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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

February 27
March 12 & 26

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



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

February 13, 2020

Above all, clothe yourselves with
love, which binds everything together
in perfect harmony.

Colossians 3:14

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BUDGET UPDATE


Offerings Received for Week Ending 2/4/20: \$8,073.00
Offerings Received for Week Ending 2/11/20: \$2,917.00
Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$4,445.20
Average Weekly Need: \$5,151



2019 Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$-18,727.32)*
**Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*

The 2019 Annual Treasurer’s Report is now available in Sulanke Commons.



- ◆  Congratulations to Michael & Amanda Matchett on the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Ann Matchett, on February 8. Proud Hazelwood Grandparents are Jay & Mary Ann Matchett.
- ◆ Sonny McCoy is a patient at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.
- ◆ Sympathies to Winnie Muhiga and family on the sudden passing of her father in Kenya.

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

John 5:14



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.



I was in Arizona a couple weeks ago for a conference and some time away. Rather than rent a car, I chose to get around with Uber and Lyft rides. If you’ve never experienced ride-sharing, the way it works is you indicate on your phone you need a ride and where you need to go. You’re given a price then, too, and a driver gets a notification of where you are and where you’re going and comes and picks you up. The driver is a normal person driving a normal car. Most of the drivers, I’ve found, are people who do the ride-sharing on the side as a boost to their income. A few are people who have made it their full-time job.

I’m guessing I took maybe 15 rides on this trip. All were pleasant experiences. The thing I really appreciated was not only that these people helped me get where I was going, but I also appreciated the conversations. A few of the drivers didn’t seem like they wanted to talk, and that was fine, but most conversed with me along the way. With some we only shared small talk, talking about the weather or where I was going. Others, though, were more significant. With one I had a long talk about foster parenting. With another, we talked about our favorite sports memories and teams. I remember getting out of the car at my destinations thankful for the ride, but also thankful for the encounters and conversations.

Our culture doesn’t easily give space to conversations with outsiders. Most of our consumer interactions are quick and impersonal. Many times we deal with a screen or an automated system rather than a real person. Very rarely do we have a chance, it seems, to be able to get to know a stranger.

Read through the Bible though, and you’ll find lots of encounters with strangers and good coming from it. My favorite story from the gospels is the Emmaus road story, where two disciples meet a traveler along the way, and this stranger begins to reshape their perspectives, and by the time they are at their destination they realize the stranger is Jesus. An extraordinary blessing came from their conversation with the stranger! We’re told, again and again, in scripture to welcome the stranger just as though we’re welcoming Jesus, and when we do we’re welcoming in good things.

Here’s my pastoral advice to you: find some spaces where you can converse with strangers. These days it takes some seeking out, but when we find places where we can give space for a conversation, we give space to a new blessing in our lives. It could be as simple as an Uber or Lyft ride on your next trip. You might be surprised with how you’re blessed by the conversation along the way.

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones
2020 0213



For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

1 Corinthians 3:9

By giving to Week of Compassion, we have the opportunity to build something miraculous, to plant seeds of new life. Where God's people have suffered loss, we are invited to **invest in the future**. When we give to Week of Compassion, our gift travels to places where disaster or poverty has caused great suffering. Through our generosity, they empower communities to grow new kinds of crops in a changing climate; they support youth education and vocational training; they rebuild homes and churches and help provide needed supplies after disasters; and they empower women with skills to support their family and their neighbors.

In these and so many other places, **we are co-workers in the kingdom of God**. Building, planting, watering...and trusting that God gives growth to all good gifts shared in faith.

A special offering for Week of Compassion will be collected during worship on **February 16 & 23**. For more information on Week of Compassion, visit them online at www.weekofcompassion.org.

"FAT TUESDAY" GATHERING

Fat Tuesday is the traditional name for the day before Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent in the Western Christian churches, including the Roman Catholic Church and Protestant churches. Fat Tuesday is more commonly known as Mardi Gras, which is simply Fat Tuesday in French. In the past, people would fast from all meat and food that came from animals throughout the season of Lent. Therefore, the last night before the fast, they would try to use up all those foods they couldn't eat during Lent. And that's where the term "Fat Tuesday" came from, for obvious reasons!

Let us gather for a feast on the night before Lent begins.

On **Tuesday, February 25, we will feast at IHOP on McGalliard at 6 p.m.** Mmmmmm....pancakes!

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in Sulanke Commons or email the church to reserve your seat. We will need to know how many are attending.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE



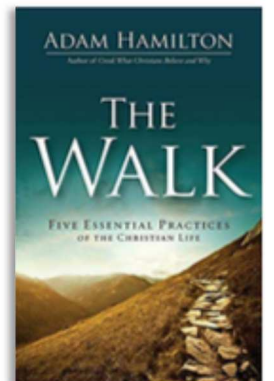
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On **Wednesday, February 26, at 7 p.m.** in the Sanctuary, we will have a contemplative worship service with worship stations. The focus of this service is prayer and practice. You will have the opportunity to lift up prayer through a variety of means, as well as participate in Lenten spiritual practices. There will be a time in the service for you to move freely through the worship stations at your own pace. The communion and ashes station will be the center of all the stations. God desires to draw us back into his embrace. Just as we know spring is waiting deep in the ground beneath us, so we know that what seems lost will be found and will be restored.

LENT SOUP & STUDY

I've said it before, sometimes the name says it all, and Soup & Study is just what you'd expect it to be. During Lent we'll gather for Soup and for Study. At **5:30 p.m. on each Sunday in March**, we'll share in this special season of Lent through fellowship around some bowls of soup, and then we'll have a time of study. Our focus for study will be Adam Hamilton's book, *The Walk*.

I've found Soup & Study to be a unique way to gather for both fellowship and renewal as we journey through this special season. We need folks to make soup for each evening, so if you'd like to share some soup please sign up on Sunday after worship. If you'd like to attend Soup & Study, please sign up, too, so we'll have an idea of how many will attend. Books are \$15 if you'd like one, but it isn't necessary to have the book to attend.



BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Hazelwood Book Club will be in Sulanke Commons at **7 p.m. on Thursday, March 12**. We will be discussing *When Crickets Cry* by Charles Martin. Childcare will be provided.

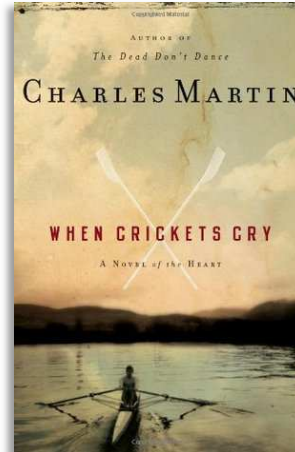
From goodreads.com:

It begins on the shaded town square in a sleepy Southern town. A spirited seven-year-old has a brisk business at her lemonade stand. But the little girl's pretty yellow dress can't quite hide the ugly scar on her chest.

Her latest customer, a bearded stranger, drains his cup and heads to his car, his mind on a boat he's restoring at a nearby lake. The stranger understands more about the scar than he wants to admit. And the beat-up bread truck careening around the corner with its radio blaring is about to change the trajectory of both their lives.

Before it's over, they'll both know there are painful reasons why crickets cry . . . and that miracles lurk around unexpected corners.

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



ST. PATRICK'S DAY CARRY-IN

Saint Patrick's Day, or the Feast of Saint Patrick, is a cultural and religious celebration held on March 17, the traditional death date of Saint Patrick (c. AD 385–461), the foremost patron saint of Ireland. Saint Patrick's Day was made an official Christian feast day in the early 17th century and is observed by the Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion (especially the Church of Ireland), the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Lutheran Church. The day commemorates Saint Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland, and celebrates the heritage and culture of the Irish in general.

Even if you are not of Irish heritage, we invite you to join us as we gather for a St. Patrick's Day carry-in on **Sunday, March 15, at 11:30 a.m.** There will be a sign-up sheet in Sulanke Commons starting February 23 for you to reserve your seat. We encourage you to bring something of Irish flavor or something that's green! And don't forget to wear green– you don't want to be pinched!



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

~Arthur Ingram

DISBURSEMENTS

- ♦ \$400 to Walk-a-Mile In My Shoes

NOTE OF APRECIATION

“Because of you...Our work of helping the poor and needy continues.

Dear Friends of Christian Ministries,

On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your generous contributions to the work of Christian Ministries. Your donation helps us to meet the needs of the people who struggle in poverty, those who suffer hunger, and many who are without a home. May God bless you for your continued support.

In His Service,”

~Andrea Smith, Executive Director, Christian Ministries

HAZELWOOD ANGELS

Thanks to the following volunteers who helped with **Christian Ministries' Food Pantry** on either February 5, 6, or 7: Jeff Heavilon, Dick & Marcia Miller, Jim & Nancy Reece, and Glen Sulanke.

Walk-a-Mile In My Shoes walkers included: Shirley Bookout, Jeff Heavilon, Rev. Jason Jones, Bethany, Jason, Landon, & Maggie Ratts, Bill Moser, and Jim & Nancy Reece. This year's walkers raised \$1,684 to help support the Muncie Missions' many needs, receiving a Pacesetter Certificate in Recognition of Valuable Contribution to Walk-a-Mile 2020.

~Blessings & Gratitude from the Missions & Benevolence Team

Preschool News

Registration

Wow, this school year is really flying by! It has been, and continues to be, such a joy to serve the families of Hazelwood Church and Preschool. It's hard to believe it is time to begin registering for the 2020-21 school year. Registration, for church families and current preschool families will start this Friday, February 14. Open registration for the community will begin February 21.

Summer Camps

I know with all the strange winter weather we have had so far this year it is hard to think about summer. However, it really is just around the corner! These summer camps will be jam-packed with summer activities, bug exploration, dinosaur digs, and many more fun-filled activities! If you know of a family looking for a place to send their preschooler for some great summer fun and to learn more about Jesus, send them our way. It's going to be a DINO-MITE time!

More details to follow soon!

Looking Ahead

February 14	2020-2021 Registration Open for Current Students
February 17	Presidents' Day - No School
February 21	2020-2021 Registration Open for New Students
February 24	Chapel, 4-5 Year-Old Classes, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m.
February 27	Chapel, 3-4 Year-Old Classes, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m.
March 23-27	Spring Break - No School
April 1	Graduation Pictures, 4-5 Year-Old Classes



February 16-22, 2020

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">• Presidents' Day - Church Office Closed
TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trustees, 5:30 p.m., Conference Room #108• Epiphany Action Team, Room #102 (Downstairs)
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choir, 7:15 p.m., Sanctuary

February 23-29, 2020



SUNDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Band, 8:15 a.m., Sanctuary• Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary• All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
MONDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Area Ministers, 10:30 a.m., Conference Room #108• CWF, 2 p.m., Morrison Woods, Room #101
TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fat Tuesday Feast, 6 p.m., IHOP on McGalliard• NEST Group, 7 p.m., Moser's Home
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ash Wednesday Worship Service, 7 p.m., Sanctuary• Choir, After Worship Service, Sanctuary



LOOKING AHEAD...

March 1, 2020

Teacher Recognition, During Worship
Lent Soup & Study, 5:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall

March 4, 2020

Elders, 5:30 p.m., Room #102 (Downstairs)
No Choir Rehearsal

March 8, 2020

Daylight Savings Time Begins
All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
Lent Soup & Study, 5:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall

March 10, 2020

NEST Group, 7 p.m., Moser's Home

March 11, 2020

Choir, 7:15 p.m., Sanctuary

March 12, 2020

Book Club, 7 p.m., Sulanke Commons

March 14, 2020

Property Work Day, 9 a.m.-Noon