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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

February 1 & 15

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

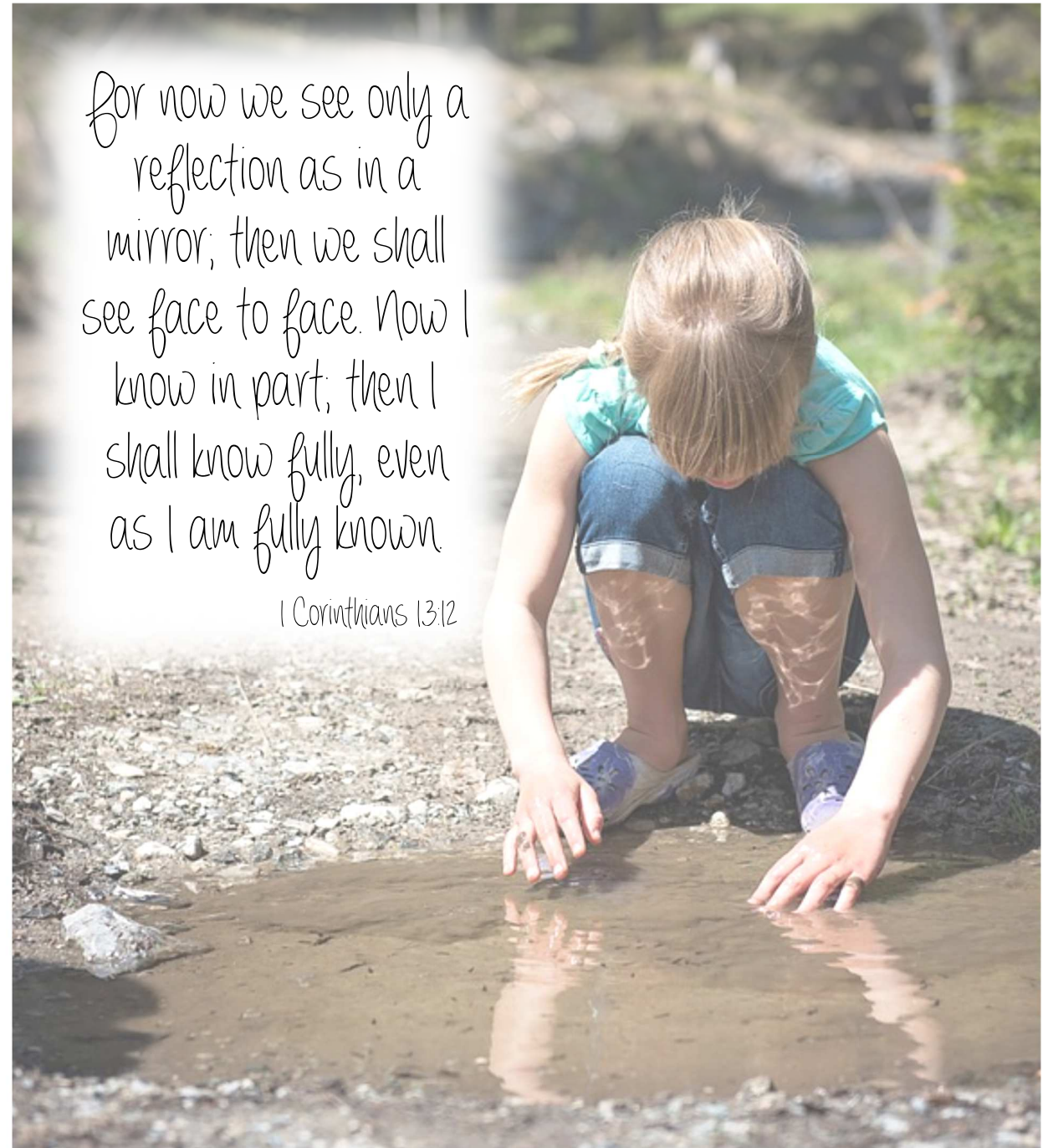


HAZELWOOD LEAVES

January 18, 2018

For now we see only a
reflection as in a
mirror; then we shall
see face to face. Now I
know in part; then I
shall know fully, even
as I am fully known.

1 Corinthians 13:12



BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 1/9/18: \$4,146.50

Offerings Received for Week Ending 1/16/18: \$3,348.50

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$5,199.44

Average Weekly Need: \$5,790

Jan.-Dec. 2017 Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$8,215.56)*

**Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



- ♦ Mauri Mangas is a patient at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.
- ♦ Sympathies to the family of Lois Rarick, who passed away in Indianapolis on January 2.
- ♦ Sympathies to Rhea Morgan and family on the passing of her husband, Tom Morgan, on January 5.
- ♦ Sympathies to Cathy Stucker and family on the passing of her father, Larry W. Stucker, on January 13 in Goshen.



My church in Highland had a long sidewalk from the parking lot to the front door, and we could usually see someone coming. No one ever really snuck up on us because we'd see them come down the long walk to the front door. When someone new was coming in, usually we had a discussion about his or her identity. "Who's that?" someone would say when a stranger was coming. "Do you know them? I don't know them," we'd hear as that new person approached the door. Strangers can be scary. If we don't know someone, we don't know what they'll bring to the interaction. "Could this person be a threat?" we ask. We're comfortable with the status quo, and the stranger disrupts it. When our status quo is disturbed, we're usually disturbed, wondering what this stranger will do, and all those questions are in our head as we see that stranger coming down the walk to the front door.

Pastor Jason's Journal continued...

The Bible is *full* of instructions to welcome the stranger. If you'd like a long list I can give you one, but the example I often think of is Jesus' description of the final judgement in Matthew 25, and one of the criteria for judgement is whether or not we welcome the stranger. "I was a stranger and you welcomed me," Jesus says to those who did the welcoming. My favorite story from the bible is the Two Disciples Going to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35). Jesus shows up, but he's the stranger, and they don't get the good news that it's Jesus and he's alive until they welcome him in. The stranger may be the one, when welcomed, who will bring the blessing. Jesus may show up in your life when you welcome the stranger.

During the summer of 2014 I was on sabbatical, and I got to visit a whole bunch of different churches. I'm sure all of them thought of themselves as friendly, but I learned, as an outsider visiting them, that some were friendly and some really weren't. Some offered lots of welcomes and introductions, but in some I was in and out the door without anyone saying hello. When someone new comes to our church it really makes a difference to go and introduce yourself and welcome that person. If you see someone new standing alone at Coffee Fellowship, go and welcome that person and spend some time. Your welcome may be the difference between that person coming again or not, and you'll be doing the holy work Jesus calls us to when you welcome that stranger.

Our country has been in a national discussion on welcoming strangers for many years now. As a nation, we're not sure at the moment how to treat strangers who want to come to our country or who are already here. We need laws and rules to govern these things, but as a Christian, I believe our laws need to be fair and compassionate towards those who are only seeking a better life, or like many refugees, fleeing an unstable homeland for a safe place to call home. Can I say, too, I'm troubled by the way many strangers are referred to in our national discussion now? Lots of derogatory terms have been used to refer to immigrants, and the places they're from have been described in less-than-polite terms. This type of talk bothers me because I know my ancestors came from another place, and it bothers me because I believe, as a Christian, all people are made in the image of God and are worthy of respect.

We'll always have strangers, whether it's a new person coming to the door of our church or a person seeking safety at our border. How we are, as Christians, to treat the strangers seems clear to me.

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones

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LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

“Hazelwood Friends, Jim and I want to thank you all for the lovely poinsettia that was delivered to us. It was nice of you to think of us again this year. It is still growing and getting prettier. Your thoughtfulness was appreciated.

Sincerely,”
~Jim & Mary Briggs

“A heartfelt thank you to everyone who brought food to the house, helped with the funeral dinner, or said a kind word. I do not know what I would do without my church family. Also, thank you for the beautiful peace lily planter.”

~Rhea Morgan

“Thank you for your support of the Soup Kitchen of Muncie and those we serve in our community!

In Christ,”
~SKM Board of Directors, Liz Guntle, Secretary

SNOW DAYS!

As beautiful as newly-fallen snow is, it can result in dangerous conditions if not diligently removed, which is a huge undertaking for our two dedicated grounds keepers! When snow falls on a Sunday morning, it is simply not within the power of two people (despite a pre-dawn start) to plow the parking lot, clear all of our many walkways and entrances of snow, and get salt down soon enough for it to have a chance to have an impact on the ice, all before people start arriving for worship. With that in mind, we are looking for a few able-bodied volunteers who are willing to come to church early on Sunday mornings when fresh snow has fallen to help clear the walkways, including the steps leading up to the front doors.

If we are unable to find enough volunteers, we will have to prioritize snow removal and focus our efforts on clearing the parking lot and the more frequently used entrances at Sulanke Commons and the north side of Cartwright Hall. That means when there is fresh snow on Sunday morning, the southeast entrance to the Sanctuary (red double doors) will be blocked off, and a sign will be posted directing those arriving to use the Sulanke Commons doors.

If you would like to help out with this endeavor, please contact Stefanie in the church office at (765) 282-5969, or by email to hccspetty@gmail.com.

YOUTH MEALS

Our All-Youth Fellowship started back up for the new year on January 14 and will run every other Sunday until the end of May. We are looking for individuals, families, or groups interested in providing meals when our youth meet. It doesn't have to be fancy, simple is best! In the past, the youth have enjoyed sloppy joes prepared at home, cold cut sandwiches picked up at the store, pancakes and grilled cheese sandwiches prepared in the church kitchen, and meals catered from restaurants like Fazoli's. Regardless of what was served, the youth have always been appreciative for the meal and those who provided it.

There will be a sign-up sheet in Sulanke Commons after worship over the next couple of Sundays if you are interested in providing a meal. Please contact Rev. James for more information or if you have any questions.



Warm up your taste buds and warm up your act! Our annual Taters 'n Talent show will be at 5 p.m. on Sunday, **February 18**. Sign-up begins on Sunday, January 28, so start thinking now about the talent you would like to share.

LOVE IS IN THE AIR

Often times, Valentine's Day gets a bad rap. More often than not, we associate Valentine's Day with *Eros*, romantic love. But there is so much more to love than all that mushy stuff! Just look at the many kinds of love recognized by the ancient Greeks: there is *Philautia*, the love of oneself; *Ludus*, the playful love you feel at the start of a relationship (think hearts aflutter and goofy grins); *Pragma*, the enduring love that goes on year after year; *Philia*, the love you feel for your friends; *Storge*, the love you feel for your family, your children, and your parents; *Agape*, selfless love for all—something we as Christians strive to embody. That's a lot of love to celebrate!

On Sunday, **February 11**, we will ALL come together and show our love for each other and for the Lord, as we share food and fellowship at our Valentine Carry-In Lunch at 11:30 a.m. There will be a sign-up sheet in Sulanke Commons starting Sunday, January 21. The sign-up sheet will help us to have a better variety of food, as well to have an accurate count for seating. If you have questions, feel free to contact Marianna Gill at 282-5969.



Preschool



Chick-fil-A Spirit Night

Back by popular demand, we will have Chick-fil-A Spirit Night on February 8 from 5–8 p.m. For every purchase made, accompanied by a Hazelwood Preschool flyer, the Preschool will receive a 10% donation from Chick-fil-A. This is a great way to have a good meal and support your preschool as well! Hope to see all of you there! Flyers will be available soon in Sulanke Commons.

Looking Ahead

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 8	Chick-fil-A Spirit Night
February 9	Teacher Work Day
February 19	Presidents' Day– No School



YOUTH SPONSORS

I would like to invite any in our congregation who may have a desire to serve as a Youth Sponsor to contact me. Youth Sponsors play an invaluable part in planning and coordinating our many Youth activities, All-Youth Fellowships, bible studies, fundraisers, Youth Summer Missions Projects, and so much more. As our Youth Ministry grows, it takes many hands and many minds to plan, coordinate, and implement our many activities.

Our youth are the future of the church. What better way to shape that future for the better than to invest our time today!

~James Petty

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Youth News continued...

COLLECTIONS FOR YWCA

This Saturday, January 20, several of our youth will be volunteering at the YWCA Women's Shelter to help clean, sort, and organize donations at the shelter's store. As a part of their volunteer efforts, the youth will also be collecting items for donation to the YWCA through the end of the month. Items needed include: soap, body wash, razors, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, washcloths, towels, toilet paper, paper towels, pillows, coats, hats, scarves, and gloves. All donations are appreciated! There will be a bin in Sulanke Commons to place donations.

CHANGE FOR CHANGE ON SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Save up your change, and fill your pockets and purses on Sunday, **February 4** to help our youth effect change in our community! After the worship service on Super Bowl Sunday, our youth will be holding soup bowls to collect your change to use later in the month for their service project to the homeless in Muncie. What a great excuse to check those couch cushions, coat pockets, and all those other sneaky places change tends to collect! Look for more information about how the youth put your change to use in upcoming editions of the *Hazelwood Leaves*.

INQUIRERS' CLASS

Whether you are new to Hazelwood or a youth interested in baptism, our Inquirers' Class is open to all who want to learn more about the Disciples of Christ and Hazelwood Christian Church. We are planning to start a class during the Lent season to explore the basics of our faith and what it means to be a member of Hazelwood. Please contact Rev. James if you are interested.

WANTED: SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

We are looking for volunteers to help lead Church School on Sunday mornings during part of the worship service, to be secondary teachers, or simply to be available for substitution. Teachers rotate monthly and are provided curriculum. There are currently two Church School groups: Toddler to Preschool, and Kindergarten to 5th Grade. If you are interested in helping, contact Rev. James in the church office, or by email at hccjpetty@gmail.com.

JONES SCHOLARSHIP

C. Darrell and Edith Jones Scholarship applications are now available in Sulanke Commons and on our website. Applicants, or their parents, must be a church member for at least two years. Deadline for submission is **March 1, 2018**. For more information, contact Mary Ann Matchett at mrsstiky@comcast.net.



HAZELWOOD ANGELS

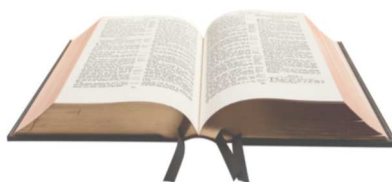
Breakfast and dinner were provided for Christian Ministries' Men's Sleeping Room during the week of January 14-20 by Hazelwood volunteers, including: Shirley Bookout, Don & Cheryl Crose, Gene & Mary Dobson, Kent Farra, Doug & Rita Green, Jeff & Kelly Heavilon, Dennis Holmes, Jay & Mary Ann Matchett, Carolyn McShurley, Marcia Miller, Pat Painter, Carol Schussler, Glen Sulanke, Angel Tuttle, Jim Warrner, and Ann Wolfe. Thanks to all who helped and also to those who supported this project with monetary donations.

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES' FOOD PANTRY

Hazelwood is scheduled to man the Christian Ministries' Food Pantry from 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on **February 28, March 1, & March 2**. Please prayerfully consider helping in this worthy community service. Contact Jim Warrner at (765) 717-0544 to sign up or for more information.

*If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy
the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in
the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.*

Isaiah 58:10



MUNCIE MISSION'S ANNUAL

Saturday, February 10

(inclement weather date: February 17)

Begins at 9 a.m. at the **Horizon Convention Center**
and goes to the Muncie Mission, 1725 S. Liberty Street.

**walk a mile
in my shoes**



Your involvement is vital to helping the Mission **build hope** for the increasing number of homeless individuals and families in need who are served in our community. Your gift of both time (as a walker) and donations can, and does, make a difference. A donation of \$25 provides 12 meals for homeless men and/or women; \$50, 24 meals. **If just one walker asks 10 people, whether in person or through social media, to give just \$10 each, that's \$100 and 48 meals!** If 20 walkers do that... you get the idea. Each step adds up to a huge impact toward the more than 85,400 meals needed to meet the Mission's needs each year. And that's only part of what the Mission provides our community's homeless and needy.

The good news is everyone can take part– you can walk or support a walker with a donation. To sign up to walk, go to walkformunciemission.com and register under Team #114, Hazelwood. To support a walker, or for more information, see Shirley Bookout in Sulanke Commons after worship or call her at (765) 744-1207.

~Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team

SOUP SUPPER INVITATION

Help support the mission work of the Christian Women's Fellowship of Yorktown Christian Church by enjoying some wonderful homemade soup, a sandwich, fresh vegetables & dip, a dessert, and a beverage.

Where: Yorktown Christian Church
10101 W. SR 32

When: Friday, January 26
4:30-7 p.m.



SERMONS ON WEBSITE

We are excited to finally be able to offer you the ability to listen to a sermon from our website. A recording of each Sunday's sermon will be posted to our website the following week. Go to www.hazelwoodchurch.org. On the home page, you will see at the top of the screen a tab that says 'Sermons.' Click on that tab. The sermons will be in chronological order with the most current at the top. The title of the sermon, who preached it, and the scripture lesson for that day will be listed. Click on the play button to listen to the recording.

Perhaps you are ill one Sunday and not able to attend. You can listen to the sermon you missed, along with the reading of the scripture. Perhaps you find it difficult to make it to church on a regular basis. You can listen to each week's sermon from the comfort of your home. I know this may be a stretch, but you can even listen to the sermon while you're on vacation!!! Whatever reason you have for not being in worship, you now have the opportunity to listen to the scripture and sermon from our website. If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to talk to Marianna Gill.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 7 Nancy Shaffer | 17 Jill Clark |
| 8 Aurora Bennett | Ashlyn Farra |
| 10 Tori Long | 18 Melissa Ritchie |
| 12 Rhea Morgan | 20 Jonathan Rowe |
| 13 Wendy Rees | 21 Wilma Purtlebaugh |
| 15 Jeff Clary | 23 Scott Heavilon |
| | 24 Gwen Clark |

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

We have several dates available on the calendar for Altar flowers. If you would like to give Altar flowers in honor or in memory of someone, please contact Stefanie in the church office to check dates.



January 21-27, 2018

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| SUNDAY | • Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary |
| MONDAY | • Area Ministers, 10:30 a.m., Chapel
• CWF, 2 p.m., Morrison Woods, Rm #101 |
| WEDNESDAY | • Praise Band Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
• Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room
• Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft |

January 28-February 3, 2018

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| SUNDAY | • Worship Service, 10 a.m., Cartwright Hall
• All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall |
| WEDNESDAY | • Praise Band Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
• Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room
• Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft |
| THURSDAY | • Preschool Team, 10:30 a.m., Chapel |



Looking Ahead...

February 4, 2018

“Change for Change” collection by Hazelwood Youth, after worship

February 8, 2018

Chick-fil-A Spirit Night Preschool Fundraiser, 5-8 p.m.

February 10, 2018

Muncie Mission’s 14th Annual Walk-a-Mile in My Shoes

February 11, 2018

Annual Valentine’s Carry-In, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall

February 14, 2018

Ash Wednesday Service, 7 p.m., Sanctuary

February 18, 2018

Tater’s ‘N Talent, 5 p.m., Cartwright Hall