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Sunday Schedule: Worship Service, 10 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship, 11:15 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

April 12 & 26

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

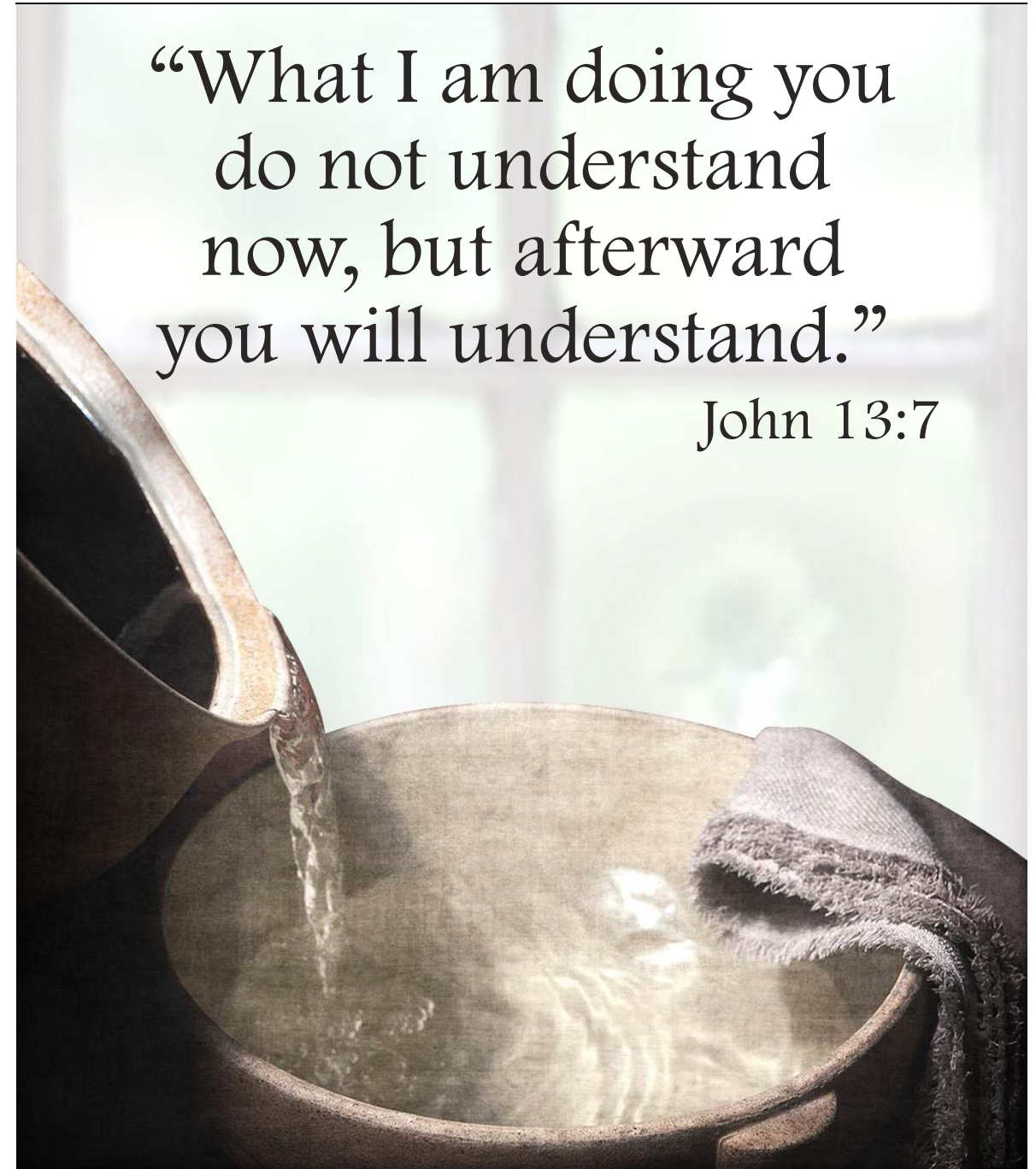


HAZELWOOD LEAVES

March 29, 2018

“What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.”

John 13:7



BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 3/20/18: \$4,478.50

Offerings Received for Week Ending 3/27/18: \$4,401.40

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$4,563.42

Average Weekly Need: \$5,790

Jan.-Feb. 2018 Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$84.98)*

**Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



- ♦ John Burke, our Property Manager, has been released from IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.
- ♦ David Cartwright is now home from Westminster.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

"Thank you for your prayers for our Son-in-Law, Gary. His back surgery was a success."

~Gene & Mary Dobson

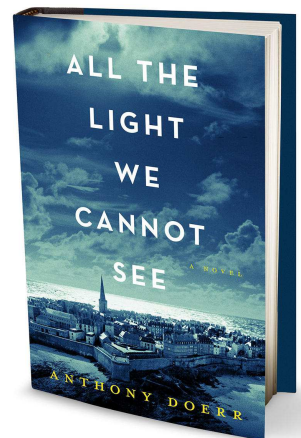
HAZELWOOD BOOK CLUB

Attention all book lovers!

The next meeting of the Hazelwood Book Club will be on Thursday, April 26 at 7 p.m. in Sulanke Commons.

We will be discussing *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. It was published by Scribner on May 6, 2014 and won the 2015 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the 2015 Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction.

Childcare will be provided. If you have any questions, or are interested in joining in on the fun, contact Stephanie Farra at safarra18@gmail.com.



ALL-CHURCH WORK DAY

Special thanks go out to all who showed up to help with the All-Church Work Day and Deacon Polishing Party on Saturday, March 17: Aurora Bennett, Kent Farra, Jason Jones, Jay Matchett (Jay couldn't make it on Saturday, but came by earlier in the week to tackle some of our tasks!), Dick Miller, Marcia Miller, Rhea Morgan, Bill Moser, James Petty, Logan Petty, Stefanie Petty, Jason Ratts, Landon Ratts, Maggie Ratts, Jim Reece, Andy Rees, Brynmar Rees, Jairen Rees, John Starnes, Glen Sulanke, Jim Warrner, and Ann Wolfe. We were especially blessed to also have 2 members of the Ball State Circle K group helping out! The weather was a bit cold and damp, but a lot was accomplished both inside and out! There is still more work to be done outside, so be on the lookout for another All-Church Work Day as the weather gets warmer (and hopefully drier!).

If you aren't able to help out during All-Church Work Days, but would still like to do your part as a good steward to our church, contact John Burke or Stefanie Petty in the church office. With such a wonderfully large property, the to-do list is never ending, and volunteer help is always welcome!!



A few years ago I mowed the grass on Easter. It was the first mowing of the year. I guess I am a lawn-care geek, because I was as excited about it as I was for Easter egg hunts when I was six. The grass was green, and there were some longer, shaggy spots, so I busted out the mower and gave it a quick cut. It was fresh and even for rains that came on Easter evening. I don't cause the grass to grow; rain, sun, warmer weather, and the gift of life within the grass itself make for the growth. I only tend the growth, and I was more than happy to do so on an Easter afternoon.

We don't cause the gift of life we celebrate through the season of Easter. Life is God's gift. Those who found Jesus alive on the first Easter did not cause Jesus' new life; it was God's gift. Their job was to celebrate it and share the news. God's life is a bit like the growing grass; I don't cause God's life, but what I do with it is my choice. I can bottle it up, or I can embrace it, celebrate it, and share it. May we all be good keepers of God's life this Easter and always!

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones

SEASON OF LENT AT HAZELWOOD

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Enjoy a light supper tonight 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 Good Friday Worship Service at Noon on 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. If you didn’t have a chance to sign up for a time slot, that’s OK! You can still participate at home whenever is convenient for you. Simply find yourself a quiet place and spend some time in prayer, praise, and contemplation.

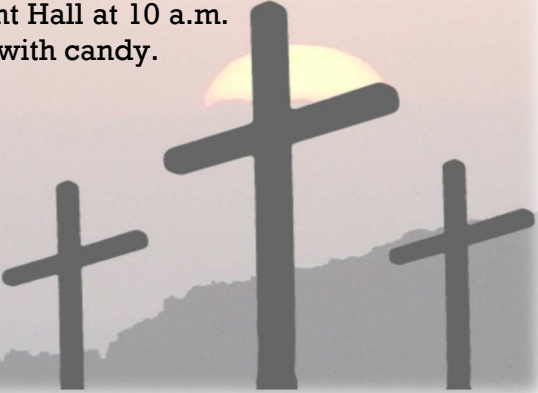
EGG HUNT

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

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.



EASTER LILIES WERE GIVEN...

In honor of...

Ruth Griffey & Family (Dave, Heather, Grant & Emilee)
Our Children
Grandchildren, Eden and Felix Sulanke
The Kiron Family (Molly Moser) and The Carlton Family (Michael)
Jenny Weller
Suzanne, Ryan, Kara, & Rachel Tucker and Tony, Melissa, Chase, & Chloe Ritchie

From

Donna Dye
Gene & Mary Dobson
Glen Sulanke
Bill & Dee Moser

Bob & Sue Weller
John & Carolyn Starnes

Easter Lilies continued...

In memory of...

William & Thelma Bowman and Eunice & James Miller (parents)
Lee Dye
Herbert & Suzan Myers and Ron & Vera Thomas
Rev. Peter Shults
Betsy Shults
Sugar Rees
Deceased Family Members
Dean Herberling
Don Jean Lanning & Other Family Members
Billy G. Ritchie
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Cathy Dupont (sister)
Marlene Smith (mother)
Robert & Frances Sulanke
Stanley & Evelyn Bartlett (parents)

Harry & Lydia Williams (grandparents)

Bob Garrett
Amanda Kay Cartwright
Floyd, Esther, & Maxine Firestone and V.G. & Ruth Moser
Doris & Maurice Jennings and William Weller
Willa & Mary Jane Stacker and Herbert & Ruby Miller
Tom Morgan
Helen Hartley
Sue Reece
John Wean
Lloyd & Buna Starnes and Jim & Bea Insley
Marjorie & Ken Wantz
Charles & Virginia Ingram

From

Shirley Bookout

Donna Dye
Ron & Julie Thomas
The Rees Family
The Rees Family
The Rees Family
Gene & Mary Dobson
Kelly Heavilon
Mary Alice Lanning
Bill & Leah Ritchie
Jeff, Kathy, & Josh Clary
Ron & Faith Smith
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Bob, Betsy, Thom, & Glen
Jeane Garrett, Elaine Wulff, and Mary Strubbe
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Jeane Garrett, Beth, and Nancy
David & Susan Cartwright
Bill & Dee Moser
Bob & Sue Weller
Dick & Marcia Miller
Rhea Morgan
Jim & Nancy Reece
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John & Carolyn Starnes
Woody & Molly Wantz
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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 Cartwright Hall 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 Cartwright Hall for a special Easter prize awarded in each age group.

To all those who donated candy and helped to fill the eggs this past Sunday, thank you! This great community event wouldn't be possible without you.

There are still two BIG ways to help: Hiding the eggs and helping to 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

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
May 15	Last Day of School for 2-3 Tuesday Class
May 16	Last Day of School for 2-3 Wednesday Class
May 17	Last Day of School for 3-4 Year-Old Classes May Program, 6:30 p.m., 2-3 & 3-4 Year-Old Classes
May 18	Last Day of School for 4-5 Year-Old Classes
May 21	Graduation Practice, 9 a.m., 4-5 Year-Old Classes Graduation Ceremony, 6:30 p.m., 4-5 Year-Old Classes



SUMMER MISSIONS TRIP

It's hard to believe we are only 4 months away from our Summer Missions Trip to *Give Kids the World*. A trip of this magnitude requires a lot of planning, and I am happy to say the plans are moving forward on schedule! Plane tickets have been purchased, rental vehicles have been reserved, and the house we will be staying at has been rented.

Though the experience at *Give Kids the World* is invaluable to our youth and youth sponsors, there is, unfortunately, a significant cost involved in a trip like this. In anticipation of this, the youth have been hard at work raising the funds needed. I am very proud of their efforts, and I am happy to report that they have already raised \$6,000 for this trip through events like our Fall Bazaar, 'Taters 'n Talent, and a disbursement from our Permanent Fund. We have some exciting new fundraisers planned over the next few months, so keep an eye on upcoming newsletters for details!

Participating in fundraisers is only a part of how our youth are financing their trip. Missions work and helping others starts at home, and our youth will be earning money towards their trip to *Give Kids the World* through volunteer hours here at Hazelwood and out in the community. They will each receive \$5 per service hour worked (\$10 per service hour if it is something promoted through our church), up to a total of \$400 per person. So far, the youth have turned in over 200 service hours during the last few months! Those hours were spent ringing bells for The Salvation Army, helping out at Hazelwood during All-Church Work Days, running camps for kids, working with the homeless, and volunteering with Habitat for Humanity. These service hours come from their involvement with Hazelwood and other groups like 4H, sports teams, Student Council, and National Honors Society.

Give Kids the World is an incredible experience for all involved, and our youth know this trip wouldn't be possible without the support of the congregation. It's not just your financial help that is appreciated; your prayers, kind words, and listening ears mean so much! Our youth are our future, and we have the privilege of helping shape that future through the faith and values we impart. Please join me in encouraging our youth to keep up the great work!

~James Petty
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NOTES OF APPRECIATION

“Dear Hazelwood Christian Church,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$250 to the Whitely Community Council.

As you know, needy families and individuals in our community go without proper food, shelter, and essential medical care every day due to a variety of factors including low wages, job loss, injuries, illness, age, domestic violence, or divorce. While all of us are susceptible to hard times, children and the elderly are at the most risk, and they make up the largest number of the residents we serve.

In 2018 we are raising the funds to renovate over 20,000 sq. ft. of building space at 1208 E. Centennial Ave. for the introduction of a space that will provide a location for many new resources for the community. Some of the possibilities for this location include: educational classrooms, health care, a neighborhood gathering space, art installations, festival locations, food pantry, banquet rooms, and more.”

~Ken Hudson, Executive Director, Whitely Community Council

“Dear Hazelwood Christian Church,

A Better Way is very grateful for your support of \$250. We so highly value the partnership with churches that care for the wounded and abused in our community. Thank you for reaching out to help.”

~Keith Doudt, A Better Way

WINNIE’S KIDS

During the month of April and continuing through May 6, we will be accepting donations to help ‘Winnie’s Kids’ in Kenya. Each donation received will be matched, up to a total of \$1,000, from the Missions & Benevolence Sulanke Trust. Please mark all contributions ‘Winnie’s Kids,’ place it in either a red-bordered or pew envelope, and add it to the offering plate during Sunday morning worship (if writing a check, it would greatly help our bookkeeper if you write a separate check from your regular offering). We will present Winnie with our offering on ‘Kenya Day,’ Sunday, May 13. There are great needs in Kenya, so please prayerfully consider how you can help ‘Winnie’s Kids.’

~Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team



April 1-7, 2018

- SUNDAY • Easter Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
- 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

April 8-14, 2018

- SUNDAY • Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
• 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
- FRIDAY • Preschool Team, 10:30 a.m.



Looking Ahead...

- 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
- April 21, 2018**
Habitat for Humanity Work Day
- April 26, 2018**
Book Club, 7 p.m., Sulanke Commons
- April 28 & 29, 2018**
Epiphany Retreat

April Birthdays

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|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| 1 Lee Anne Chambers | 8 Dick Fraizer | 19 Evelyn Hahn |
| 2 Dick Miller | 10 Lukau Matuka | 20 Cheryll Crose |
| Nancy Reece | 11 Laura Rowe | Faith Smith |
| 6 Jenny Grove | 13 Betsy Cartwright | 23 Logan Petty |
| Charles Retherford | Joan Gordon | Jim Reece |
| 7 Vicki Vance | 15 Warner Van Fleet | 27 Seth Dickson |
| Molly Wantz | 18 Alayne Retherford | 28 Bill Ritchie |

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