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HAZELWOOD LEAVES

November 7, 2019

Rev. Jason Jones, Minister
Stefanie Petty, Administrative Assistant & Newsletter Editor
Amy Stucky, Moderator
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

November 21
December 5 & 19

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



*Let us come before him with
thanksgiving and extol him with music and
song. For the LORD is the great God, the
great King above all gods.*

Psalms 95:2-3



BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 10/29/19: \$4,448.80

Offerings Received for Week Ending 11/5/19: \$10,782.80

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$5,777.03

Average Weekly Need: \$5,151

Jan.-Sept. 2019 Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$14,775.53)*

**Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering Envelopes for 2020 will be ready for pickup on Sunday, November 10. You will find them on a table just outside the Sanctuary.

GRATITUDE SUNDAY

On Sunday, November 17, we will celebrate our many blessings during Gratitude Sunday. There will be a special time in our worship service for you to bring forward non-perishable food items or monetary gifts for delivery to Christian Ministries' Food Pantry.

PERMANENT FUND OF HAZELWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Permanent Fund was created in 2009 as a way for members of Hazelwood Christian Church to expand the witness and mission of Jesus Christ in the world, and to serve human needs in our community and around the world. It is not intended to compete with the regular annual giving of individual members, or to diminish the opportunities for responsible stewardship by present and future members. Gifts to the permanent fund can be made primarily through wills, bequests, stocks, bonds, real estate, tangible property, and cash. These funds are invested, and distributions from the earnings of the fund are used for the ministry of the church. These funds are invested with the Christian Church Foundation, (800) 668-8016.

Five members of the congregation are appointed by the Senior Minister and Moderator of the Church Board to administer the fund. Terms of service are for three years and are staggered among those serving. Current members are Jay Matchett, James Reece, John Starnes, Molly Wantz. Rev Jason and Moderator Amy Stucky are working on filling the fifth slot. Rev. Jason Jones and Moderator Amy Stucky are ex-officio members.

Most pastors will tell you how much they enjoy a good Sunday afternoon nap. The old joke is preachers only have to work on Sunday morning, but most pastors will say that Sundays are our hardest day of working. After a Sunday of preaching and leading we usually enjoy a good nap. My church in Montana had two services, and I remember some hall-of-fame-level naps on Sundays there. Sleep is such a curious thing. Isn't it strange that our bodies go into unconsciousness, resting and doing nothing but dreaming? About a third of our lives are spent asleep. Every now and then, when I'm headed to bed and ready for dreams, I think of the Ralph Wiggum quote from *The Simpsons*: "Oh boy, sleep! That's where I'm a Viking."

Sleep reminds us, too, that we can't do everything. Sooner or later you've got to stop and sleep. On Sundays there are other things I could do, work outside and inside, chores to do and books that could be read, but my body needs to stop and sleep. There, in those times of sleep, we're reminded that things need to stop, the hammer or broom needs to be set aside, and we're allowed to just be. The Psalms often speak of sleep as a place of rest and trust. Psalm 4 says, "I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety" (v. 8). May there be times of blessed sleep for you this week.

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones

BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Hazelwood Book Club will be in Sulanke Commons at **7 p.m. on Thursday, November 14**. We will be discussing *The Store* by James Patterson. Childcare will be provided.

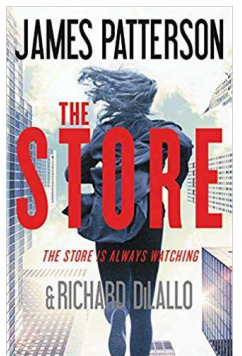
From goodreads.com:

Imagine a future of unparalleled convenience. A powerful retailer, The Store, can deliver anything to your door, anticipating the needs and desires you didn't even know you had.

Most people are fine with that, but not Jacob and Megan Brandeis. New York writers whose livelihood is on the brink of extinction, Jacob and Megan are going undercover to dig up The Store's secrets in a book that could change the entire American way of life. But after a series of unsettling discoveries, Jacob and Megan's worst fears about The Store seem like just the beginning.

Harboring a secret that could get him killed, Jacob has to find a way to escape The Store's watchful eye and publish his exposé – before the truth dies with him.

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



THANKSGIVING CARRY-IN

Hazelwood will once again give thanks by celebrating the culinary talent of our congregation at our Thanksgiving Carry-In Dinner on **Sunday, November 17 at 11:30 a.m.** To be sure we have enough places set and a variety of food to offer, we would like to know if you will be attending and what food you would like to share. There will be a sign-up sheet in Sulanke Commons. We will need main dishes, meat, side dishes, salads, soups, breads, and of course, desserts. Drinks will be provided. You're welcome to attend, even if you feel you can't bring anything to share. Since YOU will be providing the meal, there will be no money collected at the dinner.



2019 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual business meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 17**, immediately following the Thanksgiving Carry-In, at approximately **12:30 p.m.** Important issues that will affect Hazelwood's future will be presented for the congregation's consideration. The following is a list of 2020 candidates which will be presented at the meeting. The Officers will serve one year in these positions, while the Elders, Deacons, and Trustees will serve 3-year terms unless otherwise noted.

2020 OFFICERS

Moderator	Ann Wolfe
Vice Moderator	Tony Gill
Treasurer	Woody Wantz
Secretary	Mary Ann Matchett
At-Large Board Members	Cheryll Crose
	Marcia Miller
	Glen Sulanke

ELDERS	DEACONS	TRUSTEES
Mariangella Glaze	Jay Matchett	Ron Smith
Mary Ann Matchett	Rhea Morgan	Amy Stucky
Yeno Matuka	Bill Moser	
John Starnes (1-yr. term)	Winnie Muhiga	
Bob Weller	Ron Purtlebaugh (1-yr. term)	
	Jim Reece	
	Andy Rees	

MISSING KEYS

The keys to our kitchen pantry have come up missing! If you happen to come across a couple of small, silver keys on a loop of red ribbon, please turn them into the church office. If you know you've used the pantry keys recently, please take a moment to check the pockets in your pants, purse, or jacket. It's easy to slip something like that into your pocket in the moment and forget about it. Keep your eyes open around the church building, too. They could have just as easily fallen in an out-of-the-way spot and been overlooked. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS IS COMING! IT'S TIME TO DECORATE!

It will soon be time to decorate our church with lovely poinsettias and other decorations for Advent and Christmas. If you would like to help by donating a poinsettia 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. Each gift is \$15, and you will be entitled to take a poinsettia home with you after Christmas. Names will be listed in the bulletin for the Hanging of the Greens worship service, December 1. *Thank you!*

Christmas Decoration Gift Order
Deadline to receive orders is Sunday, November 10

of poinsettias 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 (poinsettia) ordered.





DISBURSEMENTS

- ♦ \$200 to Feed My Sheep Muncie
- ♦ \$400 to Hazelwood Christmas Box Project

NURSING HOME GIFT LIFT

We have another opportunity this year to demonstrate love to those who feel forgotten. There are many people in nursing homes who have no family, friends, or finances. They are alone and dependent on others. If not for the loving generosity of strangers, they would not receive one gift on Christmas. The gift may seem small, but it is so much more than the items in the box. It demonstrates compassion, kindness, hope, and love. Most importantly, it is one of the ways we can show the love of Christ to others.

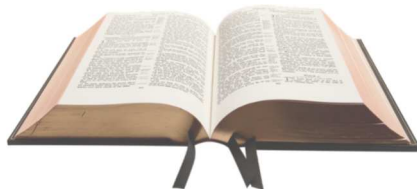
We are in need of people to “adopt” local nursing home residents. The process is really SIMPLE. We give you a slip of paper with the first name of the person along with their specific wish list items. You purchase the gifts and return them to the church *unwrapped*. It’s as simple as that!

This year we have 50 residents who need to be “adopted.” Please prayerfully consider getting involved to help one more person receive a gift who otherwise may not. There will be a distribution table of names in Sulanke Commons after worship on Sunday, November 10.

If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Bookout at (765) 744-1207.

~Blessings & Gratitude from the Missions & Benevolence Team

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have
received to serve others, as faithful stewards of
God's grace in its various forms.*



1 Peter 4:10



CHRISTMAS BOX PROJECT

This service project brings joy to all- from the families in Delaware County who might otherwise not have a merry holiday season, to all those who participate. You can see this for yourself. Watch the youth shop for Secret Santa gifts and wrap presents- their faces light up as they anticipate the surprise and wonder of the child who opens their present. See the cheerfulness of those who gladly drag boxes around to the food stations as they fill them with much-needed food for the families. Listen to the wonderful stories from those who deliver the boxes; the joy they feel overflows when families weep tears of joy and gratitude for what has been given to them.

This project is about celebrating Advent with these families. We bring them more than boxes of food and gifts for children; we bring HOPE, JOY, PEACE, and LOVE to these families in many wonderful ways. Please consider helping this project continue through your monetary support, donations of gift wrapping items (bows, ribbons, scotch tape, and labels), and volunteering your time. Your monetary gifts and donations can be dropped off any time in the church office. Let us all come together in service to others this holiday season, following the perfect example Jesus set for us.



Thank You

Thank you to all those who attended our Halloween parades and Halloween parties. It was a spooktacular time!

Bazaar

Don't forget our Holiday Bazaar is this Saturday, November 9 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Donuts, coffee, juice, and milk will be from 7:30-9:30 a.m. A sloppy joe lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. We will have everything from cheese balls, cookies, crafts, jewelry, and a special arrival from Santa Claus. We hope to see you there. It's going to be a great time!

Looking Ahead

November 25	Thanksgiving Feast, 4-5 Year-Old Classes, 11 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
November 26	Day of Giving, 3-4 Year-Old Classes, 10:30 a.m. & 2 p.m.
November 27-29	Thanksgiving Break - No School
December 13	Christmas Program, All Classes, 6:30 p.m.

39th ANNUAL THANKS-SINGING FESTIVAL

When: Sunday, November 10 from 3 p.m.
Where: St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 820 E. Charles St.

Churches in Delaware County have united through the years to celebrate our Christian Heritage through song, our universal language. To benefit the work of Christian Ministries of Delaware County, a free-will offering will be taken and non-perishable food items along with toiletries will be collected.

Featuring:

Vocal Duet: Thanks Be to Thee by Handel, Performed by Matthew & Kelci Kosin
Voice & Cello Duet, Performed by Destiny Roberts & Phillip Williamson

Conductors of the Community Choir:

Jason Hart, Director of Music at St. Lawrence
Isaac Denniston, Director of Choir/Band at Northside Middle School

November 10-16, 2019



SUNDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Band, 8:15 a.m., Sanctuary• Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
MONDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preschool Discernment, 10:30 a.m., Conference Room #108
TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NEST Study, 7 p.m., Moser’s Home
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choir, 7:15 p.m., Sanctuary
THURSDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preschool Team, 1 p.m., Conference Room #108• Book Club, 7 p.m., Sulanke Commons
FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ball State Faculty Artist Series, Lori Rhoden, Piano with Michael Seregow, Piano, 7:30 p.m., Sursa Hall

November 17-23, 2019

SUNDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Band, 8:15 a.m., Sanctuary• Gratitude Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary• Thanksgiving Carry-In, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall• Annual Congregational Meeting, 12:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall
MONDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Area Ministers, 10:30 a.m., Conference Room #108
TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trustees, 5:30 p.m., Conference Room #108
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choir, 7:15 p.m., Sanctuary
THURSDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worship Team, 7 p.m., Conference Room #108



November 24, 2019

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

November 25, 2019

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

November 26, 2019

NEST Study, 7 p.m., Moser’s Home

November 28 & 29, 2019

Church Office Closed– Happy Thanksgiving!

December 1, 2019

Hanging of the Greens Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary

December 4, 2019

Elders, 5:30 p.m., Conference Room #108
Choir, 7:15 p.m., Sanctuary

CHICKEN NOODLE DINNER

When: Friday, November 8, 4:30-7 p.m.
Where: Yorktown Christian Church (10101 W. SR 32, Yorktown)

Mark your calendars now, and plan to stop by and enjoy great food and fellowship with our sister church in Yorktown.

CHEESEBALLS & PECAN CLUSTERS

Yorktown Christian Church is selling some holiday goodies you won’t want to miss!

1-pound cheeseballs are \$6.50 each. Choose from cheddar or beef & onion (neither option contains nuts). Cheeseballs will be made for pick up on Saturday, December 7.

Pecan clusters are \$10 per box. Choose from milk chocolate or dark chocolate. You will be notified by phone when your order is ready.

If you have any questions or would like an order form for either the cheeseballs or the pecan clusters, contact Cheryll Crose at (765) 759-8655.