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# HAZELWOOD LEAVES

December 15, 2011

Merry Christmas from the Hazelwood Staff

Rev. Colby Smith, Senior Minister  
Linette Cook, Administrative Assistant, Newsletter Editor  
Mary Ann Matchett, Moderator

Sunday Schedule: Traditional Worship, 9 a.m.; Contemporary Worship, 10:45 a.m.  
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



It Was A Great Year!



## 2012 Newsletter Schedule

January 12 & 26

As always, if you want something in, it is due one week prior to mail date.  
Thanks!

John  
Howard  
Marianna  
Judy  
Rebecca  
James  
Barb  
Ann  
Linette  
Sara  
Rev. Colby  
Sandi  
Bill & Ruth

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## ADVENT AT HAZELWOOD

**December 18:** Fourth Sunday of Advent, lighting of the Joy candle; Worship at 9 & 10:45 a.m.; Birthday Party for Jesus; ChiRho 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;" Christmas Eve coffee fellowship, 7:30 p.m., Rotunda; Worship at 8 p.m. *Traditional Lessons and Carols.*

**December 25:** Christmas Day - One family worship service at 10 a.m., in the Sanctuary.

**December 26:** Church office closed.

**December 30:** Church office closes at noon.

**January 1:** One family worship service at 10 a.m., in Cartwright Hall. Brunch will be served. Happy New Year!

**January 2:** Church office closed.

**January 3:** Welcome to 2012!

### SPECIAL SERVICES TO BRING IN THE NEW YEAR

On Sunday, Christmas Day, there will be one worship service at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

On Sunday, New Year's Day, there will be one worship service at 10 a.m. in Cartwright Hall. On New Year's Day, there will be a light brunch provided.

We hope you and your family can join us for these special Sundays.



# Birthdays!

- 2 Mallory Masiongale
- 3 Robert Cross
- 4 Kara Tucker
- 6 Kay Kirby
- 7 Kevin Farrell
- 8 Rachel Tucker
- 9 Stefanie Petty
- 10 Evan Conley
- 14 Michael Heavilon
- 15 Brayton Conley
- 17 Donna Dye  
Sharon Herron
- 18 Linda Roberts
- 21 Zachary Foster
- 22 Bill Moser
- 23 Lois Gross
- 24 Cathy Purtlebaugh
- 26 Jay Matchett  
Helen McConnell
- 27 Robert Purtlebaugh  
Stan Bobbitt
- 29 Andrew Glaze  
Rev. Colby Smith
- 30 Andrew Rowe

**If your name has been inadvertently left off, call the church office at 282-5969.**



If you have invoices for church business, for which you need to be reimbursed, please get them to Sandi, in the church office, no later than December 27, before the 2011 books are closed.

If you need to catch up on your 2011 pledge, and you want the 2011 tax credit, please have your gifts or tithes to Sandi by December 25.

### The Back Pew - Jeff Larson





THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

“Words cannot express the gratitude I have for EVERYONE who helped make possible our special *Celebrate!* service on December 4. There were many who gave up their time the weekend after Thanksgiving to do the video shoot. I appreciate your flexibility and your patience. There were those who helped provide props. My mother and father even got involved, with Dad doing a speaking part, and Mom helping to make bows for the toys. Also, a big thanks to Tony Gill, for shooting the video, and a HUGE thanks to our resident seamstress and costume expert, Lou Wilson. Her help was invaluable. It's people like this who make it a joy to work for the church! Thank you, once again.” Marianna Gill, *Celebrate!* Coordinator



Everyone is welcome to join us for our final Family Fun Game Night of 2011, Monday, December 19 from 7-10 pm. There will be volleyball in Cartwright Hall, card games, and board games in the Rotunda.

This is a great opportunity to spend time with others in our congregation, as well as meet new people.

Please consider joining us for this opportunity, and we look forward to seeing you for game nights in 2012.



Winnie Muhiga will have 2012 calendars available for sale Sunday, December 18, for \$15 each. Proceeds go to “Winnie’s Kids,” at the Shivembe School in Kenya.



## Christmas Eve SERVICES

Christmas Eve at Hazelwood ~ New Times

*Celebrate!* Contemporary Service, 6:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall. We hope you will join us for “Our Family Memories of Christmas.” This special service will have our older generation sharing with all of us some of their special memories of their family Christmas traditions.

Between the *Celebrate!* service and the Traditional Lessons & Carols service, there will be a special combined Christmas Coffee Fellowship at 7:30 p.m.

Traditional Service, 8 p.m., Sanctuary, with Lessons, Carols, Choirs, Communion, and Candle-Lighting.

Come for all, or for as much as your schedule allows. We hope to see you December 24!



### Meals for the homeless

Help Is Needed!!!

Service opportunities - a Great way to begin the New Year!

The Missions and Benevolence committee is sponsoring a week of meals for the Men's Sleeping Room of Christian Ministries, Sunday, January 15, through Saturday, January 21.

Each day we will provide two meals; breakfast, 6 - 7:30 a.m. and dinner, 6 - 7:30 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring food already prepared, or if you wish, you can fix what is available at the shelter. We need to know if you will be providing food for the meals, at the time you sign up.

Sign-up will begin Sunday, January 1, 2012. Please prayerfully consider when you can help.



Walk A Mile In My Shoes will be Saturday, February 11, 2012, at 9 a.m. The one-mile walk is a fundraiser to benefit the Muncie Mission. Sign up to walk will begin Sunday, January 22, and continue through Sunday, February 5, in the Rotunda. Prayerfully consider taking a step into the struggles facing the homeless, by walking. By getting sponsors, you help build the fund.

For more information or questions, please contact Shirley Bookout, 744-1207. Thank you, Missions and Benevolence Committee.

"...whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me - you did it to me." Matthew 25:40, The Message

## PDO Christmas Fun Days are here!



Christmas break can be a long time! Have your children join us for our special Christmas Fun Days! Use the time to shop, wrap presents, or anything you want to do without children!

Dates: Tuesday, December 20 and Friday, December 23

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 pm

Location: Hazelwood Christian Preschool & PDO rooms

Age: 18 months - 2nd grade

Price: \$15 for 1st child and \$13 for each additional child.

We will have a special pizza lunch on each day!



Tuesday, December 20 - Winter Wonderland!

The weather outside is frightful, but in here it is so delightful!

Join us as we explore a winter wonderland through winter-themed games, story time with a librarian from Muncie Public Library, crafts, special snacks & hot cocoa, and a movie!



Friday, December 23 - the Night Before Christmas  
"Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house,  
not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse."

Join us as we prepare for Christmas with special Christmas games, story time with a librarian from Muncie Public Library, crafts, special snacks, cookies for Santa, and a movie! We might even have a surprise visit from Santa Claus.



## CHRISTMAS BOX PROJECT



This year Hazelwood adopted 30 families with 50 children to provide food and gifts for during the holiday season. We are again blessed to have Andy Rees coordinating the packing of the boxes and delivery this year. The youth have done a wonderful job of picking out gifts and wrapping them for the children, and Donna Foley has been helpful in coordinating delivery times.

As always, this is an outreach opportunity to help those in need in our community. Any financial donation you wish to contribute to this project may be placed in the Sunday offerings or dropped by the church office. We are \$1,500 short of our goal of \$3,500 to cover the cost this year. All contributions help us reach our goal.

Thank you for your continued support of this opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Hanging of the Greens service Sunday, December 4, so amazing. Special thanks to Shannon Shirk, Mark PaHud, Hannah Thomas, Joe Macri, Stacey Whittaker, and Stephanie Shelton for leading us in worship.

Thank you also to Carolyn Starnes, and everyone who helped decorate the church in preparation for this Sunday. You each helped make the service meaningful.



The next MAGIC men's breakfast is **Sunday, January 8**, at 7:45 a.m., in the Sulanke Fellowship House.

All men are welcome for good food, good discussion, and good fellowship.

Bring a friend!



### Looking Ahead . . .

#### **Friday, December 23 & Saturday, December 24**

Bell ringing for the Salvation Army.  
See Shirley Bookout, for a time slot.

#### **Saturday, December 24**

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

#### **Sunday, December 25**

One family worship service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary.

#### **Sunday, January 1**

One family worship service, 10 a.m., Cartwright Hall.  
Brunch will be served.

### Read the Bible in a Year

Day 351	Dec 18	Hebrews 10-13	Day 358	Dec 25	2 John; 3 John; Jude
Day 352	Dec 19	James 1-3	Day 359	Dec 26	Revelations 1-3
Day 353	Dec 20	James 4-5	Day 360	Dec 27	Revelations 4-6
Day 354	Dec 21	1 Peter 1-5	Day 361	Dec 28	Revelations 7-9
Day 355	Dec 22	2 Peter 1-3	Day 362	Dec 29	Revelations 10-12
Day 356	Dec 23	1 John 1-3	Day 363	Dec 30	Revelations 13-15
Day 357	Dec 24	1 John 4-5	Day 364	Dec 31	Revelations 16-18
			Day 365	Jan 1	Revelations 19-22

Happy New Year!



## December 18 - 24, 2011

- SUNDAY**
- Traditional service, 9 a.m., Sanctuary.
  - Birthday Party for Jesus Coffee Fellowship, between services, Rotunda.
  - *Celebrate!* service, 10:45 a.m., Cartwright Hall.
  - ChiRho & CYF, 12:30 - 2 p.m.
- MONDAY**
- Family Fun Game Night, 7 p.m., Library & Cartwright Hall.
- TUESDAY**
- P.D.O. Christmas Fun Day, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Preschool & P.D.O. rooms.
- WEDNESDAY**
- Bell Choir, 6 p.m., Sanctuary.
  - Choir, 7:15 p.m., choir loft.
- FRIDAY**
- P.D.O. Christmas Fun Day, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Preschool & P.D.O. rooms.
  - Church Office closed at 12 noon. Merry Christmas!
- SATURDAY**
- Worship at 6:30 p.m. *"Our Family Memories of Christmas."*
  - Worship at 8 p.m. *Traditional Lessons and Carols.*
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## December 25 - 26, 2011

- SUNDAY**
- Family worship service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary.
- MONDAY**
- Church office closed. Happy Holidays!

## JOYS AND CONCERNS . . .

Harry Zimmack is a patient at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.

Kathy Clary and Pete Cook have been released from IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.

Jane Jack is now at Westminster Village, assisted living, room 191.

### Congratulations To:

Sara Laroche and Mark PaHud on their recent engagement! They are planning a June 2013 wedding!

### Thanks To:

"We are so Blessed to have such a loving and thoughtful church family."  
Mike, Debbie, Mallory, and Kendra Masiongale

"Thanks to Rev. Colby for his support to my family during the surgery and for his prayers for my well-being. To the congregation for their prayers, cards, and calls." Yours in Christ, Ruthanne Devroy

"Thank you for your continued support of Christian Ministries. It is so vital for us to be able to call you for emergency assistance for our clients. Thanks for all you do." Becki Clock, Executive Director

Thank you to these instrumentalists that helped with last Sunday's children's choir anthem: Ruth Ann Fouse, piano accompanist; Donna Browne, and Megan Jones, handbells; Jane Quinichett, percussion.

Our thanks to Dick & Jane Fraizer for their donation of a snow blower to Hazelwood.

### In Appreciation:

Peggy Fast reports that the Alzheimers Walk on September 24 was a huge success! Nationwide, there were 326,140 participants, and over 44 million dollars was raised. Hazelwood gave a donation of \$185. Thanks to Peggy and others who supported this worthwhile cause.

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

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