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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

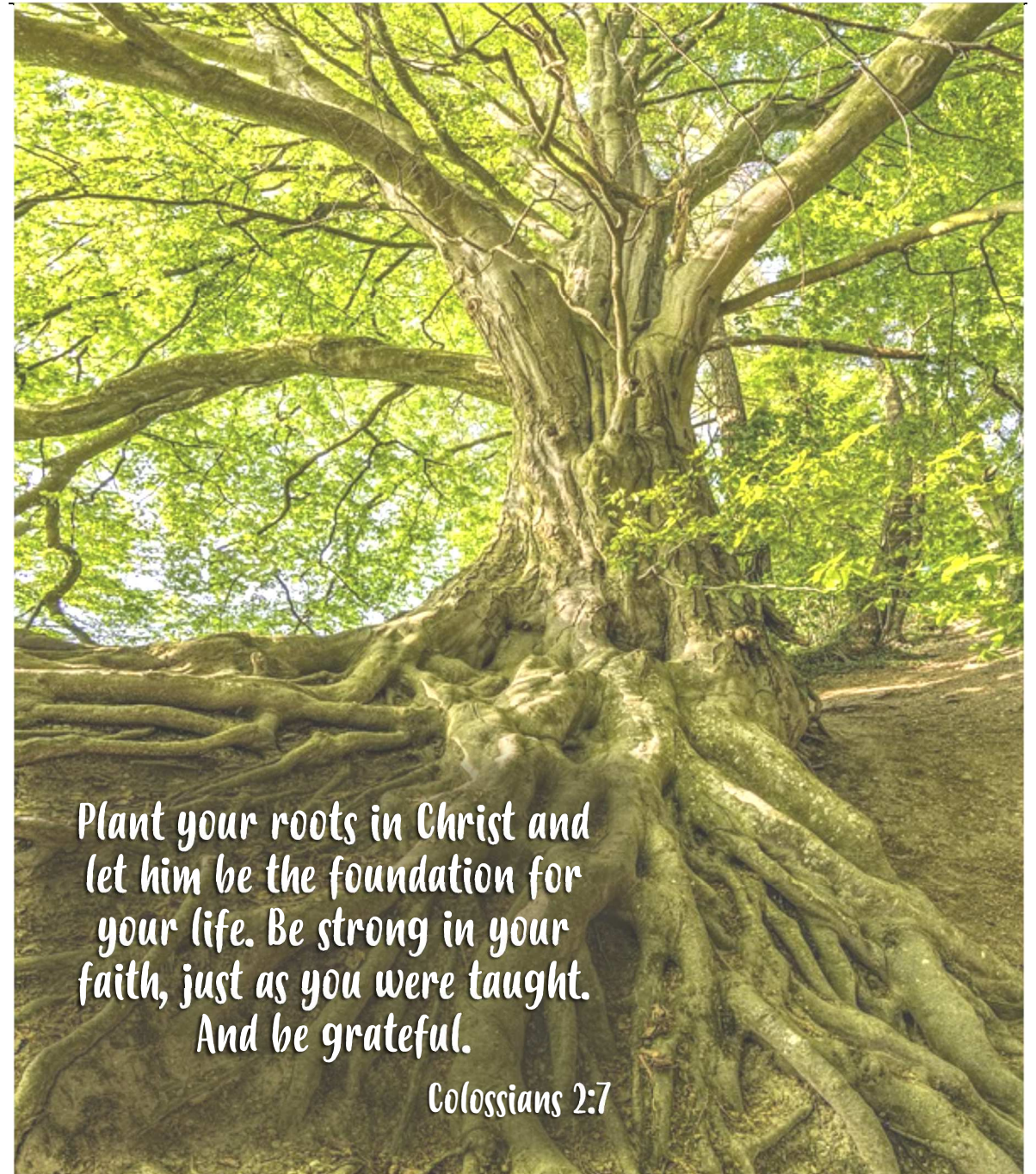
July 5 & 19

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



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

June 21, 2018



Plant your roots in Christ and let him be the foundation for your life. Be strong in your faith, just as you were taught. And be grateful.

Colossians 2:7

BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 6/12/18: \$4,418.50

Offerings Received for Week Ending 6/19/18: \$4,181.50

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$3,761.24

Average Weekly Need: \$5,790



Jan.-May 2018 Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$5,078.36)*

**Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



Congratulations to Brian & Elizabeth Matchett on the birth of Luke Robert Matchett on June 11 in Indianapolis. Proud Hazelwood grandparents are Jay & Mary Ann Matchett.

- ♦ Judy Thomas has been released from the hospital and is recovering from her surgery at home.
- ♦ Geneva White has been released from the hospital.
- ♦ Louise Maley is a patient at St. Vincent Hospital in Anderson.
- ♦ Ruthanne Devroy is having knee surgery today (June 21).

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 Adam Moudy	7 Sonny McCoy	14 Pat Patterson
3 Ruth Mangas	Maggie Ratts	Austin Sulanke
Wanda Storms	Julie Thomas	20 Fran Kirk
5 Jason Hahn	11 Krisha Conley	21 Sonja Rees
Jason Ratts	12 Tori Foster	29 John Clark
		30 Greg Emmanuel
		Jason Jones

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



I'm the type of person who prefers to work out of the spotlight rather than to be the one leading the parade on any issue. I know it sounds funny for someone who speaks in public every week, but I'd rather quietly work for what's right than announce it through a megaphone. All of that means I'm usually not the first leading the charge on whatever issue of the day. I know many pastors who quickly write letters to the editor and preach from the pulpit about the significant issues of the moment. Maybe it's wrong, but that's never been my style. There are issues, though, where I know I can't stay silent. Sometimes the person inside me who'd rather quietly work behind the scenes has to take a back seat to the person who needs to speak out. I'm at a moment like that now.

Over the past week or two it's come out in the news that our country is separating immigrant families at our border. Families who are trying to enter our country without documentation have been separated and children of these families kept separate in detention centers. Certainly we can, as people who believe in the welcoming, transforming love of God, say this practice is wrong. I can't imagine what is going through these families' minds right now as children don't understand what has happened, and parents don't know where their children are. Imagine being a child separated from your parents, or imagine your young child taken away from you. Surely we can all agree this practice is immoral.

Our country has, in the past, prided itself on being a moral nation. We've known ourselves as being a "city set on a hill," an example of liberty and fairness to the rest of the world. Can I say I've seen our country take a step away from that ideal, though, where we're more likely to blame the outsider and the person seeking a place of safety and freedom here? I realize we need laws to govern who comes to our country and how, and those who enter this country need to understand these laws, but diverse voices from people like Oprah, Laura Bush, and Franklin Graham, as well as faith leaders of many different denominations have joined in saying this practice of separating families is wrong.

There are times when I can't stay silent, and this is one. This practice of separating children from families is wrong.

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones

P.S. Our Sesquicentennial Celebration will be on Sunday, July 8. This is a big deal for us, and we have some exciting things planned. I hope to see you there!

EPIPHANY PROCESS: UPDATE

Our Epiphany process is moving forward! We had our second retreat on June 8 & 9, with a smaller group of eleven church leaders meeting to work with Bill Lawser, our retreat leader. We spent a lot of time looking at the evaluation of our congregation that was created by Hope Partnership. This evaluation looks at where our congregation is and what the needs of our community are. Also, a few in the retreat went out and interviewed community leaders, asking them what they saw the needs of Muncie to be. Participants in the retreat all spent some time writing a future story for the congregation, an example of what the future might be for our church.

These future stories were very hopeful, where we envisioned ministries and opportunities for our congregation. I heard lots of hopes for ministries that reach out to the needs of Muncie in these stories. A smaller group, made up of Tony Gill, Ann Wolfe, Rev. James, and me, is now at work distilling these stories into one story that we can present to the congregation. We'll, sometime in the near future, be presenting what we think can be the future story of our church, a direction we're headed. We'll also be presenting a capacity plan to go with the story, a nuts and bolts explanation of how we think this story can happen.

I believe Hazelwood Christian Church has a vibrant story ahead of it. I have a friend, Rev. Cynthia Langston Kirk, who says, "Never underestimate the power of a story." She's right; a powerful and moving story can motivate us toward a positive future. I'm excited how the Epiphany Process will lead us into that story.

~Jason Jones

"PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY" SUNDAY

This year we will celebrate "Prayer for Our Country" Sunday on July 1. We will have our worship service in the Sanctuary at 10 a.m. After the service, we will have an Ice Cream Social in Cartwright Hall. It doesn't get much better than ice cream sundaes on a summer afternoon!

SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: SUNDAY, JULY 8

Our congregation was started in 1868. That means 2018 is our sesquicentennial year, and we are going to celebrate on Sunday, July 8! Rev. Carolyn Reed from the Disciples Regional Office will be joining us. There will be a special lunch for the congregation after worship. We will open the time capsule buried by our congregation years ago, giving us a glimpse into the Hazelwood of the past, and fill a new time capsule to be opened by the Hazelwood of the future. Those are just a few of the many special ways we will mark this joyous occasion. Please be sure to join us for this momentous day!



PEW DIRECTORY

Have you ever found yourself sitting in the pew on Sunday morning trying desperately to put a name to the face in front of you? To help with this frustrating moment, we now have two copies of the Hazelwood Pew Directory in each pew that contain only photos and names. Next time you find yourself scratching your head to match a face to a name, flip through the Pew Directory and greet that person by name!

If you need a complete e-Directory emailed to you, please let the church office know: (765) 282-5969 or hazelwoodchurch@gmail.com.

Thank you to the Christian Life Team for helping with this project, to Madeleine White for taking many of the photos, and to Stefanie Petty for doing the formatting of both versions of the directory.

THE HEROES OF THE HAZELWOOD OFFICE

Everyone likes to think they have what it takes to do it all. In reality, it often takes the coordinated effort of many hands to make things come together and operate smoothly, and the daily operations of the Hazelwood office are certainly no exception!

We are incredibly fortunate to have some great volunteers who take a few hours of their time each week and bravely battle the front lines at the reception desk: Cheryl Crose, Rita Horton, Dee Moser, Molly Wantz, and Elaine Wulff (and recently, Stephanie Farra and Jim Warrner spent some time at the desk). They are the owners of the friendly voices you hear answer the phone when you call and the smiling faces you see when you stop by. Without them, the day-to-day work of the Hazelwood staff would be much more difficult to accomplish! Many of these fine people have been at this for years, and each one of them holds a special place in the hearts of the Hazelwood staff for all they do.

There are a few open shifts at the reception desk we would love to see filled! If you are free on Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday mornings from 9 a.m.-Noon, or Wednesday afternoons from 1-4 p.m. during the winter months (December-April), please prayerfully consider helping out.

If you would like to volunteer, or have any questions about what the receptionists do during their shifts, contact Stefanie in the church office or by email at hccspetty@gmail.com.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Christmas in July is back! **Starting July 1**, and continuing every Sunday through the end of July, we will be collecting non-perishable items for Christian Ministries Food Pantry. Please bring items to place under the Christmas Tree in Sulanke Commons.

Items needed include:

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| Boxed Pasta Dinners | Toilet Tissue |
| Hamburger Helper | Shampoo |
| Tuna Helper | Toothbrushes |
| Cereal | Toothpaste |
| Peanut Butter | Bath Soap |
| Macaroni & Cheese | Diapers |
| Canned Fruit | |

**Canned fruit and boxed dinners are especially needed!*

Thank you for your generosity!

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Wow! Our first session of summer camp is going so fast! As always, God is so good, bringing just the right amount of children for just the right amount of staff! We have been very busy this summer learning about dinosaurs, construction, and what happens on a working farm.

We will turn our focus for the next few weeks to camping, community helpers, ocean friends, and much, much more! We still have a few spots left, so don't delay, register today!

LOOKING AHEAD

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| May 29-June 29 | Summer Camp, 1st Session |
| July 2-13 | Summer Break, No School |
| July 16-August 17 | Summer Camp, 2nd Session |
| August 20 | Teacher Work Day |
| August 21-24 | ELC will be open (child must be registered in advance!) |
| August 22 | Orientation, 2-3 & 4-5 Year-Old Classes |
| August 23 | Orientation, 3-4 Year-Old Classes |
| August 27-31 | ELC will be open (child must be registered in advance!) |



MISSIONS TRIP

From June 23-29 our Summer Missions Trip will find our Youth in Florida at *Give Kids the World*, where everything is aimed at giving the families there time together and allowing the children to smile and rediscover joy. There are various ways we will spend our time there, from serving food and ice cream to running rides and entertaining the children at various attractions. To learn more about GKTW, please visit their website at www.givekidstheworld.org. Those participating this year are:

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| -Aurora Bennett | -Dylan Mofield | -Jairen Rees |
| -Rylan Craycraft | -Tori Long | -Wendy Rees |
| -Adam Glaze | -James Petty | -Taryn Sallee |
| -Andrew Glaze | -Andy Rees | -Kara Tucker |
| -Mariangella Glaze | -Brynmar Rees | -Rachel Tucker |

INVESTING IN OUR YOUTH

The Youth Missions Trip this summer will be an amazing experience that will allow participants to learn and grow in their faith. You can share in this wonderful opportunity, too, with an investment in our Youth and their Missions Trip. You can purchase Certificates of Stock in our Summer Missions Trip for \$10 per share. As an investor, you will be invited to attend the Missions Trip Stockholder's Dinner on Sunday, August 5 (one share = one seat at the table). During the dinner, the return on your investment will be realized as we take you on a journey to *Give Kids the World* through stories and pictures from the trip. This will be a more in-depth presentation than the one we will present to the congregation on August 12 during the worship service. You will even have an opportunity to ask questions about our experience.

Stock shares can be purchased from our Youth, or in the church office. Please make your checks payable to Hazelwood Christian Church, and write "Youth" on the memo line. Thank you for your support!



VBS 2018: JULY 9-12



VBS is nearly here, and good times are guaranteed to be had by kids and adults alike! We are still in need of a few more adult volunteers. Whether you would like to help out in a specific area, or simply volunteer to float wherever you may be needed each night, we can use your help! If you would like to be a part of this exciting week, contact Rev. James in the church office, or Mariangella Glaze at (765) 760-8449.



NOTE OF APPRECIATION

“Dear Hazelwood,

We here at the YWCA of Muncie were so honored to receive the \$300 contribution that you made to our organization. Every day your contribution helps to provide shelter services and advocacy for women and children throughout Central Indiana without a place to call home. Food, hygiene products, bedding, health and wellness, economic empowerment, and other essential services aid those we serve as they begin the transition from crisis living to self-sufficiency.

The YWCA of Muncie is on a mission to create real change. Thank you for joining us as we endeavor to continue eliminating racism, empowering women, and assisting those without a home to call their own.

Once again, we say thank you. Our staff and residents sincerely appreciate being able to count on your support.”

~WaTasha Barnes Griffin, Executive Director, Muncie YWCA

HEARTS & HANDS UNITED GIVEAWAY

Saturday, July 28, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Fairgrounds Memorial Building

This event is for children that live and attend school in Delaware County. Goals are to provide school supplies and a NEW pair of shoes for students who are not able to afford them. Each organization that helps has one size, one gender– that way there will be enough shoes in each size to meet the needs of the Back to School Distribution on Saturday, July 28.

Hazelwood has been asked to provide 50 NEW pairs of BOY’S/MEN’S SIZE 5 ATHLETIC SHOES. We will be collecting now through Sunday, July 22. There will be a tote in the Rotunda for the donated NEW BOY’S/MEN’S SIZE 5 ATHLETIC SHOES. Please remove shoes from boxes, tie laces together, and place in the tote. Thanks!

For more information, contact Shirley Bookout at (765) 744-1207.



~Thank you and Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team

June 24-30, 2018



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| SUNDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary• Master Gardener’s Tour, 2-5 p.m., Hazelwood Community Garden |
| MONDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Area Ministers, 10:30 a.m., Chapel• CWF, 2 p.m., Morrison Woods, Room #101 |
| FRIDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Youth Return from Summer Missions Trip |

July 1-7, 2018

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| SUNDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Prayer for Our Country” Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary• Ice Cream Social, After Worship, Cartwright Hall |
| WEDNESDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Independence Day - Office Closed |



LOOKING AHEAD...

July 8, 2018

Hazelwood Sesquicentennial Celebration, After Worship
VBS Decorating, After Celebration

July 9-12, 2018

VBS, 5:30-8 p.m.

Registration forms available in Sulanke Commons and on the church website!

July 17, 2018

Trustees, 5:30 p.m., Chapel
Board, 7 p.m., Cartwright Hall

July 20, 2018

Men’s Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall (Host: Gene Dobson)

July 23, 2018

Area Ministers, 10:30 a.m., Chapel
CWF, 2 p.m., Morrison Woods, Room #101