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Coffee Fellowship, 11:15 a.m.  
Children's Church School, 10:20 a.m.

Hazelwood's Statement of Calling: Sharing Christ with our community through service and relationships.

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

December 6 & 20

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



# HAZELWOOD LEAVES

November 21, 2018

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

Psalm 107:8-9



**BUDGET UPDATE**

**Offerings Received for Week Ending 11/13/18: \$5,485.50**  
**Offerings Received for Week Ending 11/20/18: \$2,843.50**

**Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$5,792.14**  
**Average Weekly Need: \$5,790**

**Jan.-Oct. 2018 Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$40,846.01)\***  
*\*Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



- ♦ Larry Rees has been released from the hospital and is now at Morrison Woods.
- ♦ Sympathies to Barbara Syphers and family on the passing of her husband, Ed Sanderson, on Tuesday, November 13.
- ♦ Sympathies to Nancy Reece and family on the passing of her nephew's wife, Jennifer Elliot, in Oswego, IL on Sunday, November 18.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The annual congregational meeting was held Sunday, November 18. The budget for 2019 was presented and passed, along with the slate of officers for 2019. Names are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Our Future Story from the Epiphany Process was also presented at the meeting. You can see the plans laid out on the black bulletin board in Sulanke Commons by the stairs.

*December Birthdays*

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|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 3 Gene Dobson       | 13 Annie Yingst   | 27 Stephanie Farra    |
| 6 Wanda Strauch     | 19 Judy Thomas    | 28 Mary Alice Lanning |
| 9 Mary France       | Mary Ann Warfel   | 29 Carolyn Starnes    |
| Mariangella Glaze   | 20 Leah Ritchie   |                       |
| 11 Ruth Griffey     | 21 Marianna Gill  |                       |
| 12 Susan Cartwright | 22 Kelly Heavilon |                       |

**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](mailto:hazelwoodchurch@gmail.com).**



What a fantastic annual meeting we had last Sunday! I was so pleased with how many stayed both for the dinner and for the meeting. We heard a lot of information, and I know some of it might have made you scratch your head with a little concern. We heard about not taking in enough money to meet our budget, and that is causing us to downsize our staff. But, we also heard an exciting report on our Epiphany Process. I said in my introduction to hearing our Epiphany presentation that this could be a significant moment of new direction for our congregation. All of us have these moments in our lives and families where we take a look at where we are going and embrace a new path. I believe we're at a moment like that in our congregation's life, where we can embrace a new story that will lead us into the future.

You heard, if you were at the meeting, a depiction of what our future as a congregation could look like. The Epiphany Process was to lead us to envision a story for our future. We had a bunch of people at the meeting depicting what that could look like. Key to that future story was a few things: 1.) Mentoring within Muncie Community Schools, 2.) Hosting *Gather at the Table* dinners, and 3.) Sharing backpacks with food for kids in need. None of these things will happen immediately; we'll take a few years to get up and running on them all. These will take us to a new focus as a congregation.

In the past, churches used to engage in programs with the goal that those programs would simply channel people into the pews on Sunday mornings. I've been around a bunch of churches who would do things like Vacation Bible School with the goal that the families who came would hang around and become part of the regular life of the church. It's been my experience that type of program really doesn't work. We are, with this new focus, taking a different approach where we're asking the new question, "How do we go out and serve our community in Christ's name?" We hope, too, others will see our service to the community and want to join with us in this important work.

We're embracing a new mission with this future story, and that is *Sharing Christ with our community through service and relationships*. We hope this expresses what we're about and where we're going as a church.

This is a time of new direction for our congregation, and it's an exciting time! I look forward to us living into the future God calls us as a church.

Grace & peace,  
Jason Jones



## **PROPERTY WORK DAY: ANOTHER SUCCESS!**

Special thanks go out to all who showed up to help with the All-Church Property Work Day on Saturday, November 17: Shirley Bookout, Kent Farra, Tony & Marianna Gill, Jeff Heavilon, Dennis Holmes, Rev. Jason Jones, Jim Reece, Bill Ritchie, John Starnes and Ann Wolfe. These brave souls battled the cold and accomplished so much!

If you aren't able to help out during All-Church Property 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!!

## **TIME CAPSULE: UPDATE**

The materials from the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary time capsule have been repaired (to the extent possible) and placed into three binders, which are located on the top of the bookcases in the northeast corner of Sulanke Commons (under the windows where the time capsule and marker stone are currently located). The materials are organized into categories, so they will be much easier to review.

We invite you to submit materials for the new Sesquicentennial Time Capsule. There are paper "2018 Sesquicentennial Time Capsule Surveys" available on the bookcases. You can also email an MS Word version of the form if you prefer. Of course, you may prefer to write a letter from scratch, which is what about half the people did last time. Please submit your completed forms and any other materials such as photos (please label) you would like to include in the time capsule to the labeled box on the bookcase in Sulanke Commons.

~Glen Sulanke

## **SENIOR HEALTH SCREENINGS**

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on Monday, January 21, 2019 at Hazelwood Christian Church. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for cardiovascular disease include: Carotid Artery (plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), Peripheral Arterial Disease (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a Heart Rhythm Screening (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an Osteoporosis Risk Assessment for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early.

Register online TODAY at [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) and receive your Community Circle discount and your Preferred Appointment!

## **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

If you would like to distribute Christmas cards to your Hazelwood family without postage, two wooden boxes have been given to us for that purpose. You may drop your greeting cards in the box, using the alphabet dividers. The boxes will be in the Sulanke Commons on December 2. This is an easy and economical way to share greetings during the Christmas season. Our thanks to Bill Ritchie for the creation of these beautiful boxes.



## **ADVENT AT HAZELWOOD**

### **December 2: First Sunday of Advent**

Lighting of the Hope Candle, Hanging of the Greens, Worship Service, 10 a.m.

### **December 9: Second Sunday of Advent**

Lighting of the Peace Candle, Worship Service, 10 a.m.

All-Youth Fellowship- Christmas Box Shopping, 11:30 a.m.

### **December 15**

Receptionist & Staff Christmas Carry-In, Cartwright Hall, 5 p.m.

### **December 16: Third Sunday of Advent**

Lighting of the Joy Candle, Worship Service, 10 a.m.

All-Youth Fellowship- Christmas Box Wrapping, 11:30 a.m.

### **December 20**

Arrival of Non-perishable Food for Christmas Box Project, 4:30 p.m.

Pack Boxes for Christmas Box Project, 6 p.m., Cartwright Hall

### **December 22**

Arrival of Perishable Food for Christmas Box Project, 8 a.m.

Deliver Christmas Boxes, 8:30 a.m.

### **December 23: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Lighting of the Love Candle, Worship Service, 10 a.m.

### **December 24: Christmas Eve**

Church Office Closes at Noon

Christmas Eve Worship Service, 7 p.m.

Reception Following Worship

### **December 25: Christmas Day**

Church Office Closed



**CHRISTMAS BOX PROJECT**

This service project brings joy to all, from the families in Delaware County who might otherwise not have a merry holiday season, to all those who volunteer their time to make the project a reality. This year, Hazelwood will help 30 families, with a total of 32 kids among them. The youth will be doing Secret Santa shopping for the children at Meijer on Sunday, December 9. Wrapping those gifts will happen on Sunday, December 16 after worship, and we could use your help! Donations of wrapping paper, tape, ribbons, bows, and tags to adorn the gifts are very much appreciated. Volunteers to help wrap would also be welcome—with gifts for 32 children to wrap and organize, there will be a lot to accomplish!

Each family on our list will receive 2 boxes of food from *Aldi*: one full of non-perishable items, and another full of perishable items. The non-perishable food will be brought to the church on Thursday, December 20 at 4:30 p.m. At 6 p.m., after everything has been unloaded and organized, items will be packed into a box for each family. The perishable items will arrive on Saturday, December 22 at 8 a.m. After unloading, organizing, and packing that second box for each family, our volunteer delivery drivers will take the packages of food and gifts to the families.

This project is about celebrating Advent with these families. We bring them more than boxes of food and gifts for children; we bring HOPE, JOY, PEACE, and LOVE to these families in many wonderful ways. Please consider helping this project continue through your monetary support, donations of gift-wrapping items, and volunteering your time. Your monetary gifts and donations can be dropped off any time in the church office. Volunteer sheets will be in the Sulanke Commons after worship for those interested in helping us confirm address and phone numbers of the families on our list, shop for gifts, wrap presents, pack boxes, and deliver the food and presents to the families. Let us all come together in service to others this Holiday Season, following the perfect example Jesus set for us.

**WE WANT YOU!**

Whether we like it or not, media is a big component of life, including our worship life. Without the sound system, it would be very hard to hear the sermon and music. Without the big screens and the power point for the lyrics, it would be hard to sing our praises to God. We are so appreciative of the people who currently help with these elements. However, we are hoping to expand our Media Team so we can have a regular rotation of folks that give of their talents to help in worship. There will be some training available, so I don't want you to feel like you have to know how to do stuff right now! If you are interested, please see me after worship, send me an email at [hccmgill@gmail.com](mailto:hccmgill@gmail.com), or call me in the church office at 282-5969. We can all do our part to share our gifts and talents with each other in worship. Thank you.

~Marianna Gill, Worship Coordinator

**BOOK CLUB**

The next meeting of the Hazelwood Book Club will be in Sulanke Commons at 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 13. We will be discussing various books by Richard Paul Evans, author of *The Christmas Box*. 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](mailto:safarra18@gmail.com).

**YOUTH NEWS: IMPORTANT DATES**

**December 9 All-Youth Fellowship & Christmas Box Shopping, 11:30 a.m.**

After lunch at the church, we'll head out as a group to Meijer to shop for the 32 children in our Christmas Box families.

**December 16 All-Youth Fellowship & Christmas Box Wrapping, 11:30 a.m.**

Wrapping presents for 32 children is no small task so we need all hands on deck!

**December 20 Christmas Box Non-Perishable Packing, 6 p.m.**

All of the non-perishable food from *Aldi* will be boxed up and set aside, ready for delivery day.

**December 22 Christmas Box Perishable Packing & Deliveries, 8:30 a.m.**

Time to package up the perishable food, gather everything together, and deliver to our 30 Christmas Box families.

**PRESCHOOL NEWS**

**Thank you**

I would like to thank each and everyone who participated in our bazaar by providing their time and labor. The cheese balls, cookies, and jellies were a big hit this year, as always. I know everyone worked extremely hard to make our bazaar a success, and it was very much appreciated. The final numbers are not in yet as to how much we made, but it seems as though we may have done even better than last year thanks to all of you.

The Preschool Staff and I would like to say thank you to all of our Preschool families, the Hazelwood Congregation, and the Hazelwood staff for everything you do for the preschool. Your kindness, generosity and prayers are truly a gift to us! We hope you have a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving.

Blessings,  
~Angela Lopez, Preschool Director

**Looking Ahead**

- November 21-23** Thanksgiving Break– No School or ELC
- December 14** Christmas Program, 6:30 p.m., All Classes
- December 24** Winter Break Begins– No School or ELC
- January 7** Classes Resume



**NURSING HOME GIFT LIFT**

Reminder: Gifts need to be returned UNWRAPPED with NAME ATTACHED no later than Sunday, December 2.

**NOTES OF APPRECIATION**

“Dear Friends,  
Thank you for your generous gift of \$250 to help feed the needy in our community this Thanksgiving. Your support means more than you know to the hungry neighbors who come through our doors this holiday season. You see, the meals we provide are not just about food; it’s about helping them take the first step toward a brighter, hope-filled future. And, with so many people coming to us at this time of year, this is only possible with your help! So thank you again for sharing your blessings with others in this time of great need and for giving those who are struggling a true reason to be thankful.

Sincerely,”  
~Frank Baldwin, Executive Director, Muncie Mission

“Dear Hazelwood,  
We at A Better Way wish to thank you for your generosity of \$250 toward our organization and those we serve. The mission of A Better Way is to bring peace to homes, strength to individuals and families, and positive impact to community. We do this by providing shelter and services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, prevention presentations, hotlines, and other programs. Without your support, we could not offer these programs to people in need. We appreciate your gift and promise to be good stewards as we seek to improve the lives of those who come to us. Together we will ease their struggles and bring them closer to peaceful and productive living.

Sincerely,”  
~Theresa Clemons, Executive Director

“Dear Shirley and Hazelwood,  
I cannot thank you enough for all your help and enthusiasm in our CROP Hunger Walk. It was a great success this year. Thank you for the water and all the recruiting and planning with Cheryll Crose. The evaluation meeting was very successful with excellent suggestions for next year. Thank you so much!”  
~Therese Weakland and the CROP planning team

~Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team



**November 25-December 1, 2018**

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| SUNDAY    | • Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary   |
| MONDAY    | • Area Ministers, 10:30 a.m., Chapel<br>• CWF, 2 p.m., Morrison Woods, Room 101   |
| TUESDAY   | • NEST Study, 7 p.m., Bill & Dee Moser’s Home   |
| WEDNESDAY | • Praise Band Rehearsal, 1:30 p.m., Sanctuary<br>• Bell Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room<br>• Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., Choir Loft |
| THURSDAY  | • Preschool Team, 10:30 a.m., Chapel  |

**December 2-8, 2018**

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| SUNDAY    | • Hanging of the Greens & Worship, 10 a.m., Sanctuary<br>• All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall  |
| WEDNESDAY | • Praise Band Rehearsal, 1:30 p.m., Sanctuary<br>• Elders, 5:30 p.m.<br>• Bell Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room<br>• MS Support, 7 p.m., Sulanke Commons<br>• Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., Choir Loft |



**LOOKING AHEAD...**

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| <b><u>December 9, 2018</u></b><br>Christmas Box Project– Secret Santa Shopping, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall |
| <b><u>December 13, 2018</u></b><br>Book Club, 7 p.m., Sulanke Commons                                       |
| <b><u>December 16, 2018</u></b><br>Christmas Box Project– Gift Wrapping, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall        |
| <b><u>December 20, 2018</u></b><br>Christmas Box Project– Packing Non-Perishables, 6 p.m., Cartwright Hall  |
| <b><u>December 21, 2018</u></b><br>Men’s Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall                                       |