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Sunday Schedule: Worship Service, 10 a.m.
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

September 12 & 26

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

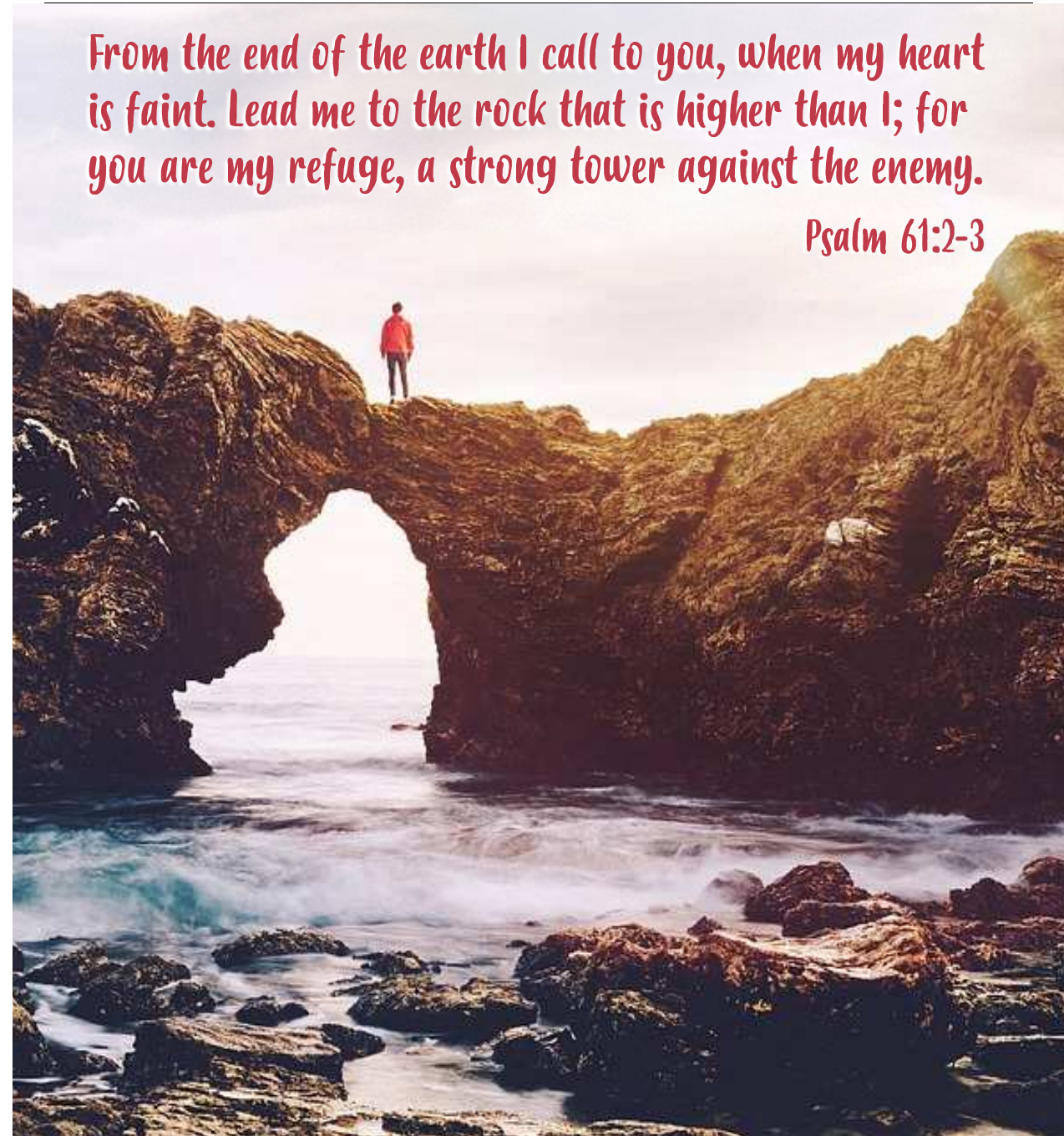


HAZELWOOD LEAVES

August 29, 2019

*From the end of the earth I call to you, when my heart
is faint. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I; for
you are my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy.*

Psalms 61:2-3



BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 8/20/19: \$3,406.25

Offerings Received for Week Ending 8/27/19: \$4,158.50

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$3,561.71

Average Weekly Need: \$5,151

Jan.-Jul. 2019 Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$5,535.00)*

**Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



- ♦ Marianna Gill is recovering from recent surgery at home.
- ♦ Ruthanne Devroy has been released from the hospital and is recovering from her surgery at home.



September Birthdays

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| 3 Jairen Rees | 12 Sally Kelley |
| 4 John Starnes | 13 Adam Glaze |
| Elaine Wulff | 14 Patty Richards |
| 5 Merribeth Bruning | 16 Carolyn Jones |
| 9 Ron Purtlebaugh | 19 Rachel Smith |
| Ron Smith | 24 Mark Wages |
| 11 Gary Edmonds | 25 Mary Briggs |

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 once had a worm farm. Even now, over 35 years later, it's hard to own up to those six words. But, yes, I once had a worm farm. Whenever I start to feel too full of myself, like I'm all that and even a little bit more, I humbly remind myself that at one time I thought the cultivation of a worm colony was a can't-lose idea. I was seven or eight years old, and we lived near a good-sized pond. I enjoyed fishing, and there was the need for bait. I had a container full of dirt, and I went digging in the likely locations, under woodpiles and such, looking for worms. Finding a big night-crawler, I'd toss it in the dirt container. There were visions of a profitable business, selling bait to fishermen. The vision was me setting up a little stand on Saturdays down by the town lake, arriving early with dozens of worms and leaving at the end of the day with fistfuls of cash. I think the only sale I actually made was a dozen to my grandma, who liked to fish, and she probably only gave me fifty cents. After a few weeks the idea of farming worms got old, and the dirt, along with the few worms I kept alive, were tossed back by the woodpile from where they originally came. At the start of the venture, though, someone told me cornmeal sprinkled on the top of the farm would feed the worms. My mom gave me some Quaker cornmeal, and I sprinkled some over the dirt. I tried to return the cornmeal to my mom, but I imagine she thought quickly of me taking it back and forth to a place where worms were being raised, and she said, "Why don't you just keep it."

Paul, when writing to the Corinthian church, reminds them of their humble origins: " . . . not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise" (1 Cor. 1:26-27). You can count me, with my worm farm, in that group. The thing is, though, even if one is wise, powerful, or from a noble family, the need is the same. We are all drinkers from the one cup of God's goodness, and that makes us all equals. Trade school drop-outs and Noble laureates, white-collared folk and those wearing t-shirts, old-money aristocrats and undocumented immigrants, caviar-eaters and worm farmers—we're all passengers in the same boat in God's kingdom, and there are no first-class or third-class berths on that ship, only those who are glad for their tickets. That means there is no looking up or looking down at one another; the ground is level when you're in line to receive God's abundance. And should you ever find me forgetting that and acting uppity, remind me that you'd like to buy a dozen worms from me.

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones



NOTES OF APPRECIATION

“Rev. Jason and Hazelwood Congregation,

We just want to take a moment and tell you how so very thankful we are that you let us use Cartwright Hall for our funeral dinner. The cards I’ve received from members of the congregation are so thoughtful!

All our love,”
~Misty Burke & Girls

“Dear Hazelwood Family,

Thank you so much for the cards, prayers, and visits at the mortuary for Dave’s mom. It meant so much to us. The flowers sent by the church were absolutely beautiful. They brightened our table for a week. Hazelwood is a wonderful place to call home.”

~The Rowe Family

“I write on behalf of the School Board of Management, teaching staff, students, and the entire community to thank you for the generous donations to our school through Prof. Winnie Muchera.

The school has received the following items, which have enabled the learners to achieve their academic dreams:

- ♦ School uniforms and sweaters for 220 students
- ♦ School supplies
- ♦ Sanitary pads for girls
- ♦ Monetary donations
- ♦ Medicine
- ♦ T-shirts

I am happy to report that last year’s performance in the national examinations was the best ever. All the candidates joined Form One, which was a credit we shared with your church.

Thank you, and may God bless you abundantly.”

~Victor Umali Songole, Principal, Shivembe Primary School



HAZELWOOD ANGELS

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

~Blessings & Gratitude from the Missions & Benevolence Team

BOOK CLUB

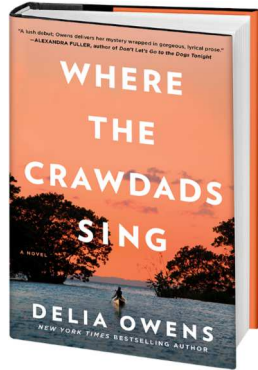
The next meeting of the Hazelwood Book Club will be in Sulanke Commons at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 12. We will be discussing *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. Childcare will be provided.

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.



AMAZON SMILE FOUNDATION

Did you know Hazelwood Christian Church is registered as a recipient with Amazon Smile? Amazon Smile is an amazing program that has the same products and prices you find on Amazon.com, but with the added benefit of having a portion of all qualifying purchases go toward a non-profit of your choice. Whenever you use **smile.amazon.com** to do your online purchasing, Hazelwood will receive .5% of the purchase price as a donation, and it doesn’t cost you any more than it would otherwise. What a great way to get what you need and donate to Hazelwood at the same time!

If you would like to help out Hazelwood through the Amazon Smile Foundation, visit the website below and confirm Hazelwood Christian Church as your donation recipient:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/35-6048217>

*If you go straight to the website and use the search function to find Hazelwood, be careful which one you pick! There are multiple listed, but we are the only one in Muncie, IN!

Have any questions as to how this works? You can read all about the program online at smile.amazon.com.

MEN'S LUNCH

The men of Hazelwood have been gathering for a monthly lunch for many years, going back to the days of Dr. Sulanke. However, as the years have passed the attendance has drastically diminished, to the point that the August lunch had only four attendees. We have decided to cancel the Friday Men's Lunch for September while we make a decision regarding the future of the group.

With that in mind, any man who has an interest in attending the lunches in the future, would like information about the lunches, or has comments about the group, **please call Don Crose at (765) 212-7799 by September 15**. If insufficient interest is shown, this long-standing tradition of the men of Hazelwood Christian Church will come to an end. If enough interest is expressed, the next luncheon will be October 18 at noon.



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:

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 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.



OLD WASHINGTON STREET FESTIVAL

Each year in September, the Old Washington Street Festival brings a large number of people together for two days of music, demonstrations, food, and shopping in the East Central Neighborhood. The festival would not be possible without the generous donation of time by our board and, most importantly, volunteers from our community.

This year, the festival will be on **September 14 and 15**. Volunteers can sign up online at oldwashingtonstreetfestival.org/volunteer. If you have any questions or would like more information about what the volunteers do, please send an email to the festival chairperson, Kim Miller: info@oldwashingtonstreetfestival.org.

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.

Community Events continued on next page...

MEIJER “SIMPLY GIVE” CAMPAIGN

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

The fall *Simply Give* campaign 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 Christian Ministries office at (765) 288-0601.



September 1-7, 2019

- SUNDAY
- Band, 8:15 a.m., Sanctuary
 - Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
- MONDAY
- Labor Day - Church Office Closed
- WEDNESDAY
- Elders, 5:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall
 - MS Support, 7 p.m., Sulanke Commons
 - Choir, 7:15 p.m., Sanctuary (Grand Piano)

September 8-14, 2019

- SUNDAY
- Band, 8:15 a.m., Sanctuary
 - Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
 - All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
- WEDNESDAY
- Choir, 7:15 p.m., Sanctuary (Grand Piano)
- THURSDAY
- Book Club, 7 p.m., Sulanke Commons
- SATURDAY
- S.A.R., 10 a.m., Cartwright Hall



LOOKING AHEAD...

September 17, 2019

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

September 22, 2019

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

September 23, 2019

Area Ministers, 10:30 a.m., Conference Room #108
CWF, 2 p.m., Morrison Woods, Room #101

September 29, 2019

Worship Service & Preschool Teacher Blessing, 10 a.m., Sanctuary

September 30, 2019

Preschool Discernment Team, 10:30 a.m., Conference Room #108

October 2, 2019

Elders, 5:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall
MS Support, 7 p.m., Sulanke Commons

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED: 2019 FRIENDSHIP DAY

You are invited to CWU's Final Celebration!

- When:** 10 a.m. on Friday, September 6
Where: St. Mary Catholic Church, Noll Hall, 2300 W. Jackson St., Muncie
Speaker: Becky Hazen – Our Lady of Perpetual Help Orphanage, Haiti
- * \$6 Lunch provided by St. Mary Women's Bible Study Group.
 - * Angelic Hands Sign Choir
 - * Prayer, Song, & Fellowship
 - * Recognitions & Awards
 - * CWU Future Plans

Please **RSVP by September 2:**
Therese Weakland, (765) 288-2857, thweakland@comcast.net.

