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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

December 19
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!

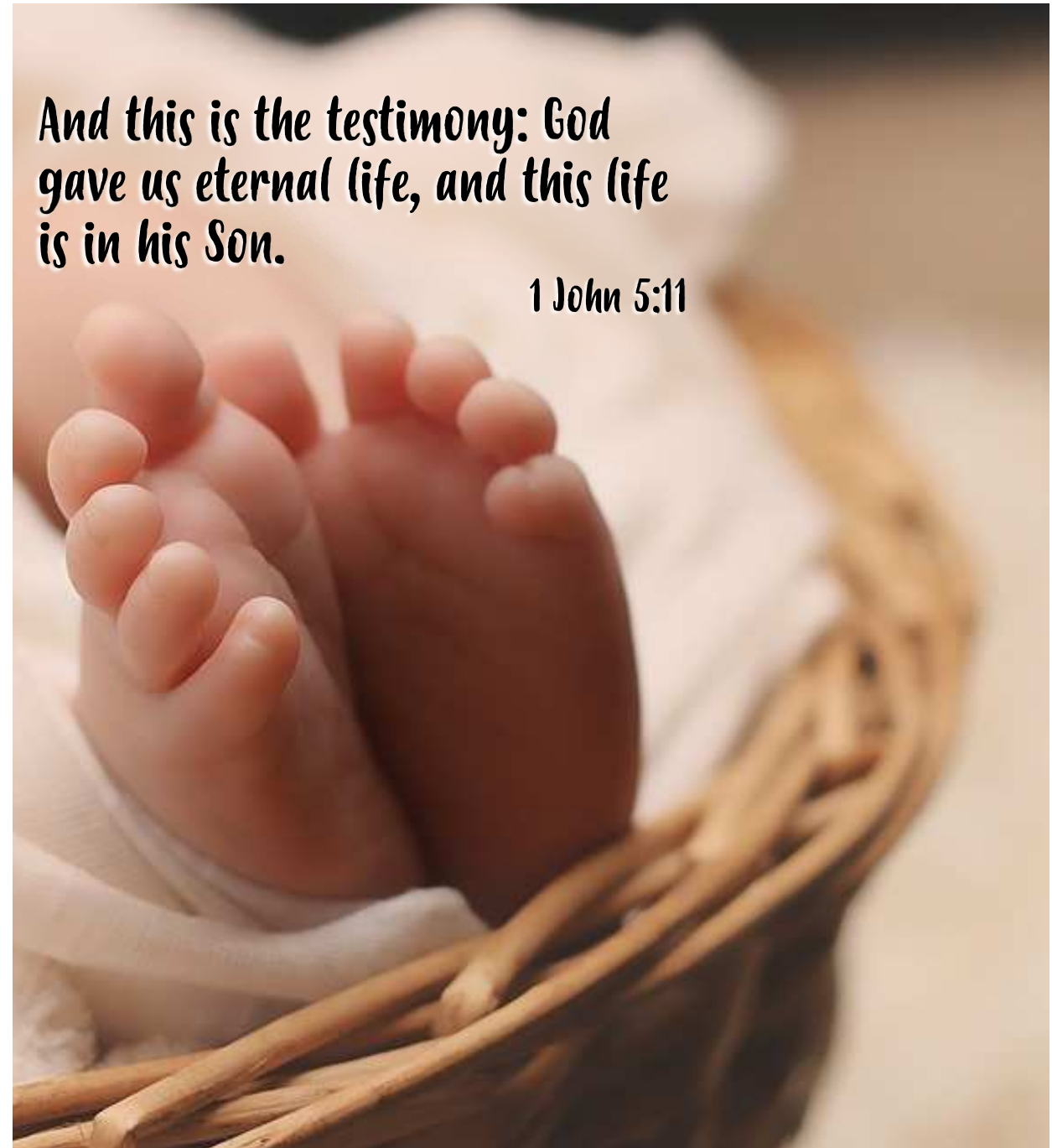


HAZELWOOD LEAVES

December 5, 2019

And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

1 John 5:11



BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 11/26/19: \$3,357.00

Offerings Received for Week Ending 12/2/19: \$4,634.27

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$5,234.04

Average Weekly Need: \$5,151

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

**Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



- ♦ Carolyn Starnes is a patient at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.

THANK YOU!

Big thanks to Kelly & Jeff Heavilon and Mary Ann & Jay Matchett for their help in making the church look so beautifully decorated for the Christmas season!

BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Hazelwood Book Club will be in Sulanke Commons at **7 p.m. on Thursday, December 12**. Rather than a book discussion during this busy time of year, we will be watching a holiday movie and enjoying snacks and fellowship with our fellow book-lovers.

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

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!



CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Join us on Sunday, December 15 at 1 p.m. as we go Christmas caroling! We'll meet in Cartwright Hall before heading out to spread the joy of the season with our friends and neighbors in local nursing homes.



I had a friend who asked, “Why bother with Advent?” The larger culture has been in holiday mode since November 1, he stated, so why bother with the themes of Advent: preparing, repentance, expectation, and hope. According to him, since people are already surrounded by tinsel, parties, gift-buying, and Christmas songs, the church was out of step with the rest of the world by focusing on the quieter, more expectant themes of Advent. What he was saying was there’s no point bothering with *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* when the rest of the world was busy with *Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree*.

We’ve just begun the four weeks of Advent, this time before Christmas Day. Advent means “coming,” and we set aside these four weeks to celebrate Christ’s coming to Bethlehem, his arriving into our hearts, and Christ’s Second Coming. Central to this time are the themes of expectation, hope, longing, and looking forward. We look forward to Christ’s arrival. Focusing on these things is, as my friend noted, largely counter-cultural. It’s a different focus than what you’ll find in the shopping malls and holiday internet shopping.

I told my friend we need Advent. That’s why we do it. We need to know that God has some things yet to do in our lives and in our world. We need to know Christ stands at the door, knocking. We need to hear John the Baptist barking into our lives telling us, “One more powerful than I is coming after me.” I need that; we all need that. It’s a little out of place with the rest of the world, but that’s probably as it should be and a sign we need it even more. May you be blessed with hopeful expectation this Advent.

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones

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 will be in Sulanke Commons on December 1. 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 8: Second Sunday of Advent

Lighting of the Peace Candle, Worship Service, 10 a.m.
All-Youth Fellowship, Christmas Box Shopping, 11:30 a.m.

December 15: Third Sunday of Advent

Lighting of the Joy Candle, Worship Service, 10 a.m.
All-Youth Fellowship, Christmas Box Wrapping, 11:30 a.m.
Christmas Caroling, 1 p.m.

December 19

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

December 21

Arrival of Perishable Food for Christmas Box Project, 8 a.m.
Deliver Christmas Boxes, 8:30 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

ADVENT CALENDAR

Do the task for each day as we journey through Advent to Christmas.

1	Pray asking God this question: "What am I waiting for this Advent?"	2	Give something away.	3	Enjoy something that makes you laugh out loud.	4	Take ten minutes of silence.	5	Enjoy a cookie.	6	Meditate and pray on being patient.	7	Invite a friend to join you for a meal or coffee sometime this month.
8	Pray for God to help you grow in hope.	9	Give to a charity.	10	Read something that feeds your soul.	11	Listen to Advent or Christmas music.	12	Buy a gift for someone who might not receive many gifts.	13	Watch a Christmas movie with your family or loved ones.	14	Bake or enjoy a holiday treat.
15	Call or write an old friend.	16	Find a way, just as Mary does, to say "yes" to God.	17	Share a generous holiday tip with your hairdresser or barber.	18	Savor a piece of chocolate.	19	Let go of your fantasy timetables and go with the flow.	20	Share stories with your family of favorite Christmases of your past.	21	Let go of a negative thought you carry in your mind.
22	Do something to help vulnerable children in our community or world.	23	List reasons to be thankful.	24	Join in Christmas Eve worship.	25	Celebrate Christ's birth.						

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

In honor of...
Molly (Moser) Kiron Family and Michael Carlton Family
Suzanne, Ryan, Kara, & Rachel Tucker and Tony, Melissa, Chase, & Chloe Ritchie
Jenny Weller
Ruth & Dave Griffey's Anniversary (12/23)

In memory of...
Stanley & Evelyn Bartlett (parents)
Harry & Lydia Williams (grandparents)
Bob Garrett
Arnold (Larry) and Matthew Lawrence Carter

Gladys, Newell, and John Jeffs
Myrtle and James Cundiff
Florella and James Moudy
Mr. & Mrs. Herb Witte
William & Thelma Bowman and Jim & Eunice Miller (parents)
Martha Jeanne Hamilton (mother)
Jay Hamilton (brother)
Colleen Thomas
John & Dorothy McCann
Ronald & Phyllis Matchett
Helen Hartley
Sue Reece
John Wean
Marjory & Ken Wantz
Virginia & Charles Ingram
Robert Sulanke
Frances Sulanke
James & June Rhoden

From
Dee & Bill Moser

John & Carolyn Starnes

Bob & Sue Weller
Donna Dye

From
Elaine Wulff, Jeane Garrett, & Mary Strubbe
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Jeane Garrett, Beth, and Nancy
Toni Carter, Michelle, Erin, Natalie, and their families

Amy, Katelyn, & Adam Moudy
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Shirley Bookout

Lee Anne Chambers
Lee Anne Chambers
The Glaze Family
Jay & Mary Ann Matchett
Jay & Mary Ann Matchett
Jim & Nancy Reece
Jim & Nancy Reece
Jim & Nancy Reece
Woody & Molly Wantz
Woody & Molly Wantz
Bob, Betsy, Thom, and Glen
Bob, Betsy, Thom, and Glen
Lori Rhoden



Christmas Poinsettias continued...

In memory of...	From
Ruth & V.G. Moser, Esther & Floyd Firestone, Olin Firestone, Duane Firestone, and Alice Maxine Stoy (Firestone)	Bill & Dee Moser
Lloyd & Buna Starnes and Jim & Bea Insley (parents)	John & Carolyn Starnes
William Weller and Doris & Maurice Jennings	Bob & Sue Weller
Willa & Mary Jane Stacker and Herbert & Ruby Miller	Dick & Marcia Miller and Jeff & Sherri Christensen
Don Lanning and parents	Mary Lanning
Larry E. Green	Rita J. Green
Lee Dye	Donna Dye
Gene Syphers, Ed Sanderson, Deborah Syphers, Stephen Syphers, and parents	Barbara Syphers
Lester & Louise Cartwright and Earl & Anna Merrick	David & Susan Cartwright



CHRISTMAS BOX PROJECT

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. Each family on our list will receive 2 boxes of food: one full of non-perishable items, and another full of perishable items. The non-perishable food will be brought to the church on Thursday, December 19. At 6 p.m. everything will be organized, and items will be packed into a box for each family. The perishable items will arrive on Saturday, December 21 at 8 a.m. After unloading, organizing, and packing that second box for each family, our volunteer delivery drivers will take the packages of food and gifts to the families.

Please consider helping this project continue through your monetary support, donations of gift-wrapping items, and volunteering your time. Your monetary gifts and donations can be dropped off any time in the church office. Volunteer sheets will be in the Sulanke Commons after worship for those interested in helping us confirm address and phone numbers of the families on our list, shop for gifts, wrap presents, pack boxes, and deliver the food and presents to the families. Let us all come together in service to others this Holiday Season, following the perfect example Jesus set for us.

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**“No matter how little you have, you
can always give some of it away.”**

~Catherine Marshall

DISBURSEMENTS

- ♦ \$105.11 toward Nursing Home Gift Lift

HAZELWOOD ANGELS

NURSING HOME GIFT LIFT: Thanks to everyone who participated through buying gifts or making a monetary donation. We were able to provide gifts for 51 nursing home residents who otherwise may not have received anything for Christmas. A true blessing!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Missions & Benevolence Team is sponsoring a week of meals for the Men's Sleeping Room of Christian Ministries during the week of January 12-18, 2020. Each day we will provide two meals: breakfast from 6-7:30 a.m., and supper from 6-7:30 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring food already prepared, or you may fix what is available at the shelter. We will need to know when you sign up if you are providing food for your meal. Financial help is always welcome.

Sign-up begins Sunday, December 22. Please prayerfully consider where you can help. For more information, contact Shirley Bookout at (765) 744-1207.

~Blessings & Gratitude from the Missions & Benevolence Team



You are invited to attend our Preschool Christmas Program on Friday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. All the preschool classes will be performing at this program. The children are excited to show you the Christmas songs they have been learning this year. This is such a special time of year when we get to share the birth of our sweet Jesus. We hope you are able to join us next Friday for this joyous event. Cookies and punch will be provided after the program.

Looking Ahead

December 13	Christmas Program, All Classes, 6:30 p.m.
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.



December 8-14, 2019

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| SUNDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Band, 8:15 a.m., Sanctuary• Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary• All-Youth Fellowship & Christmas Box Shopping, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall |
| WEDNESDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choir, 7:15 p.m., Sanctuary |
| THURSDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Book Club, 7 p.m., Sulanke Commons |
| FRIDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preschool Christmas Program, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary |

December 15-21, 2019

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| SUNDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Band, 8:15 a.m., Sanctuary• Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary• All-Youth Fellowship & Christmas Box Wrapping, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall• Christmas Caroling, 1 p.m. |
| 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• Epiphany Action Team, 7 p.m., Conference Room #102 |
| WEDNESDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choir, 7:15 p.m., Sanctuary |
| THURSDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christmas Box Non-Perishable Food Packing, 6 p.m., Cartwright Hall |
| SATURDAY | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christmas Box Perishable Food Packing, 8 a.m.• Christmas Box Deliveries, 8:30 a.m. |

LOOKING AHEAD...



December 23, 2019

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

December 24, 2019

Church Office Closes at Noon

Christmas Eve Worship Service, 7 p.m., Sanctuary

December 25, 2019

Merry Christmas! Church Office Closed