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Sunday Schedule: Traditional Worship, 9 a.m.; *Celebrate!* 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



Look for us at:
www.hazelwoodchurch.org
We will be constantly building
and adding to it,
so check back often!
You can also contact us through
the Website. Check out the
home page.

2012 Newsletter Schedule



February 9 & 23
March 8 & 22
April 5 & 19

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



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

January 26, 2012



Visioning Conferences

During the past 143 years of our existence, the Hazelwood congregation has established a rich heritage of exceptional ministry, service, and community outreach involvement. However, during the past few years to the present, we have seen a change in our ministry due to declining numbers in worship attendance, in the number of leaders and volunteers stepping forward to serve, and a physical plant that requires increasing expenditures to maintain, which is not being supported by congregational giving.

We find ourselves at a crossroads in our history, and we must make significant changes in order to sustain the ministry and simply survive for the long run. Change is inevitable, and at times necessary, but that doesn't make it less uncomfortable or less painful.

As we consider how we go forward, nothing can be sacred. We cannot maintain the status quo. Every aspect of our congregational life must be examined and considered. New, even radical ideas and approaches must be generated which will allow us to sustain and grow the ministry, and serve others as God would have us do.

In response to the congregational assessment conducted by Rick Morse, we have established times for the congregation to come together in small groups for **Visioning Conferences**. We would like everyone's participation. We will come together for some brain-storming and visioning for our future together. Everyone's opinion is valuable.

The dates and times will be: Sunday, February 5, 1 p.m.; Tuesday, February 7, 7 p.m.; Friday, February 10, 10 a.m.; and Sunday, February 12, 1 p.m. We are limiting the number in each group to 15 people. More groups will be added as needed. The sessions will be held in the Sulanke Fellowship House.

You can sign up to attend one of these meetings. Sign up sheets are available on Sundays, and in the church office through the week. Please take the time to participate in these important meetings for the future of our congregation. Each meeting will have a specific agenda, and leaders to facilitate. Make your voice heard, it's important.



January 29 - February 3, 2012

SUNDAY

- Traditional service, 9 a.m., Sanctuary.
- *Celebrate!* service, 10:45 a.m., Cartwright Hall.
- Rainbow, Chi Rho, and CYF, 12:30 - 2 p.m.
- Non-parishables for Souper Bowl of Caring continue to be collected.

MONDAY

- Parents' Day Out, 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., P.D.O. room.

TUESDAY

- Parents' Day Out, 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., P.D.O. room.
- Praise Band, 6:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall.

WEDNESDAY

- Parents' Day Out, 8 a.m. - 4 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

- Parents' Day Out, 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., P.D.O. room.
- Book Club, 6 p.m., Library. Discussion on "Winter Solstice," by Rosamunde Pilcher.

FRIDAY

- Parents' Day Out, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., P.D.O. room.
- Men's lunch, noon. Host: Don Crose.
- Service day for adults, 1 - 5 p.m.

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

Looking Ahead . . .

Saturday, February 11

Walk A Mile In My Shoes fundraiser walk, beginning at 8 a.m.

You may still sign up to walk

Or sponsor any of our Hazelwood walkers.

Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday Service, 7 p.m., Sanctuary.

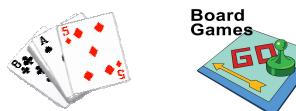
This is the beginning of the season of lent.



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| 1 | Michael McKean |
| 2 | Lois Parker |
| 4 | Mike Haars |
| 7 | Nancy Shaffer |
| 12 | Harry Zimmack |
| 13 | Wendy Rees |
| 14 | Sherrell Bryant |
| 17 | Jill Clark |
| 18 | Melissa (Starnes) Ritchie |
| 20 | Ruth Murray
Jonathan Rowe
Cassie Swander |

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| 21 | Wilma Purtlebaugh |
| 22 | Alyson Madsen |
| 23 | Scott Heavilon |
| 24 | Gwendolyn Clark |
| | Sara Laroche |
| 25 | Lucy Dickson |
| 26 | Charles Towns |
| 27 | Will Parker |

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



Everyone is welcome to join us for Family Fun Game Night, Monday, February 6, 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.

Hope to see you there!

Cubed

Hazelwood's Christian Education committee would like to invite you to **CUBED**. This February, we will be gathering for *three weeks, for three reasons*. Sunday evenings, February 12, 19, and 26 from 5-7 p.m., we will gather in Cartwright Hall for fellowship, study, and worship. A light snack supper will be provided beginning at 5 p.m. We will then study God's word, both together and in small groups. There will be opportunities for adults of all ages, as well as our youth. We will then come together for communion service at the end of each evening. Child care will be provided for youth up to 5th grade.

The book we have chosen to base our study on is a great look at the Holy Spirit, and how we might better understand this great gift God has given each of us. The title of the book is "*Remembering the Forgotten God*," by Francis Chan. Books can be purchased at the Christian Bookstore in Muncie; through Amazon - \$9.00 for Kindle or i-Pad; or you can order one through the church for \$10.00. There are also a couple of copies available at the Public Library.

We have all learned that *three* is a blessed number in the Bible, and we pray it will be a blessed number for each of us as we study God's word during these *three* Sundays. We pray this will be a great discussion-based study as we all learn more about the Holy Spirit together.

Please RSVP to the church, either by returning the form in your bulletin, or by calling the church office, no later than **Sunday, February 5** so we know how many books we need to order, and how much food to plan for. We hope to see you there.

Yes, I/we will be attending **CUBED** February 12, 19, and 26 from 5-7 p.m. _____

Number of people in my family attending _____

Yes, I/we need child care _____

Yes, I/we wish to purchase the book "*Remembering the Forgotten God*," by Francis Chan through the church for \$10 _____

Name _____

Please detach this portion and return it to the church office in the offering plate, or by dropping it off at the church office no later than Sunday, February 5.



February 5 - 10, 2012



SUNDAY

- M.A.G.I.C. Men's Breakfast, 7:45 a.m.
- Traditional service, 9 a.m., Sanctuary.
- *Celebrate!* service, 10:45 a.m., Cartwright Hall.
- Visioning Conference, 1 p.m., Sulanke Fellowship House.

MONDAY

- Parents' Day Out, 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., P.D.O. room.
- Family Fun Game Night, 7 p.m., Cartwright Hall and Rotunda.

TUESDAY

- Parents' Day Out, 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., P.D.O. room.
- Child Protection Policy Training, 1 - 2:30 p.m. & 6:30 - 8 p.m.
- Praise Band, 6:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall.
- Visioning Conference, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- Parents' Day Out, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., P.D.O. room.
- Elders, 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, 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., P.D.O. room.

FRIDAY

- Parents' Day Out, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., P.D.O. room.
- Preschool Board, 9:15 a.m.
- Visioning Conference, 10 a.m.
- Men's lunch, noon. Host: Charles Rutherford.
- Parents' Night Out, 5:30 - 9 p.m., P.D.O. room.

SATURDAY

- WALK-A-MILE event, 8 a.m., Muncie Field House.

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

Attention 2012 Graduates

If you are a graduate, or have a Hazelwood graduate in the family, please let us know! High School and College graduates will be recognized in both services on Sunday, March 18.

A lunch for graduates, and their immediate families, will begin at 12:30 p.m., in the Sulanke Fellowship House. Please fill out the form below with the names of graduates and their school information. Please turn your reservations in as soon as possible (no later than March 11th) so students can be recognized.

GRADUATE INFORMATION

(only those whose names we receive can be honored)

Please return this form to the church by **March 11, 2012**.

Name _____

Graduate of: High school Technical school
 College Graduate School

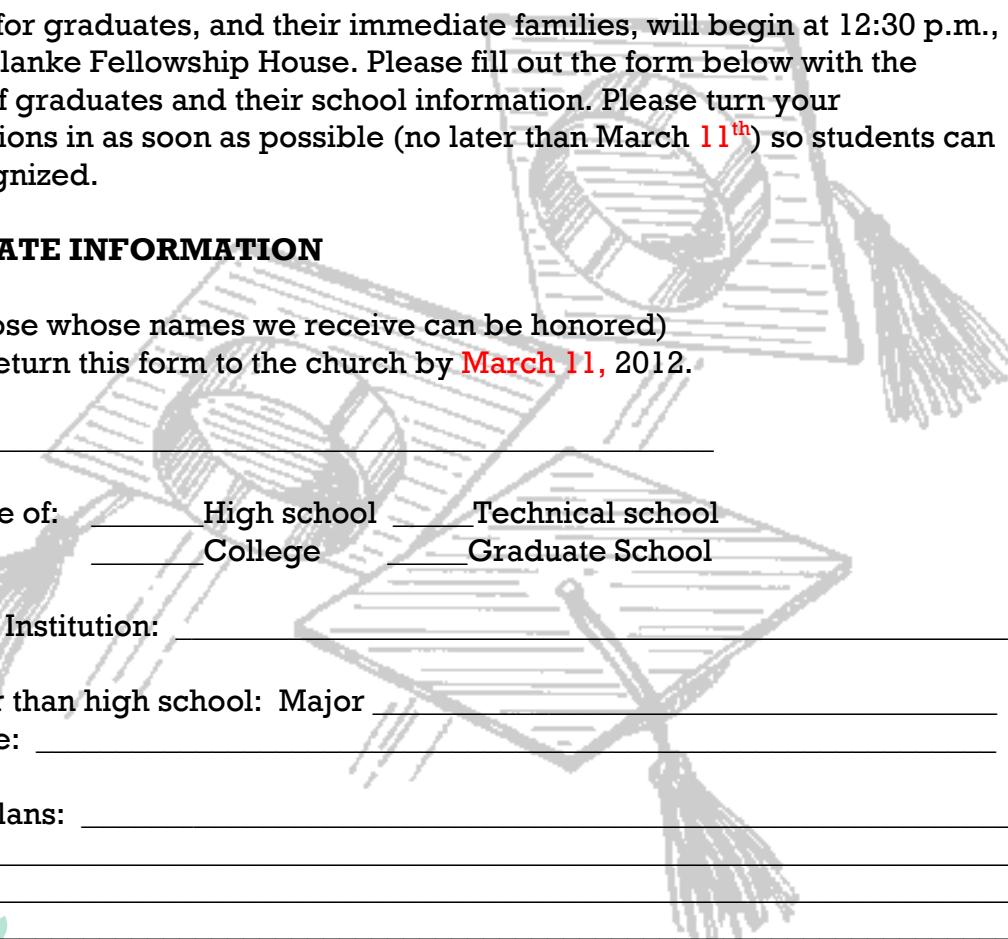
Name of Institution: _____

If other than high school: Major _____

Degree: _____

Future Plans: _____

A graduation lunch will be held Sunday, March 18, at 12:30 p.m. in the Sulanke Fellowship House.

Please indicate your total number of reservations _____.


JOYS AND CONCERNS . . .

Lou Wilson has been released from IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.

Thanks to:

"Thanks again to the Elders, Rev. Colby, and all the congregation for prayers, food, visits, and calls. I'm overwhelmed with love and appreciation." Debbie Masiongale

In Appreciation:

"To the wonderful staff and members at Hazelwood, thank you for everything! It has been a pleasure to serve and work with everyone at Hazelwood. I appreciate your confidence in me, and regret that I can't remain a member of the wonderful family at Hazelwood. I will miss you all!" Sandi Aul

Welcome to Rhea Morgan, who began her duties as bookkeeper this month. Stop in and introduce yourself to Rhea. She works in the church office each morning.

Special Thanks to Tom & Kay Schnuck for providing new greenery for the front of the Sanctuary.

The Missions and Benevolence Committee wants to give thanks to all who agreed to prepare a meal for the Christian Ministries sleeping room this month. We provided 11 meals, out of the 14 needed.

Thanks to the Wakelands, choir, bell choir, soloists, and all participants for the fantastic concert Sunday evening! We raised \$542 for A Better Way.

Jones Scholarship applications are ready to be picked up from the information center in the Rotunda.
These are for new and renewing applicants.

Child Protection Policy Training

Over ten years ago a group of church members, committed to the wellbeing of our children, wrote a child protection policy that our church has agreed to serve by. Since that time, much has changed in our world; we now have the internet in many homes, facebook, twitter, and cell phones that function like computers. With technological advances also comes new issues we, as adults responsible for the wellbeing for our youth and children, need to be aware of. With that in mind the policy has been reviewed and updated.

In order to bring everyone who works with our youth and children up to date on the newest child protection policy we are offering two classes, each an hour and a half long, on Tuesday, February 7.

In order to continue working with our children and youth, in any way, you must attend one of these meetings. As part of the class, each person will also be asked to fill out a new background check form so that all our files will be current.

Classes will be offered on Tuesday, February 7, from 1-2:30 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m. in the dining room of the Sulanke Fellowship House. Child care will be provided for the evening session. All youth sponsors, nursery workers, babysitters, Sunday school teachers, VBS volunteers, and any one else interested in volunteering with any of our programs that involve youth or children must attend one of the sessions. If you have any questions please call Sara at the church office.

Adult Service Opportunity

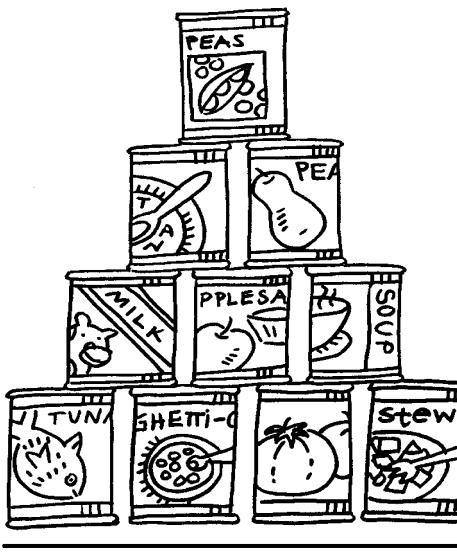
In conjunction with Super Bowl weekend, all adults 18 and older are invited to volunteer at Second Harvest Food Bank. In the past this has been a youth service opportunity, however, this year we would like to involve the adults in this project as well.

Our youth continue to collect canned goods for the Souper Bowl of Caring, and as part of this project all adults are invited to join us for an afternoon of volunteer work at Second Harvest Food Bank.

We will be volunteering from 1-5 p.m. on Friday, February 3. You may sign up to help this Sunday, January 29, after both services, or by contacting the church throughout the week.

You are welcome to come as your schedule allows, be it an hour or the whole afternoon. If you have small children and need child care, so you may attend, Hazelwood Preschool offers PDO until 4 pm on Fridays. The cost is \$8.00. We will see you at Second Harvest.

Sara Laroche



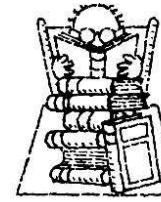
GOOD READ ~ GOOD DISCUSSION ~ AUTHOR COMING TO MUNCIE

Muncie Public Library is co-sponsoring a community read this spring, with BSU, and wish to invite Hazelwood members to participate. The book is "Caught in the Middle: America's Heartland in the Age of Globalism" by Richard C. Longworth. It discusses how an increasingly globalizing economy has affected the Midwest/Rust Belt through the transition from manufacturing to service industries, and how cities and states can reinvent themselves for a competitive and prosperous future.

Chicago-based Longworth is a two-time Pulitzer finalist in reporting, and he writes short, readable chapters suitable for all readers. Chapter topics include manufacturing (Muncie is discussed as a case study), farming, immigration, urban revitalization, African-Americans, education, politics and government, and future strategies. The adaption of Muncie and Indiana is important to the area's economic and cultural future and an important discussion topic. Free books and discussion questions will be provided.

Group discussion events will occur in late March, when Longworth will visit Muncie to give free talks to the community and on the BSU campus. Readers will have a chance to hear his future vision for the Midwest and to ask questions. In April, education reformer Geoffrey Canada (of the Harlem Children's Zone) also will visit Muncie to give free talks about the future of education.

You may contact our own Donna Browne, at the Muncie Public Library, for more information.



BOOK SIGNING

BOOK SIGNING AND PRE-ORDER PURCHASE . . .

Dr. David Cartwright, Minister Emeritus, recently published his second book of sermons. "Eyes of Faith" is a collection of ten sermons based on the Gospel texts from the Revised Common Lectionary. These messages look at the words and events of Jesus' life through new eyes, and how we can apply that new vision to our daily Christian walk.

The dedication includes Rev. Floyd Emshwiller, Dr. Earl Davis, Rev. Randall Campbell and Dr. Robert Sulanke, all from the Hazelwood family. A book signing has been set for Sunday, March 4, prior to Taters and Talent. Sign up for purchase of books will be held during coffee fellowship on February 12 and February 19.

Cost of the book is \$13.00, of which five dollars will be a donation to Hazelwood Christian Preschool.



The next MAGIC men's breakfast is Sunday, **February 5**, 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!

HAZELWOOD IS ON FACEBOOK!

"Like Us" by searching for Hazelwood Christian Church. If you have questions or comments contact Sara @ 282-5969.