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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

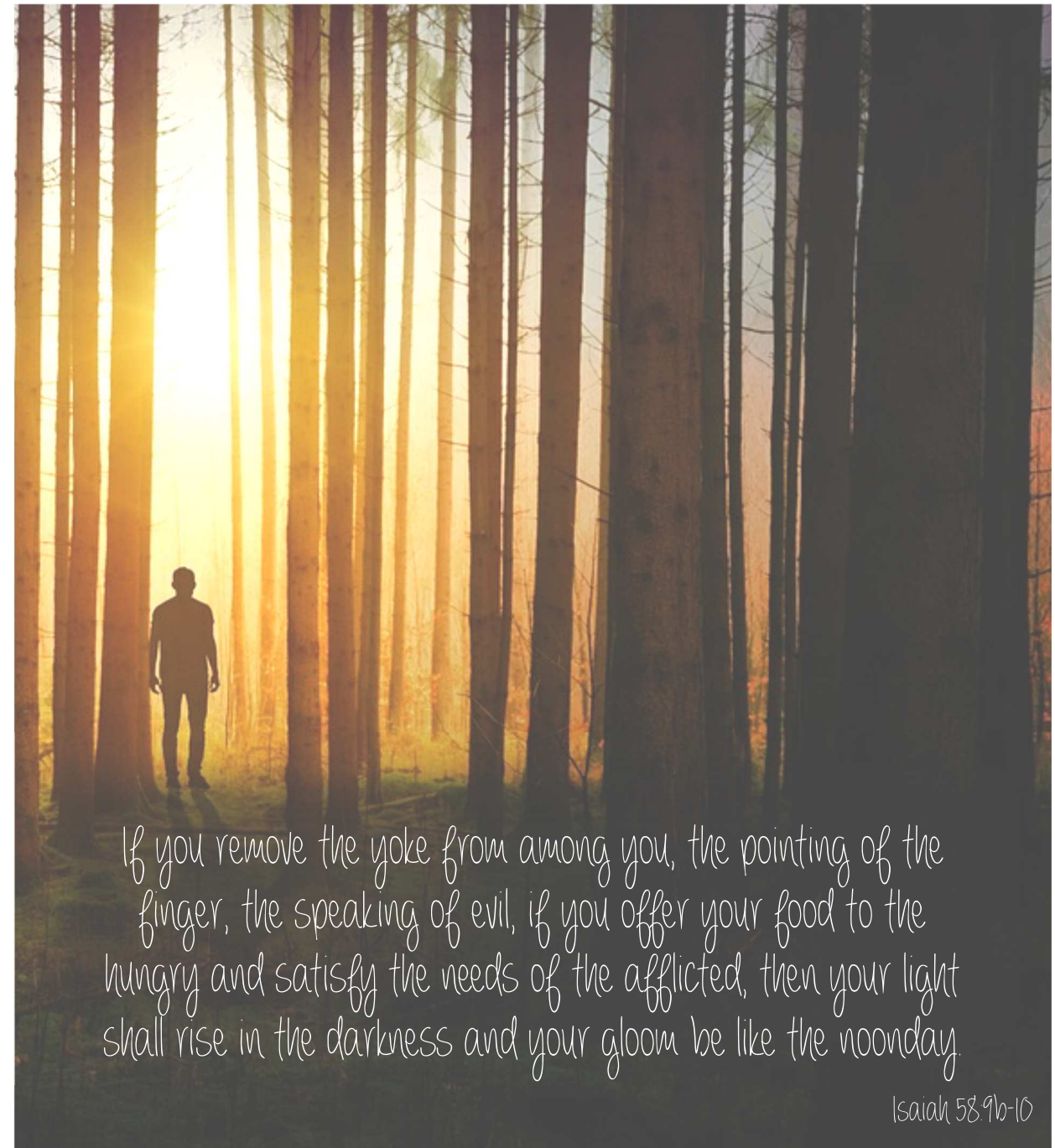
March 15 & 29

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



# HAZELWOOD LEAVES

March 1, 2018



## **BUDGET UPDATE**

**Offerings Received for Week Ending 2/20/18: \$5,646.00**

**Offerings Received for Week Ending 2/27/18: \$4,320.40**

**Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$4,496.57**

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

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

*\*Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



The **2017 Treasurer's Annual Report** is now available in Sulanke Commons



- ♦ David Cartwright is a patient at IU Methodist in Indianapolis as he recovers from back surgery.
- ♦ Ellen Edmonds has been released from the hospital and is now in rehab at Bethel Pointe.

## **EPIPHANY PROGRAM**

Our congregation is excited to participate in the Hope Partnership Epiphany Program. This program will allow Hazelwood to take a look at not only who and what we are, but where it is we want to go as we look to the future. Everybody is welcome to be involved with this process as we build a stronger, more viable Hazelwood.

There is good news regarding how the church will be paying for the \$6,000 cost of participating in this program. The Disciples of Christ Regional Office in Indianapolis has generously agreed to pay one-half of the fee. The Hazelwood Board of Trustees has agreed to pay the remaining half using funds received over the years from memorial gifts given in memory of beloved Hazelwood members who have passed away. What a wonderful way for our past members, who loved this church, to participate in a program that will guarantee a stronger Hazelwood for the future!

For more information on the Epiphany Program, you can visit their website at <http://www.hopepmt.org/epiphany>. There is also a bulletin board in Sulanke Commons with details on the process, our progress through it, and what lies ahead for us.



I want you to put down a couple dates in your calendar. The first is **April 28 & 29**. This will be the date of our **first Epiphany Process retreat**. It'll happen here at the church building through the day on Saturday and also on Sunday afternoon. The goal of this first retreat is to move us outside of a "managing the church" model of ministry to a "transforming the community" model. We'll be engaging in exercises that'll have us thinking about how we are to be church in this new time in which we're living. More details will follow, but be sure to save those dates in your calendar now.

The second date is **July 8**. 2018 is **Hazelwood's Sesquicentennial**, which means we've been around as a church for 150 years. This seems like something worth celebrating, so we're going to do it on July 8. More plans will come, but part of that day will involve opening a time capsule the church buried 25 years ago. Some of you were around for that day, and some (like me) have come along since then, but we'll all have fun seeing what the church of 25 years ago wanted us to see this year. We'll have a special Sunday that day as we celebrate what God has already done here and what God is yet to do.

These are some important days for our church's life, so I hope you'll make plans to be a part of them.

Grace & peace,  
Jason Jones

## **ALL-CHURCH WORK DAY**

Hazelwood is blessed with such a beautiful property, and it takes all of us to keep it at its best! Join us Saturday, March 17, from 9 a.m.-Noon, for the first All-Church Work Day of 2018. We'll meet in Sulanke Commons for donuts, coffee, and juice before we start assigning tasks.

ALL are encouraged to participate as we shake off winter in anticipation of the spring season and all of the wonderful activities it brings to Hazelwood: Palm Sunday, Day of Prayer, the annual Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Sunday, Preschool Sunday, and so much more! Sign up in Sulanke Commons after worship to let us know you'd like to help.

**Everybody is needed!** There are many things to be accomplished to get our church and grounds ready to welcome all during these exciting upcoming church and community events!





## **EASTER IS COMING - TIME TO DECORATE!**

It will soon be time to decorate our church with the lovely lilies and other decorations for Spring and Easter. If you would like to help by donating an Easter Lily in memory, or in honor, of someone this year, please fill out the form below, and send it to the church office with your check, or drop it in the offering plate on Sunday (to make it easier for our bookkeeper, please make your check separate from your regular offering). We will not be able to take telephone orders. Each gift is \$15, and you will be entitled to take a lily home with you after Easter. Names will be listed in bulletins on Easter morning.

*Thank you!*

### **Easter Decoration Gift Order**

**Deadline to receive orders is Sunday, March 18, 2018.**

**# of Lilies ordered (@\$15 each)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Given by** \_\_\_\_\_

**In memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

**In honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please enclose check, payable to Hazelwood,  
in the amount of \$15 for each gift (lily) ordered.**

## **SEASON OF LENT AT HAZELWOOD**

### **LENT SOUP & STUDY**

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

### **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.

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

Join your neighbors for a Community Service at Noon on Friday, March 30 at Union Missionary Baptist Church, 1100 N. Macedonia Ave.

### **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.

# LENT PRACTICES 2018

Do each practice for each day as a way of experiencing Lent.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>FEB 14</b> Attend Ash Wednesday worship or have a special time of prayer to begin Lent.	<b>15</b> Make a point of praying for people in need.	<b>16</b> Do something kind for a neighbor.	<b>17</b> Fast from desserts or snacks today.
<b>18</b> Write someone a note of appreciation.	<b>19</b> While grocery shopping buy something for those in need.	<b>20</b> Fast from gossip.	<b>21</b> Give some extra time for prayer.	<b>22</b> Fast from second helpings at meals today.	<b>23</b> At the end of the day reflect on your reasons for thankfulness in the day.	<b>24</b> Give to a charity.
<b>25</b> Go through your closets and give away what you don't use or need.	<b>26</b> Fast from screen time (except what's needed for work or school).	<b>27</b> Fast from desserts.	<b>28</b> Write a note of encouragement to someone.	<b>MAR 1</b> Don't listen to music or the radio in the car.	<b>2</b> Listen to someone with whom you disagree.	<b>3</b> Let a favorite hymn or praise song run through your mind.
<b>4</b> Reflect on 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, the scripture reading in worship today.	<b>5</b> Say something encouraging to another.	<b>6</b> Pay attention to someone you might have ignored.	<b>7</b> Avoid criticizing others.	<b>8</b> Fast from worrying.	<b>9</b> Seek forgiveness from someone you may have hurt.	<b>10</b> Speak less and listen more.
<b>11</b> Take over a disliked chore from a family member.	<b>12</b> Spend time in silent prayer.	<b>13</b> Pray for health and joy for a political leader with whom you disagree.	<b>14</b> Learn about a part of the country or world that is struggling in poverty or from the effects of disasters.	<b>15</b> Go out of your way to compliment someone.	<b>16</b> Tell someone you love him or her.	<b>17</b> Eat simple meals today.
<b>18</b> Think of an old friend and give him or her a call.	<b>19</b> Fast from fast food or junk food.	<b>20</b> Fast from television.	<b>21</b> Read and reflect on Psalm 131.	<b>22</b> Pause and appreciate something beautiful.	<b>23</b> Show love to an enemy.	<b>24</b> Give an unexpected gift to someone.
<b>25</b> Give something away.	<b>26</b> Buy coffee for another.	<b>27</b> Fast from complaining.	<b>28</b> Allow another to help you where you have a need.	<b>29</b> Attend Maundy Thursday Worship.	<b>30</b> Join in the Good Friday prayer vigil.	<b>31</b> Be silent for 30 minutes and remember Jesus in the tomb.
<b>APR 1</b> Celebrate the resurrection.						

## **Words on Worship** **From the Worship Team**

On Good Friday we have the opportunity to keep a prayer vigil as part of Hazelwood's observance of Lent. This "Day of Prayer" begins at 6 a.m. on March 30 and lasts until 6 p.m. Please consider choosing a 30-minute portion and indicate when you sign up if you plan to pray in our Chapel (the room off the lectern-side of the Sanctuary) or at home. The Chapel will have devotional literature and a Bible available.

Setting aside a portion of time for prayer on this particular day of Holy Week is a poignant and meaningful experience. Sign-up begins on Sunday, March 11 after the service. Look for the "Day of Prayer" board in Sulanke Commons.

## Preschool

### Thanks

Thank you to everyone who came out to our Chick-fil-A Spirit Night. We raised \$153.00 and, thanks to an additional donation, raised a grand total of \$203.00. We had a great turnout! It filled my heart with joy to see so many families of the preschool and congregation there. What a great night of fellowship and sharing a good meal together.

~Angie Lopez, Preschool Director

### Looking Ahead

**March 12 & 14** Parent-Teacher Conferences, 2-3 Year-Old Classes

**March 26-30** Spring Break– No Classes

**April 16-20** Spirit Week

**April 29** Preschool Sunday

**May 8** Teddy Bear Tea, 10:45 a.m., 2-3 Tuesday & 3-4 Year-Old Classes

**May 9** Teddy Bear Tea, 10:45 a.m., 2-3 Year-Old Wednesday Class

**May 11** Picnic on the Playground



### TATERS 'N' TALENT

The annual youth fundraiser was a huge hit this year, raising \$392 to go toward our summer missions trip to *Give Kids the World*, an amazing experience our youth are very excited to participate in.

It was an evening full of good food and great entertainment. Thank you to all who were able to attend! A special thanks to those who donated items, helped with the set up and clean up, and those who shared their talents. It was certainly a night to remember!

### ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Children through 5th grade are invited to join us on Saturday, March 31 for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! We will gather in Sulanke Commons at 10 a.m. before beginning the hunt for the elusive eggs on the lawn (if the weather isn't cooperating, the eggs will be hidden inside). Afterward, we will gather together again in Sulanke Commons for a special Easter prize awarded in each age group.

There are many ways you can help us get ready for the Egg Hunt:

- 1) Donate candy to fill the plastic eggs. Keep in mind the candy will need to fit in the regular size plastic eggs, so nothing too large please.
- 2) Help stuff eggs on Sunday, March 25 after the worship service, or stuff eggs at home. If you stuff them at home, please indicate the type of candy or appropriate age group (we want to avoid hard candy for the 0-3 year-olds).
- 3) Help hide the eggs before or help supervise the hunting grounds during the big event! We will meet in the Rotunda at 9 a.m. to begin hiding eggs.

If you would like to help, or have any questions, contact Rev. James in the church office.







## NOTES OF APPRECIATION

“Dear Friends,

Thank you for your participation in Muncie Mission’s 14th annual “Walk a Mile in My Shoes” fundraiser. We always look forward to an event that will raise the awareness of the plight of the homeless and also provide funding for the Mission to be able to minister in a positive and loving way.

We anticipate a great day! Some will walk, some will sponsor walkers, while others will send gifts. Whatever your role, you are a meaningful part of this February 10th event, and we are grateful for your help making it a tremendous success. The Mission residents are already blessed and amazed at the early participation on their behalf. When YOU GIVE... WE GIVE. Thank you so very much.”

~Frank Baldwin, Executive Director, Muncie Mission

“Thanks for the recent donations of toiletries, towels, and kitchen items.”

~Watasha Barnes Griffin, Executive Director, YWCA

~Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team

## TEACHER RECOGNITION

In any church, the role of teacher is a vital one. We are very fortunate here at Hazelwood to have so many who are willing to take on this role in its many forms. They lead bible study groups, teach Sunday School, direct our choirs, guide our youth, and work with the littlest of our congregation in the nursery. Those who have taken on these monumental tasks this past year include: Aurora Bennett, Laura Bennett, Anissa Conley, Gene Dobson, Mary Dobson, Mary France, Sally Geib, Adam Glaze, Andrew Glaze, Mariangella Glaze, Rev. Jason Jones, Mary Ann Matchett, Nlandu Matuka, Bill Moser, Rev. James Petty, Andy Rees, Brynmar Rees, Wendy Rees, Rachel Smith, Julie Thomas, and Vicki Vance. Our deepest appreciation goes out to this great group of teachers!

There are always new opportunities arising for teachers here at Hazelwood. Contact Rev. James for information on how you can get involved!



SUNDAY

- Worship Service and Teacher Recognition, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
- Soup & Study, 5:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall

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

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 11. Remember to turn your clock **forward** 1 hour on Saturday night before you go to bed!



## March 11-17, 2018

SUNDAY

- Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
- All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
- Soup & Study, 5:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall

WEDNESDAY

- Praise Band Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Sanctuary
- Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft

THURSDAY

- Preschool Team, 10:30 a.m., Chapel

FRIDAY

- Men’s Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall (Host: Yeno Matuka)

SATURDAY

- All-Church Work Day, 9 a.m., Sulanke Commons
- Diaconate “Polishing Party”, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
- Youth Summer Mission Lunch & Meeting, Noon, Cartwright Hall



## Looking Ahead...

### March 29, 2018

Maundy Thursday Dinner, 6 p.m., Cartwright Hall  
Worship Service, 7 p.m., Sanctuary

### March 30, 2018

Day of Prayer

### March 31, 2018

Easter Egg Hunt, Hazelwood Lawn, 10 a.m.

### April 1, 2018

Easter Sunday Worship, 10 a.m., Sanctuary