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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
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 20
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!

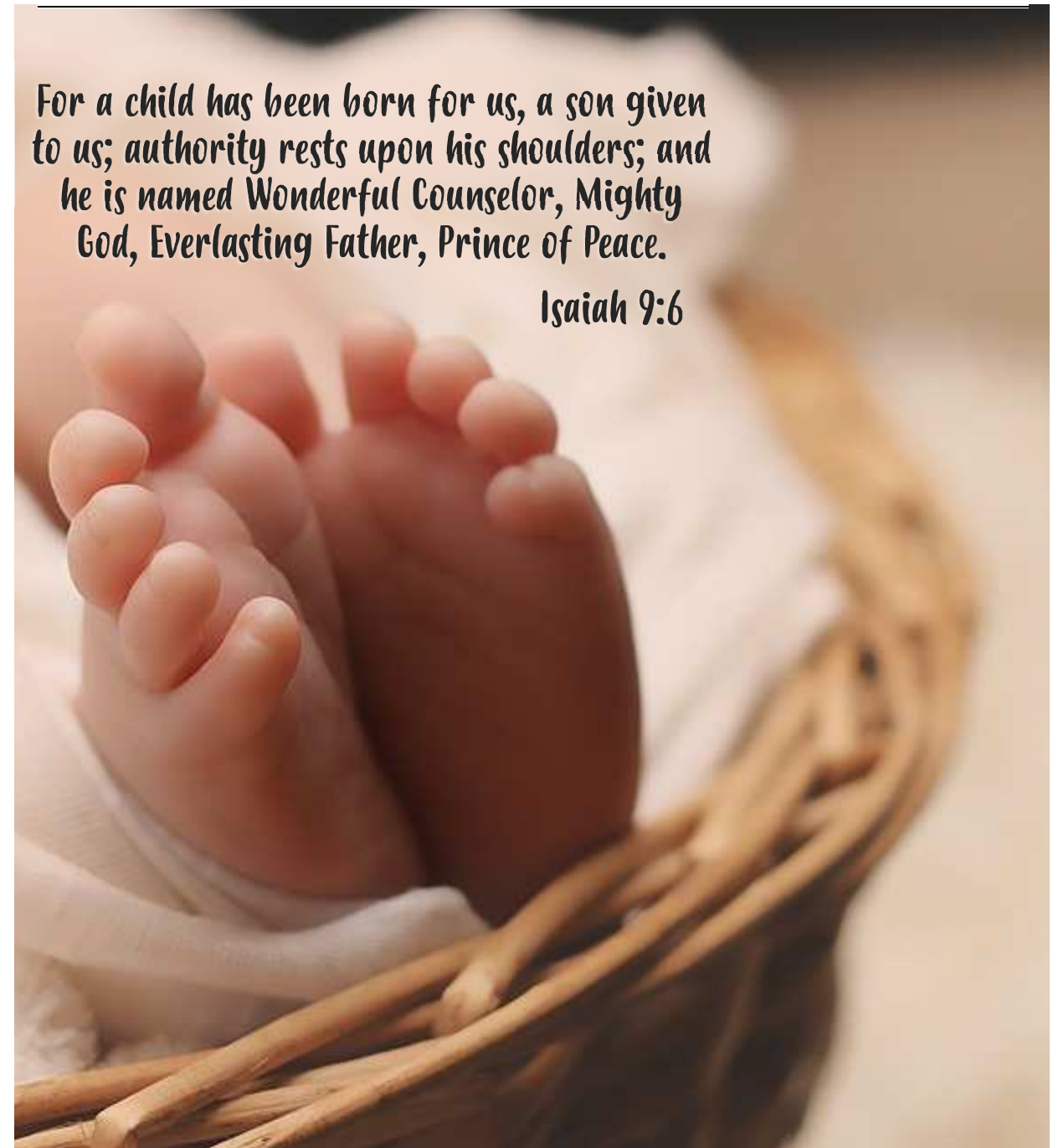


HAZELWOOD LEAVES

December 6, 2018

*For a child has been born for us, a son given
to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and
he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty
God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:6



BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 11/27/18: \$3,433.40

Offerings Received for Week Ending 12/4/18: \$6,120.00

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$4,746.48

Average Weekly Need: \$5,790

Jan.-Oct. 2018 Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$40,846.01)*

**Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



- ♦ Ellen Edmonds is now home following a stay at Morrison Woods.
- ♦ John Burke, Angie Lopez, and Bill Ritchie are all home following brief stays at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.

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 two dedicated grounds keepers! When snow falls on a Sunday morning, it is simply not within the power of two people (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.

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!



I remember a Sunday in the college dorms when my roommate and I ordered a pizza. It had just arrived. We were pouring out pop to drink and setting the TV to a football game, and we were ready to chow down on our pizza. It was that wonderful moment right before the meal you've been greatly anticipating. Right then, though, our neighbor wandered in. He was in a daze, and he needed to use our phone (this was long before the days of cell phones). He'd been in an automobile accident, and he needed to make some phone calls right away. We got him the phone book and tried to give whatever help we could. We even gave him some of our pizza. I felt compassion for his situation; I've been in a few wrecks, and I know how much it can shake a person up, but there was a little selfish part of me that thought, "You're wrecking our pizza party!"

John the Baptist always feels a bit like that, as though he's wrecking our party. Our culture is now in the holiday season, with parties and gift-buying and decorating. Advent plays a different tune than our holiday music, though, and John the Baptist always shows up right in the middle of Advent. For two Sundays, John the Baptist shows up in the Sunday Advent scripture readings, looking very much out of place. He's talking about repentance and getting your life straight, and I think, "John, you're wrecking our holiday party!"

But maybe John's message is what we need most. More than another sweater or glass of eggnog, what we need most is John telling us, "God is in the process of doing something significant, so you need to fix your life so you're on board with it." I need that. Here's hoping John wrecks all our parties this Advent.

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones

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, 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

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 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. 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.

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 are in Sulanke Commons. 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 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

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 POINSETTIAS

In honor of...

Children & Grandchildren
Our children
Suzanne, Ryan, Kara, & Rachel Tucker and Tony,
Melissa, Chase, & Chloe Ritchie
David & Susan Cartwright
Molly (Moser) Kiron Family and Michael Carlton
Family
Ruth & Dave Griffey

In memory of...

Martha Jeanne Hamilton (mother)
Jay Hamilton (brother)
Jean & Clell Douglass
Deceased Family Members
Tom Morgan (husband)
Our Jeffs Great-Grandparents
Myrtle & James Cundiff
Our Witte & Moudy Great-Grandparents
Sue Reece

John Wean

Helen Hartley

Lloyd & Buna Starnes and Jim & Bea Insley
(parents)
Mauri Mangas
Herbert & Suzan Myers and Ron & Vera Thomas

Kenneth & Marjorie Wantz
Charles & Virginia Ingram
Larry E. Green
Ruth & V.G. Moser, Esther & Floyd Firestone, and
Alice M. Stoy
Stanley & Evelyn Bartlett (parents)
Harry & Lydia Williams (grandparents)

From

Ruthanne Devroy
Gene & Mary Dobson
John & Carolyn Starnes

John & Carolyn Starnes
Dee & Bill Moser

Donna Dye

From

Lee Ann Chambers
Lee Ann Chambers
Ruthanne & Samual Devroy
Gene & Mary Dobson
Rhea Morgan
Katelyn & Adam Moudy
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The Families of Jim & Nancy Reece, Carol Lowry,
& Heather Throgmartin
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& Heather Throgmartin
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& Heather Throgmartin
John & Carolyn Starnes

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Ron & Julie Thomas

Woody & Molly Wantz
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Rita Green & Family
Dee & Bill Moser

Elaine Wulff, Jeane Garrett, & Mary Strubbe
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Christmas Poinsettias continued...

In memory of...

Bob Garrett
James & Eunice Miller and William & Thelma
Bowman
Lester & Louise Cartwright and Earl & Anna
Merrick
Lee Dye
Don Lanning
David & Betty Jones and Leo & Marcella
Umberger
Willa & Mary Jane Stacker and Herbert & Ruby
Miller
Bill G. Ritchie
James & June Rhoden
Grandma Betsy (Shults)
Grandfather (Rev. Peter Shults)

From

Jeane Garrett, Beth, and Nancy
Shirley Bookout

David & Susan Cartwright

Donna Dye
Mary Alice Lanning
Sonny & Cheryl McCoy

Dick & Marcia Miller and Jeff & Sherri
Christensen
Bill & Leah Ritchie and family
Lori Rhoden
Andy, Wendy, Brynmar, & Jairen Rees
Andy, Wendy, Brynmar, & Jairen Rees



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

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MASTERWORKS CHORALE CONCERT: GLORIA

Come enjoy an evening of holiday favorites with Masterworks Chorale on Saturday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m. at High Street United Methodist Church (219 S. High Street). Hazelwood members Don Crose and Jeff Heavilon will be singing.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors, and children and students are free! Purchase tickets at the door or in advance. Visit the Masterworks website at munciemasterworks.org, or call (765) 286-5347, ext. 22 for more information.



DISBURSEMENTS

- ♦ \$81.63 towards Nursing Home Gift Lift

HAZELWOOD ANGELS

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES’ FOOD PANTRY

Thanks to the following volunteers who helped with Christian Ministries’ Food Pantry on either November 28, 29, or 30: Cheryll Crose, Dick & Marcia Miller, Pat Patterson, Jim & Nancy Reece, and Glen Sulanke.

NURSING HOME GIFT LIFT

Thanks to everyone who participated through buying gifts or making a monetary donation. We were able to provide gifts for 49 nursing home residents who otherwise may not have received anything for Christmas. A true blessing!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Missions & Benevolence Team is sponsoring a week of meals for the Men’s Sleeping Room of Christian Ministries during the week of January 13-19, 2019. Each day we will provide two meals: breakfast from 6-7:30 a.m., and supper from 6-7:30 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring food already prepared, or you may fix what is available at the shelter. We will need to know when you sign up if you are providing food for your meal. Financial help is always welcome.

Sign-up begins Sunday, December 30. Please prayerfully consider where you can help. 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

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.

TIME CAPSULE: UPDATE

The materials from the 125th 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



December 9-15, 2018

- SUNDAY
 - Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
 - All-Youth Fellowship & Christmas Box Project Secret Santa Shopping, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
- WEDNESDAY
 - Praise Band Rehearsal, 1:30 p.m., Sanctuary
 - Bell Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Room
 - Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., Choir Loft
- THURSDAY
 - Book Club, 7 p.m., Sulanke Commons

But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.



Isaiah 40:31



December 16-22, 2018

- SUNDAY
 - Worship & Children’s Christmas Pageant, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
 - All-Youth Fellowship & Christmas Box Project Gift Wrapping, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
- TUESDAY
 - Trustees, 5:30 p.m., Chapel
- WEDNESDAY
 - Praise Band Rehearsal, 1:30 p.m., Sanctuary
 - Bell Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Choir Loft
 - Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., Choir Loft
- THURSDAY
 - Christmas Box Project: Non-Perishable Food Packing, 6 p.m., Cartwright Hall
- FRIDAY
 - Men’s Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall (Host: Jeff Heavilon)
- SATURDAY
 - Christmas Box Project: Perishable Food Packing & Deliveries, 8 a.m.-Noon



LOOKING AHEAD...

December 24, 2018

Christmas Eve– Church Office Closes at Noon
Worship Service, 7 p.m., Sanctuary

December 25, 2018

Merry Christmas! Church Office Closed

December 30, 2018

Worship Service and Brunch, 10 a.m., Cartwright Hall

December 31, 2018

New Year’s Eve– Church Office Closes at Noon

January 1, 2019

Happy New Year! Church Office Closed

January 6, 2019

Epiphany