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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

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 28, 2019



*Let my teaching fall like rain and
my words descend like dew, like
showers on new grass, like
abundant rain on tender plants.*

Deuteronomy 32:2

BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 3/19/19: \$3,249.50
Offerings Received for Week Ending 3/26/19: \$5,063.40

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$4,422.64
Average Weekly Need: \$5,151



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

**Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



- ♦ Wilma Purtlebaugh is a patient at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.
- ♦ Ellen Edmonds is at Signature Healthcare.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

“Thank you for all of your concerns, cards, prayers, and flowers while Mary Anne was in the hospital and after she passed. Your fellowship and love have meant the world to us.”

~Judy Thomas

“Thank you for the lovely flowers I received during my recent hospitalization and for Rev. Jason’s visit. I’m feeling much better now and hope to see you all in church soon. Blessings,”

~Pat Patterson

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 (there will be donuts at 8:30 a.m., so come early!).

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!



CONGRATULATIONS!

The Muncie-Delaware Clean and Beautiful 2019 Volunteer of the Year “Oscar Award” went to Ann Wolfe for her work with Downtown, Old West End, and Riverside/Normal City neighborhood clean-up efforts. She has been known to sweep up and dispose of broken glass from sidewalks so Petey’s paws don’t get hurt during walks. Congratulations, Ann!



I’m writing this on the first day of Spring. It’s still cooler outside, but the world is turning, and the seasons are changing. Last week we had some warmer days, and I opened up the back porch door to let some air in. I thought, “We’ve been breathing the stuffy air of winter for months now. It’s time to let some fresh air in.”

The Canadian singer Bruce Cockburn says in one of his songs, “At the risk of being subversive, nothing left to do but shout, ‘Open up the window, let the bad air out!’” Some things need a breath of fresh air. There’s been a time or two in my ministry I’ve visited a home, and the mood is dark and discouraged, and I’ve wanted to start opening curtains and windows just to give the place a different spirit. I remember one home I visited, many years ago, the shades were drawn, and one lonely light was on. The mood of the inhabitant was as dark as the house. Looking back, I wish I would have asked permission to open some shades and windows and give the house (and the mood there) some fresh air.

What in your life needs some fresh air? By that I don’t mean your car still smells like last night’s take-out dinner. What in your life could use some new life, stimulation, and resuscitation? Maybe you’re stuck in unhelpful patterns. Maybe you’ve allowed negative thoughts to cloud your mind. Maybe you’ve gone off of God’s path. Lent is a perfect time to give your life some fresh air. In the season of Lent we fast, pray, take a good look at our lives, and ask what needs changing. You could, during Lent, decide to turn off the constant negativity of cable news and take a walk instead. You could decide to go to lunch with a friend who encourages you. You could spend 15 minutes each day with a scripture passage that builds your faith. There are so many things you can do to give your faith some fresh air, and Lent is a fantastic time to do it. The point of Lent is not to make ourselves feel miserable, but to allow the fresh air of God’s spirit to blow through our lives and wake us up to God’s new life.

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones

EASTER IS COMING - TIME TO DECORATE!

It will soon be time to decorate our church with the lovely lilies and other decorations for Spring and Easter. If you would like to help by donating an Easter Lily in memory, or in honor, of someone this year, please fill out the form below, and send it to the church office with your check, or drop it in the offering plate on Sunday (to make it easier for our bookkeeper, please make your check separate from your regular offering). We will not be able to take telephone orders. Each gift is \$15, and you will be entitled to take a lily home with you after Easter. Names will be listed in bulletins on Easter morning. *Thank you!*

Easter Decoration Gift Order

Deadline to receive orders is Sunday, April 7, 2019.

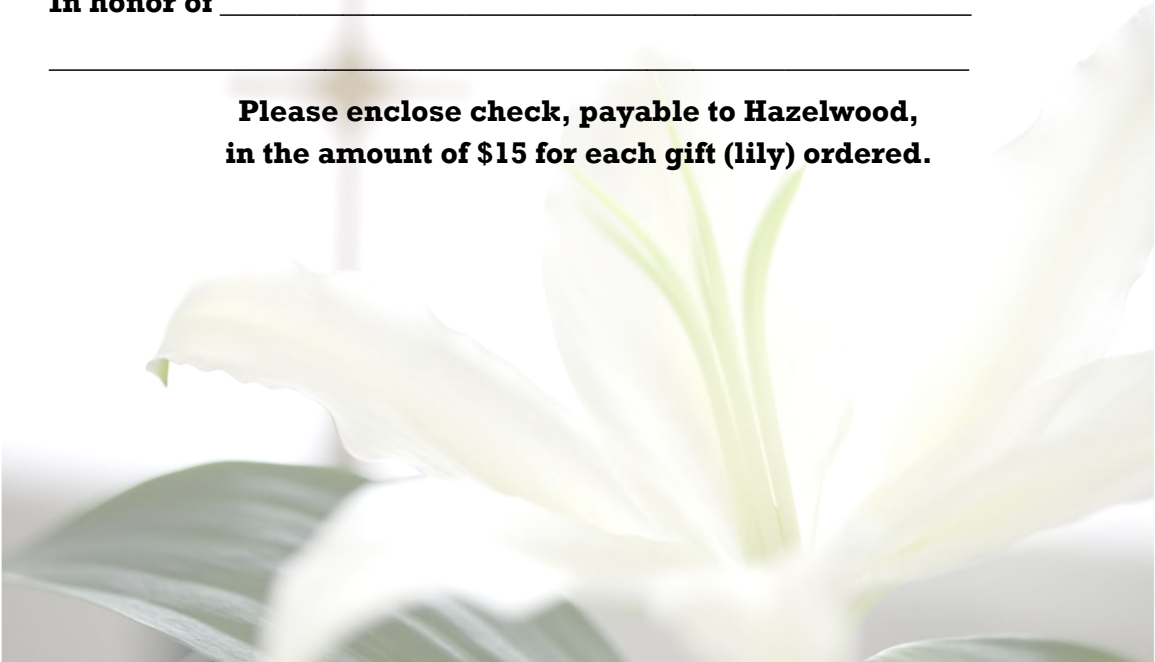
of Lilies ordered (@\$15 each) _____

Given by _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

**Please enclose check, payable to Hazelwood,
in the amount of \$15 for each gift (lily) ordered.**



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.). **Attendees must RSVP by April 5, 2019. Contact Tonya Locke at tlocke@muncieymca.org, or (765) 741-5534.**

A Community Good Friday Service sponsored by Christian Ministries will be at Noon at Riverside United Methodist Church (1201 Wheeling Ave.). Three musical selections will be sung by the Community Choir, and donations of non-perishable goods and toiletries will be accepted.

EGG HUNT

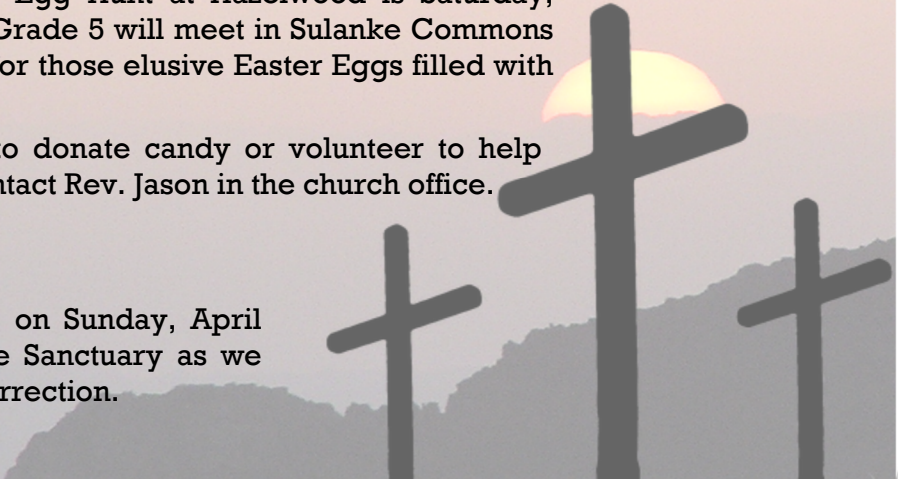
The Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Hazelwood is Saturday, April 20! Kids up to Grade 5 will meet in Sulanke Commons at 10 a.m. to search for those elusive Easter Eggs filled with candy.

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.



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.						

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Children through 5th grade are invited to join us on Saturday, April 20 for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! We will gather in Sulanke Commons at 10 a.m. before beginning the hunt for the elusive eggs on the lawn (if the weather isn't cooperating, the eggs will be hidden inside).

There are many ways you can help us get ready for the Egg Hunt:

- 1) Donate wrapped candy to fill the plastic eggs. Keep in mind the candy will need to fit in the regular size plastic eggs, so nothing too large please.
- 2) Help stuff eggs on Sunday, April 14 after the worship service, or stuff eggs at home. If you stuff them at home, please indicate the type of candy or appropriate age group (we want to avoid hard candy for the 0-3 year-olds).
- 3) Help hide the eggs before or help supervise the hunting grounds during the big event! We will meet in Sulanke Commons at 9 a.m. to begin hiding eggs.

If you would like to help, or have any questions, contact Rev. Jason in the church office.

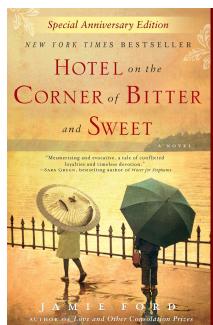


BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Hazelwood Book Club will be in Sulanke Commons at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 11. We will be discussing *The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford. Childcare will be provided.

From goodreads.com:

In 1986, Henry Lee joins a crowd outside the Panama Hotel, once the gateway to Seattle's Japantown. It has been boarded up for decades, but now the new owner has discovered the belongings of Japanese families who were sent to internment camps during World War II. As the owner displays and unfurls a Japanese parasol, Henry, a Chinese American, remembers a young Japanese American girl from his childhood in the 1940s—Keiko Okabe, with whom he forged a bond of friendship and innocent love that transcended the prejudices of their Old World ancestors. After Keiko and her family were evacuated to the internment camps, she and Henry could only hope that their promise to each other would be kept. Now, forty years later, Henry explores the hotel's basement for the Okabe family's belongings and for a long-lost object whose value he cannot even begin to measure. His search will take him on a journey to revisit the sacrifices he has made for family, for love, for country.



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

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

“Dear Hazelwood,

Financially speaking, A Better Way has been going through some difficult times. We are always dependent upon generous, caring people, who make us able to serve people whose lives are in turmoil.

Due to delays in payment from governmental grants, we have been more in need than usual. We have been blessed to have been heard by people like you, who are providing the support we need to stay operational. Our hearts are full...full with the knowledge that you care. You want to help and have done so quickly and kindly with your gift of \$100.

It has made our work all that much more rewarding. We know you believe in us and the work we do, and you want to see us continue to do it. More importantly, many people in need of safe, supportive service will receive it without the slightest implication that there is a cash shortage.

I am sincerely grateful,”

~Theresa Clemmons, Executive Director, A Better Way

~Blessings & Gratitude from the Missions & Benevolence Team



PRESCHOOL NEWS

Preschool Sunday

Sunday, April 28 at 10 a.m. is our Preschool Sunday and Art show. You won't want to miss this!

Summer Camp

Summer camp registration has begun. If you are interested in enrolling your child or grandchild, be sure to get them signed up as soon as possible. The spots are going fast, and you don't want them to miss out on all the fun we will be having here at Hazelwood Preschool. Registration for each camp is only \$25.00.

Summer Camp #1: May 28–June 28 Summer Camp #2: July 15–August 30

Looking Ahead

April 3	Graduation Pictures, 4-5 Year-Old Classes
April 8-12	Week of the Young Child/ Spirit Week
April 19	Good Friday– No School or ELC
April 28	Preschool Sunday
May 6-10	Teacher Appreciation Week

April Birthdays

1 Lee Ann Chambers	10 Lukau Matuka	19 Evelyn Hahn
2 Dick Miller	11 Laura Rowe	20 Cheryll Crose
Nancy Reece	13 Betsy Cartwright	Faith Smith
6 Charles Retherford	Joan Gordon	23 Jim Reece
7 Vicki Vance	15 Warner Van Fleet	28 Bill Ritchie
Molly Wantz	18 Alayne Retherford	

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.



March 31-April 6, 2019



SUNDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary • All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall • Lent Soup & Study, 5:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise Band, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary • Elders, 5:30 p.m., Chapel • Bells, 6 p.m., Choir Room • MS Support, 7 p.m., Sulanke Commons • Choir, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft
THURSDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Team, 7 p.m., Chapel
SATURDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property Work Day, 9 a.m.-Noon

April 7-13, 2019

SUNDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary • Lent Soup & Study, 5:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall
TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEST Study, 7 p.m., Moser's Home
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise Band, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary • Bells, 6 p.m., Choir Room • Choir, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft
THURSDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Club, 7 p.m., Sulanke Commons
FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall (Host: Don Crose)



LOOKING AHEAD...

April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday

All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall

April 16, 2019

Trustees, 5:30 p.m., Chapel

Epiphany Action Team, 7 p.m., Chapel

April 18, 2019

Preschool Team, 1 p.m., Chapel

Maundy Thursday Dinner, 6 p.m., Cartwright Hall

Worship Service, 7 p.m., Sanctuary

April 19, 2019

Community Good Friday Service, Noon, Riverside United
Methodist Church (1201 Wheeling Ave.)

April 20, 2019

Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m.

April 21, 2019

Easter Sunday Worship, 10 a.m., Sanctuary

April 22, 2019

Preschool Discernment, 10:30 a.m., Chapel

CWF, 2 p.m., Morrison Woods, Room 101

April 23, 2019

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

April 28, 2019

Preschool Sunday Worship, 10 a.m., Sanctuary

All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall