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HAZELWOOD LEAVES

January 16, 2020

We have this hope, a sure and
steadfast anchor of the soul...

Hebrews 6:19



Rev. Jason Jones, Minister
Stefanie Petty, Administrative Assistant & Newsletter Editor
Ann Wolfe, Moderator
Sunday Schedule: Worship Service, 10 a.m.
Children's Music and Church School, 10:20 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship, 11:15 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

January 30
February 13 & 27

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

BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 1/7/20: \$5,685.00

Offerings Received for Week Ending 1/14/20: \$3,727.00

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$4,441.00

Average Weekly Need: \$5,151

Jan.-Nov. 2019 Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$12,950.30)*

**Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



- ♦ Sympathies to the family of Robert (Bob) Dragoo, who passed away on December 24, 2019.
- ♦ Congratulations to Sue Weller on her retirement from Ball State University on January 3!
- ♦ Carolyn Starnes has been released from Westminster and is now back home.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

“Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, and the flowers I received during my recent hospital stay.”

~Helen Tyler

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

We have several dates on the calendar available for altar flowers. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers in memory or honor of someone, please contact Stefanie in the church office to check dates.



When I was still pastoring in NW Indiana, I had an older church member who was moving back to Connecticut. Bob was his name, and Bob came to Indiana for a marriage, but his wife had died, and Bob wanted to return to where most of his family was. Before he moved, he gave me a unique request: he asked me to write a funeral service for him. Bob explained that it might take him a little bit of time to get set up in a new church, and, just in case he should die, he wanted something ready, written by a pastor who knew him. I admired Bob, and he'd done a lot for me, so I couldn't tell him no. I wrote out a eulogy and a basic outline of a funeral service. I put it all in a folder, and Bob took it back to Connecticut.

What Bob didn't let on about, though, was that he'd received a cancer diagnosis before he moved. Sure enough, about ten months later, he died. I told his family about the service I'd written. I don't know if it was used or not, but I'm still honored that Bob asked me to write it for him. Every now and then I go back and look at it and learn from Bob's life. Even if the eulogy was only for me, somehow I got something out of writing it and continuing to learn from Bob.

It says in Psalm 90:12, “Teach us to number our days so we can have a wise heart.” When I think of Bob wanting to have his funeral eulogy in his back pocket, I think of that verse. The verse encourages us to think about how much time we have, and in doing so we learn wisdom. Thinking about how much time we might have isn't meant to depress us; it's meant to encourage us to use the time we have well.

We've just started a new year. I flip through the new calendar on my wall and wonder what the year will bring. I hope we all have many more years on this earth, but like my friend Bob knew, we might not. Let's resolve, with prayer and faith, to use this year and the time we have well.

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones

Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.

Proverbs 27:1





“The willing feet that go on errands of love, work for Christ.”

~Arthur Ingram

NOTES OF APRECIATION

“Dear friends at Hazelwood,

We at A Better Way wish to thank you for your generosity toward our organization and those we serve. The mission of A Better Way is to reduce domestic abuse, sexual assault, and suicide through shelter services and services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, prevention presentations, hotlines, and other programs. Without the support of caring people like you, we could not offer these programs to people in need. We appreciate your gift and promise to be good stewards as we seek to improve the lives of those who come to us. Together we will ease their struggles and bring them closer to peaceful and productive living.

Sincerely,”

~Teresa Clemmons, Executive Director, A Better Way

“Dear friends,

Thank you for your recent gift to The Salvation Army. During this busy season, it means so much to know that you have given your time and resources to help the less fortunate in our area. With your support, we are able to meet the basic needs of those who come to us for assistance. Sometimes we provide a nutritious meal and warm clothes. Other times we provide the opportunity for fellowship and the encouragement of God’s love. Whatever need is presented, we are able to help.

Thank you again for making our ministry possible. Our hearts are warmed with the thought of generous friends like you. May God bless you this holiday season.

Sincerely,”

~Major Mark Litherland, Corps Officer, The Salvation Army

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 Marica Miller at (765) 730-5552.

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Missions Update, continued...

MUNCIE MISSION’S ANNUAL WALK-A-MILE IN MY SHOES

Saturday, February 8 (inclement weather date: February 15)

Check-in: 8 a.m., Opening Ceremony, 9 a.m.

Begins at the Muncie Fieldhouse! Walk from the Fieldhouse to the Muncie Mission at 1725 S. Liberty (transportation will be provided by MITS back to the Fieldhouse).

Your involvement is vital to helping the Mission **build hope** for the increasing number of homeless individuals and families in need who are served in our community. Your gift of both time (as a walker) and donations can, and does, make a difference. A donation of \$25 provides 12 meals for homeless men and/or women; \$50, 24 meals. **If just one walker asks 10 people, whether in person or through social media, to give just \$10 each, that’s \$100 and 48 meals!** If 20 walkers do that... you get the idea. Each step adds up to a huge impact toward the more than 85,400 meals needed to meet the Mission’s needs each year. And that’s only part of what the Mission provides our community’s homeless and needy.

The good news is everyone can take part– you can walk or support a walker with a donation. To sign up to walk, go to walkformunciemission.com. To support a walker, see Shirley Bookout in Sulanke Commons after worship or call her at (765) 744-1207.

~Blessings & Gratitude from the Missions & Benevolence Team

BOOK CLUB

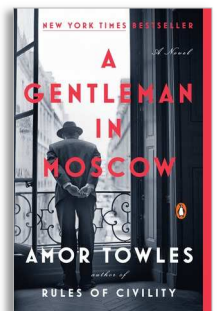
The next meeting of the Hazelwood Book Club will be in Sulanke Commons at **7 p.m. on Thursday, February 13**. We will be discussing *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. Childcare will be provided.

From goodreads.com:

In 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, and is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him entry into a much larger world of emotional discovery.

Brimming with humor, a glittering cast of characters, and one beautifully rendered scene after another, this singular novel casts a spell as it relates the count's endeavor to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a man of purpose.

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



A LETTER TO ALL DISCIPLES

*From the Office of the General Minister and President
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada*

The Peaceful Kingdom (Isaiah 11:1-9)

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

“Dear Disciples-

A new decade dawns and new possibilities are shooting up all over the Church. Like the stump of Jesse in Isaiah 11 above, we are seeing new energy as Disciples find ways to show up in the world.

This passage from the Christmas lectionary is a model for our “movement for wholeness.”¹ The Spirit of the Lord is the driver, teaching us not to judge by appearances but rather to live in righteousness. Natural enemies of all stripes will live together. This is not accomplished by human means, but by the Spirit of the Lord.

The idea of showing up in and for the world has been on my mind and heart lately. This past fall I had the opportunity to be in two locations where we Disciples are showing up. The first was Venezuela, where our Global Ministries partners are outward facing. These ecumenical partners were not raising money for church buildings, but instead uniting for justice in housing and jobs. Their people are being negatively impacted by changes in trade embargos since much of their social safety net is funded by oil revenue. These Christians were not silent. Their willingness to speak up and speak out was inspiring.

¹ Identity statement of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

A Letter to All Disciples, continued...

I also visited the U.S./Mexico border near San Diego where local Disciples on both sides of the line have been caring for those caught in immigration nightmares for many years. Disciples from the National Benevolent Association's activist peer group, a group of regional ministers, and Disciples from Obra Hispana and from Global Ministries showed up to give support to those doing the work. We learned about both the humanitarian crisis there, but also the root causes of migration such as drought and violence.

These experiences and many others over the past two and a half years have shown me the importance of turning our eyes to mission for the sake of the world. **Showing up FOR the world means we are WITH the world and doing the work, building a movement, not just our own institutions.**

In revisiting the history of the Design and Merger Agreement, it is clear that we must return to a deep theological understanding of the covenant, and of the ways in which we are church together. The work of being church together is spiritual work, not just organizational work.

In Isaiah 11, we read about how natural enemies will live in peace the Spirit of the Lord will bring, often interpreted as prophecy of the coming of Christ. If we can truly embrace the spiritual disciplines of prayer and Bible study so that the Spirit can have her way, we will be able to see that differences are not deficiencies. We are called to both the tasks (and tension) of unity and freedom together, walking together when we disagree as only truly spiritual people can.

Disciples, I call you to a season of prayer for our Church. The presidents and leaders of the general ministries are in prayer for you. You can be in prayer for our regions and our general ministries as all three of our expressions of “church” work together to show up in God's world to fulfill our vision “to be a faithful and growing church that demonstrates true community, deep Christian spirituality, and a passion for justice.”²

Thank you for the way you make a difference in your communities. Thank you for showing up for God's children. I am looking forward to another year of ministry with you as we pray our way through 2020.

In Christ's Service-”

~Teresa “Terri” Hord Owens

General Minister and President, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

² Vision statement of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

2020-2021 Registration Coming Soon

Be on the lookout for registration and information going out about our 2020-2021 school year. Registration forms will be going out at the end of this month!

Looking Ahead

- 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
- February 14** 2020-2021 Registration Open for Current Students
- February 17** Presidents' Day - No School
- February 21** 2020-2021 Registration Open for New Students

January 19-25, 2020



- SUNDAY**
 - Band, 8:15 a.m., Sanctuary
 - Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
 - All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
- MONDAY**
 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Office Closed
- TUESDAY**
 - Trustees, 5:30 p.m., Conference Room #108
 - Board, 7 p.m., Room #102 (Downstairs)
- WEDNESDAY**
 - Choir, 7:15 p.m., Sanctuary
- THURSDAY**
 - Preschool Team, 1 p.m., Conference Room #108
 - Worship Team, 7 p.m., Conference Room #108

January 26-February 1, 2020

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



LOOKING AHEAD...

February 5, 2020

- Elders, 5:30 p.m., Room #102 (Downstairs)
- Choir, 7:15 p.m., Sanctuary

February 8, 2020

- Walk-a-Mile in My Shoes, 8-10 a.m., Muncie Fieldhouse

February 9, 2020

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

February 12, 2020

- Choir, 7:15 p.m., Sanctuary

February 13, 2020

- Book Club, 7 p.m., Sulanke Commons

February 15, 2020

- S.A.R., 10 a.m., Cartwright Hall

February 18, 2020

- Trustees, 5:30 p.m., Conference Room #108
- Epiphany Action Team, 7 p.m., Room #102 (Downstairs)

U.S. CENSUS

The U.S. Census Bureau is looking to fill temporary positions to assist with the 2020 Census count. If you are interested in applying, or would like more information, visit their website at [2020census.gov](https://www.census.gov).

Listen to advice and accept discipline, and at the end you will be counted among the wise. Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.

Proverbs 19:20-21

