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Rev. Jason Jones, Senior Minister  
Stefanie Petty, Administrative Assistant & Newsletter Editor  
Amy Stucky, Moderator  
Sunday Schedule: Worship Service, 10 a.m.  
Coffee Fellowship, 11:15 a.m.  
Children's Church School, 10:20 a.m.

Our Mission:

Sharing Christ with our community through  
service and relationships.



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**

2019: January 3, 17, & 31

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



# HAZELWOOD LEAVES

December 20, 2018

May your Christmas be  
a time of joy and peace

and may the new year  
bring you all of God's  
wonderful blessings.

From the  
Hazelwood staff:

Rev. Jason

Rhea

Stefanie

Marianna

Angie

John

Randy

Sally

Lori



**BUDGET UPDATE**

**Offerings Received for Week Ending 12/11/18: \$4,782.80**  
**Offerings Received for Week Ending 12/18/18: \$10,014.50**

**Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$5,438.84**  
**Average Weekly Need: \$5,790**

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



**A NOTE FROM OUR BOOKKEEPER**



All offerings must be received in the office or postmarked no later than December 31 in order to be counted toward your 2018 giving.



- ♦ Mark Wages is a patient at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.

Although they’ve been worshipping with us for some time now, the Ratts family made it official by coming forward to join Hazelwood in membership on Sunday, December 9 during worship. Welcome to Jason, Bethany, Landon, & Maggie!



**January Birthdays**

4 Kara Tucker	17 Donna Dye	25 Lori Rhoden
8 Alexis Brant	19 Kent Farra	26 Jay Matchett
Rachel Tucker	20 Bryce Hahn	27 Bob Purtlebaugh
14 Michael Heavilon	22 Bill Moser	29 Josh Clary
	23 Lois Gross	Andrew Glaze
	24 Cathy Purtlebaugh	30 Andrew Rowe



**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).**

**NOTE OF APPRECIATION**

“We would like to thank the church for the beautiful poinsettia. It lifts our spirits, and it is good to know that we are in your thoughts and prayers.”  
~David and Susan Cartwright



Some hospitals play cradle music when a baby is born. When I’m visiting someone in a hospital, I’ll hear the music played over the hospital’s P.A. system, and I know someone new entered the world. We were fortunate to be the family who took our foster child home from the hospital, and as we made our way to the front door the cradle music sang out over the loudspeakers. I’m not the teary sort, but I felt the tug of tears as we took him to the front door. The whole time I was thinking, “Here is someone new stepping out into the world.” At that moment it doesn’t matter if the child is born to Republicans or Democrats, conservatives or liberals, Pepsi or Coke drinkers. What matters is that a new life has come into the world. Whenever that music is played, even the most callous soul smiles inside at the presence of new life.

We appreciate a moment like that at Christmas, that a new life came into the world, but this life was not any life. We recognize that the Messiah, the word of God’s love spoken into this world, was born as a human. Jesus stepped into our world on Christmas, and with this life we know that life has come to all. We pause at this Christmas moment knowing life entered the world, and that life in Jesus means life for you and me.

Grace & peace,  
Jason Jones

**YOUTH MEAL SIGN-UP**

We are looking for individuals, families, or groups interested in providing meals when our youth meet. In the past, the youth have enjoyed sloppy joes, cold cut sandwiches, pancakes, grilled cheese sandwiches, or even catered meals or pizza. You can make it at home, buy it and bring it, or use the church kitchen to prepare. The youth are always appreciative of the food and of those who provide it.

There will be a sign-up sheet in Sulanke Commons over the next couple of Sundays if you are interested in providing a meal. Please contact Rev. Jason for more information or if you have any questions.

## **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.

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 6 p.m. everything will be organized, and 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. And it's not too late to volunteer to help pack boxes at 6 o'clock tonight or to deliver packages on December 22. Even if you didn't sign up, just show up and we'll put you to work! Let us all come together in service to others this Holiday Season, following the perfect example Jesus set for us.

## **ADVENT AT HAZELWOOD**

### **December 20**

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

### **December 22**

Packing of Perishable Food and Delivery of Packages for Christmas Box Project, 8 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



## **SNOW DAYS**

As beautiful as newly-fallen snow is, it can result in dangerous conditions if not diligently removed, which is a huge undertaking for our single dedicated Property Manager! When snow falls on a Sunday morning, it is simply not within the power of one person (despite a pre-dawn start) to plow the parking lot, clear all of our many walkways and entrances of snow, and get salt down soon enough for it to have a chance to have an impact on the ice, all before people start arriving for worship. With that in mind, we are looking for a few able-bodied volunteers who are willing to come to church at 8 a.m. on Sunday mornings when fresh snow has fallen to help clear the walkways, including the steps leading up to the front doors.



If we are unable to find enough volunteers, we will have to prioritize snow removal and focus our efforts on clearing the parking lot and the more frequently used entrances at Sulanke Commons and the north side of Cartwright Hall. That means when there is fresh snow on Sunday morning, the southeast entrance to the Sanctuary (red double doors) will be blocked off, and a sign will be posted directing those arriving to use the Sulanke Commons doors.

If you would like to help out with this endeavor, please contact Stefanie in the church office at (765) 282-5969, or by email to [hccspetty@gmail.com](mailto:hccspetty@gmail.com).

## **WELCOMING IN THE NEW YEAR**

What better way to welcome the coming new year than to worship & fellowship together! On Sunday, December 30 we will do just that with Worship & Brunch in Cartwright Hall at 10 a.m.

You are invited to bring your favorite brunch item to share, but you do not NEED to provide anything. Let us ring in the New Year and give thanks for the past year! God is good!





## PRESCHOOL NEWS

"At this season of giving thanks and anticipation of the coming of the Christ Child, I would like to thank each and every one of you for allowing me to serve as your Preschool Director. It is a blessing to be part of such tradition here at Hazelwood and to see the many families who return year after year for quality education for their preschoolers.

We are all called to be the hands and feet of Jesus, and I believe that is exactly what we are striving for at Hazelwood Christian Preschool! Jesus is at work here each and every day as the children learn and grow in the love of Jesus! Thanks to each one of the teachers and assistants for loving these precious children and the families we serve. God has chosen you specially for a very important role, to share the good news of Jesus Christ!

~Angela Lopez, Preschool Director

### Christmas Program

I would like to thank everyone who attended our Christmas program on December 14. It was so wonderful to see the pews and balcony full with families who care about the preschool and the children we serve. We had a wonderful time sharing our songs and celebrating the Christmas Season together!



### JONES SCHOLARSHIP

C. Darrell and Edith Jones Scholarship applications are now available in Sulanke Commons and on our website. Applicants, or their parents, must be a church member for at least two years. Deadline for submission is **March 1, 2019**. For more information, contact Mary Ann Matchett, chair of the Jones Scholarship Committee, at [mrsstiky@comcast.net](mailto:mrsstiky@comcast.net).

### AYF: ALL-YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

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. Jason in the church office.

#### 2019 AYF Dates:

January 13 & 27, February 17, March 17 & 31, April 14 & 28

## BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Hazelwood Book Club will be in Sulanke Commons at 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 10. We will be discussing *Artemis* by Andy Weir. Childcare will be provided.

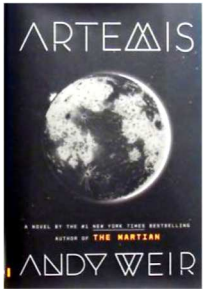
From goodreads.com:

*Jazz Bashara is a criminal.*

*Well, sort of. Life on Artemis, the first and only city on the moon, is tough if you're not a rich tourist or an eccentric billionaire. So smuggling in the occasional harmless bit of contraband barely counts, right? Not when you've got debts to pay and your job as a porter barely covers the rent.*

*Everything changes when Jazz sees the chance to commit the perfect crime, with a reward too lucrative to turn down. But pulling off the impossible is just the start of her problems, as she learns that she's stepped square into a conspiracy for control of Artemis itself—and that now, her only chance at survival lies in a gambit even riskier than the first.*

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).



## NOTE OF APPRECIATION

"Hazelwood Christian Church,

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$250 to our Panther Pantry. Sorry this is late, but I wanted to let you know that your donation was greatly appreciated by those students who received food backpacks."

~Deb, Panther Pantry, Southside Middle School

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Sign-up begins Sunday, December 30 for providing meals for the Men's Sleeping Room of Christian Ministries during the week of January 13-19. Each day, Hazelwood will be providing two meals: breakfast from 6-7:30 a.m. and supper from 6-7:30 p.m.

Please prayerfully consider signing up to provide a meal. Participants are encouraged to bring food already prepared, or you may fix what is available at the shelter. Also, you can prepare food and someone else can deliver it for you. Financial help is always welcome.

For more information, contact Shirley Bookout at (765) 744-1207.

~Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team

A NOTE FROM CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

“The holidays are upon us, and during this time we typically see many more clients in our shelters and food pantry as well as clients that utilize our Baby Care program and Blanket Cupboard. Many of the local churches that support us do so with monetary donations and volunteers, but we can also always use the following items to off-set our expenses for our programs and services.

If you would like to donate any of the listed items below you can do so from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday-Friday. Just come to our back door at 401 E. Main St., ring the doorbell, and someone will assist you. We appreciate you so much during this holiday season!”

ONGOING DONATION NEEDS

Men’s Shelter

- Cleaning Supplies: bleach, Pine-sol, laundry detergent, toilet bowl cleaner, disinfectant spray (Lysol), trash bags (13 & 30 gallon size)
- Paper Goods: toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, Kleenex, paper plates
- Toiletries: travel-size shampoo, body soap, shaving cream, razors

Family Shelter

- Cleaning Supplies: bleach, Pine-sol, laundry detergent, toilet bowl cleaner, trash bags (13 & 30 gallon size)
- Paper Goods: toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex
- Bedding: blankets, sheets (full, queen, king), pillows, bath towels, washcloths
- Toiletries: shampoo, conditioner, body soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste

Main Office

- Cleaning Supplies: bleach, Pine-sol, toilet bowl cleaner, disinfectant spray (Lysol)
- Paper Goods: toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex

Baby Care Program

- Diapers (size 4, 5, & 6)
- Wipes
- Baby Food & Formula

Blanket Cupboard

- Blankets, Comforters, & Sheets (all sizes, especially queen & king)
- Pillows
- Towels

Food Pantry

- Canned food: vegetables, fruit, & meat
- Boxed food: pasta, mac & cheese, hamburger helper, rice, etc.
- Peanut butter
- Cereals



December 23-29, 2018

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| SUNDAY    | • Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary                                  |
| MONDAY    | • Church Office Closes at Noon<br>• Worship Service, 7 p.m., Sanctuary |
| TUESDAY   | • Merry Christmas! Church Office Closed                                |
| WEDNESDAY | • No Praise Band, Bell, or Choir Rehearsals                            |

December 30, 2018-January 5, 2019

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| SUNDAY    | • Worship Service & Brunch, 10 a.m., Cartwright Hall                                        |
| MONDAY    | • Church Office Closes at Noon                                                              |
| TUESDAY   | • Happy New Year! Church Office Closed                                                      |
| WEDNESDAY | • No Praise Band Rehearsal<br>• Elders, 5:30 p.m., Chapel<br>• No Bell, or Choir Rehearsals |



LOOKING AHEAD...

January 6, 2019  
Epiphany

January 10, 2019  
Book Club, 7 p.m., Sulanke Commons

January 15, 2019  
Trustees, 5:30 p.m., Chapel  
Board, 7 p.m., Cartwright Hall

January 17, 2019  
Preschool Team, 10:30 a.m., Chapel

January 18, 2019  
Men’s Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall

January 21, 2019  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day– Church Office Closed