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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

September 26
October 10 & 24

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

*You are the light of the world.
A city built on a hill cannot be hid.*

Matthew 5:14



BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 9/3/19: \$4,582.00

Offerings Received for Week Ending 9/10/19: \$2,686.00

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$3,559.75

Average Weekly Need: \$5,151

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

**Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



NOTE OF APPRECIATION

“Dear Church,

Mama ni Mama Women’s Group is delighted to greet you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We are sure you are all well, as we received your greetings through our daughter, Winnie.

The group wishes to thank the church for supporting us with our vulnerable kids. Thanks so much for the pens, sanitary towels, medicines, and the amount of KSH 50,000/=. We are so happy, and we feel honored by you.

Yours faithfully,”

~Mama ni Mama Women’s Group

NEW ADDRESS



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I’ve been an ordained minister for more than 20 years now. I was ordained in December of 1998, and since the 20-year mark has passed, I’ve been thinking about the changes in those 20 years. When I was ordained we watched movies at home on VHS players. A few years later DVD players started replacing VHS machines, and now most watch movies and shows through internet streaming services. Back then I had an email address, but the internet was still a clunky thing we accessed through dial-up. A few people had cell phones then; now cell phones are in almost everyone’s hand. Some of the changes feel heavier: back in 1998 the September 11 attacks hadn’t happened yet, and mass shootings were not a regular thing.

Being church was different, too. I often hear pastors and church people say being church is harder these days, but I was curious what the statistics would say. I found a Gallup study that addressed these feelings, and I found the casual observations I hear from others prove to be true. What the study says is church membership in the United States has declined by 20% in the last 20 years, from 70% in 1998 to 50% in 2018. Those numbers will probably continue to decline, too, with only 42% of Millennials (those born between 1980 and 2000) being a member of a church. When you hear someone lament being church is harder than it used to be, with fewer people and resources today than we had in the past, we can say, statistically, that’s true.

Does all of this just tell us we need to throw up our hands and say we’re doomed? Well, no. If we believe God still calls people together to be church, then we can say God still has something for us to be and do as a church. Can we still do church as though things are the same as they were in previous decades? Well, the answer, again, is no. Faithfulness requires us to ask the question, “What does it mean to be church, a gathering of God’s people, *today*?” My guess is the answer is different than it was 50 years ago.

If you were a part of the Epiphany Process retreats, then you’ve already been challenged to start to think of these things. To continue the conversation, I’m going to lead four of what I’m calling “Brown Bag Discussions.” If you want to bring a lunch (or just bring yourself), we’ll meet at noon on Wednesdays in Cartwright Hall. We’ll meet the first four Wednesdays of October, starting with October 2. I’ll have something to guide our discussion. We’ll talk about changes in the world and how we’re called to be a church today. My hope is it continues to have us thinking of what God calls us to be as church in this new time in which we’re already living.

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones
2019 0912

AHB JAZZ ENSEMBLE: PERFORMANCE IN THE POND

Do you like cookies? Do you like jazz music? How about both at the same time?! Then, be sure to put Sunday afternoon, **October 6 at 3 p.m.** on your calendar. America's Hometown Band Jazz Ensemble will be outside "performing in the pond" at Hazelwood. Audience members can gather on the lawn or down in the pond to enjoy hearing the ensemble play classic jazz favorites. Cookies and beverages will be provided. Some folding chairs will be set out, but you might want to bring a beach towel or portable chair along. If the weather is uncooperative, the Sanctuary will provide an indoor venue. Tell your friends, bring a co-worker. Here is a great opportunity to share Hazelwood hospitality and encourage relationships with our neighborhood community!

~Epiphany Action Team

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.

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. The next **DOUBLE MATCH DAY is Friday, September 13.** On that day 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.

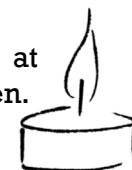
LIGHT A CANDLE WITH CHILDREN

"The Hearts and Voices of Our Young People"

Light a Candle WITH Children is an advocacy & prayer vigil project that invites congregations to join in prayer and devotions for our children. The vigil begins on September 23, four weeks before the National Observance of Children's Sabbath (October 20), sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund, Washington, DC. Thousands of congregations from multiple faith groups unite during Children's Sabbath weekend to simultaneously witness for children through prayer, education, and worship.

This year's theme for Light a Candle with Children: "The Hearts and Voices of our Young People." Children and teenagers were asked an important question, **"Why will you be in the church when you grow up?"** It is estimated that most young people have decided by the age of 14 if they will be active in a faith community as an adult. With many young people making the choice to not stay active in their faith into adulthood, it was time to ask those under 14 what connects them to a love of God and God's people. Each devotion will be their responses, resources, and images.

Connect with others online starting Monday, September 23 at lightacandle.blogspot.com and www.facebook.com/LightaCandleforChildren.



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.



STEPS FOR HUNGER

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed one."

~Mother Teresa

Christian Ministries' Steps for Hunger

Sunday, October 13 at Hazelwood Christian Church

Registration at 1:30 p.m., Walk begins at 2 p.m.

Christian Ministries has the largest food pantry in Delaware County. Located at 401 E. Main St. in downtown Muncie, the pantry is open four days a week and provides staple items, meat, and fresh fruits and vegetables (when available).

- ♦ Food pantry hours are Tuesday from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and Wednesday-Friday from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. every week.
- ♦ The food pantry serves an estimated 212 families each month, impacting over 420 individuals.
- ♦ U.S.D.A. Commodities are available to eligible households. Eligibility is based upon the number in the household.
- ♦ The food pantry is limited to one visit per household per month. Picture ID is required.
- ♦ In 2018 the Christian Ministries Food Pantry provided food for 4,450 families and 12,266 individuals. During that time, they received 18,952 donated food items and distributed over 50,000 food items.

There are two ways you can help support the food pantry through Christian Ministries' Steps for Hunger:

STEP ONE: Sign up to WALK and ask people to sponsor you.

STEP TWO: Sponsor a Hazelwood Walker.

Sign up begins Sunday, September 22 in Sulanke Commons.
Prayerfully consider how you can help.



~Blessings & Gratitude from the Missions & Benevolence Team

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Welcome Back

What a wonderful first week back to school it has been. We have a great team of teachers and staff this year who are both knowledgeable and loving with the children. We are all very excited to start sharing the love of Jesus with these precious ones. The children are wide-eyed and full of excitement as they enter their new classrooms. The classrooms are buzzing with the anticipation of making new friends, learning about Jesus, singing songs, and having fun. Please continue to pray for our students, their families, and the teachers. As always, thank you for your support and love you show us in so many ways, we are truly blessed to be part of Hazelwood.

School Supplies

Several of you have asked, "How can we help the preschool?" Here is your chance! During the month of September, there will be a bulletin board with a crayon box on it in Sulanke Commons. On each crayon will be a need of the preschool. If the Lord puts on your heart to help, please take a crayon, bring the item listed, and place it in the box beside the bulletin board.

Another great way to help out is by sponsoring a child. If you would like to sponsor a child this school year, please let Preschool Director, Angie Lopez, know. Below is a list of our tuition fees:

2-3 Year-Old Class, \$60 per month
3-4 Year-Old Class, \$110 per month
4-5 Year-Old Class, \$140 per month

Looking Ahead

September 23	Chapel, 4-5 Year-Old Classes, 9:10 a.m. & 12:20 p.m.
September 24	Donuts for Dad, 2-3 Tuesday & 3-4 Year-Old Classes, 10:30 a.m.
September 25	Donuts for Dad, 2-3 Wednesday Class, 10:30 a.m.
September 26	Chapel, 3-4 Year-Old Classes, 9:10 a.m. & 12:20 p.m.
October 1-2	School Pictures
October 7-11	Fall Break- No Classes or ELC





On September 1, Hurricane Dorian made landfall in the Bahamas. By the time the storm had passed a day later, the destruction was immense. As of September 6, approximately 13,000 homes have been destroyed. An unknown number of lives have been lost, as search and rescue efforts are ongoing.

The need is great, and in the wake of such terrible loss, many feel compelled to help. However, knowing how to help can be difficult. The situation is challenging; and in these early days, much remains uncertain.

Week of Compassion has been in communication and is coordinating with partners, both domestic and international, in the response efforts. Given the close proximity of The Bahamas, several of our U.S. partners through National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster are deploying help. For now, damage to ports and airports have limited access to the islands. We remain in communication with these partners, and are preparing to support these efforts when appropriate. As always, the best way to help immediately after a disaster is to “Stay, Pray, and Give.”

Even at this early stage, we know that rebuilding needs in The Bahamas will continue for years to come. Financial gifts are the one type of support that will be helpful throughout the whole process as needs and priorities change. Through our wide network of partners, Week of Compassion can make your financial gifts reach farther-- and do more good-- than any other type of aid, by enabling those who specialize in immediate response to meet critical needs on the ground.

The majority of gifts, material and financial, come during and immediately after a disaster. But the work of recovery is long-term and ongoing. That’s why Week of Compassion is committed to support through both resources and relationships. Long after a disaster, we remain present in communities as they rebuild life and livelihood. We are already planning with international partners for the extensive recovery work ahead.

Thank you for your continued generosity to those affected by Hurricane Dorian, and other storms like it. Through your gifts to Week of Compassion, we serve and walk alongside those in great need-- around the world, around the year.

If you would like to donate to Week of Compassion response efforts, place your donation (separate from your regular offering) in the offering plate on Sunday during worship, or mail it in to the church office. Please make checks payable to Hazelwood Christian Church, and be sure to write ‘Week of Compassion’ in the memo line.



September 15-21, 2019

SUNDAY

- Band, 8:15 a.m., Sanctuary
- Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary

TUESDAY

- Trustees, 5:30 p.m., Conference Room #108
- Board, 7 p.m., Room #102 (Downstairs, North Hall)

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

September 22-28, 2019

SUNDAY

- Open Nominations Begin for Officers, Elders, and Deacons
- Band, 8:15 a.m., Sanctuary
- 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 29, 2019

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

September 30, 2019

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

October 2, 2019

Brown Bag Discussion, Noon, Cartwright Hall

Elders, 5:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall

MS Support, 7 p.m., Sulanke Commons

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

October 6, 2019

Open Nominations End

Winnie’s Kids Presentation, During Worship, Sanctuary

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

AHB Jazz Ensemble: Performance in the Pond, 3 p.m., Hazelwood Lawn