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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

March 29
April 12 & 26

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



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

March 15, 2018



BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 3/6/18: \$5,406.30

Offerings Received for Week Ending 3/13/18: \$4,210.50

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$4,335.44

Average Weekly Need: \$5,790

Jan 2018 Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$988.28)*

**Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



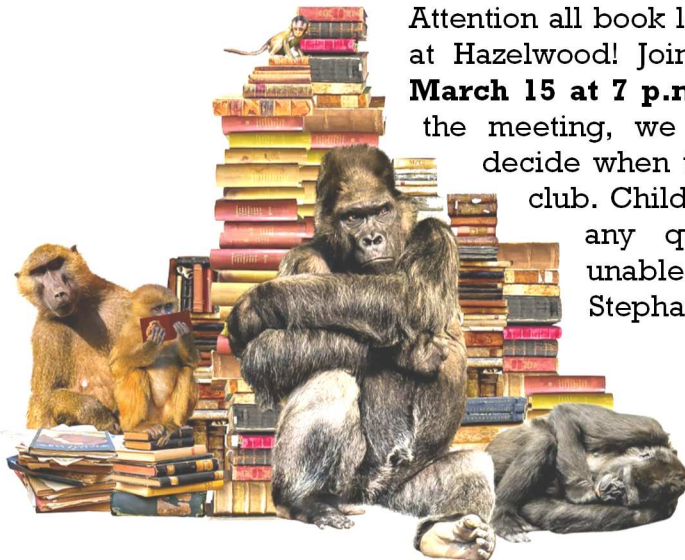
The **2017 Treasurer's Annual Report** is now available in Sulanke Commons



- ◆ David Cartwright is at Westminster Village, Cooper Vista, as he recovers from back surgery.
- ◆ Larry Rees is back home after a brief hospital stay.
- ◆ Sympathies to Ron & Faith Smith and family on the passing of both Faith's sister, Cathy Dupont, and Ron's mother, Marlene Smith, this past week.

HAZELWOOD BOOK CLUB

Attention all book lovers: A new book club is starting at Hazelwood! Join us for the first meeting today, **March 15 at 7 p.m. in Sulanke Commons**. During the meeting, we will determine book selections, decide when to meet, and discuss ideas for the club. Childcare will be provided. If you have any questions or are interested but unable to make this first meeting, contact Stephanie Farra at safarra18@gmail.com.



Here's a heavy one for you: death. It's what I've been thinking about. Not for any particular reason; I don't plan on an appointment with it soon, but I've been thinking about it. Maybe because it's Lent, and we walk with Jesus to the cross, and death is there in the journey. We'll get to Easter eventually, but Good Friday stands on the path to it, a reminder that before new life happens death must happen, too. Part of the good news proclaimed in Christian faith is hope even in death. Paul asks in 1 Corinthians 15: "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?", knowing that death doesn't achieve the final victory. Death does, though, score a point in its losing effort, and the point is a large one. The life I know now will, sooner or later, have an ending point.

Death, though, brings unexpected gifts. For those suffering through significant illness it means an ending point to suffering. Death brings clarity, too. When we know death is out there we think about how we're using the time we have, and it makes us be intentional about that time. Death, too, allows us to let go of things and allow an openness to new life. When we accept death, we accept that some things die and, in the process, give space for new life to happen.

The strange thing I've noticed through the years is churches don't do death well. I'm not talking about the death of individual lives, but I mean churches don't let things that are a part of the church's life die well. We want to hang on forever to programs and parts of church life that are no longer effective; we have a hard time letting things die. You've probably seen this: a church hangs on to a program years after it is effective, not wanting to let that piece of the past die. It's when a church allows things to die that new life can come. We forget that we're Easter people, that God is a God of a new life. To get to Easter, though, requires us to go through Good Friday. When we allow space for death, it may be the space in which God brings new life.

We're beginning the journey through the Epiphany Process, where we're thinking very intentionally about who we are as a church, what we're doing, and what God calls us to be. Through this process we may mourn the death of some things; we may be called to let some things go. Paradoxically, that may be the place where God brings an Easter miracle of new life.

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 this 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!

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!



Words on Worship From Pastor Jason

I remember having to explain to someone that when I was saying “Maundy Thursday,” I wasn’t saying “Monday Thursday.” His brain interpreted the “Maundy” as “Monday.” Then the follow-up question was, “What does Maundy mean?” I explained that Maundy comes from the Latin version of “mandate.” When Jesus, in John 13:34 says, “A new commandment I give you: love one another,” some translations say, “A new mandate I give you.” John 13, where Jesus washes feet, is usually the scripture reading for that date, so the name Maundy Thursday has stuck.

So, you’re thinking, what happens at Maundy Thursday worship? It’s the day when we remember Jesus gathered with his disciples in the upper room for a Passover feast. We remember that night with a celebration of communion. The Gospel of John tells us Jesus washed his disciples’ feet on that night, so some churches share in the ritual of foot washing (we have a handwashing). Many times this service ends with a Tenebrae service, where candles are extinguished as we hear the story of Jesus’ arrest and death.

Maundy Thursday worship is one of the most beautiful and solemn worship services we have, and I’ve found people experience the power of that night in Jesus’ life as we share in the service. I know you’ll be blessed by attending, and our Maundy Thursday Worship happens this year on March 29 at 7 p.m., and we have a dinner before the worship at 6 p.m. I hope to see you there for this special worship.

~Jason Jones

SEASON OF LENT AT HAZELWOOD

LENT SOUP & STUDY

Pull up a chair as we enjoy a bowl of soup and wrap up our journey into *The Way of the Heart* by Henri Nouwen at 5:30 p.m. on March 18 in Cartwright Hall.

LENTEN SERVICE

Christian Ministries invites you to attend a Lenten Service at High Street United Methodist Church on Wednesday, March 21 at Noon, followed by a light lunch.

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.

GOOD FRIDAY

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

Here at Hazelwood, we recognize Good Friday with our Day of Prayer, as we form a continuous chain of prayer from 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Sign up in Sulanke Commons for a half-hour time slot to spend in prayer either in our Chapel at the front of the Sanctuary, or in the comfort of your own home.

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.



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 wrapped 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 Sulanke Commons 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.



Looking Ahead

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 Wednesday Class
May 11	Picnic on the Playground



AYF (ALL-YOUTH FELLOWSHIP)

Many youth and parents may be wondering, "Why is AYF important?" Simply put, AYF is important because when we share a meal and play games together, we are building relationships with God, with each other, and with the members of the church who so generously provide the meals. These relationships keep our youth connected to the church and provide a network of support they can rely on when life gets tough, not only as youth, but later in their lives as adults.

During AYF, we start our time together by sharing a meal. Afterward, we break down into smaller groups for our Bible study time. This enables us to have lessons that are relevant to the lives of the youth in each age group.

Our Kindergarten through 5th Graders are at a time in their lives when their abilities to learn and absorb information is at a peak. We believe this is an important time for them because the things they learn now form the foundations of their characters and life choices. Our lessons are designed to help them lay those foundations through fun activities and interactive discussion.

Our older youth, in middle and high school, are at an age where they are forming their own unique identities in relationship to all that is around them. We believe it is important to equip our youth to understand how to live their best, without compromising their characters, values, or beliefs as they deal with the culture and pressures around them each day. The topics for these groups are driven by the youth, not the leaders. In fact, we encourage our youth to find their voice by bringing relevant topics to the table and leading the discussions.

Regardless of whether you are a youth, a parent, or simply a member of the congregation, if you would like to be involved with AYF see Rev. James after worship or contact him in the church office. There is always room at the table!

**Train Children in the right way, and
when old, they will not stray.**

Proverbs 22:6



DISBURSEMENTS

\$250 was donated to each of the following organizations:

- ♦ Southside Middle School, Panther Pantry
- ♦ Whitely Community Council for the Community Gathering Place
- ♦ A Better Way
- ♦ Christian Ministries

HAZELWOOD ANGELS

Thanks to the following people who helped with Christian Ministries' Food Pantry on either February 28, March 1, or March 2: Stephanie Farra, Rev. Jason Jones, Mary Ann Matchett, Dick Miller, Jim Reece, Nancy Reece, and Jim Warner.

~Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'

And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

Matthew 25:35-40



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.

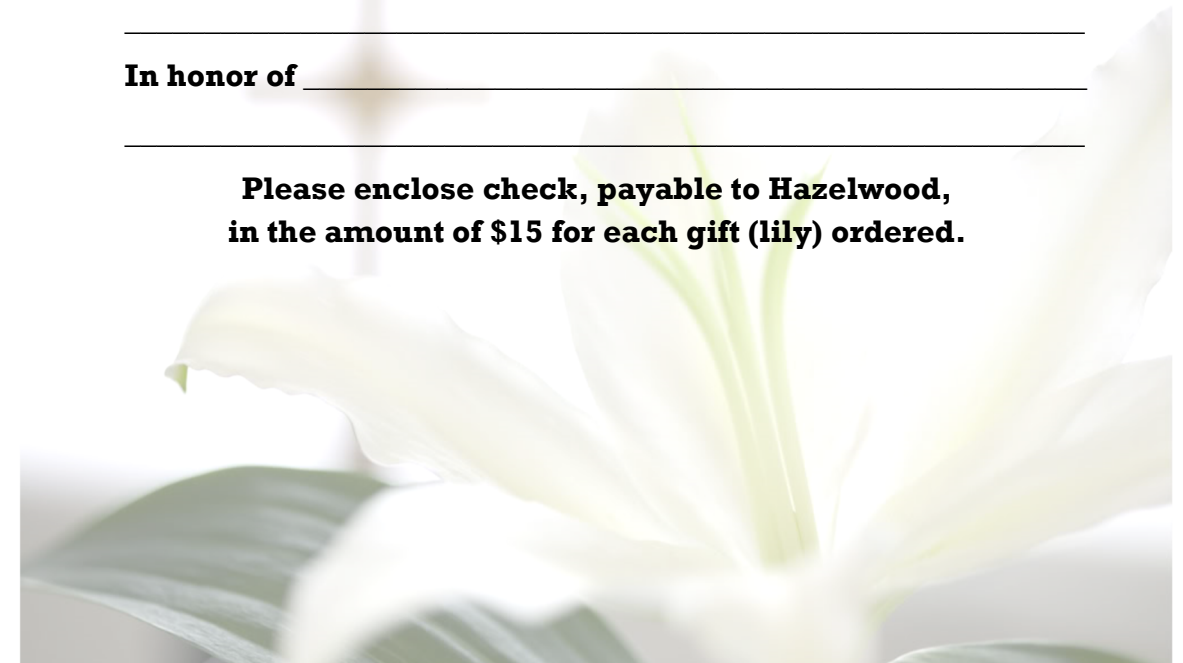
of Lilies ordered (@\$15 each) _____

Given by _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

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





March 18-24, 2018

- SUNDAY
- Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
 - Soup & Study, 5:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall
- MONDAY
- Area Ministers, 10:30 a.m., Chapel
- TUESDAY
- Trustees, 5:30 p.m., Chapel
 - Board, 7 p.m., Cartwright Hall
- WEDNESDAY
- Praise Band Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
 - Christian Ministries' Lenten Service, Noon, High Street United Methodist Church (219 S. High St.)
 - Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room
 - Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft

March 25-31, 2018

- SUNDAY
- Palm Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
 - All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
- MONDAY
- CWF, 2 p.m., Morrison Woods, Room 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
- THURSDAY
- Maundy Thursday Dinner, 6 p.m., Cartwright Hall
 - Worship Service, 7 p.m., Sanctuary
- FRIDAY
- Hazelwood Day of Prayer, 6 a.m.– 6 p.m.
 - Good Friday Community Worship, Noon, Union Missionary Baptist Church (1100 N. Macedonia Ave.)
- SATURDAY
- Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m.



Looking Ahead...

April 1, 2018

Easter Sunday Worship, 10 a.m., Sanctuary

April 17, 2018

Trustees, 5:30 p.m., Chapel
Big Picture Team, 7 p.m., Chapel

April 20, 2018

Men's Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall
(Host: Don Crose)

April 21, 2018

Habitat for Humanity Work Day

April 28 & 29, 2018

Epiphany Retreat

April 29, 2018

Camp Registrations Due
Preschool Sunday, 10 a.m., Sanctuary

GRIEF GROUP

A six-week adult grief group is being offered through Indiana University Health. Anyone experiencing grief due to a death is welcome to attend. The group will meet at the IU Health Ball Memorial Cancer Center (2401 W. University Ave., Conference Room C) from 6-7:30 p.m. every Wednesday evening beginning April 11 and ending May 16. The cost is \$10 per family unit. Scholarships are available, just ask when you call to register for the group.

To register, please call IU Health Ball Memorial Hospice at (765) 747-4273 or 1-800-458-2255 on or before April 9.

Facilitators:

Abbie Guthrie, Hospice Chaplain, IU Health Ball Memorial Hospice
Anurita Sarin, Mental Health Counselor, IU Health Cancer Center