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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**

March 28  
April 11 & 25

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

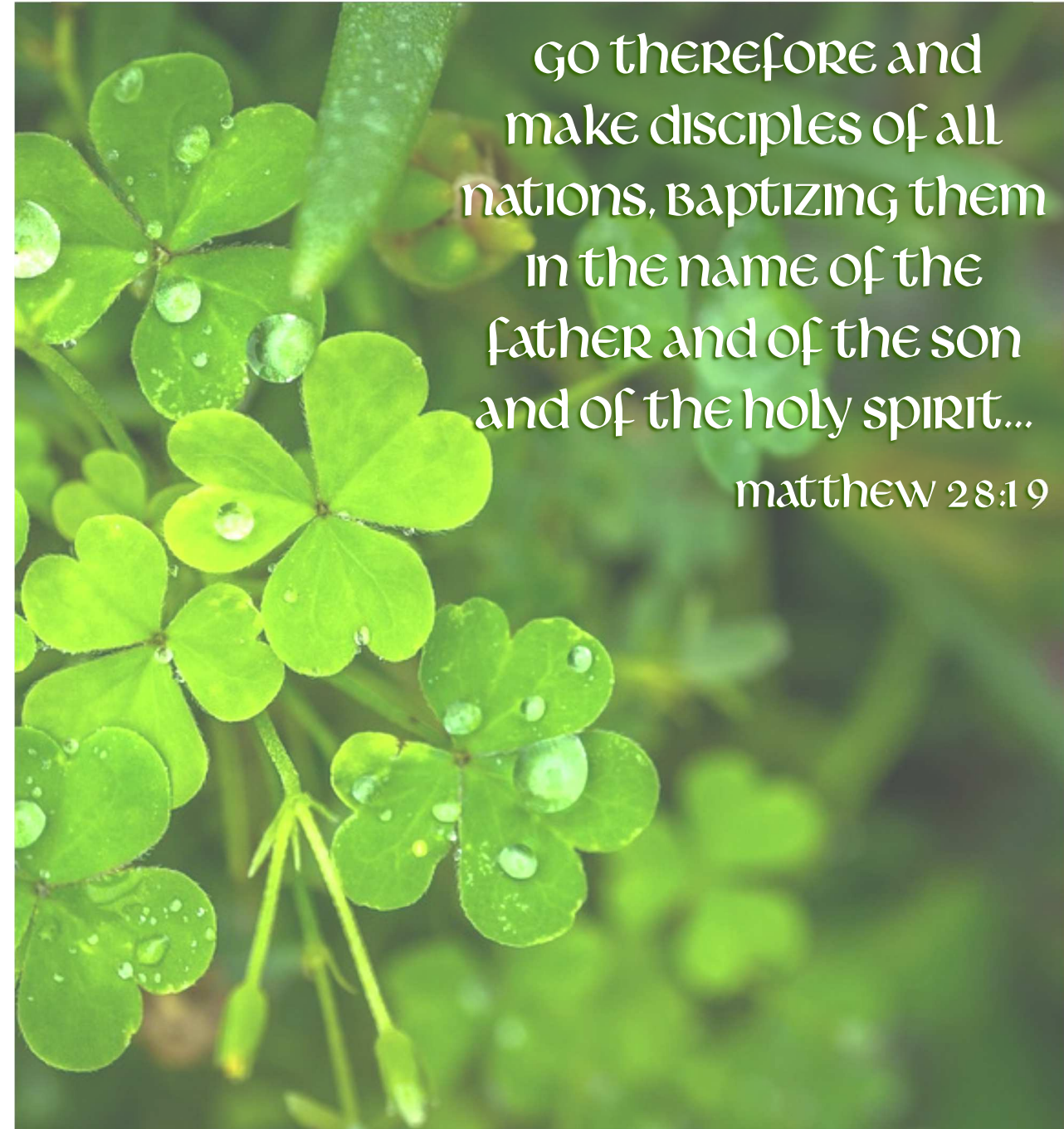


# HAZELWOOD LEAVES

March 14, 2019

go therefore and  
make disciples of all  
nations, baptizing them  
in the name of the  
father and of the son  
and of the holy spirit...

matthew 28:19



**BUDGET UPDATE**

**Offerings Received for Week Ending 3/5/19: \$3,675.40**  
**Offerings Received for Week Ending 3/12/19: \$6,217.50**

**Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$4,292.06**  
**Average Weekly Need: \$5,151**

**Jan. 2019 Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$7,616.12)\***

*\*Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



- ♦ Pat Patterson has been released from the hospital and is now back home.
- ♦ Sympathies to the family of Mary Anne Warfel, who passed away on March 13. Her family is planning a small service to be held during the summer.

**CARD SHOWER FOR JEANE**

Jeane Garrett will celebrate her 90th birthday on Sunday, March 24. She is not able to be at Hazelwood for worship as often as she used to be, so we would like to help her celebrate her big day with a card shower! You can participate by sending a birthday card to Jeane at Morrison Woods (4100 N. Morrison Rd, Room 101, Muncie, IN 47304). Just imagine the smile on Jeane’s face when she sees so many birthday wishes from her Hazelwood family!

**PROPERTY WORK DAY**

Hazelwood is blessed with such a beautiful property, and it takes all of us to keep it at its best! Join us Saturday, April 6, from 9 a.m.-Noon, for the first Property Work Day of 2019. We’ll meet in Sulanke Commons before we start assigning tasks.

ALL are encouraged to participate as we shake off winter in anticipation of the spring season and all of the wonderful activities it brings to Hazelwood: Palm Sunday, the annual Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Sunday, Preschool Sunday, and so much more! Sign up in Sulanke Commons after worship to let us know you’d like to help.

**Everybody is needed!** There are many things to be accomplished to get our church and grounds ready to welcome all during these exciting upcoming church and community events!



I have a German friend who spent a year working at a church in Northwest Indiana. She’s a seminary student and wanted a break from her studies to get some practical experience being around a church. When her year was almost over, I asked her how the people back in Germany would think she’d changed because of her year away. She paused and thought for a bit, and then said, “Good question.”

Trips change us. When we travel to a different place, the experience of being away and taking in a new place brings us home with a different perspective. People of faith have gone on pilgrimages, which are trips of religious significance. Whenever someone goes some place with the hope of building up or renewing their faith, they’re going on a pilgrimage. Christians have gone on pilgrimages to the Holy Land or sites associated with a saint or a religious experience. A member of my church in Highland used to talk about her trip to the Holy Land, even twenty years after the trip, talking about how much it meant to her to walk in the places Jesus walked. That’s a pilgrimage, a trip that affects a person’s faith.

During Lent, for my sermons, I’m focusing on the theme of pilgrimage. Lent is a sort of pilgrimage. We may physically stay in the same place, but we go on a journey of faith as we experience Lent. We follow Jesus on the way to the cross with the hopes that our destination of Easter will be different because of the journey. Sometimes people do certain things during Lent, and if you’re looking for things to do we’ve created a calendar, which you can find here in this newsletter, of things to do for each day of the season. If you intentionally follow this season, you’ll come to Easter with a renewed faith and a deeper love for God. May God bless your pilgrimage through this season of Lent.

Grace & peace,  
Jason Jones

*Happy are those whose strength is in you, in  
whose heart are the highways to Zion.*

*Psalms 84:5*



## **Words on Worship: Lent**

It's been a while since we've had an article for Words on Worship (WOW). I thought Lent would be a good topic to cover. "Just as we set aside time to spiritually prepare for Christmas Day, it makes sense to set aside time to prepare for two of the most important days of the Christian year, Good Friday and Easter. Unlike the childlike joy associated with the season of Advent, with its eager anticipation of the precious baby Jesus, Lent is an intensely penitential time as we examine our sinful natures and return to the God we have, through our own rebelliousness, hurt time and again. Lent is also an opportunity to contemplate what our Lord really did for us on the cross - and it wasn't pretty. But ultimately, the purpose of Lent does not stop at sadness and despair - it points us to the hope of the Resurrection and the day when every tear will be dried (*Revelation 21:3*). Lent offers us a time to open our hearts a little wider and understand our Lord a little deeper, so that when Good Friday and eventually Easter comes, it is not just another day at church but an opportunity to receive the overflowing of graces God has to offer." (written by Sarah Phillips - Crosswalk.com Contributing Writer)

What does that mean for us at Hazelwood? We began Lent with our Ash Wednesday service, which focused on our mortality and the need for penitence. You may notice there is a lot of purple around the church now. Purple is the liturgical color for the season of Lent. In regards to our music, we try to avoid any songs or hymns that refer to the Lord's resurrection or that use 'Hallelujah'. Sarah Phillips mentions the joy that's associated with Advent. Lent is the opposite when it comes to mood. Lent is more somber, almost melancholy, because the Lenten journey ultimately ends at the cross with the death of Christ. But we must push through the darkness of Black Friday to glimpse the Son rising on Easter Sunday.

~Marianna Gill, Worship Coordinator

### **INQUIRERS' CLASS**

Whether you are new to Hazelwood or a youth interested in baptism, our Inquirers' Class is open to all who want to learn more about the Disciples of Christ and Hazelwood Christian Church. We are planning to start a class during the Lent season to explore the basics of our faith and what it means to be a member of Hazelwood. Please contact Rev. Jason if you are interested.

## **SEASON OF LENT AT HAZELWOOD**

### **LENT SOUP & STUDY**

Pull up a chair as we enjoy a bowl of soup and delve into *Practicing Compassion* by Frank Rogers Jr. at 5:30 p.m. on March 17, 24, 31, and April 7 in Cartwright Hall.

### **PALM SUNDAY**

Join us for a Procession of Palms and Worship service on Sunday, April 14 at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary as we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Enjoy a light supper on Thursday, April 18 at 6 p.m. as we come together in fellowship in Cartwright Hall. At 7 p.m., we will move to the Sanctuary for worship and communion in memory of Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the meal, please contact Shirley Bookout at (765) 744-1207.

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

Join your neighbors on Friday, April 19 from 7-8:30 a.m. for a Community Good Friday Breakfast Service, sponsored by the Muncie YMCA, at the Horizon Convention Center (401 S. High St.). It is free and open to the public, featuring guest speaker Sujo John, 9/11 survivor, and music from Cook & Belle. **Due to limited seating, all attendees must RSVP by April 5, 2019. Contact Tonya Locke via email: [tlocke@muncieymca.org](mailto:tlocke@muncieymca.org), or (765) 741-5534.**

### **EGG HUNT**

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Hazelwood is Saturday, April 20! Kids up to Grade 5 will meet in Sulanke Commons at 10 a.m. to search for those elusive Easter Eggs filled with candy.

If you would like to donate candy or volunteer to help stuff Easter Eggs, contact Rev. Jason in the church office.

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

He Has Risen!

Join us in Worship on Sunday, April 21 at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

Youth that complete the Inquirers' Class will be baptized during the service.

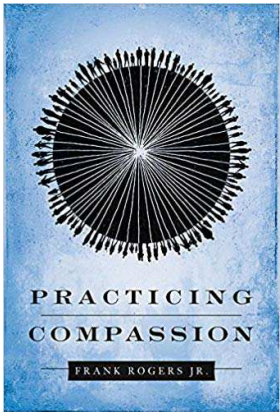
# LENT PRACTICES 2019

Do each practice for each day as a way of experiencing Lent.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			MAR 6 Attend Ash Wednesday worship.	7 Spend time in silent prayer.	8 Say something encouraging to another.	9 Make a point of praying for those in need.
10 Give something away.	11 Fast from television.	12 While shopping, buy something for those in need.	13 Write a note of encouragement.	14 Fast from worrying.	15 Don't listen to music or radio in the car.	16 Tell someone you love him or her.
17 Take over a disliked chore from a family member.	18 Fast from junk food and fast food.	19 Avoid criticizing others.	20 Pause and appreciate something beautiful.	21 Do something kind for a neighbor.	22 Give to a charity.	23 Fast from desserts.
24 Go through your closets and give away things you don't use or need.	25 Give someone a compliment.	26 Show love to an enemy.	27 Eat simple meals today.	28 Fast from gossip.	29 Give extra time to prayer.	30 Fast from second helpings at meals.
31 Reflect on Psalm 126, the scripture reading for today.	APR 1 Pay attention to someone you may have ignored.	2 Fast from social media.	3 Write someone a note of appreciation.	4 Fast from screen time (except for what's needed for work or school).	5 Buy coffee or a snack for another.	6 Fast from complaining.
7 Think of an old friend, and give her or him a call.	8 Seek reconciliation with someone you may have harmed.	9 Speak less and listen more.	10 At the end of the day reflect on your reasons for thankfulness.	11 Write your representative in Congress, advocating for the needs of the poor.	12 Take a silent walk.	13 Pray for someone with whom you disagree.
14 Reflect on a favorite hymn or praise song.	15 Fast from negative thoughts.	16 Give a generous tip to a service worker.	17 Find some time for quiet rest.	18 Attend Maundy Thursday worship.	19 Read the crucifixion story in Luke 22:29-23:56.	20 Be silent for 30 minutes, remembering Jesus in the tomb.
21 Celebrate the resurrection.						

LENT SOUP & STUDY

I've said it before, sometimes the name says it all, and Soup & Study is just what you'd expect it to be. During Lent we'll gather for Soup and for Study. At 5:30 p.m. on four Sundays (March 17, March 24, March 31, and April 7), we'll share in this special season of Lent through fellowship around some bowls of soup, and then we'll have a time of study.



Our focus for study will be Frank Rogers Jr.'s book, *Practicing Compassion*. We usually believe compassion to be a positive thing, but we often lack a means to get it, and this book shows us a path. I've found Soup & Study be a unique way to gather for both fellowship and renewal as we journey through this special season.

~Jason Jones

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Preschool Registration

Our morning classes for the fall are filling up fast. If you have a child or know of a family interested in signing up for preschool don't delay, sign up today!

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Chick-fil-A spirit night. We raised approximately \$150, and we had a great time fellowshiping with Hazelwood's congregation and preschool families.

Looking Ahead

- March 25-29
- April 19
- April 28
- Spring Break– No School or ELC
- Good Friday– No School or ELC
- Preschool Sunday



March 17-23, 2019



- SUNDAY
- Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
- All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
- Lent Soup & Study, 5:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall
- TUESDAY
- Trustees, 5:30 p.m., Chapel
- Board, 7 p.m., Cartwright Hall
- WEDNESDAY
- Praise Band, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary
- Bells, 6 p.m., Choir Room
- Choir, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft

March 24-30, 2019

- SUNDAY
- Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
- Lent Soup & Study, 5:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall
- MONDAY
- Area Ministers, 10:30 a.m., Chapel
- CWF, 2 p.m., Morrison Woods, Room 101
- TUESDAY
- NEST Group, 7 p.m., Moser's Home
- WEDNESDAY
- Praise Band, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary
- Bells, 6 p.m., Choir Room
- Choir, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft

LOOKING AHEAD...



March 31, 2019

- All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
- Lent Soup & Study, 5:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall

April 3, 2019

- Elders, 5:30 p.m., Chapel

April 4, 2019

- Worship Team, 7 p.m., Chapel

April 6, 2019

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

April 7, 2019

- Lent Soup & Study, 5:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall

April 9, 2019

- NEST Study, 7 p.m., Moser's Home