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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

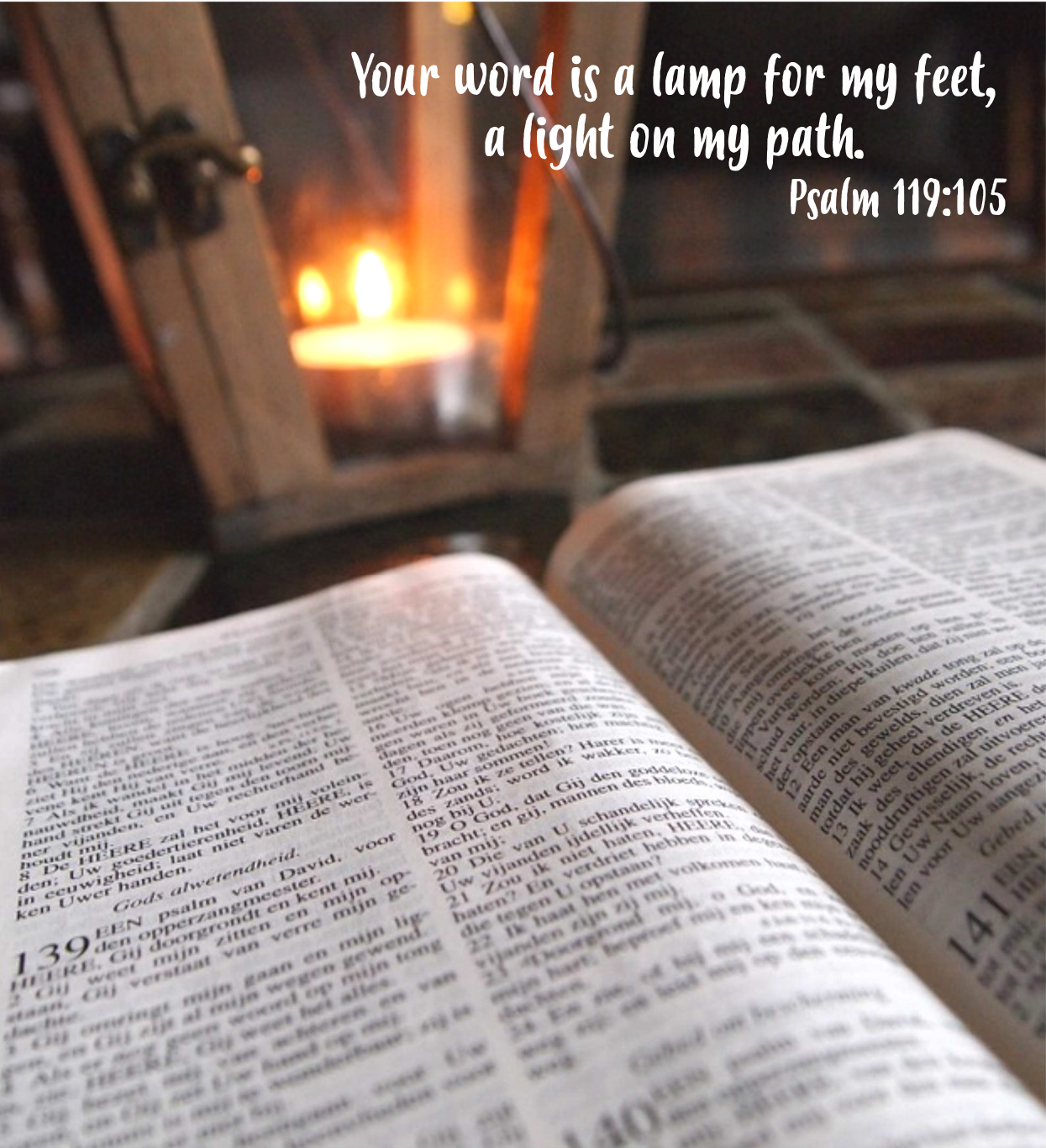
August 30  
September 13 & 27

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

# HAZELWOOD LEAVES

August 16, 2018

Your word is a lamp for my feet,  
a light on my path.  
Psalm 119:105



## **BUDGET UPDATE**

**Offerings Received for Week Ending 8/7/18: \$3,995.50**

**Offerings Received for Week Ending 8/14/18: \$4,650.50**

**Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$4,692.08**

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

**Jan.-June 2018 Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$11,217.83)\***

*\*Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



- ♦ Tom Schnuck has been released from the hospital and is now at Signature Healthcare of Muncie.
- ♦ Judy Thomas has been released from the hospital.
- ♦ Mary Alice Lanning is a patient at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.

## **PROPERTY WORK DAY**

As you know, we try to schedule a Property Work Day every few months in order to keep our buildings and grounds looking their best. As the saying goes, “many hands make light work,” and our Work Days have proven to be a great way to join together in fellowship and service to Hazelwood.

Our next Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, August 25 from 9 a.m.-Noon (donuts, coffee, and juice will be available in Sulanke Commons at 8:30 a.m.) Our focus for this day will be our garage. Over the years, our garage has served, in part, as a storage area for unused items. As time passed, those items grew in number. We now find ourselves with an overgrown mess of a storage shed rather than a functional garage where tools are easy to find and projects can be completed easily. It won’t be fixed in one day, but together we can give our Property Team, John and Randy, a jump-start in getting things cleaned up and organized!

Sign-up in Sulanke Commons after worship. We hope you’ll answer the call for “all hands on deck” as we strive to be good stewards of the property God has blessed us with.



During the season of Lent, about seven or eight years ago, I took up a different discipline. Usually people fast from something during Lent or do something like pray more, but I chose to, once a week, take someone out to lunch for the purpose of hearing his or her faith story. I had some prepared questions like “Where did your faith begin?” or “When did you meet some challenges in your faith journey?”, but after asking them I let the conversation go its own way. I was looking over some notes from those conversations recently, and I was surprised by the power and significance of those conversations. I learned a few things from them:

- 1) People like to have the chance to share their faith story if given a safe opportunity.** We usually, in normal conversation, talk about the weather or sports or other small-talk, and talking about our faith journeys usually doesn’t enter the conversation. What I found, though, is an eagerness to talk about knowing God when given the opportunity. We need to find ways we can share and hear each other’s stories of faith.
- 2) We understand our faith journey through sharing it.** A couple of times individuals said something along the lines of “I never thought of it this way before, but . . .” Through talking about it, we come to understand how God has been with us, which again leads me to say we need to find ways to talk about our faith story. Our sharing helps us understand.
- 3) Faith often grows through relationships.** Many times I heard about a significant relationship that allowed for knowing God better. A mentor, a friendship, a relationship that stretched understandings--these are often the connections that help us grow in faith in God.
- 4) Faith grows in times of crisis.** I’ve not found many fans of the bible verses, James 1:2-3, which say: “My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it pure joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance.” But, at least in the stories I heard, it often was true. Faith is resilient, and those crisis times often lead to a deeper faith. So, if we find ourselves in a rough patch in life, know that it can be an opportunity to grow in knowing God.

You have a story, and I would love to hear it sometime. Part of my job as a pastor is listening to people’s faith stories and helping them see where God has been in it. I’m always ready to hear more about your story. Stop by sometime at the office or when I’m keeping Tuesday afternoon hours at The Caffeinery (1-2:30 p.m.), and I’d love to hear your story of faith.

Grace & peace,  
Jason Jones  
2018 0816



## GETTING INVOLVED

Getting involved in church beyond Sunday morning worship helps you grow closer to your church family and closer to God. Have you been looking for new ways to get involved here at Hazelwood? Here are just a few of the many opportunities currently available:

**Bell & Vocal Choirs:** All are invited to join the Hazelwood Bell Choir or Vocal Choir. Bells meet every Wednesday at 6 p.m., and Vocal Choir meets every Wednesday at 7:15 p.m., beginning August 22. If you would like more information, contact our Director of Choirs, Sally Geib, at smkg07@gmail.com.

**Church School Teachers:** We are looking for teachers, helpers, and substitutes for Church School on Sunday mornings during part of the worship service. Teachers rotate monthly and are provided curriculum. If you would like to volunteer to help teach, contact Rev. James in the church office.

**CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship):** This group of women is hosted by Jeane Garrett at Morrison Woods, Room #101, on the 4th Monday of the month at 2 p.m. If you are interested in joining them or have any questions, contact Mary Dobson at (765) 281-9132.

**Meal Coordinator:** Often times after a funeral service, family and friends will gather in Cartwright Hall for a light meal. We are looking for someone who is willing to coordinate these meals. This person would be in charge of finding volunteers to come in and help prepare the meal, serve, and clean up afterwards. This is a great opportunity to be a blessing to others at a time when they need the support of their church family the most. Contact Stefanie in the church office for more information or if you would like to volunteer.

**Men's Lunch:** This group of men meets in Cartwright Hall on the 3rd Friday of the month at Noon for lunch and fellowship. The group takes turns hosting and preparing the meal. If you are interested in joining them or have any questions, contact Gene Dobson at (765) 281-9132.

**Receptionists:** We are in need of a receptionist to help answer phones and greet visitors on Friday mornings from 9 a.m.-Noon. If you would like more information or to volunteer, please contact Stefanie in the church office.

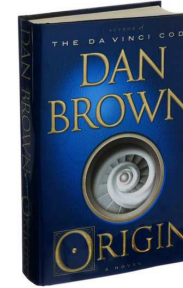
**Youth Sponsors:** We are looking for individuals interested in being part of the leadership of our elementary, middle, and high school youth. Youth Sponsors in the past have helped with anything from teaching during All-Youth Fellowship to planning or chaperoning various events. Contact Rev. James in the church office to learn more about this opportunity.

There are many other opportunities throughout the year to get involved here at Hazelwood. If you would like to know more, contact Stefanie in the church office or send an email to hazelwoodchurch@gmail.com.

## BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Hazelwood Book Club will be on Thursday, **September 13** at 7 p.m. in Sulanke Commons. We will be discussing *Origin* by Dan Brown.

From Goodreads.com:



*Robert Langdon, Harvard professor of symbology and religious iconology, arrives at the ultramodern Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao to attend a major announcement—the unveiling of a discovery that “will change the face of science forever.” The evening’s host is Edmond Kirsch, a forty-year-old billionaire and futurist whose dazzling high-tech inventions and audacious predictions have made him a renowned global figure. Kirsch, who was one of Langdon’s first students at Harvard two decades earlier, is about to reveal an astonishing breakthrough... one that will answer two of the fundamental questions of human existence.*

*As the event begins, Langdon and several hundred guests find themselves captivated by an utterly original presentation, which Langdon realizes will be far more controversial than he ever imagined. But the meticulously orchestrated evening suddenly erupts into chaos, and Kirsch’s precious discovery teeters on the brink of being lost forever. Reeling and facing an imminent threat, Langdon is forced into a desperate bid to escape Bilbao. With him is Ambra Vidal, the elegant museum director who worked with Kirsch to stage the provocative event. Together they flee to Barcelona on a perilous quest to locate a cryptic password that will unlock Kirsch’s secret.*

*Navigating the dark corridors of hidden history and extreme religion, Langdon and Vidal must evade a tormented enemy whose all-knowing power seems to emanate from Spain’s Royal Palace itself... and who will stop at nothing to silence Edmond Kirsch. On a trail marked by modern art and enigmatic symbols, Langdon and Vidal uncover clues that ultimately bring them face-to-face with Kirsch’s shocking discovery... and the breathtaking truth that has long eluded us.*

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.

## YOUTH MEALS

We are looking for individuals, families, or groups interested in providing meals for Youth Fellowship. It doesn't have to be fancy, simple is best! In the past, the youth have enjoyed sloppy joes prepared at home, cold cut sandwiches picked up at the store, pancakes and grilled cheese sandwiches prepared in the church kitchen, and meals catered from restaurants like Fazoli's. Regardless of what was served, the youth have always been appreciative for the meal and those who provided it. There will be a sign-up sheet in Sulanke Commons over the next couple of Sundays if you are interested in providing a meal. Please contact Rev. James in the church office for more information or if you have any questions.

**AND THE NOMINATION GOES TO...**

The 2018 Nominating Committee has begun the task of finding candidates among the active participants in the Hazelwood congregation to serve as Officers, Elders, and Deacons to our church. The members of the committee are Shirley Bookout and Marcia Miller (they will serve as Co-Chair), Kathy Clary, Dennis Holmes, and Cheryl McCoy.

Open nominations begin September 23 and go through October 7. If you have any questions, or would like to nominate someone from the congregation for a position, you can contact any member of the Nominating Committee.

**PRESCHOOL NEWS**

It's not too late to enroll your child in our preschool or Extended Learning Center. Space is filling up quickly so don't delay, register today!



**Preschool**

- 2-3 Year-Old Class: \$60 per month
- 3-4 Year-Old Class: \$110 per month
- 4-5 Year-Old Class: \$140 per month

**Extended Learning Center**

- Full-time: \$140 per week
- Part-time: \$75 per week
- Hourly: \$5 per hour

**Infants**

- Full-time: \$195 per week
- Part-time: \$110 per week
- Hourly: \$10 per hour



**LOOKING AHEAD**

<b>August 20</b>	Teacher Work Day
<b>August 21-24</b>	ELC will be open (child must be registered in advance!)
<b>August 22</b>	Orientation, 2-3 & 4-5 Year-Old Classes
<b>August 23</b>	Orientation, 3-4 Year-Old Classes
<b>August 27-31</b>	ELC will be open (child must be registered in advance!)
<b>September 4</b>	First Day of Class for 2-3 Tuesday & 3-4 Year-Old Classes
<b>September 5</b>	First Day of Class for 2-3 Wednesday & 4-5 Year-Old Classes



**THANK YOU!**

On behalf of those who participated on our Summer Missions Trip, I want to thank our stockholders for being a vital part of our experience. Through your generous purchase of Youth Stock, we were able to raise \$945. The words "Thank You" fall short of how truly appreciative we are of you and Hazelwood Christian Church. Your thoughts, prayers, and investments help shape our youth into disciples for Christ. Our youth were stretched and challenged in their own faith and abilities during our time at *Give Kids the World*. Through your support and other fundraisers, the lives of eleven of our youth, four youth sponsors, and countless families were forever transformed.

Thank you for allowing us to share our stories and experiences with you during our Stockholders' Dinner. Your presence showed our youth how much you truly care about them and what they are doing in the name of God and Hazelwood. I know several were not able to attend the presentation, but my hope is you will find time to ask the youth about their experiences.

Thank you, and God Bless,  
Rev. James

**AYF (ALL-YOUTH FELLOWSHIP)**

All-Youth Fellowship is off to a great start! We had a blast at our Back-to-School Pool Party on August 12 as we ate, swam, and started planning some of our upcoming Youth events. AYF will continue to meet every other Sunday through November 19, then meet on the first 3 Sundays in December as we work on our Annual Christmas Box Project.

All youth, from Kindergarten through 12th grade, are invited to join us for AYF as we take a look at how our faith impacts our lives and our community through Bible study, movies, and service projects. For each meeting, we'll start by gathering in Cartwright Hall for lunch at 11:30 a.m. After we've had our fill, we'll continue in fellowship with Bible Study and activities until 1 p.m. We will meet as one big group for some activities and will break up into separate groups for elementary, middle school, and high school when appropriate. If you have any questions about AYF, contact Rev. James in the church office.

\*Keep on eye on the *Youth News* section of future newsletters for details on upcoming Youth events!



## August 19-25, 2018

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| SUNDAY    | • Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary   |
| TUESDAY   | • Trustees, 5:30 p.m., Chapel<br>• Big Picture Team, 7 p.m., Chapel   |
| WEDNESDAY | • Praise Band Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary<br>• Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room<br>• Vocal Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft |
| SATURDAY  | • Property Work Day (Garage), 9 a.m.-Noon   |

### CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES' FOOD PANTRY

Volunteers are needed for **August 29, 30, & 31** to work at Christian Ministries' Food Pantry from 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. For more information or to sign up, please contact Marcia Miller at (765) 730-5552.

### CROP WALK

Hunger and poverty are rampant in our world and escalating in the current economic conditions. Something can, and must, be done about them. Our local CROP Hunger Walk is a great place to start. For a few hours and a few miles, friends and neighbors will come together to, in the words of John 3:18, "love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action."

**When: Sunday, September 23**

**Time: Walk begins at 2 p.m.**

**Where: Hazelwood Christian Church**

As the host church this year, our goal is to get *everyone* involved in this annual walk. We will begin recruiting walkers on Sunday, September 2.



### HEARTS & HANDS UNITED

Every July, Hazelwood collects 50 pair of new, size 5 boy's/men's athletic shoes for the Hearts & Hands United Back-to-School Giveaway. This yearly event is a huge deal to many children who live and attend school here in Delaware County, and enables them to start off each school year equipped for success.

We are responsible for the same size/gender shoes every year, so keep your eyes open and watch for sales throughout the year. You never know when you'll find a great deal on a pair of shoes for a child in need!

~Thank you and Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team

## August 26-September 1, 2018

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| SUNDAY    | • Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary<br>• All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall  |
| MONDAY    | • Area Ministers, 10:30 a.m., Chapel<br>• CWF, 2 p.m., Morrison Woods, Room #101  |
| WEDNESDAY | • Praise Band Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary<br>• Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room<br>• Vocal Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft |



## LOOKING AHEAD...

**September 3, 2018**

Labor Day - Church Office Closed

**September 5, 2018**

Elders, 5:30 p.m., Chapel

MS Support, 7 p.m., Sulanke Commons

**September 9, 2018**

All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall

**September 12, 2018**

Bible Study, 2 p.m., Chapel

**September 13, 2018**

Book Club, 7 p.m., Sulanke Commons