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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

December 7 & 21

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



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

November 22, 2017

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
His love endures forever.

Psalms 107:1



BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 11/14/17: \$4,082.00

Offerings Received for Week Ending 11/21/17: \$8,268.00

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$6,296.64

Average Weekly Need: \$5,790

Jan.-Oct 2017 Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$8,106.03)*

**Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



- ◆ Tom Schnuck has been released from the hospital.
- ◆ Geneva White has been released from the hospital.
- ◆ Ann Yingst is recovering at home following inpatient surgery at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.



We pledge our Christian love and support to the Altobella family who joined the Hazelwood family last Sunday. Please welcome Gregg, Michelle, Allison, & Adam to our fellowship

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

“Once again, I wish to thank the church for the flowers sent to me during my recent hospital stay. A big thanks, also, to Rev. Jason for his visits and caring and for any and all prayers lifted up on my behalf.”

~Tom Schnuck

“Our thanks to the Missions and Benevolence Committee, especially Dick & Marcia Miller for the coordination for our 50th wedding anniversary last Sunday during Coffee Fellowship, and to all who extended best wishes through cards and expressions of congratulations. It made for a great and memorable day.”

~David & Susan Cartwright

COMMUNION AT HAZELWOOD

As a part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), we celebrate communion every Sunday during worship. Communion in our church is open to all who follow Jesus Christ. However, due to dietary restrictions, there are those among us who have been unable to take part in this element of our worship.

To keep our communion open to all who want to participate, beginning Sunday, November 26, we will be offering an allergy-free communion bread option along side the usual communion bread and juice on the silver trays at the front of the Sanctuary. This bread is free of gluten, wheat, dairy, yeast, eggs, soy, nuts, and corn. To eliminate cross-contamination concerns, the allergy-free bread will be in small, single-serving bags. These bags will be found in a small container to the side of the tray.

Since this is a new element to our communion, we would love to hear feedback from those who partake of the allergy-free bread. If you have any thoughts or ideas you would like to share as to how we can improve this, please let Stefanie in the church office know.



My mom always made sure I sent a thank you note. If someone sent me some money while I was in college she'd tell me, “Be sure to send a note to say thanks.” She was schooling me on a social nicety. Like saying “Nice to meet you” after meeting someone new, sending a note of thanks is a common courtesy we show when one does something for us. I wonder, too, if my mom was teaching me to be thankful. Thankfulness is so much more than a passing mood that comes when we receive good news; it’s a choice we make whenever we turn our hearts to the good in our lives. Maybe in asking me to send a thank you note, my mom was reminding me to be thankful.

Here, in this week when we’re celebrating Thanksgiving, we’re focusing our hearts on thankfulness. We make a choice to leave the easy paths of resentment and bitterness, and choose, instead, to be thankful. Even when life is hard, God has still given us so many good things: life, beauty, relationships, love, and joy. When we choose thankfulness we choose to focus on the good, not only on our disappointments. So as you gather with others at Thanksgiving, remember the lesson my mom taught, that saying “Thank you” is a good thing, especially for the one who says thanks.

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones

CHRISTMAS BOX PROJECT

This service project brings joy to all, from the families in Delaware County who might otherwise not have a merry holiday season, to all those who volunteer their time to make the project a reality. This year, Hazelwood will help 30 families, with a total of 39 kids among them. The youth will be doing Secret Santa shopping for the children at Meijer on Sunday, December 3. Wrapping those gifts will happen on Sunday, December 10 after worship, and we could use your help! Donations of wrapping paper, tape, ribbons, bows, and tags to adorn the gifts are very much appreciated. Volunteers to help wrap would also be welcome—with gifts for 39 children to wrap and organize, there will be a lot to accomplish!

Each family on our list will receive 2 boxes of food from *Aldi*: one full of non-perishable items, and another full of perishable items. The non-perishable food will be brought to the church on Thursday, December 14 at 4:30 p.m. At 6 p.m., after everything has been unloaded and organized, items will be packed into a box for each family. The perishable items will arrive on Saturday, December 16 at 8 a.m. After unloading, organizing, and packing that second box for each family, our volunteer delivery drivers will take the packages of food and gifts to the families.

This project is about celebrating Advent with these families. We bring them more than boxes of food and gifts for children; we bring HOPE, JOY, PEACE, and LOVE to these families in many wonderful ways. Please consider helping this project continue through your monetary support, donations of gift wrapping items, and volunteering your time. Your monetary gifts and donations can be dropped off any time in the church office. Volunteer sheets will be in the Sulanke Commons after worship for those interested in helping us confirm address and phone numbers of the families on our list, shop for gifts, wrap presents, pack boxes, and deliver the food and presents to the families. Let us all come together in service to others this Holiday Season, following the perfect example Jesus set for us.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

If you would like to distribute Christmas cards to your Hazelwood family without postage, two wooden boxes have been given to us for that purpose. You may drop your greeting cards in the box, using the alphabet dividers. The boxes will be in the Sulanke Commons on December 3. This is an easy and economical way to share greetings during the Christmas season. Our thanks to Bill Ritchie for the creation of these beautiful boxes.



ADVENT AT HAZELWOOD

December 3: First Sunday of Advent

Lighting of the Hope Candle and Hanging of the Greens, Worship Service, 10 a.m.
All-Youth Fellowship and Christmas Box Shopping, 11:30 a.m.

December 9

Receptionist & Staff Christmas Carry-In, Cartwright Hall, 5 p.m.

December 10: Second Sunday of Advent

Lighting of the Peace Candle, Worship Service, 10 a.m.
All-Youth Fellowship and Christmas Box Wrapping, 11:30 a.m.

December 15

Arrival of Non-perishable Food for Christmas Box Project, 4:30 p.m.
Pack Boxes for Christmas Box Project, 6 p.m., Cartwright Hall

December 16

Arrival of Perishable Food for Christmas Box Project, 8 a.m.
Deliver Christmas Boxes, 8:30 a.m.

December 17: Third Sunday of Advent

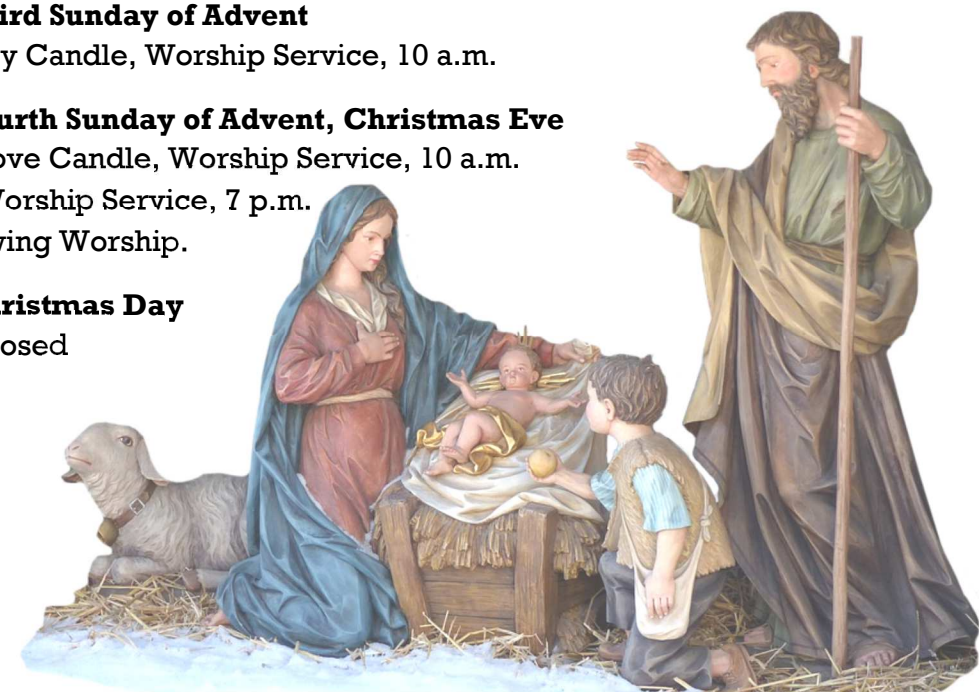
Lighting of the Joy Candle, Worship Service, 10 a.m.

December 24: Fourth Sunday of Advent, Christmas Eve

Lighting of the Love Candle, Worship Service, 10 a.m.
Christmas Eve Worship Service, 7 p.m.
Reception Following Worship.

December 25: Christmas Day

Church Office Closed



Preschool

Thanks!

Thank you to all who attended the Family Fun Festival and Holiday Bazaar last weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated. A special thank you to the Preschool Team: Julie Thomas for getting such great vendors, Kay Schnuck and Mary Ann Matchett for putting such nice baskets together for the silent auction, Kelly Heavilon for the delicious lunch, and Molly Wantz for organizing all the volunteers for set-up and clean-up, etc. Thank you to Andy Rees, Tony Gill, and volunteers for the wonderful pancake breakfast. Thank you to Rev. Jones for making such appetizing jellies. The Bazaar would not be possible if it were not for all the wonderful volunteers; The Bazaar was a success because of people like you!

Many Blessings

Thanksgiving is a special time in our home as we gather around the table and share all the many blessings God has so generously provided. This Thanksgiving I would like to thank each and every one of you for allowing me to serve as your Preschool Director. It has been, and continues to be, a blessing to be a part of such tradition here at Hazelwood. I love to see the many families that return year after year for quality education for their preschoolers. In closing, I would like to say thank you to each one of the teachers and assistant teachers for loving these precious children and their families that we serve. God has chosen you for a very important role—to share the good news of Jesus Christ with the little minds of the children we care for. Have a safe and bountiful Thanksgiving.

~Angie Lopez
Preschool Director

Looking Ahead

November 22-24	Thanksgiving Break– No School
December 15	Christmas Program, 6:30 p.m.
December 20	Christmas Break Begins
January 4	Classes Resume
January 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day– No School
January 22	Chapel, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m., 4-5 Year-Old Classes
January 25	Chapel, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m., 3-4 Year-Old Classes



YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY & OVERNIGHT

Plans are underway for our annual Youth Christmas Party and Overnight. We'll have a gift exchange, watch movies, play games, and we may even have a chance to stop by the Sky Zone! Don't forget to invite a friend or two—the more the merrier!

We are looking at doing this during the week of December 25. If you haven't done so already, please let Rev. James know what date might work best for you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 3 All-Youth Fellowship & Christmas Box Shopping, 11:30 a.m.

After lunch at the church, we'll head out as a group to Meijer to shop for the 39 children in our Christmas Box families.

December 10 All-Youth Fellowship & Christmas Box Wrapping, 11:30 a.m.

The shopping is done, and now it's time to wrap. Wrapping presents for 39 children is no small task so we need all hands on deck!

December 14 Christmas Box Non-Perishable Packing, 6 p.m.

All of the non-perishable food from *Aldi* will be boxed up and set aside, ready for delivery day.

December 16 Christmas Box Perishable Packing & Deliveries, 8:30 a.m.

Time to package up the perishable food, gather everything together, and deliver to our 30 Christmas Box families.

December 17 2018 Missions Trip Planning Meeting, 11:30 a.m.

This meeting is mandatory for all planning on going to *Give Kids the World* in June. If you have any questions, or a schedule conflict, contact Rev. James in the church office or by email at hccjpetty@gmail.com.



DISBURSEMENTS

- ♦ \$250 Feed My Sheep
- ♦ \$250 Christmas Box Project

NURSING HOME GIFT LIFT

We are in need of people to “adopt” a resident; Hazelwood will have 50 names to provide a Christmas for. The process is really simple. We will give you a slip of paper with the first name of the person along with their specific wish list items. You would purchase the gifts and return them to the church unwrapped. That is all you would need to do.

Please prayerfully consider getting involved to help one more person receive a gift that otherwise may not. Distribution of names begins Sunday, November 26 in Sulanke Commons after worship. Gifts need to be returned by Sunday, December 10.

If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Bookout at (765) 744-1207.



CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES' FOOD PANTRY

Volunteers are needed for December 6, 7, & 8 from 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Prayerfully consider where you can help with this worthy community project. Contact Marcia Miller at (765) 730-5552 to sign up or for more information.

(Missions Update: Volunteer Opportunities, continued...)

STUFF-A-BUS

December 15 & 16 from Noon-6 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to pass out flyers at the Grand Opening of the new *Pay Less* store on McGalliard Rd. (formerly *Marsh*). This event collects donations of non-perishable food, diapers, and toilet paper for the food pantry of Christian Ministries.

If you are able to help for a couple of hours, or would like more information, please contact Cheryll Crose at (765) 759-8655.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Muncie Mission's 14th Annual Walk-a-Mile in My Shoes will be Saturday, February 10, 2018 (inclement weather date February 17, 2018). Proceeds will support the Mission's ongoing commitment toward building hope for a better tomorrow.

~Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team

2018 MISSIONS TRIP

For their 2018 Summer Missions, the Youth have chosen to return to *Give Kids the World*, and they are inviting all in the congregation over the age of 12 to join them! The dates have been set for June 23-29.

If you are interested in taking part in this great opportunity but were not able to attend the previous planning meeting, please contact Rev. James in the church office, or by email at hccjpetty@gmail.com, ASAP.

There will be another planning meeting after worship on Sunday, December 17. A trip of this magnitude requires a lot of planning ahead, so we are asking to have commitments given by those wishing to take part by **November 30**.

If you would like more information on *Give Kids the World*, please check out their website: www.gktw.org.

*...give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of
God in Christ Jesus for you.*

1 Thessalonians 5:18



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November 26–December 2, 2017

- SUNDAY**
- Ecclesiastes Study, 9 a.m., Staff Room (Chi Rho Room)
 - Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
- MONDAY**
- Area Ministers, 10:30 a.m., Sulanke Commons
 - CWF, 2 p.m., Morrison Woods, Room #101
- #GIVING TUESDAY**
- Be a part of #GivingTuesdayCMDC by donating online at www.christianministriesmuncie.org/donate
- WEDNESDAY**
- Praise Band Rehearsal, 9 a.m., Sanctuary
 - Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room
 - Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft

December 3-9, 2017

- SUNDAY**
- Hanging of the Greens Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
 - All-Youth Fellowship and Christmas Box Shopping, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
- 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 a.m., Chapel
- SATURDAY**
- Staff & Receptionist Christmas Party, 5 p.m., Cartwright Hall

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual congregational meeting was held Sunday, November 12. The budget for 2018 was presented and passed, along with the slate of officers for 2018. Names are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



Looking Ahead...

December 10, 2017

AYF & Christmas Gift Wrapping, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall

December 14, 2017

Christmas Box Packing, 6 p.m., Sulanke Commons

December 15, 2017

Men's Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall (Host: Charles Retherford)

December 16, 2017

Christmas Box Delivery, 8 a.m.

December 24, 2017

Sunday Morning Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Worship Service, 7 p.m., Sanctuary

December 25, 2017

Merry Christmas! Church Office Closed

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



3	Gene Dobson	20	Leah Ritchie
5	Michael Grove	21	Marianna Gill
6	Wanda Strauch	22	Kelly Heavilon
9	Mary France	23	Mary Alice Lanning
	Mariangella Glaze	24	Carolyn Starnes
12	Susan Cartwright	27	Stephanie Farra
13	Ann Yingst	31	Martha Davis
14	Judy Thomas		
	Mary Ann Warfel		

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