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Coffee Fellowship, 10:15 a.m. and 12 noon; Church School, 10:10 a.m. and 10:30 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

The Time Change is Coming



Sunday, November 6, 2 a.m. ,
"Fall Back:" 2 a.m. → 1 a.m.
Enjoy that extra hour of sleep!

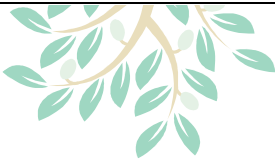
Newsletter Schedule

Our remaining newsletters
for this year will be mailed:
November 17
December 1 & 15
As always, if you want something in, it
is due one week prior to mail date.
Thanks!



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

November 3, 2011



Dear Friends,

"On October 11, Rick Morse disseminated an exhaustive and thorough evaluation of our congregation. I hope you were there. It was riveting. We are poised, as are many churches, to soar into the future or fade with the past. Although viability most easily shows itself in numbers like attendance and offering, this evaluation pinpoints the need for this congregation to re-claim God's mission. Rick said to think of it 'not that a church has a mission but that God's mission has a church.' So much of what we do now is the business and organization of church.

"Specifically at Hazelwood, we maintain about 55,000 sq ft. of space when in fact, for our congregation size, we need approximately 18,000 sq. ft. This is just one of the many issues that we need to discuss, but it's a big one. Another thing that we need to discuss is 'what are we doing that we need to stop doing?' We need to look at everything, and I mean EVERYTHING that we do, and decide if it is furthering God's mission, or just easier to keep doing it the same way. There will be no 'sacred cows' in this discussion. If that makes you nervous, that's good. In order to get people involved in the discussion we need fear, along with love of this church and desire to be a servant to the Lord.

"Make no mistake, this is an incredible opportunity for every person reading this, to bring about a wondrous change in this church. Frankly, in our society, we don't get that many chances to be heard and make tangible change. Here's your chance.

"We will start off with sign ups for groups of 20 people or so, who will come together and give input on every aspect of this church. These will be listening sessions, where you can openly express your ideas/opinions without discussion/conflict, and then these ideas will be brought to a panel, to be organized and presented to the congregation.

"I will end with one of my favorite scriptures 2 Cor 9:8 'And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.' I believe this, do you?"

Mary Ann Matchett, Moderator



November 6 - 12, 2011

- SUNDAY**
- All Saints Sunday.
 - Traditional worship service, 9 a.m., Sanctuary.
 - *Celebrate!* service, 10:45 a.m., Sanctuary.
 - Thanksgiving Dinner and Annual Congregational Meeting, 12:15 p.m., Cartwright Hall.
 - Chi Rho, and CYF, eat Thanksgiving dinner, then meet in the Sanctuary at 1 p.m.
 - Bazaar ticket sales, Rotunda.
- TUESDAY**
- Praise Band, 6:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall.
- WEDNESDAY**
- Parents' Day Out, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., P.D.O. room.
 - Elders' meeting, 5 p.m.
 - Bell Choir, 6 p.m., choir room.
 - Choir, 7:15 p.m., choir loft.
 - College Bible Study, 8:30 p.m.
- THURSDAY**
- Parents' Day Out, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., P.D.O. room.
 - Ministerial Relations meeting, 12 noon.
- FRIDAY**
- Parents' Day Out, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., P.D.O. room.
 - Preschool Board, 9:15 a.m., preschool room.
 - Men's lunch, noon. Host: Bill Wakeland.
 - Parents' Night Out, 5:30 - 9 p.m., P.D.O. room.
- SATURDAY**
- Family Fun Festival & Bazaar, 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Cartwright Hall, Rotunda, and Sulanke Fellowship House.

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

JUST A REMINDER!!



THANKSGIVING

Hazelwood's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner and Congregational Meeting will be held this Sunday, November 6, at 12:15 p.m. If you don't have reservations for the dinner, you can still come to the meeting at 1 p.m.



UPDATE:

If you missed church on October 23, Misha Vayman was home from the conservatory, that he attends in Ohio, and he played for us. He has produced a very timely video, which you can see by opening the following link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OnzAWPIM470>

Urgent ~ Muncie Mission in desperate need of food . . .



"Our pantry is extremely low, and demands for food are at record highs. We expect to serve over 78,000 meals this year.

Urgently needed: peanut butter, canned meats, mac & cheese, instant oatmeal, canned fruit, any soup that contains meat.

Not needed: corn, peas, green beans, tomato soup or rice.

"Thank you for whatever you can do. Items may be dropped off at the Muncie Mission, 1725 S. Liberty."
Ray Raines, Director

WINTER IS COMING!!

If there is anyone who has a good working snow-blower they would like to donate, or sell to Hazelwood, please call John Burke at the church office.

It's predicted that this year there will be more snow than last, and a snow blower would be very helpful and useful at the church. Also, we can give you a letter for your taxes. Thanks!

CHRISTMAS IS COMING - TIME TO DECORATE!

It will soon be time to decorate our church with the lovely poinsettias and other decorations for Advent and Christmas. If you would like to help by donating a poinsettia in memory, or in honor, of someone this year, please fill out the form below, and send it to the church office with your check, or drop it in the offering plate on Sunday. We will not be able to take telephone orders. Each gift is \$15, and you will be entitled to take a poinsettia home with you after Christmas. Names will be listed in the bulletins for our December 4th worship services.

Thank you!

Christmas Decoration Gift Order
Deadline to receive orders is November 27, 2011.

of Poinsettias ordered (@\$15 each) _____

Given by: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor : _____

Please enclose check, payable to
Hazelwood Christian Church
in the amount of \$15
for each gift (poinsettia) ordered.



November 13 - 18, 2011

- SUNDAY
- Traditional worship service, 9 a.m., Sanctuary.
 - *Celebrate!* service, 10:45 a.m., Cartwright Hall.
 - Read Your Bible lunch & discussion, 12:30 p.m.
 - Rainbow, 12:30 - 2 p.m.
 - Christmas wreath & cheeseball sales, Rotunda.
 - ThankSing, Union Missionary Baptist Church.
- TUESDAY
- Praise Band, 6:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall.
 - Note: No Trustees or Board meeting.
- WEDNESDAY
- Parents' Day Out, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., P.D.O. room.
 - Bell Choir, 6 p.m., choir room.
 - Choir, 7:15 p.m., choir loft.
 - College Bible Study, 8:30 p.m.
- THURSDAY
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- FRIDAY
- Parents' Day Out, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., P.D.O. room.
 - Men's lunch, noon. Host: Gene Dobson.

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



If you took a devotion to write for our Advent book, please get it to the church office by November 6.

As we continue in this new school year, we are looking for a few good people to help in church prayerfully are able to Sundays and spring. truly appreciate the time we spend with them. If you are able to teach, please contact Sara at the church office.



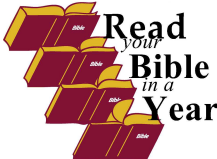
Read the Bible in a Year... A time for renewal and new beginnings.

“At the beginning of the year, many of us committed to reading the Bible from Genesis to Revelation in one year. While many of us have continued to read, I would like to encourage each of us to commit to reading between now and December 31.

“If you are interested in reading through the New Testament with us, check out the newsletter and bulletins each week for the corresponding scripture. This is a great opportunity for each of us to re-read the story of Christ’s birth, life, and resurrection, as we prepare for the holiday season.

“Don’t forget, everyone is also welcome to join us for a monthly discussion about our readings. The next one is Sunday, November 13, at 12:30 p.m. Soup will be provided. You may bring a salad to share.”

Sara Laroche, Director of Youth & Education.



Read the Bible in a Year					
Day 309	Nov 6	John 13-15	Day 316	Nov 13	Acts 13-15
Day 310	Nov 7	John 16-18	Day 317	Nov 14	Acts 16-18
Day 311	Nov 8	John 19-21	Day 318	Nov 15	Acts 19-21
Day 312	Nov 9	Acts 1-3	Day 319	Nov 16	Acts 22-24
Day 313	Nov 10	Acts 4-6	Day 320	Nov 17	Acts 25-28
Day 314	Nov 11	Acts 7-9	Day 321	Nov 18	Romans 1-3
Day 315	Nov 12	Acts 10-12	Day 322	Nov 19	Romans 4-6
The next scheduled <i>Lunch and Discussion</i> get-together is Sunday, November 13, 12:30 p.m. , Sulanke Fellowship House					



“As many of you know, I had the opportunity to travel with the Taylor Lighthouse program to Guatemala in 2008, where 11 of my fellow students and I spent a month serving alongside Mission Impact. I am excited to share with you that I have been invited back to serve as co-sponsor of the 2012 Lighthouse trip.

“I am spending Monday evenings, this semester, with a wonderful group of Taylor students, working to prepare for the upcoming trip in January. This year, we will be taking 12 Environmental Science students and two Economics students to work in Antigua and Santa Maria de Jesus. We will once again be joining the Mission Impact team to build latrines, biosand filters, stoves, and rainwater catchment and filtration systems for cisterns. There is also the possibility of undertaking an urban agriculture project.

“As co-sponsor, I am not required to raise funds, but I wanted to share with you a brief update on the continuing Guatemala mission, and perhaps help my students in their own fundraising efforts. In addition to sending several support letters of my own, I am planning a personal financial contribution to each of my students.

“Above all, I ask that you keep us in your prayers . If you would like more information on our trip, or Taylor’s Lighthouse missions, feel free to contact the Taylor World Outreach Office at 765-998-5362, or get in touch with me directly at meganesharp@gmail.com. Also, I would encourage you to look into the ongoing ministry of Mission Impact by visiting their website, www.missionimpact.com.

Thank you for your support!”
God Bless, Megan Sharp



STEWARDSHIP & COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Sunday, November 20, will be our Stewardship & Commitment Sunday at Hazelwood. On this day, we bring non-perishable food items for the Christian Ministries Food Pantry, as well as our Stewardship Commitment card for 2012, and our regular offering. You will be receiving a letter in the mail to explain this further. Thank you for your commitment to Hazelwood!



Family Fun Festival and Bazaar
Saturday, November 12
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.



The Family Fun Festival & Bazaar is fast approaching! If you can help in any way, please contact Rebecca or Sara, 282-5969.

Pancake Breakfast

Sponsored by Hazelwood Softball Teams , 7:30-9:30 a.m.,
Cartwright Hall. Breakfast includes endless pancakes, sausage, & drinks, \$4.

Bazaar Booths

Open to church members, preschool families, and the community.
Booth Rental is \$20 for 1st table, \$10 for each additional table. Cartwright Hall,
Rotunda, and Library.

A Taste of Hazelwood

Sample favorite dishes by church & preschool members
Meal Card - \$5 for adult & \$3 for children,
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Sulanke Fellowship House.

Children's Festival

Game Card - \$4, lower level of Hazelwood Hall.
Games – treat walk, bounce house, face painting, and many more!

Raffle and Silent Auctions

Raffle tickets are 2 for \$1.00 – many items to win! Auction items to bid on.

Tickets on sale now!!



JOYS AND CONCERNS . . .

Jane Fraizer has been released from Community Hospital.

Sympathy to:

Warren & Dora Walburn and family, upon the unexpected death of their
granddaughter, Anita Conn, October 18 in Fort Wayne.

Marilou Lykens and family, upon the death of Howard, October 31. Services were
held Thursday, November 3, at Gardenview, with Rev. Colby Smith officiating.

In Appreciation:

“Thank you so much for your generous donation to Hearts and Hands United for the
Coats Against the Cold project. We gave away 800 coats. Thanks for your
continued support.” Becky Clock, Executive Director, Christian Ministries

My Apologies:

“To everyone at Hazelwood: I'd like to say that I am deeply sorry to all of you. I am
one of the two young men that broke into your church. No explanation will ever
excuse what my brother and I have done, but I am hoping, with time, I may earn
your forgiveness. . . A so-called friend of ours introduced us to the drug *Opana*,
which is the strongest pain pill out there. It is a combination of morphine and
oxycontin. It is spreading like wild-fire, and it is very expensive - \$50 to \$60 per
pill. We were hooked. As I sit here in jail, I know that this is not who my mother
raised me to be. My cell-mate has shared the Bible with me, and he has talked
to me about God; that God will provide for my needs if I put my faith in Him. . . I
want to finish my education, and become a responsible man. I promise you that
when I get out and begin working, I will pay the total cost for the damage we
caused. I truly hope you can forgive me, wish me luck, and keep me in your
prayers. . . God Bless, Calvin Pinnick.”

Looking Ahead . . .

Saturday, November 12

Family Fun Festival & Bazaar, 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sunday, November 20

Stewardship & Commitment Sunday.

Monday, November 28

Family Fun Game Night, 7 p.m., Cartwright Hall & Rotunda.



ADVENT AT HAZELWOOD

November 27: First Sunday of Advent; worship at 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.; Rainbow Youth 12:30 - 2 p.m.; donations for Christmas Box Project accepted.

December 4: Men's Breakfast, 7:45 a.m.; Hanging of the Greens, 9 a.m.; *The Best Christmas Present Ever*, 10:45 a.m.; Youth Secret Santa Shopping, 12:30 p.m.; donations for Christmas Box Project accepted.

December 11: Worship at 9 & 10:45 a.m.; donations for Christmas Box Project accepted, Rainbow Youth, 12:30 - 2 p.m., Read Your Bible in a Year study and lunch, 12:30 p.m.

December 14: Women's Organization, *Mary's Baby Shower*, 1 p.m.

December 15: Pack Christmas Boxes, 6 p.m., Rotunda.

December 17: Deliver Christmas Boxes, 8 a.m., drivers needed. See Andy Rees.

December 18: Worship at 9 & 10:45 a.m.; Birthday Party for Jesus; Chi Rho and CYF, 12:30-2 p.m.

December 19: Family Game Night, 7 p.m.

December 20: Note - No Trustees or Board meeting.

December 23: Church office closes at noon.

December 24: Worship at 6:30 p.m. *"Our Family Memories of Christmas;"* Worship at 8 p.m. *Traditional Lessons and Carols.*

December 25: Christmas Day - One family worship service at 10 a.m.

December 26: Church office closed.

December 30: Church office closes at noon.

January 1: One family worship service at 10 a.m.

January 2: Church office closed.

January 3: Welcome to 2012!

From Our Preschool



- The preschool has survived the busy month of October! Many families turned out for the Open Houses and Pizza Fellowship Dinners. The 4-5 Year Old students also enjoyed Dad's Night Out and carving their pumpkins. A special Thank You to our teachers and Preschool Board members for all of their help with these events!
- Because we love to be busy, November has a lot going on too! The Hazelwood Christian Preschool will be selling Christmas Wreaths and Centerpieces, as well as their delicious cheeseballs, during the month of November. The Christmas Wreaths & Centerpieces make great Christmas presents, and they can be ordered and delivered to your loved ones' door. The cheeseballs are made by the Hazelwood Christian Preschool Board, and they have been a favorite tradition the last two years.
- Our Parent's Night Out will be on Friday, November 11. The theme for this evening is Thanksgiving. It is from 5:30-9:00 p.m. and it is open to children ages 18 months - 2nd grade. The children attending will be able to eat dinner, create a craft, play games, and watch a movie. Registration is available online.
- On Thursday, November 17 the preschool will host a Family Reading Night. This will be a fun evening full of literacy activities and it is open to all preschool families.



Tuesday, November 8 is election day. Exercise your community and Christian responsibility, and get to the polls.
Let your voice be heard!