

Hazelwood Christian Church
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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 15
March 1, 15, & 29

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



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

February 1, 2018



BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 1/23/18: \$9,721.50

Offerings Received for Week Ending 1/30/18: \$4,664.40

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$6,036.84

Average Weekly Need: \$5,790

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

**Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*

As always, our bookkeeper is hard at work for you!

Annual giving statements for 2017 should be arriving in your mailbox soon.



- ♦ Sympathies to the family of Martha Davis, who passed away on January 22. Services were held at Hazelwood on January 28.
- ♦ John Burke and Mauri Mangas are both patients at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.

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.

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.



I love the word "epiphany." We use it when we talk about a special insight or a sudden inspiration. "I had an epiphany on the way home today," we might say, talking about a special realization. For Christians, we use the word epiphany to describe a special appearance by God. On the holiday of Epiphany, after Christmas, we celebrate that Christ appeared to the world, that Christ showed up on the scene of the world.

We're starting a process this year called Epiphany. In our congregational meeting in November our church gave an approval to begin the Epiphany process with Hope Partnership. Hope Partnership helps churches empower leaders for a new future. The Epiphany process helps congregations "imagine and then live into your future ministry story." This is a process that will help us think about where we want to go as a church and how we can get there. The first thing that happens in the process is an evaluation, where the folks at Hope Partnership will come and take a look at our church and community and let us know, as outsiders looking in, what they see.

On Thursday, February 15, Steve DeFields-Gambrel from Hope Partnership will be coming to help lead that evaluation. We need your help because at 7 p.m. that evening he wants to meet with a group of up to 30 people from our congregation. He'll be introducing the Epiphany program to us, but he'll also be leading us in a process of reflecting on what we appreciate and value in our church. He has promised me we'll leave the meeting excited and hopeful for the future. Right now 11 people are signed up for it, so we still have space for 19 more. You can sign up on Sunday mornings or by contacting the church office.

I believe this Epiphany process will initiate an exciting new chapter for our church. We'll be paving the way for a new future for our congregation with it. Through it, I believe we'll experience an epiphany, where we're awakened to God's presence and God's calling for our congregation.

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones

E-DIRECTORY UPDATE

As most of you know, Hazelwood has been working on an updated pictorial directory over the last few months. When still in the planning stages, it was decided we would focus on making this new directory electronic. This is not only environmentally sound and cost effective, it also enables members to have quick and easy access to the directory on their phones, tablets, and computers, as well as enabling us to make and distribute updates to the information and pictures as needed and in a timely manner.

These last few months have been spent setting up the new format and compiling contact information and pictures with the help of Madeleine White and the Christian Life Team. We are now happy to announce that the new Hazelwood E-Directory is ready for distribution! There will be a sign up table in Sulanke Commons after worship over the next few weeks for those who would like to be emailed a copy of the new E-Directory. Simply stop by and write down the email address you would like us to send the E-Directory to. You can also request a copy via email to hazelwoodchurch@gmail.com. We will use this email list to distribute future updates as well.

While this directory is mainly intended to be electronic, we do realize that there are still those who prefer to have a physical copy and aren't able to print one at home. To that end, we will be making black & white copies available upon request. There will be a sign-up sheet for this as well so we don't print more copies than necessary. By printing these through our offices in black & white, we are hoping to save our members the cost that would be associated with having a printing company do the work.

If you have any questions about the new E-Directory, please contact Stefanie in the church office.

LENT SOUP & STUDY

Sometimes the name says it all, and *Soup & Study* is just what you'd expect it to be—during Lent we'll gather for Soup and for Study. Rev. Jason has found these Soup & Studies to be a unique way to gather for both fellowship and renewal as we journey through this special season.

At 5:30 p.m. on February 25, March 4, March 11, and March 18 we'll share in this season of Lent through fellowship around some humble bowls of soup, and then we'll have a time of study. Our focus for Study will be Henri Nouwen's book, *The Way of the Heart*.

We need folks to make soup for each evening, so if you'd like to share some soup, please sign up in Sulanke Commons on Sunday. If you'd like to attend the Soup & Study, please sign up, too, so we'll have an idea of how many will attend.

YOUTH MEALS

Our All-Youth Fellowship started back up for the new year on January 14 and will meet 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 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**. Start thinking now about the talent you would like to share, and sign up in Sulanke Commons after worship.

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. This Sunday is the last Sunday to RSVP using the sign-up sheet in Sulanke Commons. 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 (available in Sulanke Commons), 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!

God is so Good!

I titled this article GOD IS SO GOOD for many reasons. He continues to meet every need we have; He knows what we need even before we do; He is the Almighty and Prince of Peace! For the last five months I have been diligently working on a large grant to increase our capacity, start a new infant room, and to do some facility upgrades. We received news last week that we were one of three child care preschools statewide to receive the capacity building grant from Early Learning Indiana. We will receive \$35,000 to make these much-needed improvements. We will also reach level three on the state's Paths to Quality rating system, the second highest quality rank possible. Thanks goes to the Hazelwood Christian Church Board, Congregation, Property Committee, Preschool Team, and Preschool Staff. Without your support and prayers I know this opportunity would not have been possible for our Preschool.

~Angie Lopez, Preschool Director

Looking Ahead

February 8	Chick-fil-A Spirit Night
February 9	Teacher Work Day
February 19	Presidents' Day– No School
February 21 & 28	Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4-5 Year-Old Classes
February 26	Chapel, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m., 4-5 Year-Old Classes
March 1	Chapel, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m., 3-4 Year-Old Classes
March 26-30	Spring Break– No Classes



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*.

SUMMER CAMPS

It's that time of year when we start planning our summer and vacations. Our region is sponsoring numerous camps again this year. Please note, many have changed dates from last year.

As of right now, we are waiting on the Indiana Region to post tuition information and registration forms. We will make those available to you as we receive them.

Geneva Center — Rochester, Indiana

June 11-16 CROSS Camp (Grade 6-12)
Explorer Camp (Grade 4–5)
June 18-20 You & Me (Grade K-3 w/adult)
June 18-23 MAD Camp (Grade 6-12)
June 25-27 You & Me #2 (Grade K-3 w/adult)
June 25-27 New Beginnings (Grade 2-3)
July 9-14 Middle School (Grade 6-8)
July 9-14 High School (Grade 9-12)

Bedford Christian Camp — Bedford, Indiana

June 25-27 New Beginnings (Grade 2-3)
June 28-30 You & Me (Grade K-3 w/adult)
July 2-7 High School (Grade 9-12)
July 9-14 Explorer camp (Grade 4–5)
July 16-21 Middle School (Grade 6-8)



SEASON OF LENT AT HAZELWOOD

ASH WEDNESDAY

We begin the season of Lent on Wednesday, February 14 with our Ash Wednesday Service at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The Ashes we receive are a sign of our mortality and repentance, and a marker of our desire to return to God with whole hearts.

LENT SOUP & STUDY

Pull up a chair as we enjoy a bowl of soup and delve into *The Way of the Heart* by Henri Nouwen at 5:30 p.m. on February 25, March 4, March 11, and March 18 in Cartwright Hall. Sign-up begins February 4.

PALM SUNDAY

Join us for a Procession of Palms and Worship service on Sunday, March 25 at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary as we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Enjoy a light supper on Thursday, March 29 at 6 p.m. as we come together in fellowship in Cartwright Hall. At 7 p.m., we will move to the Sanctuary for Worship and Communion in memory of Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the meal, please contact Stefanie in the church office.

EGG HUNT

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Hazelwood is Saturday, March 31! Kids up to grade 5 will meet in Sulanke Commons at 10 a.m. to search for those elusive Easter Eggs filled with candy.

If you would like to donate candy, or volunteer to help stuff Easter Eggs, contact Rev. James in the church office.

EASTER SUNDAY

He Has Risen!

Join us in Worship on Sunday, April 1 at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

Youth that complete the Inquirers' Class will be baptized during the service.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

Our new neighbors want to have us over! Our church, in 2017, sold what we knew then as the Sulanke Fellowship House to Parlour Salon. As you've come and gone from church you've probably seen trucks and the signs of workers there rehabbing the place to be used for their business. They've put a lot of love, effort, and money into beautifying the place, and they're going to be open for business in February.

They want to welcome the church to see what they've done. On Sunday, February 18, after worship, they're inviting us over to the mansion for a reception. Instead of our regular Coffee Fellowship, we'll head right over there to Parlour. They'll have some finger foods for us, and this will be a chance to see what our neighbors have done with the place. We're very grateful to Parlour for this generous invitation, so let's head over there on February 18 and say hello to our neighbors.



MUNCIE MISSION'S ANNUAL **walk a mile in my shoes**

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.

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

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VBS 2018

Mark your calendar for the week of July 9-12! Children from 3 years through 5th grade will join us in HERO CENTRAL from 5:30–8 p.m. Preregistration forms will come out in May and will be available on our website.



For our older youth and all adults, we would love to see you join the proud ranks of volunteers who help make VBS happen. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mariangella Glaze or Rev. James. We will have a meeting soon for those wishing to lead stations so we can plan ahead and have time to gather needed resources.



February 4-10, 2018

- SUNDAY
 - Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
 - “Change for Change” Collection, Sulanke Commons
- WEDNESDAY
 - Praise Band Rehearsal, 9:30 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
 - Chick-fil-A Spirit Night Preschool Fundraiser, 5-8 p.m.
- SATURDAY
 - Walk-A-Mile in My Shoes, 9 a.m., Horizon Convention Center

February 11-17, 2018

- SUNDAY
 - Worship Service, 10 a.m., Cartwright Hall
 - Valentine’s Carry-In, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
- MONDAY
 - Missions & Benevolence, 4:30 p.m., Chapel
- WEDNESDAY
 - Praise Band Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
 - Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room
 - Ash Wednesday Service, 7p.m., Sanctuary
 - Choir Rehearsal, Following Service, Choir Loft
- THURSDAY
 - Epiphany Program Meeting, 7 p.m., Cartwright Hall
- FRIDAY
 - Men’s Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall (Host: Gene Dobson)
- SATURDAY
 - S.A.R., 10 a.m., Cartwright Hall



Looking Ahead...

February 18, 2018

Week of Compassion Offering
Reception at Parlour, After Worship
Tater’s ‘N Talent, 5 p.m., Cartwright Hall

February 19, 2018

Presidents’ Day– Church Office Closed

February 23, 2018

Preschool Registration Open to Community

February 25, 2018

Lent Soup & Study Begins, 5:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall

March 1, 2018

Jones Scholarship Applications Due to the Church Office

MUNCIE ACTION PLAN

“The Muncie Action Plan (MAP) is a strategic guide expressing the values and aspirations of the Muncie community. It contains five Task Forces that include action steps to create positive change. MAP3 is the next stage of the existing MAP effort. Please join us for a meeting to discuss the current community efforts. There will be light refreshments, and children are welcome!”

~Lisa M. Dunaway & MAP Board of Directors

Meeting Dates & Times:

- 1) Thursday, February 1
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Ross Community Center, 1110 W. 10th St. Muncie, IN 47302
- 2) Thursday, February 8
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Unitarian Universalist Church, 4800 W. Bradford Dr. Muncie, IN 47304
- 3) Thursday, February 15
6:30-8:30 p.m.
The Buley Center, 111 N. Penn St. Muncie, IN 47303
- 4) Thursday, February 22
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Ross Community Center, 1110 W. 10th St. Muncie, IN 47302