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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
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

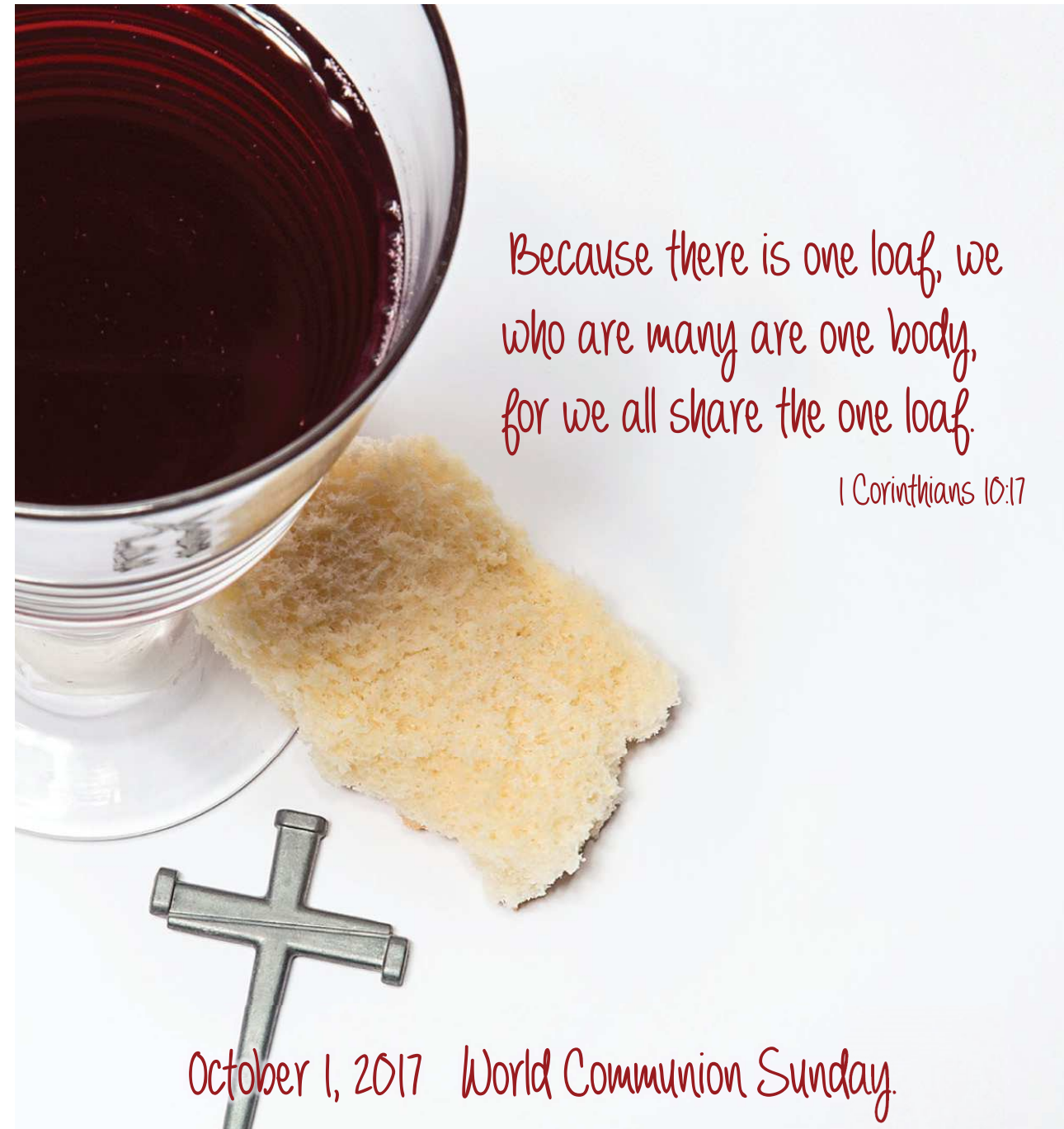
October 12 & 26

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



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

September 28, 2017



BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 9/19/17: \$4,388.50
Offerings Received for Week Ending 9/26/17: \$6,113.40

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$5,343.22
Average Weekly Need: \$5,790

Jan.-Aug 2017 Offerings Compared to Budget: \$1,825.72*
**Reflects the amount received OVER Budget*



It's still really warm as I write this, but do you notice nature winding down? Autumn's official beginning was last week, and some of the changes are already here. The garden's growth has slowed. The flowers' blooms are almost done. The mornings are cooler and darker. Through the office window I hear a flock of geese overhead. The world is turning and the season is changing.

Celtic Christians believed that autumn is the *thinnest* time of year: when the division between the physical and the spiritual was at its thinnest, and we might, during this time, find more glimpses of the spiritual world. Maybe when nature slows down we slow down, too, and we see what has always been there, God's giving, abundant, and loving presence. When we see leaves coming down from the trees, and farming fields harvested and abandoned until next spring, we might somehow pause from our normal hustle and wake up to God who has always been with us.

I know there are still some days left where we can't wait to find some air-conditioning, but the thin autumn days are coming, and I hope, in them, you might catch a glimpse of God's presence among this world.



Grace & peace,
Jason Jones



- ◆ Sympathies to the family of Ardis Rogers who passed away on September 20. Funeral services were held on Sunday, September 24 in Parker City.
- ◆ Please keep in your prayers those whose lives have been affected by wildfires, hurricanes, and earthquakes over the last few weeks.

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, this 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 hope to see you there!



It's time to get your praise on! Your Hazelwood Praise Band is offering a time of praise and singing on Sunday, October 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This will be a casual time for all who love to praise the Lord.

You will hear songs you may already know, but you will also hear songs you may not know. People can sometimes feel uncomfortable singing a new song. While it's good to sing praises to God, sometimes it's just as important to let a song speak to you by just listening. Let it wash over you, and through you. Let it enter your heart and find a welcome home there.

I hope you will join us for this wonderful opportunity to praise God at a Night of Praise.

~Marianna Gill, Worship Coordinator

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY: OCTOBER 1

World Communion Sunday is an opportunity to experience Holy Communion with the global community of faith. The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On that day, we remember that we are part of the whole body of believers.

To help make World Communion Sunday at Hazelwood a special event, Ann Wolfe, with the help of Katelyn & Adam Moudy, will be decorating our Sanctuary to reflect cultures throughout the world. We also invite those who may have clothing that reflects another culture to wear that clothing to worship on Sunday. These small details serve to enrich the feeling of a truly global experience.



During our worship service, we will be blessed to hear a presentation from our very own Winnie Muhiga as she shares her experiences from her latest trip to Kenya. With the support of Hazelwood and her friends and colleagues at Ball State, Winnie has had such an amazing impact on the lives of so many in Kenya!

This is sure to be an uplifting worship service, and we hope to see you all there!

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 this 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.



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. There is a ballot box for your completed voting sheet in Sulanke Commons. 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.

This Sunday is the last day to vote! Make sure your favorite hymns or praise songs get chosen for our MUSIC FEST!

UPDATED DIRECTORY

As you may already know, we are in the process of putting together an updated pictorial directory! 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. 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. Madeleine White will also be available during Coffee Fellowship after worship this Sunday, October 1 to take your picture if needed. Just remember to bring your smile!

This new directory is intended to be mainly electronic— something you can have available on your home computer or phone. If you find yourself needing a printed copy, we will be able to have those available for a small fee, which will cover the printing costs (the exact cost is not yet known— a lot depends on how many pages the finished product will be, so stay tuned for more details).

Our goal is to have the new directory ready to be sent to the congregation 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.



It is hard to believe it's that time of year again– time for the Hazelwood Fall Bazaar! Join us on Saturday, November 11 from 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be plenty to see, do, and (of course!) eat. This event is one of the main fundraisers for our youth and preschool programs and is such a fun way to show your support!

It takes many hands to make the Bazaar a success. There are lots of tasks, big and small, that need to be done, and any and all help in accomplishing these tasks is truly appreciated! Below are a few of the many ways in which you can help. Stop by the sign up table in Sulanke Commons during Coffee Fellowship for more information or to let us know how you would like to help.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We will need volunteers for one– or two-hour periods for various jobs such as selling lunch tickets, serving food, and cleaning up during the lunch, selling tickets for and assisting with the Children's Festival, and, of course, cleaning up after the big event (sweeping, picking up trash, wiping down the tables, etc.).

BAKE SALE

We are looking for individuals willing to make and donate all kinds of goodies–cookies, cupcakes, breads, candies, etc. These scrumptious creations will be sold at the youth/preschool table during the bazaar.

SILENT AUCTION

If you would like to participate in a fun way, why not donate to the Silent Auction? You can help by donating new items, gift cards, or even cash. Kay Shnuck and Mary Ann Matchett would be happy to use your donations when putting baskets together. Or, if you would rather donate a completed basket, that would be great! Be sure to let Kay and Mary Ann know your basket's "theme" and approximate value as soon as possible so they can avoid duplication. It's great fun to bid on these baskets yourself and to watch the action when two or three people are bidding on the same basket!

VENDORS

If you would like to have a booth to sell your wares at the Bazaar, contact Julie Thomas at (765) 215-3465 or by email at jubet77@comcast.net. Booths consist of a 6-foot table and 2-3 chairs for \$30, or two 6-foot tables and chairs for \$50. You may bring a square card table to add to your space for an additional \$5. Booth reservations are already coming in, so be sure to contact Julie as soon as possible!



ALL-YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

AYF is a time of fun, fellowship, food, and growing in our faith. Here's a sneak-peek into some of the things we are up to:

Our high school group is focusing on Christian living through *The Simpsons* (there's a side to Homer and Bart you don't often hear about!).

Our middle school group is looking at where Christ fits in their lives at a time when they are discovering their own identity.

Our elementary group is focusing on learning Bible basics and themes, and each child is working towards earning a child-friendly Bible to call their own. In order to earn their Bible, they need to show they have learned these three basic Bible skills: 1) How to locate the different books of the Bible; 2) Memorizing important Bible verses; and 3) Locating a specific verse in the Bible. These basic skills, and the Bible they earn by demonstrating them, will give them the foundation they need to grow in their faith in the coming years.

Grown-ups sometimes forget that growing up can be rough. Every day is full of new, often confusing or frustrating, experiences. AYF is an excellent way to learn to navigate the craziness of life with the help of each other and Christ. Not to mention it's a whole lot of fun!

AYF is for ALL of our youth (friends are always welcome, too!), and if you haven't been able to meet with us yet, it's never too late to join in! If you have any questions, contact Rev. James in the church office or by email at hccjpetty@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| October 1 | All-Church Cookout at the Ritchie's Farm, 4 p.m. |
| October 8 | All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall |
| | Night of Praise, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary |
| October 21 | BSU Homecoming Parking, 8 a.m. |
| October 22 | All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall |
| October 29 | Trunk-or-Treat, 4 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/>.



ALL-CHURCH WORK DAY: THANK YOU!!

Our All-Church Work Day on Saturday, September 23 was a great success! We accomplished quite a bit, both inside and out. Thank you to our wonderful group of workers: Randy Burke, Don & Cheryll Crose, Kent, Stephanie, Ashlyn, & Jaxon Farra, Tony & Marianna Gill, Jeff & Kelly Heavilon, Dennis Holmes, Rev. Jason Jones, Jay & Mary Ann Matchett, Rev. James & Logan Petty, J.D. Schoger, Glen Sulanke, Jim & Judy Warrner, and Ann Wolfe.

We were also blessed to be joined once again by the Ball State Circle K group: Brady Andres, Elyssa DeAngulo, Sarah Hapner, Hugo Madrigal, Fran Percell, and Larry Pettrone. We are so grateful to this hard-working group of young adults! A great way to show our thanks is to show up to support them at their Kick Ball Tournament and Fundraiser this Saturday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Park. Ann Wolfe has put together a team from Hazelwood to take part in the tournament, but we could always use some folks in the crowd to cheer them on!

Hazelwood has been blessed beyond measure with our magnificent property and buildings. Being good stewards to these gifts God has given us is a great responsibility, and it is heart-warming to see so many answer the call!

Those of us who are not able to take part in our Work Days can still take part in being good stewards! 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! 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.



BALL STATE HOMECOMING PARADE PARKING

Saturday, October 21, 2017

8 a.m. – Noon

Not only is Hazelwood in a prime location to see the Ball State Homecoming Parade, we are also fortunate to have a large parking lot in an area where public parking is at a premium. To make the most of our situation, Hazelwood will offer parking to the public on the morning of the parade in return for a \$3 donation per vehicle.

This event is sponsored by our Hazelwood Youth and Missions & Benevolence Team. The money raised from this project helps support our Christmas Box Project, where we help less fortunate families in Delaware County have some comfort and joy during the Holiday Season.

COATS AGAINST THE COLD

**Coats Against the Cold event at the Delaware County Fairgrounds
Saturday, October 14.**



Volunteers are needed to help at the office off Riggan Road to put together packages of gloves and hats on the following dates/times:

- ♦ Tuesday, October 3 from 10 a.m.-Noon & Noon-2 p.m.
- ♦ Wednesday, October 4 from Noon-2 p.m. & 2-4 p.m.
- ♦ Thursday, October 5 from 4-6 p.m. & 6-8 p.m.

Volunteers are also needed at the Delaware County Fairgrounds on Saturday, October 14 to help with the giveaway.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Becki Clock at (765) 744-0952 or by email to becclock45@aol.com.

~Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team

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MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels is in desperate need of new Volunteer Drivers for the Muncie area. If you are looking for a flexible and rewarding experience for one hour a week, or even one hour a month, Meals on Wheels may be just right for you! The only requirements for delivering a route are about an hour of time, a vehicle, an optional partner, and a big, friendly smile for their senior clients of Muncie! We guarantee it will turn out to be one of the best hours spent during your week! Please call (765) 282-3820 anytime for more information. If they are busy serving clients, please leave a message and they will be glad to call you back!



October Birthdays

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| 3 Cheryl McCoy | 15 Myrna Atkinson |
| 7 Alexis Schussler-Weisheit | Greg Dunsmore |
| 9 Ryan Tucker | Alex Glaze |
| 13 Denise Glasson | 21 Susan Downing |
| James Petty | 22 Brynmar Rees |
| Bob Weller | 25 Travis Warner |
| | 26 Jaylynn Dunsmore |

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

Church Women United Celebrates Children’s Clothing Center of Delaware County

2017 Annual Meeting

When: Thursday, September 28, 5 p.m.
Where: Riverside UMC Fellowship Hall
1201 N. Wheeling Ave.
Speaker: Gloria Adams, Coordinator of Children’s Clothing Center of Delaware County
Meal: \$6.00 per person



RSVP

Mary Schumacher
(765) 286-3044

*If childcare is needed, please request when you call.

October 1-7, 2017



- SUNDAY
- Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
 - Photo Session for Directory, During Coffee Fellowship
 - All-Church Cookout, 4 p.m., Ritchie’s Farm
- 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
- THURSDAY
- Preschool Team, 10:30 a.m., Chapel
- SATURDAY
- Night of Praise Rehearsal, 9 a.m., Cartwright Hall

October 8-14, 2017

- SUNDAY
- Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
 - All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
 - Night of Praise, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- WEDNESDAY
- Praise Band Rehearsal, 9 a.m., Sanctuary
 - Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room
 - Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft



Looking Ahead...

October 20, 2017

Men’s Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall (Host: Yeno Matuka)
Please note the time change!

October 21, 2017

BSU Homecoming Parking, 8 a.m.

October 22, 2017

Music Fest Worship Service

October 29, 2017

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

November 11, 2017

Hazelwood Fall Bazaar, 7:30 a.m.– 2 p.m.