

Hazelwood Christian Church
1400 W University Avenue
Muncie, IN 47303
Ph. (765) 282-5969; Fax (765) 282-5569
Email: hazelwoodchurch@gmail.com
Website: www.hazelwoodchurch.org
Preschool website: www.hazelwoodpreschool.org

Rev. Jason Jones, Senior Minister
Rev. James Petty, Associate Minister
Stefanie Petty, Administrative Assistant & Newsletter Editor
Tony Gill, Moderator
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 21
January 4 & 18, 2018

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

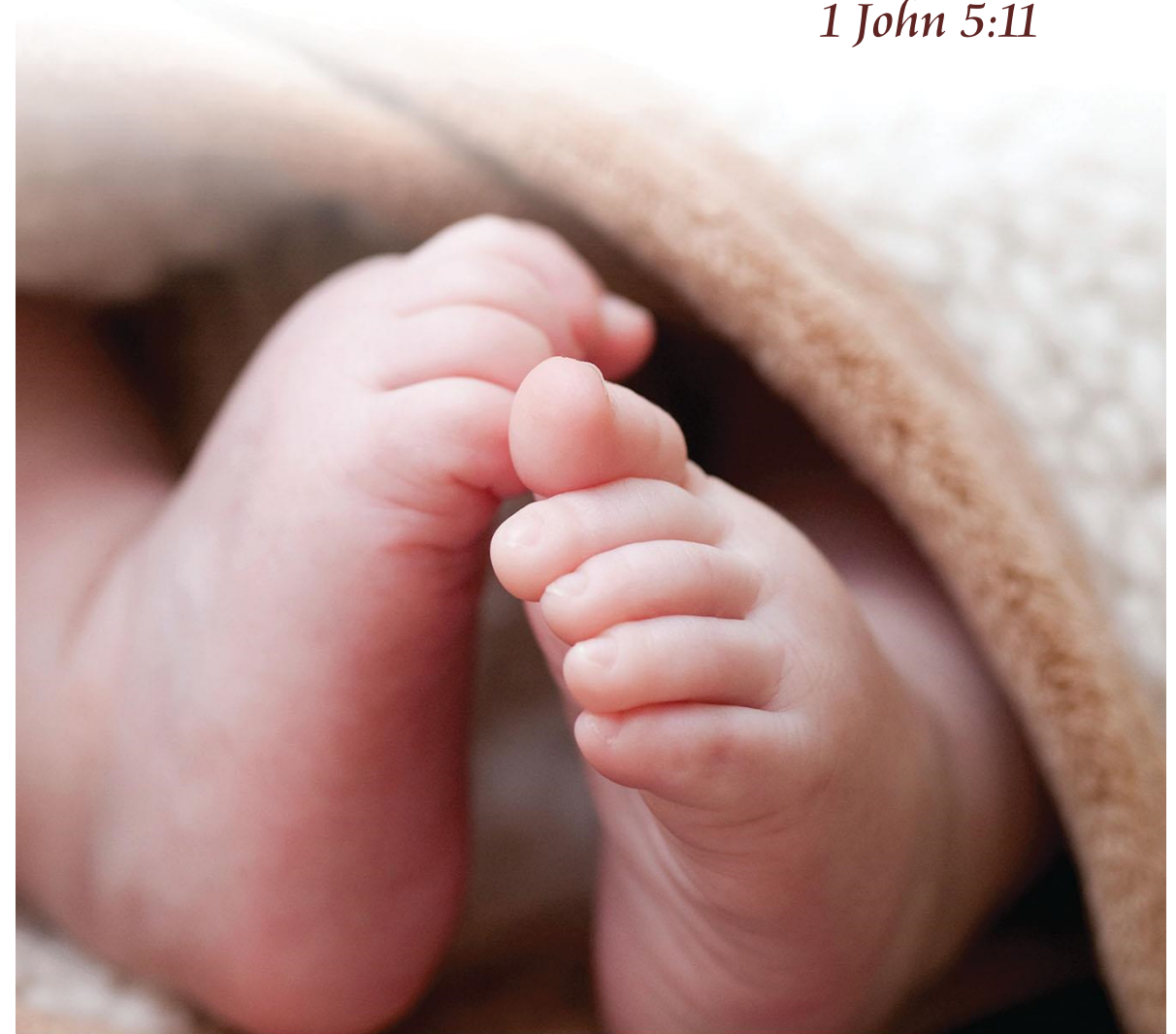


HAZELWOOD LEAVES

December 7, 2017

*And this is the testimony:
God gave us eternal life, and this
life is in his Son.*

1 John 5:11



BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 11/28/17: \$3,896.40

Offerings Received for Week Ending 12/5/17: \$5,547.30

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$5,889.84

Average Weekly Need: \$5,790

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

**Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



Our thanks to Marianna Gill, Kelly Heavilon, Mary Ann Matchett, Marcia Miller, Stefanie & Logan Petty, John Starnes, and John and Randy Burke for their help in making the church look so beautifully decorated for the Christmas season.



Michael & Amanda Matchett, of Carmel, had a baby boy, Jackson James Matchett, on Nov. 5. Billy & Kimberly Van Elk, of Granger, had a baby girl, Olivia Rose Van Elk, on Nov. 22. Lucky grandparents are Jay & Mary Ann Matchett.

A GOOD WORD ABOUT THE PERMANENT FUND

A gift to the Permanent Fund really is a gift that keeps on giving. The Permanent Fund was set up by our church a few years back to help fund the mission and work of our congregation. It's an account established with the purpose of the proceeds being used for mission giving, property needs, Disciples missions, hands-on mission, and the general budget of our church. As the money grows in this fund, we're able to use the growth to help fund these needs within our church. This year the Permanent Fund's administrators met and approved giving \$10,000 from the fund to these various needs.

We want to continue to remind you that this fund exists. Occasionally someone wants to give an extra gift, beyond their regular giving, to our congregation, and the Permanent Fund is an excellent destination for this type of gift. It really is a gift that keeps on giving because, as the investment grows, it's able to fund future uses. When you give to this fund, the proceeds from your gift will continue to be used for years to help support the mission and work of Hazelwood Christian Church. Just know the fund is there, quietly growing to fund future needs, and know too your gifts and bequests toward it help fund the future needs and work of our congregation.

~Jason Jones

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. To ensure our communion is open to *all* who want to participate, we now offer 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.



Every week we pray radical words. You've prayed them so many times you might not even notice them. It's in the Lord's Prayer, and we pray these words: "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Those are heavy words. We pray them with the expectation that God is not through here yet, and we pray them in the hope that God will finish God's new creation. For anyone too comfortable with the status quo, those are challenging words. We pray for God's rule to be the rule of the earth just as in heaven; we pray for God's kingdom to come, upsetting the powers and principalities and places we've all made for ourselves in the present. Mary, in what we call *The Magnificat*, expresses this hope that God is scattering "those with arrogant thoughts and proud inclinations. He has pulled the powerful down from their thrones and lifted up the lowly" (Luke 1:51-52). That's what we're praying for when we pray, "Your kingdom come."

We've just started the season of Advent. Advent is not just some warm-up to opening presents or a season to bust out eggnog and festive sweaters. In Advent we return again to the hope that was found before Christ's first coming, and we remember we are waiting for Christ's second coming. In Advent we pray with newness those words, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done," in the hope that God has things to be done in our lives, our church, and our world, and we pray those words with the hope that our own hearts are ready for what God is yet to do.

I pray our hearts might be made ready for the kingdom to come as we journey through Advent.

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones

2017 1207

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 did their 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 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. The boxes are in Sulanke Commons, and you may drop your greeting cards in them, using the alphabet dividers. 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 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



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

In honor of...

Our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren
Molly Kiron Family, Michael Carlton, and Margie Hammer Family
Tucker and Ritchie Families
Mother, Jeanne Hamilton
Ruth & Dave Griffey
All my wonderful family!
Jenny Weller

In memory of...

Parents, Jim & Eunice Miller and William & Thelma Bowman
Robert R. Gordon
Harvey & Aurora Clement
Alva & Adda Mangas
Deceased family members
Gladys, Newell, & John Jeffs
Myrtle & James Cundiff
Parents, Stanley & Evelyn Bartlett
Grandparents, Harry & Lydia Williams
Bob Garrett
V.G. & Ruth Moser, Floyd & Esther Firestone, and Alice Story
Corena McDermott
Bob & Betty Warrner
Charles & Virginia Ingram
Kenneth & Marjorie Wantz
Grandma Betsy (Shults)
Grandfather (Rev. Peter Shults)
Sugar (Beloved dog)
Jim & Bea Insley and Lloyd & Buna Starnes

From

Gene & Mary Dobson

Bill & Dee Moser

John & Carolyn Starnes
Lee Ann Chambers
Donna Dye
Patricia LaRue
Bob & Sue Weller

From

Shirley Bookout

Joan Gordon
Ruth & Mauri Mangas
Ruth & Mauri Mangas
Gene & Mary Dobson
Katelyn and Adam Moudy
Katelyn and Adam Moudy
Jeane Garrett, Elaine Wulff, and Mary Strubbe
Jeane Garrett, Elaine Wulff, and Mary Strubbe
Jeane Garrett, Beth, and Nancy
Bill & Dee Moser

Jim & Judy Warrner
Jim & Judy Warrner
Woody & Molly Wantz
Woody & Molly Wantz
Andy, Wendy, Brynmar, & Jairen Rees
Andy, Wendy, Brynmar, & Jairen Rees
Andy, Wendy, Brynmar, & Jairen Rees
John & Carolyn Starnes



Continued on next page...

Poinsettia Gifts continued...

In memory of...

Billy G. Ritchie, son, brother, & uncle
Helen Hartley
Sue Reece
John Wean
Margaret & Clarence Peyton and Ruby Fraizer
Brother, Jay Hamilton
Earl & Anna Merrick and Lester & Louise Cartwright
Ronald & Phyllis Matchett
Giles & Dorothy McCann
Larry E. Green
James & June Rhoden
Lee Dye
Don Lanning, parents, and sister, Betty
Willa & Mary Jane Stacker and Herbert & Ruby Miller
All my wonderful family!
Don Jean Lanning
Herbert & Suzan Myers and Ron & Vera Thomas
Maurice & Doris Jennings
Bill Weller

From

Bill & Leah Ritchie and Kathy, Jeff, & Josh Clary
Jim & Nancy Reece
Jim & Nancy Reece
Jim & Nancy Reece
Dick & Jane Fraizer
Lee Anne Chambers
David & Susan Cartwright

Jay & Mary Ann Matchett
Jay & Mary Ann Matchett
Rita Green & Family
Lori Rhoden
Donna Dye
Mary Lanning
Dick & Marcia Miller and Jeff & Sherri Christensen

Patricia LaRue
Dave, Laura Jean, and Andrew Jean Rowe
Ron & Julie Thomas

Bob & Sue Weller
Bob & Sue Weller

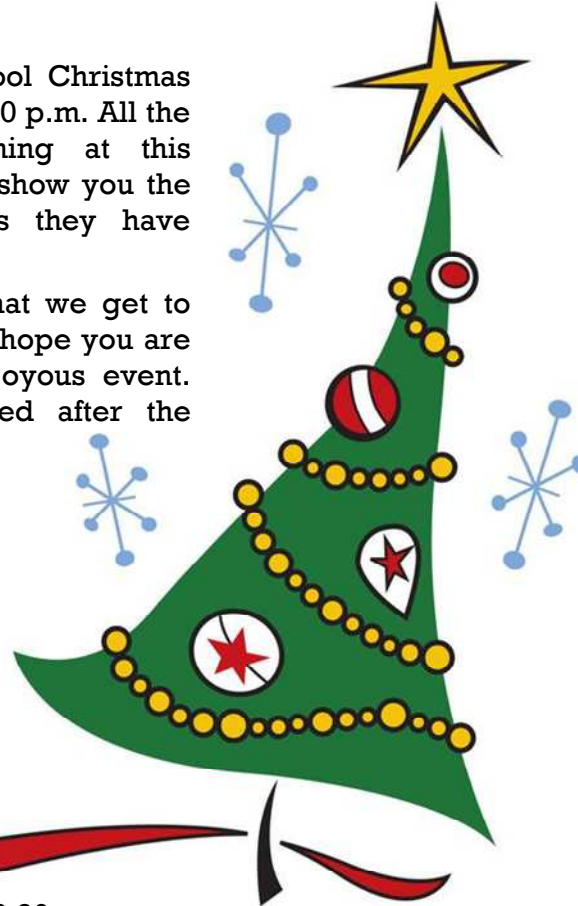


Preschool

Christmas Program

You are invited to attend our Preschool Christmas Program on Friday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m. All the preschool classes will be performing at this program. The children are excited to show you the memory work and Christmas songs they have learned this year.

This is such a special time of year that we get to share the birth of our sweet Jesus. We hope you are able to join us next Friday for this joyous event. Cookies and punch will be provided after the program.



Looking Ahead

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
February 9	Teacher Work Day



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 either December 29-30, or January 5-6. If you haven't done so already, please let Rev. James know which date might work best for you.

THANK YOU!

To all who helped with shopping for Secret Santa presents for the children of our Christmas Box families– THANK YOU! We had a great turn out, and together we were able to get some really exciting gifts for our 39 children this year.

Thank you, too, to the wonderful staff of Meijer. Not only did they allow for the craziness of our shopping trip, they also supported our efforts with a donation of a \$500 Meijer gift card. What a blessing that additional donation has been!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 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.



HAZELWOOD ANGELS

Christian Ministries' Food Pantry helpers include: Don & Cheryll Crose, Stephanie Farra, Dick & Marcia Miller, Jim Reece, Glen Sulanke, and Jim Warrner. Thanks to all who helped on either December 6, 7, or 8!

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.

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES' SLEEPING ROOM

The Missions & Benevolence Team is sponsoring a week of meals for the Men's Sleeping Room of Christian Ministries during the week of January 14-20, 2018. Each day we will provide two meals: breakfast from 6-7:30 a.m., and supper from 6-7:30 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring food already prepared, or you may fix what is available at the shelter. We will need to know when you sign up if you are providing food for your meal. Financial help is always welcome.

Sign-up begins Sunday, December 31. Please prayerfully consider where you can help. For more information, contact Shirley Bookout at (765) 744-1207.

WALK-A-MILE IN MY SHOES

Muncie Mission's 14th Annual Walk-a-Mile in My Shoes will be Saturday, February 10, 2018 (inclement weather date February 17, 2018). All proceeds will support the Mission's ongoing commitment toward building hope for a better tomorrow. Sign-up to walk, or to support a walker with your contribution, begins Sunday, January 14, 2018 in Sulanke Commons.

Their hope depends on us—prayerfully consider where you can help.

~Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team



December 10-16, 2017

- | | |
|-----------|--|
| SUNDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary• All-Youth Fellowship and Christmas Box Wrapping, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall |
| WEDNESDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Praise Band Rehearsal, 9 a.m., Sanctuary• Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room• Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft |
| THURSDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christmas Box Non-Perishable Packing, 6 p.m., Sulanke Commons |
| FRIDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Men's Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall (Host: Charles Retherford) |
| SATURDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christmas Box Deliveries, 8 a.m. |

December 17-23, 2017

- | | |
|-----------|---|
| SUNDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary• 2018 Missions Trip Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall |
| MONDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CWF, 2 p.m., Morrison Woods, Rm #101 |
| WEDNESDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Praise Band Rehearsal, 9 a.m., Sanctuary• Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Sanctuary• Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft |



Looking Ahead...

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

January 1, 2018

Happy New Year! Church Office Closed