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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](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

September 27  
October 11 & 25

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

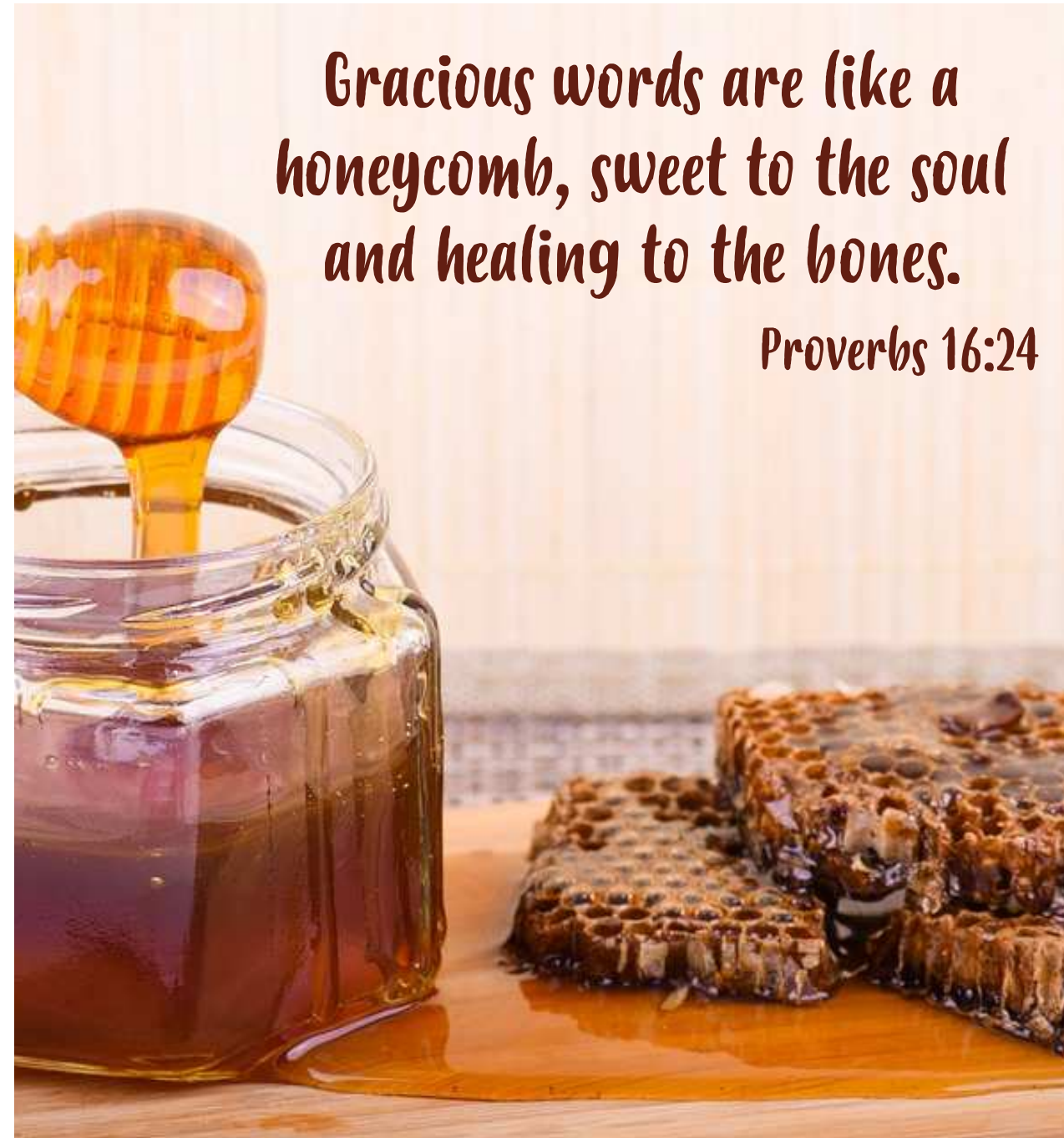


# HAZELWOOD LEAVES

September 13, 2018

Gracious words are like a  
honeycomb, sweet to the soul  
and healing to the bones.

Proverbs 16:24



## **BUDGET UPDATE**

**Offerings Received for Week Ending 9/4/18: \$6,130.50**

**Offerings Received for Week Ending 9/11/18: \$2,515.50**

**Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$4,091.44**

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

**Jan.-July 2018 Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$20,583.16)\***

*\*Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



- ♦ Larry Rees has been released from a brief stay at the hospital. He is now at Morrison Woods.
- ♦ Louise Maley is now at Traditions at Brookside in McCordsville.

## **NOTE OF APPRECIATION**

"I write on behalf of the School Board of Management and Shivembe Community to acknowledge the support from your church. This has enabled the learners to enjoy being at school and embrace education as a key to life.

Through Prof. Winnie Mucherah, the school received the following:

- School supplies
- School uniforms
- Sanitary pads for girls
- Money for the school library
- T-shirts

Through such help, the school population has shot up from 317 students to 447 in the year 2018. This is a realization of importance of education in our small village.

Thank you, and may God bless America."

~Victor Songole, Shivembe Primary School Principal



Most have a favorite season. I say this every year, but mine is autumn. A friend mocked my love of autumn once by saying, "That's when everything dies!" It's true: things go dormant and die in autumn. We've technically got a couple of weeks before autumn begins, but the cool, rainy weather we had tells us the season is changing. We'll soon see harvested fields. Gardens are shutting down. Most flowers quit their blooming around this time. Yet, it's all so beautiful. My Dad, at his bus business, usually sends tours filled with passengers going to New England to see fall foliage. All the trees, shutting down for winter, do it in a beautiful way.

There's something about the slowing down of the season that is good for my heart. Summer, for me, is a constant activity of trips and work outside and running and biking. Life slows up some for me in this time, where I stay a little closer to home and don't worry about keeping something growing in the garden. Instead, there's more space for keeping the good things growing in my heart. There's more time for a book or a cup of coffee or a quiet conversation with a friend, and these are some of the things I love about this season.

May God bless your autumn and fill it with beauty and blessings.

Grace & peace,  
Jason Jones





## **NEST GROUP STUDY**

Join our NEST Group Study at 7 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at Bill & Dee Moser's home (608 N. Meadow Wood Dr.). The study's focus is *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](mailto:profwmoser@comcast.net).



## **LIGHT A CANDLE FOR CHILDREN**

### **"Realizing Our Vision for Our Children"**

Light a Candle for Children is an advocacy and prayer vigil that begins September 24, five weeks before the National Observance of Children's Sabbath on October 21, and is sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund in Washington, DC. Thousands of congregations from multiple faith groups unite during Children's Sabbath to simultaneously witness for children through prayer, education, and worship.

The Light a Candle Prayer Vigil uses a different focus scripture each week related to the overall theme in preparation for Children's Sabbath. The focus scriptures for 2018 are:

**Week of September 24:** Matthew 18:1-5 *Be a Vision of Greatness!*

**Week of October 1:** Galatians 3:25-29 *Be a Vision of Faith!*

**Week of October 8:** 1 John 3:18-23 *Be a Vision of Truth and Action!*

**Week of October 15:** Jeremiah 29:11-14 *Be a Vision That Seeks and Finds!*

In a time when our children on the local, regional, and global scale are suffering, we are seeking to help our children, youth, young adults, and families know that we are praying, working, and living faithfully with them.



Connect with others online starting September 24 at [lightacandle.blogspot.com](http://lightacandle.blogspot.com) and [www.facebook.com/LightaCandleforChildren](http://www.facebook.com/LightaCandleforChildren).

## **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

Maybe we don't mention enough in church what a blessing our animals are to us. Many of us have dogs, cats, or other types of animals, and these furry friends become important parts of our lives. They are often a unique blessing in our lives and it's time we celebrate these special animals!

Animals large and small (and their humans!) are invited to come together on the Hazelwood Lawn on Saturday, September 29 at 10:30 a.m. for a Blessing of the Animals Service. This date comes just before the feast day for St. Francis, who was a friend to animals and was even reported to preach a sermon to birds. There will be a brief worship service celebrating our animals, and a time when you'll be welcomed to have your animal receive a small blessing. You'll need to have your animal leashed or in a carrier for the event (it might be pandemonium without that!). We'll even have some water bowls out for dogs.

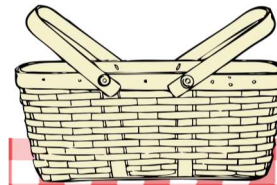
Even if you don't have a pet, you are more than welcome to join us! This will be a time of joy and fun as we celebrate God's gift of animals to us.



## **ALL-CHURCH PICNIC**

An All-Church Picnic is a great way to say goodbye to summer and hello to fall! Bill & Leah Ritchie have graciously invited the entire church to their farm, 6300 N CR 500 W in Muncie, on Saturday, October 13 from 4-9 p.m. (in the event of rain, the picnic will be held on Saturday, October 20). Everyone in the family is sure to have a blast with games, hayrides, and a bonfire to roast hot dogs!

Hot dogs and drinks will be provided by the church. You only need to bring your lawn chairs or picnic blankets and any sides you might want to accompany your hot dog. Sign up begins Sunday, September 23 in Sulanke Commons.



We are looking for a couple of able-bodied volunteers to help with set-up for the cookout half an hour before the festivities start. If you are interested in helping out, please let us know when you sign up.



**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!

**FLU SHOTS**

Walgreens will be offering flu shots to our congregation (12 years old and up) here at Hazelwood after worship on Sunday, October 7. If you have insurance, please have your card with you that morning. If you have any questions, please contact Stefanie in the church office.

Sign up begins this Sunday, September 16. Don't miss out on this great (and convenient!) opportunity to protect yourself from the flu this year!

**PRESCHOOL NEWS**

**Welcome Back!**

What a wonderful first week back to school it has been. The children are wide-eyed and full of excitement as they enter their new classrooms. The classrooms are buzzing with the anticipation of making new friends, learning about Jesus, singing songs, and having fun. We have a great team of teachers and staff this year that are both knowledgeable and loving with the children.

We are all very excited to be sharing the love of Jesus with these precious ones. Please continue to pray for our little ones, their families, and the teachers. As always, thank you for the support and love you show us in so many ways. We are truly blessed to be a part of Hazelwood Christian Preschool.

~Angela Lopez, Preschool Director

**Looking Ahead**

- 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
- October 8-12** Fall Break– No School or ELC



**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](http://www.syatp.com).

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 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 13** All-Church Picnic, 4 p.m., Bill & Leah Ritchie's Farm
- 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.



## **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**

“Ending Hunger One Step at a Time”

CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local congregations. These walks raise funds and awareness to combat hunger at home and around the world. Twenty-five percent of all money raised by the Muncie Area CROP Hunger Walk 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.

Sign up in Sulanke Commons on Sunday morning following the worship service. When you sign up to walk, you will receive an envelope with your Hazelwood Walker Information Sheet and a sheet to sign up your sponsors.

STEP ONE, STEP TWO, or BOTH! Prayerfully consider how you can help! Together, STEP by STEP, we can make a difference in the lives of hungry people in the world.



~Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team



## **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 in 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](http://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](mailto:info@munciebeautiful.org).

## **INSTRUMENTALISTS WANTED!**

The East Central Indiana Chamber Orchestra is seeking players of orchestral instruments who are looking for a musical home. The ECICO is a fun, energetic, all-volunteer orchestra offering playing opportunities for community members and students, as well as free concerts to audiences throughout East Central Indiana.

For more information, please contact Dr. Sean Paul Mills, Artistic Director & Conductor, at [ecicoad@gmail.com](mailto:ecicoad@gmail.com) or (765) 287-5334. You can also visit their website at [www.ecichamberorchestra.org](http://www.ecichamberorchestra.org).







## September 16-22, 2018

- SUNDAY** • Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
- TUESDAY** • Trustees, 5:30 p.m., Chapel  
• Board, 7 p.m., Cartwright Hall
- WEDNESDAY** • Praise Band Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary  
• Bible Study on Isaiah, 2 p.m., Chapel  
• Bell Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room  
• Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft
- THURSDAY** • Preschool Team, 10:30 a.m., Chapel
- FRIDAY** • Men's Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall (Host: Dick Miller)
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## September 23-29, 2018

- SUNDAY** • Open Nominations Begin  
• Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary  
• All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall  
• CROP Hunger Walk, 2 p.m. (Registration, 1:30 p.m.)  
• BSU Faculty & Guest Recital, 7:30 p.m., BSU Campus, Sursa Hall (Lori Rhoden, piano & Gert Kumi, violin)
- MONDAY** • Area Ministers, 10:30 a.m., Chapel  
• CWF, 2 p.m., Morrison Woods, Room #101
- TUESDAY** • NEST Study, 7 p.m., Bill & Dee Moser's Home
- WEDNESDAY** • See You at the Pole, 7 a.m., Flagpoles Nationwide  
• Praise Band Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary  
• Bible Study on Isaiah, 2 p.m., Chapel  
• Bell Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room  
• Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft
- SATURDAY** • Blessing of the Animals, 10:30 a.m., Hazelwood Lawn
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## LOOKING AHEAD...

### October 3, 2018

- Bible Study on Isaiah, 2 p.m., Chapel  
Elders, 5:30 p.m., Chapel  
MS Support, 7 p.m., Sulanke Commons

### October 5 & 6, 2018

Disciples of Christ Regional Assembly, Indianapolis

### October 7, 2018

- World Communion Sunday  
Flu Shot Clinic, After Worship, Cartwright Hall  
All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall

### October 9, 2018

NEST Study, 7 p.m., Bill & Dee Moser's Home

### October 11, 2018

Book Club, 7 p.m., Sulanke Commons

## **CHURCH WOMEN UNITED: ANNUAL MEETING**

**When:** 10 a.m.– 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 29

**Where:** Shaffer Chapel AME Church, 1501 E. Highland Ave., Muncie

- \* Meet with CWU's Outstanding Young Church Women of past years and hear what they are doing today.
- \* Elect unit officers, and see them installed. See annual reports, schedule, and plans for the coming year.
- \* Hear about the Indiana Church Women United State Assembly plans for Saturday, April 6, 2019 at Union Missionary Baptist Church in Muncie. The theme will be *Diversity and Inclusiveness*, one of CWU's quadrennial priorities.
- \* Bring clean plastic bottle caps of any size (no metal parts) for a recycling project started a year ago to get a green bench for Muncie.

Breakfast is free, compliments of the board, but reservations are appreciated as space is limited. Please contact Therese Weakland at (765) 288-2857 or [thweakland@comcast.net](mailto:thweakland@comcast.net).

