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Coffee Fellowship, 11:15 a.m.
Children's Music and Church School, 10:20 a.m.

## Our Mission:

# Sharing Christ with our community through service and relationships.



Look for us at:

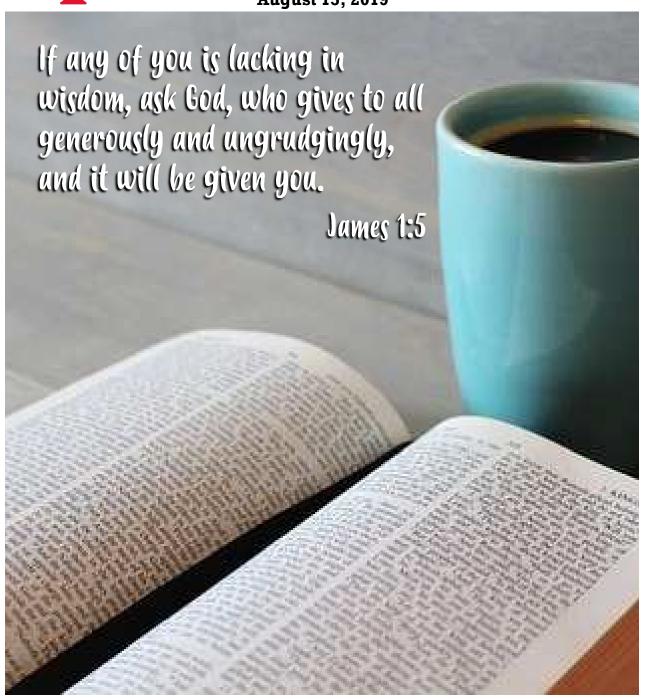
www.hazelwoodchurch.org
We are constantly building and
adding to it, so check back
often! You can also contact us
through the Website. Check out
the home page.

## **NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE**

August 29 September 12 & 26

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





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## **BUDGET UPDATE**

Offerings Received for Week Ending 8/6/19: \$4,182.50 Offerings Received for Week Ending 8/13/19: \$2,966.00

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$4,116.12

Average Weekly Need: \$5,151

Jan.-Jun. 2019 Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$4,773.47)\*

\*Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget

## **NOTES OF APPRECIATION**

"Dear friends, Thank you very much for the lovely flowers you sent me twice during the many weeks I was hospitalized for a severe colon infection. I'm home now recovering but still back at Morrison Woods Health Campus for out-patient physical therapy. I'm unable to drive, but hope that restriction will be lifted in the next few weeks. Thank you again for the flowers, for Rev. Jason's many visits, and for all the cards of encouragement I received.

Blessings," ~Pat Patterson

"Rev. Jason and the Hazelwood congregation- Sam, Ashley, Vance, and I thank all of you for your support, prayers, calls, cards, and the beautiful flowers when our loved one, Becky, passed away."

~Ashley Harty, Samual, Vance, & Ruthanne Devroy

## **NEW ADDRESS**

PASTOR JASON'S



Where I grew up, in rural Missouri, I was surrounded by German names. The area was settled by mostly German immigrants, and I didn't give a second thought to seeing a German last name. Businesses have names like Straatmann, Riechers, and Hellebusch. I have friends from school with last names like Hoelscher, Huellinghoff, and Eckelkamp. Jones is a Welsh name, but the largest portion of my ancestors had German surnames like Homeyer and

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Gephardt. The church of my childhood had regular sausage and sauerkraut dinners. My dad even has memories from his childhood of older men speaking German at his church. I didn't give all of this Germanness a second thought at the time, it was just part of my surroundings growing up.

It was interesting to me to read that the St. Louis newspaper accused my hometown of not being patriotic enough during World War I. The accusation was the sympathies of my hometown's residents were with Germany and not with their new home. The paper called my hometown a "town without a country." Whenever I hear the hate of outsiders expressed today, it doesn't sound too different from the accusations my own town heard only a century ago. You've been hearing it plenty lately, calls to "Go back to where you came from" and "Send her back" directed toward current congresswomen make me extremely uneasy. They make me uneasy because they're directed to fellow Americans and those who have taken an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. They make me uneasy, too, because they don't sound much different from the distrust my own ancestors experienced not so long ago.

We hear expressions of hate of the outsider too often these days. You can hear them in the talk from the highest levels of our government all the way to the words expressed by the El Paso shooter who wrote of defending against a "Hispanic invasion" in this country. You see it in the cruelty of current policies for refugees and immigrants, where children are being separated from families and lawful immigration proceedings are slowed. This kind of talk and action makes me anxious, and it is blatantly unChristian. The Bible is full of admonitions to show kindness to the stranger. At the beginning of the Hebrew law is the command, "You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt" (Exodus 22:21). Leviticus 19:34 says: "Any immigrant who lives with you must be treated as if they were one of your citizens. You must love them as yourself, because you were immigrants in the land of Egypt; I am the LORD your God." Hatred toward another based on where that person is from, his or her religion, or the color of his or her skin is wrong, and we need to have the courage to be able to say so.

My concern is not which direction your politics lie. If you love Jesus, we can find a way to work together. If you believe in expanded government or limited government, pro-business policies or pro-labor policies, I can still call you brother or sister based upon our common faith in Christ. My issue here is not politics, it's hate for the outsider or for those whom some may perceive as different. There's nothing of Jesus in that hate, and we need to be able to say so. This type of hate has a long history in our country, and not so long ago it was directed to my own people in my hometown. It was wrong then and it's wrong now, and we as Christians need to stand up and say "no."

Grace & peace, Jason Jones



## **CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES' FOOD PANTRY**

Hazelwood is scheduled to serve at the Christian Ministries' Food Pantry from 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on August 28, 29, & 30. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Shirley Bookout at (765) 744-1207 to sign up or for more information.

~Blessings & Gratitude from the Missions & Benevolence Team



## 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.

#### **Upcoming AYF Dates:**

August 25, September 8 & 22, October 6 & 20, and November 3 & 24

## YOUTH MEALS

We are looking for individuals, families, or groups interested in providing meals for Youth Fellowship. It doesn't have to be fancy, simple is best! In the past, the youth have enjoyed sloppy joes prepared at home, cold cut sandwiches picked up at the store, pancakes and grilled cheese sandwiches prepared in the church kitchen, and meals catered from restaurants like Fazoli's. Regardless of what was served, the youth have always been appreciative for the meal and those who provided 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 in the church office for more information or if you have any questions.

## **MEIJER "SIMPLY GIVE" CAMPAIGN**

"It's not complicated. Neighbors always help neighbors."

The fall Simply Give campaign kicks off this Sunday, August 18 and will run through September 28. During each Simply Give campaign, Meijer customers are encouraged to purchase a \$10 Simply Give donation card upon checkout. Once purchased, the donation is converted into a Meijer Food-Only Gift Card and donated directly to the local food pantry selected by the store. Christian Ministries' food pantry will directly benefit from the purchase of donation cards. **DOUBLE MATCH DAYS** are Friday, August 30 and Friday, September 13. On these two days your donation will be double matched. That means that your \$10 will become \$30. If you have questions regarding the Simply Give campaign and how it benefits Christian Ministries' Food Pantry, please call the office at (765) 288-0601.

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

## Summer Camp

Summer Camp has been so much fun this year! We have learned about camping, construction, bugs, farming, and much, much more. It's hard to believe we only have a couple of weeks left. Thank you, parents and grandparents, for sending your children to spend time with us this summer. It's been a fantastic summer!

#### Thank You

Thank you to all who have worked so diligently in the garden this year. The garden is a wonderful opportunity to teach children about where fruits and vegetables come from and to experience different tastes and textures. Special thanks to Ann Wolfe for providing a teachable moment for the children last week in the garden.

## Orientation

Calling all families of preschoolers: Orientation is next week! The 2-3 Year-Old Classes and the 4-5 Year-Old Classes will be on August 21, and the 3-4 Year-Old Classes on August 22. All registered students should have received a packet of information to fill out and bring to orientation, as well as a list of school supplies. If you did not receive a packet or need additional information, please feel free to contact Angela Lopez at (765) 284-2430.

## Looking Ahead

July 15 - August 30 Summer Camp Session 2

August 19 Teacher Work Day

**August 21** Orientation, 2-3 & 4-5 Year-Old Classes

August 22 Orientation, 3-4 Year-Old Classes

September 3 First Day of Class, 2-3 Tuesday & 3-4 Year-Old Classes

September 4 First Day of Class, 2-3 Wednesday & 4-5 Year-Old Classes

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#### **BOOK CLUB**

The next meeting of the Hazelwood Book Club will be in Sulanke Commons at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 12. We will be discussing *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. Childcare will be provided.

#### From goodreads.com:

For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life—until the unthinkable happens.

Perfect for fans of Barbara Kingsolver and Karen Russell, Where the Crawdads Sing is at once an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder. Owens reminds us that we are forever shaped by the children we once were, and that we are all subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps.

If you have any questions, or are interested in joining in on the fun, contact Shirley Bookout at (765) 744-1207.

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: ANNUAL WHITE RIVER CLEANUP

WHEN: 8 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 21

WHERE: Westside Park, Muncie

This annual event happens each September and is a statewide public service event stretching along much of the White River. Many counties including Delaware, Hamilton, Monroe, Madison, and Morgan Counties participate in cleaning up the White River on or near the same date. People come together from all communities to help clean the White River, and thousands of pounds of trash are removed every year, including large amounts of tires.

Volunteers walk the bank, river, and land where possible removing debris from and around the river. When that is not possible, volunteers use canoes to navigate through the water, filling them up along the way with the debris they find.

Volunteers will need to **pre-register at beautifulmuncie.org** so they have a headcount for lunch and proper volunteer coverage for each site. Lunch will be provided to all volunteers who attend the event and stay until 11 a.m. Attendees are encouraged to dress appropriately by wearing clothes and shoes that can get dirty and wet. Please bring gloves if you have them.

For questions and info, send an email to info@munciebeautiful.org.



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DELIA OWENS

## August 18-24, 2019

SUNDAY • Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary

TUESDAY • Trustees, 5:30 p.m., Conference Room #108

• Epiphany Action Team, 7 p.m., Cartwright Hall

WEDNESDAY • Choir, 7:15 p.m., Sanctuary (Grand Piano)

## August 25-31, 2019

• Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary

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

MONDAY • Area Ministers, 10:30 a.m., Conference Room #108

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

WEDNESDAY • Choir, 7:15 p.m., Sanctuary (Grand Piano)

# LOOKING AHEAD..

## September 2, 2019

Labor Day - Church Office Closed

## September 4, 2019

Elders, 5:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall MS Support, 7 p.m., Sulanke Commons Choir, 7:15 p.m., Sanctuary (Grand Piano)

## September 8, 2019

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

## **September 12, 2019**

Book Club, 7 p.m., Sulanke Commons

## <u>September 14, 2019</u>

S.A.R., 10 a.m., Cartwright Hall

## <u>September 17, 2019</u>

Trustees, 5:30 p.m., Conference Room #108 Board, 7 p.m., Cartwright Hall

## **September 19, 2019**

Worship Team, 7 p.m., Conference Room #108

