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Sunday Schedule: Worship Service, 10 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship, 11:15 a.m.
Children Church School, 10:20 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

September 13 & 27

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

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6



BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 8/21/18: \$3,564.40
Offerings Received for Week Ending 8/28/18: \$3,596.30
Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$3,846.02
Average Weekly Need: \$5,790



Jan.-July 2018 Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$20,583.16)*
**Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



- ♦ Sympathies to the families of Esther Towns and Geneva White, who both passed away on August 19. Their services were held this past week.
- ♦ Mary Alice Lanning has been released from the hospital and is recovering at Westminster Village.
- ♦ Tom Schnuck is back home after his recent stay at Signature Healthcare.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Professor Bill Moser received the Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award on August 17 at the BSU Fall Convocation. Congratulations on this well-deserved award, Bill!



September Birthdays

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| 3 | Jairen Rees | 12 | Sally Geib |
| 4 | John Starnes | 13 | Adam Glaze |
| | Elaine Wulff | 14 | Patty Richards |
| 5 | Merribeth Bruning | 16 | Carolyn Jones |
| 9 | Ron Purtlebaugh | 19 | Rachel Smith |
| | Ron Smith | 24 | Mark Wages |
| 11 | Gary Edmonds | 25 | Mary Briggs |

If your name has been inadvertently left off, let us know!
Call the church office at 765-282-5969 or send an email to hazelwoodchurch@gmail.com.

MUSIC RECITAL

All are invited to attend a free BSU Faculty & Guest Recital featuring Lori Rhoden on piano and Gert Kumi on violin on Sunday, September 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Sursa Hall on the BSU Campus. What a great way to get out of the house, enjoy some wonderful music, and support our talented organist, Lori!



Here's a question worth pondering: why are we a church? Our church is 150 years old now, and when something has been around a long time we often fail to ask the "why?" question. It's worth thinking about: what's the "why" behind our existence? If someone were to ask you, knowing you're a part of Hazelwood, "Why does your church exist?" would you be able to give a good answer? As we've been in the Epiphany Process this year, one of the things we've been told is the "what" and "how" need to proceed from the "why." When we're clear on why we're here, then what we're doing and how we do it become a lot easier. If we're not clear on why we're here, then we end up trying to do the same old things without any motivation other than the inertia of the past. Our consultant for the Epiphany Process told me, "Keep chipping away at the 'why.'"

During September I'm going to be preaching a sermon series on our church's "why." I'm going to use an unlikely source, though, and that's the book of Isaiah. Isaiah's people had to reimagine who they were as God's people after a series of changes and disappointments. I really find Isaiah to be so creative and beautiful in how it offers a revisioning of the people's identity. I wonder if maybe we can learn from their example in how we re-envision how to be church in the new time in which we live. I'll be sharing more about this during worship on Sundays from Sept. 9-30.

Also, as a parallel to the Isaiah theme in my preaching, I'm going to be teaching a study on Isaiah on Wednesday afternoons. If you're curious about Isaiah's poetic prophecy, join me on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. in the Chapel on September 12, 19, 26, and October 3.

Let's start praying and focusing on why we're a church, and I believe the "what" and the "how" will become clear, too.



Grace & peace,
Jason Jones

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. 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.

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.

NEST GROUP STUDY

The next NEST Group Study will begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, **September 11** at Bill & Dee Moser's home (608 N. Meadow Wood Dr.). This study will use *Goliath Must Fall* by Louie Giglio.

From Christianbook.com:

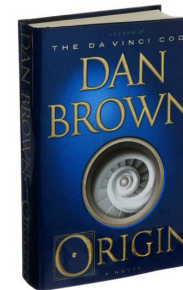
Many of us have giants in our lives--hang-ups and habits, fears and insecurities that keep us from reaching our full potential. Frozen, we lose sight of the promise God has for our lives and settle for far less than best. But there is a better way forward. In Goliath Must Fall, Louie Giglio offers powerful insights from the Biblical story of David that will help you overcome your giants once and for all by fixing your eyes on the size of your God, not the size of your giant.

If you would like to be a part of this group or have any questions, please contact Bill Moser by email at profwmoser@comcast.net.

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.



PROPERTY WORK DAY: SUCCESS!

Special thanks go out to all who showed up to help with the All-Church Work Day on Saturday, August 25: Shirley Bookout, John Burke, Randy Burke, Don Crose, Kent Farra, Tony & Marianna Gill, Rev. James, Stefanie, & Logan Petty, Andy Rees, Bill Ritchie, John Starnes, and Ann Wolfe. The weather was a bit windy and quite a bit wet, but a lot was accomplished in getting our garage organized and cleaned up!

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!!

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Glory Be to God

And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours
according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19

I want to thank the church for lifting up the teachers and the preschool in their prayers on Sunday, August 19. It means a lot to us that you care enough to pray for us and for the children and families we serve.

Thank you to the preschool families for bringing your school supplies in at Orientation. These supplies are such a blessing to us and the school. It's just one more way to see how God always provides for his children.

In his service,
Angela Lopez

Looking Ahead

- 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
- September 24** Chapel, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m., 4-5 Year-Old Classes
- September 25** Donuts for Dad, 2-3 Tuesday Class & 3-4 Classes
- September 26** Donuts for Dad, 2-3 Wednesday Class
- September 27** Chapel, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m., 3-4 Year-Old Classes
- October 2 & 3** School Pictures



SEE YOU AT THE POLE

See You at the Pole began in 1990 as a challenge by a youth group just like ours in Texas. They felt called to set aside one day where all could gather to pray over their school, community, government, and nation. The action of this youth group has become a yearly event on the fourth Wednesday of September at 7 a.m. around flagpoles nationwide. No longer is this event simply one for youth– it has extended to other educational institutions, places of business, government buildings, and communities across the U.S.

There are a variety of things you may see happening at a gathering around the flagpole: worship, music, special guest speakers, bible study, etc. The most important thing is *prayer*. This can be done individually, in small groups, or with the entire group.

For those unable to gather around the flagpole, you can still be a part of this wonderful phenomenon! Be in prayer for those who are courageous and able to meet. Pray for the testimony they give through their presence and their prayers. Pray for the movement of the Spirit while they meet, and throughout the day, as they encounter others.

For more information on See You at the Pole, please visit their website www.syatp.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 9** AYP, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
- September 23** AYP, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
CROP Walk, 2 p.m.
- September 26** See You at the Pole, 7 a.m.
- October 7** AYP, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
- October 20** BSU Homecoming Parking Fundraiser, 8 a.m.
- October 21** AYP, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
- October 28** Trunk-or-Treat, 4 p.m.



HAZELWOOD ANGELS

Thanks to the following volunteers who helped with Christian Ministries' Food Pantry on either August 29, 30, or 31: Stephanie Farra, Dick & Marcia Miller, Jim & Nancy Reece, Carol Schussler, and Elaine Wulff.

CROP WALK

**Muncie Area CROP Hunger Walk
Sunday, September 23, 2018
Registration at 1:30 p.m. Walk begins at 2 p.m.
Hazelwood Christian Church**

This is just one of the many stories and needs around the world that the monies from CROP support:

Evaly's Story

For moms in remote communities in northern Nicaragua, caring for little ones can be a challenge. For example, life here often means that moms give babies solid food too soon. "The reason why we do that is because a lot of us have to leave our children with our neighbors while we go to work in our fields, which are often far away from where the community is. That means that our neighbors aren't able to give them breast milk," she says.

A CWS-supported program in the area is partnering with moms to strategize about how to best overcome these challenges and nourish young children. Evaly says that she now has a better understanding of what to do when a child is malnourished and what foods are best for children at each stage of development.

CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local congregations, raising funds and awareness to combat hunger at home and around the world. Twenty-five percent of all money raised stays here in Delaware County to support Christian Ministries Food Bank.

There are TWO ways you can help:

STEP ONE– Sign up to WALK and ask people to sponsor you.

STEP TWO– Sponsor a Hazelwood walker.

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

~Thank you and Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team



MEIJER SIMPLY GIVE CAMPAIGN

Christian Ministries of Delaware County will be a recipient of the Meijer Simply Give Fall Campaign. The campaign started Sunday, August 19 and continues through Saturday, September 15.

Christian Ministries' Double-Match Day is Friday, September 7. During the Double-Match Day, if you buy a \$10 card at the checkout lane, Meijer will double-match it with \$20, so your total donation to the Christian Ministries' Food Pantry will be \$30. Meijer will double-match up to a total \$10,000, so don't miss out on this great opportunity to donate to this wonderful local ministry and watch your donation grow!

MUNCIE CIVIC THEATRE

Muncie Civic Theatre presents *The Christians*, an award-winning play about faith that asks thoughtful and complicated questions about belief, relationships, and the often insurmountable divide between people of the same religion.

The Christians takes theatre-goers into the world of Paul, a modern megachurch pastor, who preaches a sermon that shakes the very foundation of both his church and marriage. It is unusual in today's climate to see a play about church and religion that isn't satirical, but the writing is both critical and compassionate in its discussion of faith and leadership. *Christianity Today* said "Lucas Hnath's *The Christians* gets complicated human and church life right."

Andrea Replogle, a pastor for the local church The Gathering, says, "I would strongly encourage the faith community to come out and see *The Christians*. I believe this is an excellent way to begin a dialogue in the church that wrestles with the places where theology, pride, and relationships intersect in the church. This is an honest yet honoring depiction of the inner workings of a church that shows the importance of knowing what we believe."

Shows are September 21-22 and 28-30 in Muncie Civic's Studio Theatre. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m., with Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. Both Sunday matinees will have Talk Back Sessions immediately following, led by local members of the faith community. This is a great opportunity to bring small groups or to begin discussion. If you have any questions about attending or the content of the play, please contact brittany@munciecivic.org.

WHITE RIVER CLEANUP: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

The White River Cleanup has been responsible for removing over 98,000 pounds of trash and 650+ tires from our beautiful river. It has drawn well over 2,700 volunteers over the years, making it the largest single-day volunteer event in Delaware County. Last year alone brought around 230 volunteers to Westside Park. The White River Cleanup covers close to 12 miles of river from the Old Indiana Steel and Wire Plant all the way to Canoe Country in Daleville.

This annual event happens each September and is a statewide public service event stretching along much of the White River. Many counties including Delaware, Hamilton, Monroe, Madison, and Morgan Counties participate in cleaning up the White River on or near the same date. People come together from all communities to help clean the White River, and thousands of pounds of trash are removed every year, including large amounts of tires.

Volunteers walk the bank, river, and land where possible removing debris from and around the river. When that is not possible, volunteers use canoes to navigate through the water, filling them up along the way with the debris they find.

We request that volunteers **pre-register at beautifulmuncie.org** so we have a headcount for lunch and proper volunteer coverage for each site. Lunch and a water bottle will be provided to all volunteers who attend the event. Attendees are encouraged to dress appropriately by wearing clothes and shoes that can get dirty and wet. Please bring gloves if you have them.

For questions and info, send an email to info@munciebeautiful.org.



September 2-8, 2018

- SUNDAY
- MONDAY
- WEDNESDAY
- Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
 - Labor Day– Office Closed
 - Praise Band Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
 - Elders, 5:30 p.m., Chapel
 - Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room
 - MS Support, 7 p.m., Sulanke Commons
 - Vocal Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft

September 9-15, 2018

- SUNDAY
- TUESDAY
- WEDNESDAY
- THURSDAY
- SATURDAY
- Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
 - All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
 - NEST Study, 7 p.m., Bill & Dee Moser’s Home
 - Praise Band Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
 - Bible Study on Isaiah, 2 p.m., Chapel
 - Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room
 - Vocal Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft
 - Book Club, 7 p.m., Sulanke Commons
 - White River Cleanup (to register, visit beautifulmuncie.org)
 - S.A.R., 10 a.m., Cartwright Hall



LOOKING AHEAD...

September 18, 2018

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

September 19, 2018

- Bible Study on Isaiah, 2 p.m., Chapel

September 20, 2018

- Preschool Team, 10:30 a.m., Chapel

September 21, 2018

- Men’s Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall (Host: Dick Miller)

September 23, 2018

- Open Nominations Begin
- All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
- CROP Hunger Walk at Hazelwood
- Registration, 1:30 p.m., Sulanke Commons
- Walk Begins at 2 p.m.
- BSU Faculty & Guest Recital, 7:30 p.m., BSU Campus, Sursa Hall (Lori Rhoden, piano and Gert Kumi, violin)