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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

2020: January 2, 16, & 30

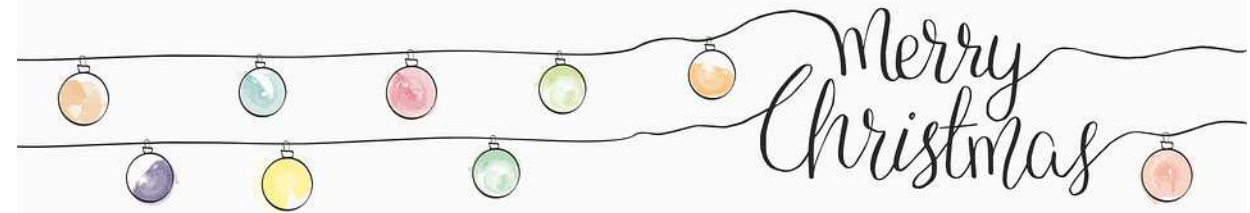
Items to be published in the Newsletter are due in the office the Monday prior to publish date. Thank you!



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

December 19, 2019

May you and those you love find true happiness and peace this Christmas and into the new year.



From the Hazelwood Staff:

Rev. Jason

Marianna

Rhea

Stefanie

Sally

Lori

Angie

BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 12/10/19: \$2,671.00

Offerings Received for Week Ending 12/17/19: \$4,186.00

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$3,732.48

Average Weekly Need: \$5,151



Jan.-Oct. 2019 Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$18,080.82)*

**Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*

A NOTE FROM OUR BOOKKEEPER



All offerings must be received in the office or postmarked **no later than December 31** in order to be counted toward your 2019 giving.



- ♦ Helen Tyler is a patient at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.
- ♦ Carolyn Starnes has been released from the hospital and is now at Westminster Village for recovery and rehab.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

“Thank you to the Hazelwood congregation for the beautiful poinsettia. It really brightens my room, and it was very nice to visit with Shirley Bookout.”

~Judy Thomas

“Thank you to the friends I’ve made over the years at Hazelwood Christian Church for the lovely poinsettia. As the years roll along, it is nice to be remembered by my friends. Thank you.”

~Sue Gaylor

January Birthdays

4 Kara Tucker	17 Donna Dye	25 Lori Rhoden
8 Alexis Brant	20 Bryce Hahn	26 Jay Matchett
Rachel Tucker	22 Bill Moser	29 Josh Clary
14 Michael Heavilon	23 Lois Gross	Andrew Glaze
	24 Cathy Purtlebaugh	30 Andrew Rowe

If your name has been inadvertently left off, let us know! Call the church office or email to hazelwoodchurch@gmail.com.



JONES SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

C. Darrell and Edith Jones Scholarship applications are now available in Sulanke Commons and on our website. This scholarship is designated for undergraduate study with a limit of 4 years. Applicants, or their parents, must be a church member for at least two years. Deadline for submission is **March 1, 2020**. For more information, contact Mary Ann Matchett, chair of the Jones Scholarship Committee, at mrsstiky@comcast.net.



More than one of you have asked, over the past year, “What’s happening with the carriage house?” The carriage house is the smaller white house on the northwest corner of our property. It was the carriage house for the Kitselman estate, and it’s served our congregation as a parsonage and as a home for our property caretakers. When we downsized our staff at the end of 2018, it also meant the carriage house became vacant. Most knew the house was not in good shape and was in need of serious repairs and renovations, and the church Trustees were presented with the dilemma of what to do with the property.

Around that same time, a couple from the neighborhood approached me with curiosity about purchasing the property. This couple lives in the neighborhood, are very active with a Ball State-based Christian ministry, and the husband of the couple works at Ball State. They had a vision for renovating the house and utilizing it with their campus ministry. Since the beginning of the year, the Trustees have been working with them to sell the property. There have been many details to handle with this sale, and it’s taken some time to get everything approved by the city, and so a big thanks goes to Bill Ritchie and the church Trustees for handling these details.

I’m happy to report that this week we closed on the sale of the property! A couple young men associated with the campus ministry’s post-graduate program will live on the upper floor, and they will use the lower floor for occasional meeting space. The green shed just east of the carriage house also was a part of the property sale, but the church still retains the back entrance off of Beechwood.

This sale is a really good thing for all involved. The church no longer bears the burden of owning or maintaining the property. The carriage house will no longer be an eye-sore in need of rehabilitation on our property, and it will be used for good purposes by fellow Christians who will also be good neighbors to us. As we’re almost to Christmas, we can celebrate the gift of this sale, that we were gifted with buyers for the property who will be good neighbors and friends to us.

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones

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CHRISTMAS CARDS

If you would like to distribute Christmas cards to your Hazelwood family without postage, two wooden boxes have been given to us for that purpose. You may drop your greeting cards in the box, using the alphabet dividers. The boxes are in Sulanke Commons. This is an easy and economical way to share greetings during the Christmas season. Our thanks to Bill Ritchie for the creation of these beautiful boxes.



ADVENT AT HAZELWOOD

December 19

Pack Boxes for Christmas Box Project, 6 p.m.

December 21

Arrival of Perishable Food for Christmas Box Project, 9 a.m.
Deliver Christmas Boxes, 9:30 a.m.

December 22: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Lighting of the Love Candle, Worship Service, 10 a.m.

December 24: Christmas Eve

Church Office Closes at Noon
Christmas Eve Worship Service, 7 p.m.
Reception Following Worship

December 25: Christmas Day

Church Office Closed

WELCOMING IN THE NEW YEAR

What better way to welcome the coming new year than to worship & fellowship together! On Sunday, December 29 we will do just that with Worship & Brunch in Cartwright Hall at 10 a.m.

You are invited to bring your favorite brunch item to share, but you do not NEED to provide anything. Let us ring in the New Year and give thanks for the past year! God is good!



BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Hazelwood Book Club will be in Sulanke Commons at **7 p.m. on Thursday, January 9**. We will be discussing *The Eye of the Needle* by Ken Follett. Childcare will be provided.

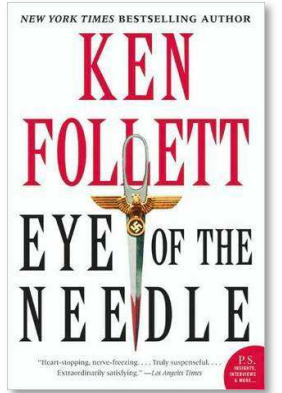
From goodreads.com:

One enemy spy knows the secret to the Allies' greatest deception, a brilliant aristocrat and ruthless assassin -- code name: "The Needle" -- who holds the key to ultimate Nazi victory.

Only one person stands in his way: a lonely Englishwoman on an isolated island, who is beginning to love the killer who has mysteriously entered her life.

All will come to a terrifying conclusion in Ken Follett's unsurpassed and unforgettable masterwork of suspense, intrigue, and the dangerous machinations of the human heart.

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



Christmas Program

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Christmas Program. The children were adorable as they sang songs about Jesus' birth, danced, and recited their memory verses. Thank you to the families who provided cookies or punch. Thank you also to Marianna Gill and Rev. Jason for setting up the risers and to those in the congregation who made Sulanke Commons and the Sanctuary look so beautiful.

Looking Ahead

Dec. 23-Jan. 5	Christmas Break - No School
January 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School
January 27	Chapel, 4-5 Year-Old Classes, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m.
January 30	Chapel, 3-4 Year-Old Classes, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m.
February 7	Teacher Work Day



“We are never more like God than when we give.”

~Charles Swindoll

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

“Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank you for the gift of \$300 to The Salvation Army in Muncie, Indiana. Every day residents of the Muncie/Delaware County area face new and major challenges in their lives. We at The Salvation Army strive to do our part in assisting our residents in these challenges. Your gift goes a long way in providing this assistance.

Again, thank you for your support. It is only with friends like yourself we are able to provide assistance to those in need in the Delaware County area. May God bless you over and over again.”

~Mark Litherland, Major, Muncie Corps Officer

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES’ SLEEPING ROOM

Volunteers are needed to help provide meals for the Men’s Sleeping Room during the week of January 12-18. Each day, Hazelwood will be providing two meals: breakfast from 6-7:30 a.m. and supper from 6-7:30 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to help those who are less fortunate than we are. Prayerfully consider where you can help. You can sign up after worship on Sunday, December 22.

For more information, contact Shirley Bookout at (765) 744-1207.

LOOKING AHEAD– MARK YOUR CLANDAR!

MUNCIE MISSION: WALK-A-MILE IN MY SHOES

Muncie Missions 16th annual Walk-a-Mile in My Shoes will be Saturday, February 8 (inclement weather date is February 15). All proceeds support the Muncie Mission. The purpose of the walk is to take a step into the struggles facing the homeless.

Sign-up to walk or to support a walker with a contribution begins Sunday, January 12 after worship.

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES’ FOOD PANTRY

February 5, 6, & 7 are Hazelwood’s days to work at the Food Pantry from 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity to help with a worthy community project. If you are able to help or would like more information, please contact Marcia Miller at (765) 730-5552.

~Blessings & Gratitude from the Missions & Benevolence Team

December 22-28, 2019



- SUNDAY • Band, 8:15 a.m., Sanctuary
• Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
- MONDAY • CWF, 2 p.m., Morrison Woods, Room #101
- TUESDAY • Church Office Closes at Noon
• Christmas Eve Worship, 7 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY • Merry Christmas! Church Office Closed

December 29, 2019-January 4, 2020

- SUNDAY • Brunch & Worship Service, 10 a.m., Cartwright Hall
- TUESDAY • Church Office Closes at Noon
- WEDNESDAY • Happy New Year! Church Office Closed



January 5, 2020
All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall

January 8, 2020
Elders, 5:30 p.m., Conference Room #102
Choir, 7:15 p.m., Sanctuary

January 9, 2020
Book Club, 7 p.m., Sulanke Commons

January 14, 2020
NEST Study, 7 p.m., Moser’s Home

January 15, 2020
Choir, 7:15, Sanctuary

January 19, 2020
All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall

January 20, 2020
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Church Office Closed