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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

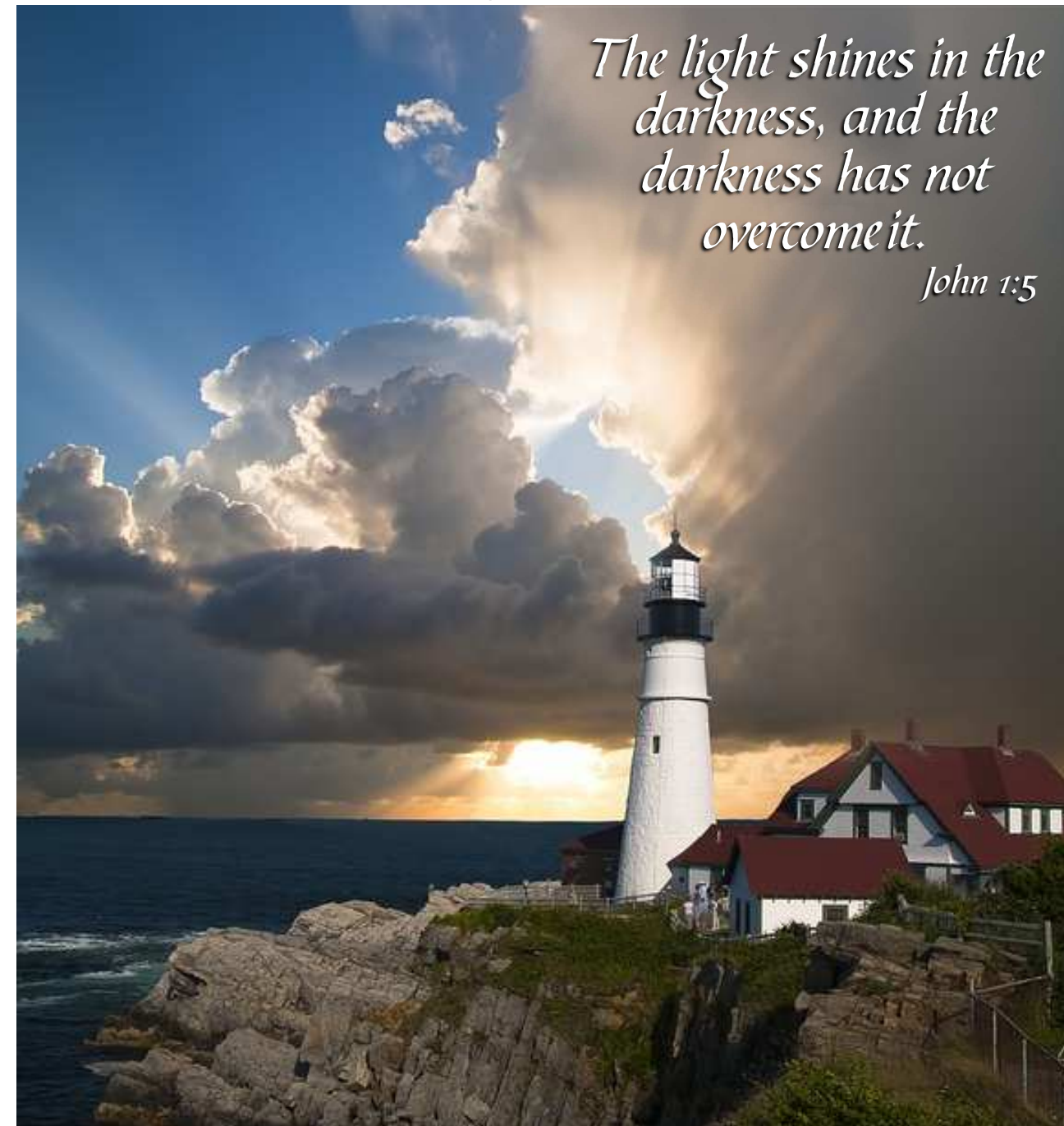


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www.hazelwoodchurch.org
We are constantly building and adding to it, so check back often! You can also contact us through the Website. Check out the home page.

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

August 16, & 30

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



*The light shines in the
darkness, and the
darkness has not
overcome it.*

John 1:5

BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 7/24/18: \$3,423.40

Offerings Received for Week Ending 7/31/18: \$3,436.30

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$4,605.60

Average Weekly Need: \$5,790

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

**Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



- ♦ Tom Schnuck is a patient at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.
- ♦ Faith Smith and Judy Thomas have both been released from the hospital and are back at their respective homes.
- ♦ Louise Maley has been released from the hospital and is now at Countryside Family-first Senior Living in Anderson.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

“Thank you to Rev. Jason and Rev. James for their visits, to Tony & Marianna for bringing communion, and to my Hazelwood family for the flowers and your thoughts and prayers while I was in the hospital.”

~Faith Smith

August Birthdays

4 George Ingles	22 Larry Rees	27 Hannah Thomas
13 Judy Van Fleet	23 Laura Bennett	Ron Thomas
14 Woody Wantz	David Rowe	29 Cleo Haney
15 Barbara Money	25 Winnie Muhiga	31 Suzanne Tucker
21 Nlandu Matuka	John Tucker	

If your name has been inadvertently left off, let us know! Call the church office at 282-5969 or send an email to hazelwoodchurch@gmail.com.



I often say in worship that our church continues because of the sharing from those who participate. It’s humbling for me to look around at the church and think, “All of this exists because of the generosity of others.” I don’t want you to get a big head, but look around at the church and see the ministries, its staff, and the property and think, “God brought us together, with our giving, so this could all be here,” and then give yourself a little pat on the back.

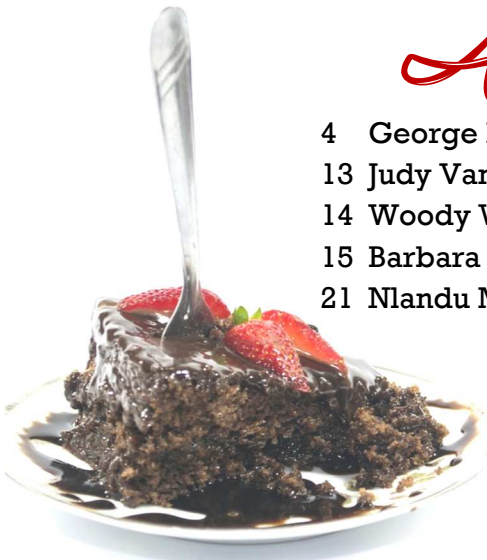
I’ve been in ministry for 20 years now, so I’ve seen times when money was tight and times when money was abundant. Those peaks and valleys come in church life when the checkbook balance is high and low. I’ve sat in meetings where the financial report was rosy, and I’ve sat in meetings where we wondered what would need to be cut so we could continue to pay the bills. You’ll see both if you hang around a church long enough. Here at Hazelwood we’re at a time, now, where money is getting tighter. Last year our checkbook balance was pretty healthy, but this year it’s been decreasing. We’re getting to a point where we’ll have to access savings to meet our regular bills. I’m guessing there is more than one reason for this, but we’ve taken in quite a bit less in our offerings than we did last year.

Can I say something before we start to feel bad for ourselves? We receive about \$4,500 each week in regular giving. That is excellent giving! I’ve been around churches who would think they hit the jackpot if they had that type of regular offering income. For the number of people we have attending each week, our regular offering giving is excellent. The challenge is, though, we’re not taking in enough to meet our budget. That leaves us with a couple options. We can increase our giving or decrease our spending.

We’ll make sense of this, together, in the coming months. You’ve probably heard me say many times we need to think about what it means to be church in the times in which we live. Hazelwood grew and took on a lot of property, staff, and programs in a time when church income was more abundant. We’re in different times now, where people are less likely to attend church or give to it. Hazelwood still has a vital mission and reason to be church today, it’s just we need to operate in a different way than we did 40 or 50 years ago. The future here at Hazelwood will be rich in energy and life and vitality, but the future will probably be a little leaner in terms of finances. There’s nothing wrong with that; it just means we’ll have adapted to different times.

And through this all I’m continually grateful to all of you. It’s God calling out the generosity in each of you that allows us to continue to be God’s church here.

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones
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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 begins Sunday, August 5 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.



DISBURSEMENT

- ♦ \$110.38 to purchase shoes for Hearts & Hands United Back-to-School Giveaway

HEARTS & HANDS UNITED GIVEAWAY

We reached our goal of 50 pair of new, size 5, boy’s/men’s athletic shoes. The congregation donated 42 pair, and 8 pair were purchased from the Sulanke Trust account. Thanks to all who participated and helped to put smiles on many faces as they prepare to begin a new school year.

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Missions Update, continued...

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Thanks to all who participated in bringing non-perishable items for Christian Ministries’ Food Pantry. A total of over 400 items were donated and included:

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| ♦ 62 Cans of Fruit | ♦ 18 Cans of Meat |
| ♦ 56 Misc. Travel-size Hygiene Products | ♦ 16 Boxes of Cereal |
| ♦ 55 Boxes of Macaroni & Cheese | ♦ 15 Rice Sides |
| ♦ 40 Rolls of Toilet Tissue | ♦ 13 Cans of Soup |
| ♦ 37 Misc. Food Items | ♦ 12 Jars of Peanut Butter |
| ♦ 25 Misc. Canned Items | ♦ 9 Toothbrushes |
| ♦ 22 Bars of Soap | ♦ 8 Bottles of Shampoo |
| ♦ 21 Boxed Dinners | ♦ 7 Potato Sides |
| | ♦ 4 Tubes of Toothpaste |

Monetary donations totaling \$90 were also received, which were used to purchase some of the items listed above.

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES’ FOOD PANTRY

August 29, 30, & 31 are Hazelwood’s days to work at Christian Ministries’ Food Pantry from 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Your help will be gratefully appreciated. If you are able to help, or would like more information, please contact Marcia Miller at (765) 730-5552.

CROP WALK

When: Sunday, September 23

Time: Walk begins at 2 p.m.

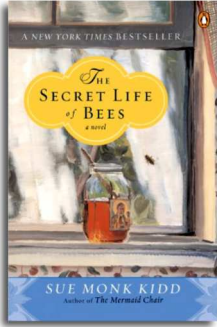
Where: Hazelwood Christian Church

As the host church this year, our goal is to get *everyone* involved in this annual walk. So mark your calendars now, get your shoes out, and start walking! We will begin recruiting walkers on Sunday, September 2.



~Thank you and Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team

BOOK CLUB



The next meeting of the Hazelwood Book Club will be on Thursday, **August 9** at 7 p.m. in Sulanke Commons. We will be discussing *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd.

From Goodreads.com:

Set in South Carolina in 1964, The Secret Life of Bees tells the story of Lily Owens, whose life has been shaped around the blurred memory of the afternoon her mother was killed. This is a remarkable novel about divine female power, a story women will share and pass on to their daughters for years to come.

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.

AND THE NOMINATION GOES TO...

The 2018 Nominating Committee has been formed and is ready to start 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 were approved during the Hazelwood Board meeting on July 17 and are: Shirley Bookout and Marcia Miller (they will serve as Co-Chair), Kathy Clary, Dennis Holmes, and Cheryl McCoy.

Open nominations will begin September 16 and go through September 30. 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.



YOUTH SPONSORS & TEACHERS

Our Youth Ministries cover kids from birth to twelfth grade and include things such as teaching lessons, playing games, mission & service projects, fellowship, fundraisers, and many other events. If you have a passion for our youth and these ministries and would like to join our team, please contact Rev. James in the church office or by email at hccjpetty@gmail.com.

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Youth News, continued....

MISSIONS TRIP PRESENTATIONS

Our Youth had a wonderful time serving at *Give Kids the World* and bonding together through our experiences. This year, you have two opportunities to hear our stories:

- 1) **Our Youth Stockholders' Dinner on Sunday, August 5 after worship.** New this year, those who purchased shares of Youth Stock will get to sit back, have dinner, and enjoy an in-depth presentation by our youth and adult participants. During the presentation, we will share our experiences with you, and answer any questions you have about our trip and what *Give Kids the World* means to us. You'll get the exclusive answers to some rather intriguing questions such as "What has become a reoccurring tradition we wish we could avoid even though it always makes our adventure more exciting and adds to our learning experience?" and "Is that one of our youth sponsors in the back of a police car?"

If you'd like to join us by becoming a Youth Stockholder, it's not too late to purchase stock at \$10 per share, just contact the church office!

- 2) **A brief presentation during worship on Sunday, August 12.** This will be a rather "short and sweet" presentation by our Youth, during which we will share the impact *Give Kids the World* has had on our lives.

We look forward to sharing our adventures with our Hazelwood family and hope you will join us!

BACK-TO-SCHOOL POOL PARTY

The summer has been speeding by, and school will be starting soon. The good news is that means our All-Youth Fellowship (AYF) and other activities are starting back up, and there's no better way to kick off the new school year than with a pool party and cookout!

Several of our families have a membership at the Catalina Pool, and they have been working on the details to host our Back-to-School Pool Party there. Mark your calendar for Sunday, **August 12** after the worship service. We will talk about upcoming AYF events and plans, then it's all about the food and fun! Hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Please bring a snack to share and anything you need for swimming (don't forget the sunscreen!).

RSVP to Rev. James if you are planning on attending so we can be sure there is plenty of food to go around.



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AYF (ALL-YOUTH FELLOWSHIP)

All-Youth Fellowship is gearing up for another great year! After our Back-to-School Pool Party on August 12, we 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 5-11, 2018



- SUNDAY
- Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
 - Special Board Meeting, After Worship, Chapel
 - Youth Stockholders' Dinner, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
- WEDNESDAY
- Praise Band Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
- THURSDAY
- Book Club, 7 p.m., Sulanke Commons

August 12-18, 2018

- SUNDAY
- Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
 - Youth Back-to-School Pool Party, After Worship, Catalina Pool
- TUESDAY
- Crop Walk Planning Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Chapel
- WEDNESDAY
- Praise Band Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
- FRIDAY
- Men's Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall (Host: Dick Miller)



LOOKING AHEAD...

August 19, 2018

Preschool Teacher Recognition & Blessing, During Worship

August 21, 2018

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

August 22, 2018

Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room
Vocal Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft

August 25, 2018

Property Work Day (Garage), 9 a.m.-Noon

August 26, 2018

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

September 3, 2018

Labor Day - Church Office Closed

September 5, 2018

Elders, 5:30 p.m., Chapel

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11

