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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](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

July 19  
August 2, 16, & 30

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



# HAZELWOOD LEAVES

July 5, 2018

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 3:17



## **BUDGET UPDATE**

**Offerings Received for Week Ending 6/26/18: \$4,508.40**

**Offerings Received for Week Ending 7/3/18: \$4,777.30**

**Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$4,604.24**

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

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

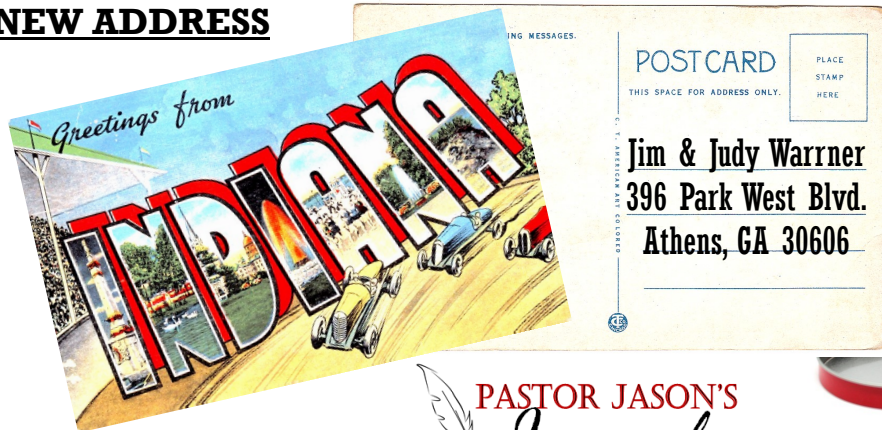
*\*Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



Congratulations to Mason & Courtney Saab and big sister Kyleigh Ann on the birth of Madison Emory in Houston, TX on June 21. Proud Hazelwood Great-grandma is Shirley Bookout.

- ♦ Faith Smith is a patient at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.
- ♦ Ruthanne Devroy and Louise Maley are both home from the hospital.
- ♦ Bill Patterson is now at Morrison Woods.

## **NEW ADDRESS**



PASTOR JASON'S  
*Journal*



It's been over a year since our church moved out of the Sulanke Fellowship House. The sale on it closed last September, and Parlour Salon started its business there this year. With leaving it, a whole lot of changes have happened with the physical space our church uses, and we needed to relocate our offices. We moved our offices to temporary office space in the basement, and we did it with the expectation that we would build office space.

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*Pastor Jason's Journal, continued...*

The Trustees have been working over the past year to make a plan for this new office space. A friend of mine from NW Indiana who owns a construction business was gracious enough to donate architectural services, and with the help of an architect we created a plan for an office wing which would have sat where the existing playground is, with access to the building through the little used doors outside the kitchen and Cartwright Hall. In May we put the plans out to bid and secured three bids for construction. When we began the process, many told us a reasonable expectation was \$100 to \$125 a square foot for new construction. With that expectation we were hoping for a project costing around \$225,000. When we received the bids for construction the lowest was \$360,000 and the highest was \$480,000. These prices did not include the cost of relocating the playground. We realized the project would probably, when all was completed, cost over \$400,000. These prices would have required the church borrowing money, and with the church reaching to meet its basic financial needs this year, the Trustees voted to not go forward with the new construction.

We do recognize, though, that the temporary office space we've created in the basement isn't suitable as a long-term solution. The Trustees agreed to hire an architect or space expert to work with us on converting existing space within our building into permanent office space. There are many ideas on how to do that, but look for news soon on how we might use some of our existing space to make permanent offices.

Can I say something encouraging here? I know when a plan doesn't become a reality people get depressed or worried, but let me say something encouraging. I believe our church has a vibrant future ahead of it. We have people who love God and love the community, and you've shown me you're committed to the life and future of Hazelwood Christian Church. One thing I've been saying is our church has a rich future ahead of it, but we'll need to operate leaner than in the past. We're entering new times to be church, and in the future churches will probably have less money and fewer people than they might have had in the past. Does that mean churches will be less significant? Absolutely not. We still have good things to do; it only means we'll do so understanding existing and coming generations are less likely to attend or give to a church, and that means we adapt how we operate so that we can be effective for the future. So as I see us choosing not to take on an expensive construction project, I look at this and say, "This may be a good thing, because it teaches us to be creative with the resources we already have rather than stretching to meet something we may not be able to afford."

Through all this, too, I'm trusting God will lead us, and I look forward to what might be.

Grace & peace,  
Jason Jones

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## **SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: SUNDAY, JULY 8**

Our congregation was started in 1868. That means 2018 is our sesquicentennial year, and we are going to celebrate this coming 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 25 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 a just a few of the many special ways we will mark this joyous occasion.

Be sure to join us for this momentous day as we celebrate Hazelwood as it was, Hazelwood as it is, and the hope of what Hazelwood will be!



## **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

## **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: Cheryll 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](mailto:hccspetty@gmail.com).



## VBS 2018: POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT YEAR

Over the first half of this year, our VBS Director, Mariangella Glaze, and several leaders of key VBS stations have been planning the VBS for this summer. We have been excited about Hero Central and the good news it will bring to every one.



As the time for VBS got closer, a lot of things have happened in our leaders' and the church's lives along with other scheduling conflicts that have kept us from being able to successfully host and present VBS this year. After talking with the VBS Director and several key leaders, we unanimously felt it best to postpone this VBS program until next year. Refunds will be issued starting next week for those who already paid the registration fees.

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

As school is quickly approaching, I am doing lots of tours and talking with families. We have a couple of families in great need of a scholarship to help with tuition. I am asking for you to pray for God to help make a way to help these families find a way to send their child to a Christian preschool. A place where they not only get top of the line education, but more importantly, they get to hear the word of Jesus and learn what a wonderful God we have. If there is anyone who feels God calling them to help a family in need, please let me know as soon as possible. Remember, no amount is too small to help a child in need.

~Angie Lopez

## LOOKING AHEAD

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!)
September 4	First Day of Class for 2-3 Tuesday & 3-4 Year-Old Classes
September 5	First Day of Class for 2-3 Wednesday & 4-5 Year-Old Classes

# Youth News

## MISSIONS TRIP

The Youth Group and Sponsors would like to thank Hazelwood for helping to make this year's Missions Trip successful. Despite the rain, humidity, and hot weather, our youth had an awesome time at *Give Kids the World* serving the families there and helping them make wonderful memories to last a lifetime.

We look forward to sharing our stories and adventures with every one in on August 12 during worship. There will be an extended presentation at our Youth Stockholder's Dinner on Sunday, August 5. If you would like to be a Youth Stockholder, shares are still available for \$10. Look for our Youth during Coffee Fellowship this Sunday or contact the church office to purchase shares. Though our trip is over, we are continuing to raise money to help pay for those last-minute and unexpected expenses, as well as raising funds for our next Missions Trip.

(Photo: Hazelwood Youth Group with GKTW Mayor Clayton and wife, Ms. Merry)







July 8-14, 2018

### CHRISTMAS IN JULY

The Missions & Benevolence Team is collecting items for Christian Ministries' Food Pantry each Sunday in July under the Christmas Tree in Sulanke Commons. There is a constant need of replenishment, especially at this time of the year.

Items needed include:

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!



### 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

SUNDAY

- Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
- Sesquicentennial Celebration, After Worship

WEDNESDAY

- Band, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary

July 15-21, 2018

SUNDAY

- Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

- Band, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary

FRIDAY

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



**LOOKING AHEAD...**

**July 23, 2018**

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

**August 1, 2018**

Elders, 5:30 p.m., Chapel

**August 2, 2018**

Worship Team, 7 p.m., Chapel

**August 5, 2018**

Youth Stockholders' Dinner, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall

**August 9, 2018**

Hazelwood Book Club, 7 p.m., Sulanke Commons