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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

February 14 & 28

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



BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 1/22/19: \$5,084.54

Offerings Received for Week Ending 1/29/19: \$4,897.90

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$5,274.84

Average Weekly Need: \$5,790

2018 Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$30,232.39)*

**Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



- ◆ Congratulations to Masita & John Poray and big brother Rhys on the birth of Rylee Marie on Friday, January 18. Proud Hazelwood grandparents are Yeno and Nlandu Matuka.
- ◆ Sympathies to Wilma, Ron, and Kathy Purtlebaugh and family on the passing of Bob Purtlebaugh on Wednesday, January 23. Services were held on Saturday, January 26.
- ◆ Charles Retherford is back home following a brief stay in the hospital after an automobile accident.



February Birthdays

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| 8 Aurora Bennett | 18 Melissa Ritchie |
| 10 Tori Long | 20 Johnathan Rowe |
| 12 Rhea Morgan | 21 Wilma Purtlebaugh |
| 13 Wendy Rees | 23 Scott Heavilon |
| 15 Jeff Clary | 24 Gwen Clark |
| 17 Jill Clark | 28 Bethany Ratts |
| Ashlyn Farra | |

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.



I'm guessing the last few weeks sent you to a basic chore: clearing snow. You're probably no different from me in that you've moved some snow over the last couple weeks. I've used a snow blower at times in the past, but I prefer the more basic approach with a shovel. I shoveled so much snow during the winter of 2014 that my snow shovel wore out. After all the shoveling of that heavy winter I had to toss it out and get a new one.

Clearing snow is a bit like the Greek myth of Sisyphus. You probably know it; Sisyphus was punished for his deceitfulness, and his punishment was to roll a big boulder up a hill. Before he could complete his task, the boulder would roll back down the hill, and he was forced to begin the job again, condemning him to an eternal frustration. Clearing snow is often like rolling that boulder up the hill. Soon the snow will accumulate again, and you'll be out there doing the job again.

But--and this is my attitude I'm trying to take with this winter--it's not all bad. Clearing snow connects me to my neighbors. I've had nice conversations in the past with neighbors as we're both out clearing snow. Neighbors often help neighbors in getting the job done. There's a unique satisfaction in a job done once the snow is cleared. I look at my snow-free sidewalks and think, proudly, "I did that." Shoveling snow connects us to the natural world. We live removed from nature, in temperature controlled houses eating food produced far away from us. When you shovel snow, though, you're right back in the midst of the natural world, and that--I think--isn't such a bad thing.

There's a sort of rhythm to shoveling, and it makes for a unique place for prayer. It sounds crazy, but try this: when you scoop up the snow say to yourself, "Thank you, Lord," and then when you drop or throw the snow pray, "for this day." You'll find yourself praying a whole bunch of times, "Thank you, Lord, for this day." And you might find yourself with a different attitude about it all. You've got to be out there anyway, why not make a prayer out of it?



Grace & peace,
Jason Jones



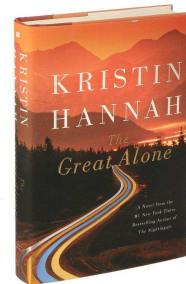
Warm up your taste buds and warm up your act! Our annual Taters 'N Talent show will be at 5 p.m. on Sunday, **February 24**. Sign-up begins on Sunday, February 3, so start thinking now about the talent you would like to share.

BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Hazelwood Book Club will be in Sulanke Commons at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 14. We will be discussing *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. Childcare will be provided.

From goodreads.com:

In this unforgettable portrait of human frailty and resilience, Kristin Hannah reveals the indomitable character of the modern American pioneer and the spirit of a vanishing Alaska—a place of incomparable beauty and danger. The Great Alone is a daring, beautiful, stay-up-all-night story about love and loss, the fight for survival, and the wildness that lives in both man and nature.



If you have any questions, or are interested in joining in on the fun, contact Stephanie Farra at safarra18@gmail.com.

LOVE IS IN THE AIR

Often times, Valentine's Day gets a bad rap. More often than not, we associate Valentine's Day with *Eros*, romantic love. But there is so much more to love than all that mushy stuff! Just look at the many kinds of love recognized by the ancient Greeks: there is *Philautia*, the love of oneself; *Ludus*, the playful love you feel at the start of a relationship (think hearts aflutter and goofy grins); *Pragma*, the enduring love that goes on year after year; *Philia*, the love you feel for your friends; *Storge*, the love you feel for your family, your children, and your parents; *Agape*, selfless love for all—something we as Christians strive to embody. That's a lot of love to celebrate!

On Sunday, **February 10**, we will ALL come together and show our love for each other and for the Lord, as we share food and fellowship at our Valentine Carry-In Lunch at 11:30 a.m. There is sign-up sheet in Sulanke Commons to help us to have a better variety of food, as well to have an accurate count for seating. If you have questions, feel free to contact Marianna Gill at 282-5969.



Can you imagine?

"We sometimes think that "imagination" means something escapist or illusory. Yet, imagination is not something unreal or fake. No, it is **essential** to God's hope for creation. Hear how the Apostle Paul put it: "**Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine...**" (Ephesians 3:20-21). And God imagines a world where all are safe, all are loved, all are fed.

You see, when we use our imaginations in the way that God does, we can begin to envision - and work for! - a world

...where no child goes unfed, un-housed, or unloved;

...where no one ever fears abuse or violence;

...where clean water is not a dream but a reality for all;

...where small farmers do their work with dignity and are paid a fair wage for their labors;

...where agricultural practices enrich and renew the land rather than deplete it;

...where survivors of natural disasters have the resources they need;

...where vulnerable immigrants are welcomed in Christ's name.

Can **YOU** imagine these things? Through your gifts to Week of Compassion what we can imagine becomes ever more a reality for more and more people.

Please give generously!"

"When people look at the church, they should see the One who declared—through word and deed to the leper, the lame, and the poor—that His kingdom is bringing healing to every speck of the universe."

Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert, in *When Helping Hurts*

A special offering will be collected for Week of Compassion during worship on February 17 & 24. For more information on Week of Compassion, visit them online at www.weekofcompassion.org.





CHANGE 4 CHANGE ON SUPERBOWL SUNDAY

Save up your change, and fill your pockets and purses on Sunday, **February 3** to help our youth effect change in our community! After the worship service on Super Bowl Sunday, our youth will be holding soup bowls to collect your change to use for service projects in Muncie. What a great excuse to check those couch cushions, coat pockets, and all those other sneaky places change tends to collect! Look for more information about how the youth put your change to use in upcoming editions of the *Hazelwood Leaves*.

SUMMER CAMPS

It's that time of year when we start dreaming of summer. Our region is sponsoring numerous camps again this year. As in years past, Hazelwood will cover half of the registration costs. Contact Rev. Jason in the church office if you have any questions.

Register online: <http://indianadisciples.org/search/summer+camp+2019>

Cost: Full week: \$310, 4-day: \$265, 3-day: \$205

(Add \$25 for registrations submitted after May 15)

	Geneva Center Rochester, Indiana	Bedford Christian Camp Bedford, Indiana
Middle School (Completed Gr. 6-8)	June 24-29	July 15-20
High School (Completed Gr. 9-12)	June 24-29	July 1-6
C.R.O.S.S (Completed Gr. 6-12)	June 24-29	
M.A.D. (Completed Gr. 6-12)	June 17-22	
Explorer (Completed Gr. 4-5)	June 10-15	July 8-13
New Beginnings (Completed Gr. 1-3)	June 17-19	June 24-26
You & Me 1 (Ages 5+ with adult)	June 12-15 (4 days)	
You & Me 2 (Ages 5+ with adult)	June 20-22 (3 days)	



PRESCHOOL NEWS

Chick-fil-A Spirit Night

Back by popular demand, we will have Chick-fil-A Spirit Night on Thursday, February 7, from 5-8 p.m. For every purchase made accompanied by a Hazelwood Preschool flyer, the preschool will receive a 15% donation from Chick-fil-A. This is a great way to have a good meal and support your preschool! Flyers are available in Sulanke Commons. Hope to see all of you there!

Looking Ahead

February 8	Teacher Work Day
February 18	President's Day- No School or ELC
February 25	Chapel, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m., 4-5 Year-Old Classes
February 28	Chapel, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m., 3-4 Year-Old Classes



NOTES OF APPRECIATION

"Dear friends, Motivate Our Minds, Inc. sincerely thanks you for your generous donation of \$300. We truly appreciate your generous and supportive interest in our children. With all the opportunities you have to support local organizations, we are so grateful that you find our programs worthy of your investment. The mission statement of Motivate Our Minds is "Educating children and families to grow and flourish," and your support helps make that possible. Thank you again,"

~Jonathan M. Jones, Executive Director, Motivate Our Minds, Inc.

"Dear Hazelwood Christian Church, We here at YWCA Central Indiana were so honored to receive your contribution of \$300. Every day your contribution helps to provide advocacy and shelter services for women and children throughout Central Indiana. Food, hygiene products, bedding, health and wellness, economic empowerment, and other essential services aid those we serve as they begin the transition from crisis living to self-sufficiency.

YWCA Central Indiana is on a mission to create real change. Thank you for joining us as we endeavor to continue eliminating racism, empowering women, and assisting those without a home to call their own. Once again, we say thank you. Our staff and residents sincerely appreciate being able to count on your support. Best,"

~Watasha Barnes Griffin, Chief Executive Officer, YWCA Central Indiana

Missions Update continued on next page...

“Dear friends, Thank you for your donation of \$300. Thank you so much for your continued support of our community children. New items of clothing purchased with your dollars keep children in school. Sincerely,”

~The Board of Delaware County Children’s Clothing Center

HAZELWOOD ANGELS

Breakfast and dinner were provided for Christian Ministries’ Men’s Sleeping Room during the week of January 13-19 by Hazelwood volunteers, including: Shirley Bookout, Kathy Clary, Don & Cheryll Crose, Kent, Stephanie, Ashlyn, & Jaxon Farra, Tony & Marianna Gill, Jay & Mary Ann Matchett, Dick & Marcia Miller, Bill & Dee Moser, Mike & Pat Painter, Becky Peckinbaugh, Jim & Nancy Reece, Glen Sulanke, and Ann Wolfe. **THANKS** to all who helped.

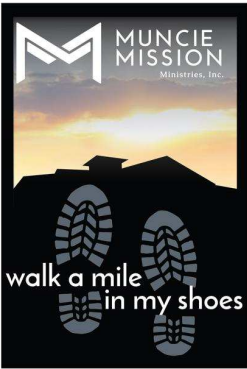
MUNCIE MISSION’S ANNUAL WALK-A-MILE IN MY SHOES

Saturday, February 9

(Inclement weather date: February 16)

Begins at 9 a.m. at the **Muncie Central High School gym** and goes to the Muncie Mission, 1725 S. Liberty Street.

Please prayerfully consider walking or supporting a Hazelwood walker with a donation. To sign up to walk, go to walkformunciemission.com and register under Team #130. To support a walker, or for more information, see Shirley Bookout in Sulanke Commons after worship or call her at (765) 744-1207.



CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES’ FOOD PANTRY

Volunteers are needed to work at Christian Ministries’ Food Pantry on February 27, 28, & March 1 from 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. If you are able to help or would like more information, please contact Marcia Miller at (765) 730-5552.

~Blessings & Gratitude from the Missions & Benevolence Team

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**. For more information, contact Mary Ann Matchett, chair of the Jones Scholarship Committee, at mrsstiky@comcast.net.



February 3-9, 2019

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| SUNDAY | • Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary |
| WEDNESDAY | • Praise Band, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary
• Elders, 5:30 p.m., Chapel
• Bells, 6 p.m., Choir Room
• Choir, 7:30 p.m., Choir Loft |
| THURSDAY | • Preschool Team, 10:30 a.m., Chapel
• Chick-fil-A Spirit Night Fundraiser, 5-8 p.m. (<i>flyer available in Sulanke Commons</i>)
• Worship Team, 7 p.m., Chapel |
| SATURDAY | • Walk-A-Mile in My Shoes, 9 a.m., Muncie Central High School Gym |

February 10-16, 2019

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| SUNDAY | • Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
• Valentine Carry-In, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall |
| MONDAY | • Preschool Discernment Team, 10:30 a.m., Chapel |
| TUESDAY | • NEST Group, 7 p.m., Bill & Dee Moser’s Home |
| WEDNESDAY | • Praise Band, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary
• Bells, 6 p.m., Choir Room
• Choir, 7:30 p.m., Choir Loft |
| THURSDAY | • Book Club, 7 p.m., Sulanke Commons |
| FRIDAY | • Men’s Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall (Host: Dick Miller) |



February 24, 2019
Taters ‘N Talent, 5 p.m., Cartwright Hall

March 1, 2019
Jones Scholarship Applications Due

March 6, 2019
Ash Wednesday Service, 7 p.m., Sanctuary