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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](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

November 8 & 21

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



# HAZELWOOD LEAVES

October 25, 2018

For everything  
there is a season,  
and a time for  
every matter  
under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1



**BUDGET UPDATE**

**Offerings Received for Week Ending 10/16/18: \$3,539.50**

**Offerings Received for Week Ending 10/23/18: \$5,068.40**

**Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$4,394.32**

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

**Jan.-Sept. 2018 Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$38,126.53)\***

*\*Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



- ♦ Congratulations to Austin Sulanke and Bianca Di Carlo who were married October 13 in Noblesville, Indiana. Austin is the son of Glen Sulanke and nephew of Betsy and Steve Cartwright.
- ♦ Ellen Edmonds is in Morrison Woods, Room #112 by the window.
- ♦ Tom Schnuck is a patient at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.
- ♦ Sympathies to the family of Fran Parkinson, who passed away on Sunday, October 21. Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 27 at Meeks Mortuary (415 E. Washington St.) with visitation at 9 a.m.

**THANK YOU, REV. JAMES!**

To thank Rev. James for his 10 years of faithful leadership and dedication to this church, I invite you to join us for a special Coffee Fellowship, hosted by the Missions & Benevolence Team, after worship on Sunday, November 4, which will be his last Sunday worshipping with us. Rev. James has provided beautiful music and leadership from the organ, he has led the Youth program and helped encourage our Youth to follow Christ, and he has answered God's call for a deeper relationship and ministry in Christ. Let us celebrate him and his calling to Mt. Summit Christian Church on November 4. A card basket will be provided if you'd like to write a note of thanks and encouragement to Rev. James.

~Marianna Gill, Worship Coordinator



“So, the Epiphany Process,” you ask, “is that thing still going?” Thanks for asking, and the answer is “Yes.” A year ago, at the church’s annual meeting, our church approved beginning the Epiphany Process with Hope Partnership. The process involved an in-depth evaluation of the church, a couple of retreats with leaders, and guidance as we moved forward with a Future Story and Capacity Plan. We received the extensive evaluation of our congregation (contact the office if you’d like a copy of it), and we had the retreats in April and May. Since then, a smaller group has been working on the Future Story and Capacity Plan. “So, are we ever going to see these?”, you’re asking. The answer, again, is “Yes,” and “Soon.” At the congregation’s annual meeting on November 18 you’ll hear both. These two reports are an envisioning of what our congregation’s future could be and how we could get there.

I’ve said many times that I believe Hazelwood Christian Church has a vibrant future, but the future will be different from the past. Our church grew and thrived a few decades ago in a time when churches like ours naturally did well. Since then, times have changed, but my experience is churches are like Rip Van Winkle, we take a long time waking up to changes around us, and when we do wake up we’re confused by the world around us that’s so different. This Epiphany Process hopefully opens our church to a future in the time which we’re living and shows us how to get there.

I’m looking forward to traveling into Hazelwood’s future with you. Come on November 18, to the Congregational Meeting, to find out what that future could be.

Grace & peace,  
Jason Jones

**PROPERTY WORK DAY**

Join us on Saturday, November 17 from 9 a.m.-Noon as we start to tackle those outdoor chores that come with the season: raking leaves, picking up sticks, and pulling weeds, just to name a few. If you are unable to take part in some of the more strenuous outside work, there is still plenty to do inside! Vacuuming, dusting, and window washing are all simple ways to help out that have a big impact.

There is truth to the saying “many hands make light work.” Please consider setting aside these few hours to help in being good stewards to the beautiful property God has given us. Sign up begins Sunday, October 28 in Sulanke Commons after worship.



THANKSGIVING CARRY-IN

Hazelwood will once again give thanks by celebrating the culinary talent of our congregation at our Thanksgiving Carry-In Dinner on Sunday, November 18 at 11:30 a.m. Our Hand Bell Choir will be providing before-dinner music starting at 11:15 a.m. To be sure we have enough places set and a variety of food to offer, we would like to know if you will be attending and what food you would like to share. There will be a sign-up sheet in Sulanke Commons. We will need main dishes, meat, side dishes, salads, soups, breads, and of course, desserts. Drinks will be provided. You're welcome to attend, even if you feel you can't bring anything to share. Since YOU will be providing the meal, there will be no money collected at the dinner.

2018 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual business meeting will be held on Sunday, November 18, immediately following the Thanksgiving Carry-In, at approximately 12:30 p.m. Important issues that will affect Hazelwood's future will be presented for the congregation's consideration. The following is a list of 2019 candidates which will be presented at the meeting. The Officers will serve one year in these positions, while the Elders, Deacons, and Trustees will serve 3-year terms unless otherwise noted.

2018 OFFICERS

Moderator	Amy Stucky
Vice Moderator	Ann Wolfe
Treasurer	Woody Wantz
Secretary	Mary Ann Matchett
At-Large Board Members	Kathy Clary
	Cheryll Crose
	Marcia Miller

ELDERS	DEACONS	TRUSTEES
Kathy Clary (2-yr. term)	Gregg Altobella	Tony Gill
Tony Gill	Steve Cartwright	John Starnes
Dee Moser	Stephanie Farra (2-yr. term)	
Laura Rowe	Dick Miller	
Amy Stucky	Bill Moser (1-yr. term)	
	Jason Ratts	
	David Rowe	
	Ron Smith	

2018 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

It has long been tradition for members of the Hazelwood congregation to come together to create a devotional booklet for Advent. The result is a unique and personal set of devotions to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Believe it or not, the time has come to get started on our 2018 Advent devotions! The theme this year is *The Days to Come*. If you would like to contribute to this project, stop by Sulanke Commons after worship. You will find a bulletin board with the bible verses for each day's devotion. Take a look, see what speaks to your heart, and sign up.

In order to ensure our booklets are ready by the start of Advent, we ask that all devotions be submitted to the church office by **Tuesday, October 30**.

BOOK CLUB

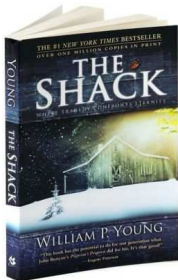
The next meeting of the Hazelwood Book Club will be on Thursday, November 8 at 7 p.m. in Sulanke Commons. We will be discussing *The Shack* by William Paul Young.

From Goodreads.com:

*Mackenzie Allen Philips' youngest daughter, Missy, has been abducted during a family vacation, and evidence that she may have been brutally murdered is found in an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Four years later in the midst of his "Great Sadness," Mack receives a suspicious note, apparently from God, inviting him back to that shack for a weekend.*

*Against his better judgment he arrives at the shack on a wintry afternoon and walks back into his darkest nightmare. What he finds there will change Mack's world forever.*

*In a world where religion seems to grow increasingly irrelevant The Shack wrestles with the timeless question, "Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain?" The answers Mack gets will astound you and perhaps transform you as much as it did him. You'll want everyone you know to read this book!*



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.

CONCERT AT BALL STATE

New member, Hunter Madison, will be performing in the BSU Wind Ensemble and Symphony Band concert on Friday, October 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Sursa Hall. The \$5 ticket may be bought at the door. Free parking is in the parking garage on McKinley. He'll be in the clarinet section. What a great opportunity to show support for one of our college students!

**A CELEBRATION OF CALL**

My family's journey has been a remarkable one as God has repeatedly called me and opened doors to new opportunities. This last August marked 10 years that my family and I have been worshipping with you. It has been five years since God called me from the organ bench into a deeper commitment in ministry. Doors were opened to pastoral education at Christian Theological Seminary and here at Hazelwood. Together we have celebrated special events, milestones, and many other wonderful accomplishments. We have sat together through great sadness, grief, loss, and pain. I have had an exceptional and diverse experience that I would not trade for anything. When I was in seminary, I often heard other students envy the challenges and experiences I have faced while in a learning environment that has been so loving and nurturing. What my family and I have found is not just a church home, but a wonderful extended family.

I praise God for the journey we have shared, but God has not finished calling me. With much prayer and consideration, I have accepted the call to Mount Summit Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Mount Summit, Indiana to be their associate pastor overseeing the youth and worship ministry.

I use the word celebration to describe this letter about my calling, though my leaving is bittersweet. It is a celebration of the journey I have been on and of the journey to come. I hesitate to use the word resignation; resignation sounds like I'm giving up or accepting something undesirable but unavoidable. This could not be further from the truth. My work is not done because God's work is not done. My call is not ending but is instead continuing where God needs me. While my work will not be directly with Hazelwood, we will always work together in the one universal church, which is the body of Christ, to bring glory to God's name and share the good news of Jesus Christ with all God's creation. In this I hope you will join me in celebrating my call.

Sunday, November 4, 2018, will be my last Sunday worshipping with you. The good news is Mount Summit is only thirty minutes away from our house, so our family does not have to be uprooted and moved. Logan will continue his education in the Yorktown Community Schools, and Stefanie will continue at Hazelwood as the Office Administrator. We will always carry our Hazelwood family in our hearts, treasure our memories, and remember our stories together.

This is not a farewell forever, for our hope in Christ assures us we will see each other again.

Peace & Blessings,  
Rev. James Petty



**THANK YOU!**

Thank you to everyone who braved the cold and windy weather during Ball State's Homecoming Parade and donated money to park in our lot. Special thanks to Shirley Bookout, Aurora Bennett, Kent Farra, Stephanie Farra, Ashlyn Farra, Jaxon Farra, Dick Miller, Rev. James Petty, Andy Rees, Brynmar Rees, & Jairen Rees who came early to set up, hang posters, wave signs, and take donations. We parked over 50 cars and collected \$184.41. All the donations received go to help support our Christmas Box Project, helping less fortunate families in Delaware County have some comfort and joy during the Holiday Season.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- October 27** Youth Halloween Party, 6:30 p.m.
- October 28** Trunk-or-Treat, 4 p.m.
- November 4** AYF- Practice for Youth Sunday, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
- November 10** Fall Bazaar, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

**PRESCHOOL NEWS**

Thank you to all the families who attended Chapel this month. The children are really learning a lot. I'm so proud of them and our teachers for all their hard work.

**Dad's Night Out**

The 4-5 Year-Old Classes had a night of pumpkin carving that was frightful. We had smiles from ear to ear as they entered the building with pumpkins of all sizes and shapes. It was a hauntingly good time!

**Fall Bazaar and Children's Festival- November 10**

If you haven't signed up for a booth, to bring homemade cookies, candies, or breads, or to volunteer, please see your child's teacher to do so as soon as possible. We really need your help. This is our biggest fundraiser for the year, and we depend on all of you to make it a big success. If you are not sure how you can help, please call Angie at the church at (765) 284-2430, ex. 25 or her cell phone at (765)702-4864. Remember, no time spent is too small, we appreciate it all!

**Looking Ahead**

- October 30** Halloween Parade, 10:45 a.m. 2-3 Tuesday Year-Old Class  
Halloween Parade, 10:45 a.m. & 2:15 p.m., 3-4 Year-Old Classes
- October 31** Halloween Parade, 10:45 a.m. 2-3 Wednesday Year-Old Class  
Halloween Parade, 10:45 a.m. & 2:15 p.m., 4-5 Year-Old Classes



## **DISBURSEMENTS**

- ♦ \$250 to Christian Ministries
- ♦ \$250 to Muncie Mission
- ♦ \$250 to A Better Way
- ♦ \$400 to Hazelwood Christmas Box Project

## **NURSING HOME GIFT LIFT**

We have another opportunity this year to demonstrate love to those who feel forgotten. There are many people in nursing homes who have no family, friends, or finances. They are alone and dependent on others. If not for the loving generosity of strangers, they would not receive one gift on Christmas. The gift may seem small, but it is so much more than the items in the box. It demonstrates compassion, kindness, hope, and love. Most importantly, it is one of the ways we can show the love of Christ to others.

We are in need of people to “adopt” local nursing home residents. The process is really simple. We give you a slip of paper with the first name of the person along with their specific wish list items. You purchase the gifts and return them to the church *unwrapped*. It’s as simple as that!

This year we have 49 residents who need to be “adopted.” Please prayerfully consider getting involved to help one more person receive a gift that otherwise may not. There will be a distribution table of names in Sulanke Commons after worship on Sunday, November 11.

If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Bookout at (765) 744-1207.

## **CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY**

Volunteers are needed November 28, 29, and 30 to work at the Christian Ministries’ Food Pantry from 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. For more information or to sign up to help, please contact Shirley Bookout at (765) 744-1207.

Thanks for all your help!

~Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team

## **CHRISTMAS IS COMING! IT’S TIME TO DECORATE!**

It will soon be time to decorate our church with lovely poinsettias and other decorations for Advent and Christmas. If you would like to help by donating a poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone this year, please fill out the form below, and send it to the church office with your check, or drop it in the offering plate on Sunday. Each gift is \$15, and you will be entitled to take a poinsettia home with you after Christmas. Names will be listed in the bulletin for the Hanging of the Greens worship service, December 2. *Thank you!*

### **Christmas Decoration Gift Order**

**Deadline to receive orders is Sunday, November 11.**

**# of poinsettias ordered (@\$15 each)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Given by** \_\_\_\_\_

**In memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**In honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Please enclose check, payable to  
Hazelwood, in the amount of \$15 for  
each gift (poinsettia) ordered.**





## October 28-November 3, 2018

- SUNDAY**
- Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
  - Trunk-or-Treat, 4-5:30 p.m., Hazelwood Parking Lot
- MONDAY**
- Area Ministers, 10:30 a.m., Chapel
- TUESDAY**
- NEST Study, 7 p.m., Bill & Dee Moser's Home
- WEDNESDAY**
- Praise Band Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
  - Bell Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room
  - Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft
- THURSDAY**
- Permanent Fund Committee, 10:30 a.m., Chapel
- SATURDAY**
- S.A.R., 10 a.m., Cartwright Hall

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 4. Remember to turn your clock **back** 1 hour on Saturday night before you go to bed!



## November 4-10, 2018

- SUNDAY**
- All Saints Sunday
  - Special Coffee Fellowship for Rev. James, After Worship
  - All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
- WEDNESDAY**
- Praise Band Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
  - Elders, 5:30 p.m., Chapel
  - Bell Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room
  - MS Support, 7 p.m., Sulanke Commons
  - Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft
- THURSDAY**
- Book Club, 7 p.m., Sulanke Commons
- SATURDAY**
- Fall Bazaar, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

## **38th ANNUAL THANKS-SINGING FESTIVAL**

**When:** Sunday, November 4 at 3 p.m.

**Where:** Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2801 W. Riverside Ave.

Presented by Christian Ministries, this event is a unified, cross-cultural, cross-racial celebration featuring the musical talents of community members from several churches and places of worship throughout Delaware County. This is a free event; a free-will offering will be taken, and non-perishable food items will be collected for Christian Ministries' Food Pantry.



## LOOKING AHEAD...

### **November 16, 2018**

Men's Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall (Host: Yeno Matuka)

### **November 17, 2018**

All-Church Property Work Day, 9 a.m.-Noon

### **November 18, 2018**

Gratitude & Youth Sunday

Annual Congregational Carry-In & Meeting, After Worship, Cartwright Hall

### **November 22-23, 2018**

Happy Thanksgiving! Church Office Closed

### **December 2, 2018**

Hanging of the Greens Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary

### **December 13, 2018**

Book Club, 7 p.m., Sulanke Commons

### **December 20, 2018**

Christmas Box Project- Packing Non-Perishables, 6 p.m., Cartwright Hall

## November Birthdays

1 Kathy Clary	10 Pat LaRue	27 Kay Schnuck
Jeff Heavilon	13 Tony Gill	Madeleine White
2 Jarrod Smith	Ann Wolfe	28 Karen Ingles
3 Mary Dobson	16 Don Crose	Jennifer Warrner
6 Joanna Hahn	17 Khamasi Muhiga	Jaxon Farra
8 Marilou Lykens	18 Sara Krumme	
9 Sam Devroy		



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