10:30 a.m.
- TUESDAY**
- Praise Band Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
- WEDNESDAY**
- See You at the Pole, 7 a.m., Flagpoles Across the Nation
 - Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room
 - Neighborhood Association, 7 p.m.
 - Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft
- SATURDAY**
- Disciples of Christ Regional Assembly, Indianapolis

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



Looking Ahead...

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 23, 2016

Flu Shot Clinic at Hazelwood
Still planning the details, so stay tuned for more info!

October 30, 2016

Music Fest Worship Service, 10 a.m.

October 30, 2016

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

LET'S CELEBRATE!

All are invited to a special Coffee Fellowship reception in Cartwright Hall on Sunday, September 18 to celebrate the wedding of Rev. Jason and Madeleine. Their vows were exchanged in July in California, now it's time for us to honor and celebrate their new life together!



Hazelwood Christian Church 2016 Annual Fall Bazaar

Saturday, November 12, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

***All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast**, 7:30-9:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall

Cost: \$4.00

***Crafts & Gift Bazaar**, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Cartwright Hall

Past vendors have included: Crafts, Woodworking, Books, Bags, Cosmetics, Hair Bows & Accessories, Jewelry, Gifts, and much more!

***Hearty Fall Lunch**, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Sulanke Fellowship House

Cost: \$8.00 for adults & \$5.00 for children - menu includes home-made chicken & dumplings with mashed potatoes or hotdog with chips. Either choice comes with green beans, dessert, and a beverage.

***Children's Festival**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Preschool area

Tickets: \$5.00 and includes bounce house, treat walks, ring toss, and more!

***Silent Auction**, Cartwright Hall

The Silent Auction will be run this year by Kay Schnuck and Mary Ann Matchett. They would like your help putting together "theme" baskets/boxes to auction. Themes could be a favorite sports team, holidays, toys, children's books, pet items, even a decorated tree. You can put together a group of items, bring items to us to put together, or give us a donation, and we will do the rest. Be creative, have fun, and support our preschool and youth- it's a win for everyone! Your donations can be given to either Kay or Mary Ann, or dropped off at the church office. Please be sure to mark your item "Silent Auction" and include your name so proper credit can be given. Any and all help you give to support this event will be greatly appreciated!

***Special Visit From Santa Claus**, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Cartwright Hall

Children are welcomed to get their picture taken with Santa and share their Christmas wishes!

**The proceeds from this event benefit both the preschool
and youth programs at Hazelwood.**

(Be sure to check out the volunteer form to the right!)

Hazelwood Christian Church 2016 Annual Fall Bazaar Volunteer Form Saturday, November 12, 7:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Please mark the ways you would like to participate in the Hazelwood Christian Church Annual Fall Bazaar and place it in the offering plate or bring it by the church office by October 31. Feel free to mark more than one!

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

- ☐ **I would like to have a booth at the Bazaar!** Space is limited for vendor booths, so please return this form with the rental fee ASAP if you are planning to have a booth. The first table is \$30, each additional table is \$20. Please make the check payable to "Hazelwood Christian Church."

Items at my booth: _____

This booth will be: __ individual, __ group, __ organization

- ☐ **I would like to volunteer to help with the Annual Bazaar!**

There are plenty of opportunities to help both Friday, November 11 and Saturday, November 12. There is a sign-up sheet in the Rotunda where you can let us know which day you are available and what you would like to help with. If you aren't able to stop by the Rotunda after worship, please contact Molly Wantz at (765)747-9908.

- ☐ **I would like to donate an item for the silent auction!**

Item to donate _____

- ☐ **I would like to donate cookies for the Baked Goods Table!**

- ☐ **I would like to donate items for the Lunch!**

Stop by the sign-up table in the Rotunda for a list of items needed, or contact Stefanie in the church office.

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