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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](http://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

January 18  
February 1 & 15

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

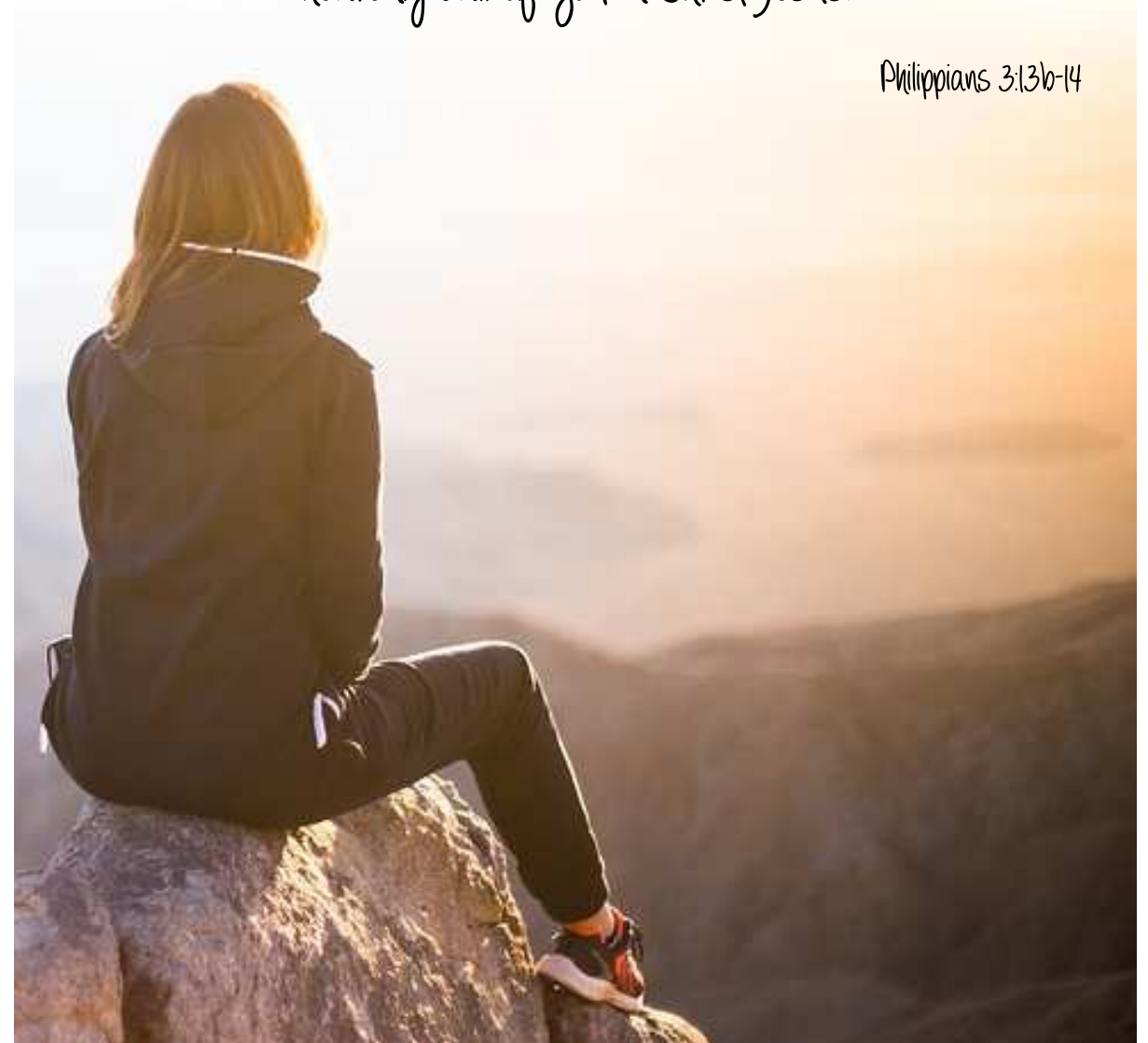


# HAZELWOOD LEAVES

January 4, 2018

...forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13b-14



## **BUDGET UPDATE**

**Christmas Eve Offering (for Disciples of Christ Regional Missions) \$1,069.00**

**Offerings Received for Week Ending 12/26/17: \$4,324.40**

**Offerings Received for Week Ending 1/2/18: \$8,293.30**

**Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$5,796.00**

**Average Weekly Need: \$5,790**

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

*\*Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



- ◆ Mauri Mangas has been released from IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.
- ◆ Sympathies to Geneva White on the passing of her grandson, Jeffrey Blackmer on Wednesday, December 20. Jeffrey was a firefighter with the Hamilton Township Fire Department.
- ◆ Our thanks to Mary Ann Matchett, Stephanie Farra, and Shirley Bookout for coordinating the special reception after our Christmas Eve service, and to all those who provided cookies and goodies for the reception. It was a wonderful time of celebrating the birth of Jesus and visiting with those we haven't seen in a while.

## **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.

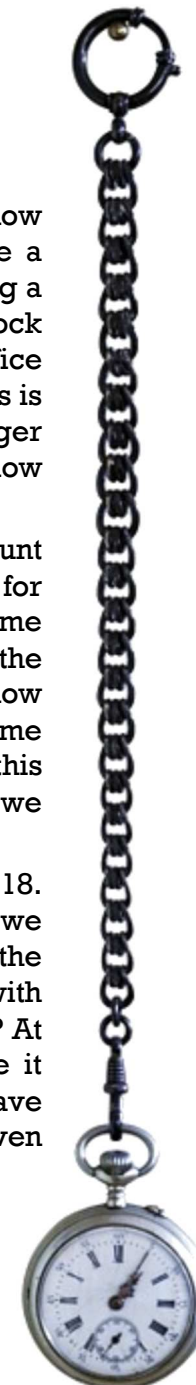


How much time do we have? I think I have 8, maybe 9 watches. I know it's foolish to have so many. Most of us don't even need to have a watch when we have a cell phone that tells us the time. I like having a watch on, though, where I can glance and see the time. I have a clock in most of the rooms of my house. I even have two clocks in my office (as if one clock and the watch on my wrist wasn't enough). All of this is to say I'm usually aware of what time it is. I take pride when a stranger asks me the time, and I pull back the sleeve from my wrist and show them my watch and the time.

Psalm 90 tells us to be aware of the time. It prays, "Teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart" (v. 12). The Psalm prays for God's help in knowing the time, not the hour of the day but the time we have. Knowing the time we have is similar to going to eat at the place that only takes cash; it's good to open your wallet and know how much you have to spend. All of us have a certain amount of time in this world. Some get more, and some get less, but our days on this earth are not infinite. That's a good thing to realize because when we realize our time is limited, as the Psalm says, we grow in wisdom.

We have a year before us. I'm writing this on the second day of 2018. 365 days seems like a lot of days, but when we get to the end we always think, "Where did the year go?" It's worth asking, here at the start of the year, "How much time do we have?" What will you do with this year? How will you use the gift God has given you in this year? At the New Year I'm always happy just to be there, that I've made it through another year and have a new year before me. We only have so many days in this year. How will you use the time God has given you in the days of 2018?

Grace & peace,  
Jason Jones





## 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 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. If you are interested in helping, contact Rev. James in the church office, or by email at [hccjpetty@gmail.com](mailto:hccjpetty@gmail.com).

## YOUTH SPONSORS

I want to thank our dedicated Youth Sponsors who have helped me over this past year with Youth activities, All-Youth Fellowships, bible studies, fundraisers, and the Youth Summer Missions Projects. Mariangella Glaze, Andy Rees, and Wendy Rees have been our long-time Youth Sponsors, and their help has been, and still is, invaluable to me and to the success of the Youth Ministry.

As we move into 2018, I want to invite any in our congregation who may have a desire to serve as a Youth Sponsor to contact me. 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

## 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](mailto:mrsstiky@comcast.net).

## DISBURSEMENTS

- ♦ \$315 to purchase 21 gift cards for the Christian Ministries' Sleeping Room

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES' SLEEPING ROOM

Sign-up continues on January 7 and 14 for providing meals for the Men's Sleeping Room of Christian Ministries during the week of **January 14-20**. Each day, Hazelwood will be providing two meals: breakfast from 6-7:30 a.m., and supper from 6-7:30 p.m.

Prayerfully consider signing up to provide a meal. Participants are encouraged to bring food already prepared, or you may fix what is available at the shelter. Also, you can prepare food and someone else can deliver it for you. Financial help is always welcome.

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** (inclement weather date February 17). All proceeds support the Muncie Mission. The purpose of the Walk is to take a step into the struggles facing the homeless. It also serves to extend the purpose of the Muncie Mission, which is to provide compassionate rescue services on an immediate and/or long-term basis to the poor and needy in East Central Indiana.

Sign-up begins Sunday, January 14. You can sign up to walk or to support a walker with your contribution. Their hope depends on us. Prayerfully consider where you can help

### CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES' FOOD PANTRY

Volunteers are needed to work at the Christian Ministries' Food Pantry from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on **February 28, March 1, & March 2**. Contact Jim Warrner at (765) 717-0544 to sign up or for more information.

~Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team

## **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](mailto:hccspetty@gmail.com).



I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am looking forward to 2018 with great anticipation and excitement! I can't wait to see what God has in store for Hazelwood Christian Preschool this year. I know, whatever it is, it will be in his perfect plan, as always.

~Angela Lopez  
Preschool Director

## **Looking Ahead**

<b>January 4</b>	Classes Resume
<b>January 15</b>	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day– No School
<b>January 22</b>	Chapel, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m., 4-5 Year-Old Classes
<b>January 25</b>	Chapel, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m., 3-4 Year-Old Classes
<b>February 9</b>	Teacher Work Day



## **January 7-13, 2018**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	• Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	• Praise Band Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary • Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room • Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft
<b>THURSDAY</b>	• Preschool Team, 10:30 a.m., Chapel

## **January 14-20, 2018**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	• Worship Service, 10 a.m., Cartwright Hall • All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall • Sunday School Teacher's Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
<b>MONDAY</b>	• Church Office Closed– Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
<b>TUESDAY</b>	• Trustees, 5:30 p.m., Chapel • Board, 7 p.m., Cartwright Hall
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	• Praise Band Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary • Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room • Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft
<b>FRIDAY</b>	• Men's Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall (Host: Don Crose)



## **Looking Ahead...**

### **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