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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

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 27, 2020

*But the Lord stood at my side and
gave me strength...*



2 Timothy 4:17

BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 2/18/20: \$5,625.00

Offerings Received for Week Ending 2/25/20: \$8,014.15

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$5,933.23

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.



- ♦ Carolyn Starnes has been released from the hospital and is now back home.
- ♦ Sympathies to Cheryl McCoy and family on the passing of Sonny on Sunday, February 23. Services will be held at Hazelwood on Friday, February 28 at noon with visitation at 11 a.m. Additional visitation hours will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. today, February 27, at Elm Ridge (4600 W. Kilgore Ave.).

PROPERTY WORK DAY

Hazelwood is blessed with such a beautiful property, and it takes all of us to keep it at its best! Join us **Saturday, March 14, from 9 a.m. - noon**, for the first Property Work Day of 2020. We’ll meet in Sulanke Commons before we start assigning tasks.

ALL are encouraged to participate as we shake off winter in anticipation of the spring season and all of the wonderful activities it brings to Hazelwood. Sign up in Sulanke Commons after worship to let us know you’d like to help.

Everybody is needed! There are many things to be accomplished to get our church and grounds ready to welcome all during these exciting upcoming church and community events!



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.



By the time you get this newsletter the season of Lent will have started. I say this every year, but I’ll say it again: Lent is the 40 days before Easter, not counting Sundays, that we use as a time of repentance and renewal as we walk with Jesus to the cross and prepare for Easter. Most Christians find this season to be rich and renewing, where we take a more intentional focus on our faith and our lives. A lot of Christians choose to do something during this season. Some give up something; some choose to do something unique. If you’re looking for things to do, we’ve included a Lenten calendar in this newsletter that has things for each day. Whatever you choose to do during the season, do it with the hope that it will lead you into a closer relationship with God and make you a better person.

I’ve chosen something unique for this season. During Lent I’m going to ask myself, “What would Mr. Rogers do?” and then try to do it. My wife and I watched the movie, *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*, and I was moved by Mr. Rogers’ affect on others. I realize it was a fictional movie, but so much of the character Tom Hanks played was based on Fred Rogers’ life and way of being. I think we’re drawn to Mr. Rogers today because his thoughtfulness, humility, and curiosity are such a contrast to what we see from so many in the spotlight. I thought, after seeing it, what we need is more people like Mr. Rogers. So, during the season of Lent I’m going to ask myself what Mr. Rogers would do in each situation I’m in and try to do it.

However you’re led to grow in this season of Lent, I pray it’ll lead you to deeper faith and great joy as you come to Easter.

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, March 12**. We will be discussing *When Crickets Cry* by Charles Martin. Childcare will be provided.

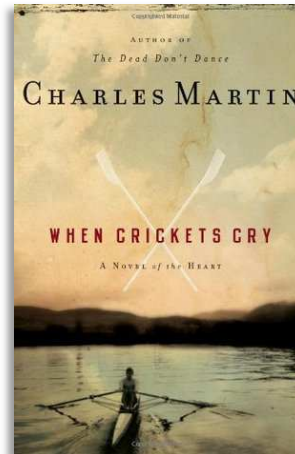
From goodreads.com:

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 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!



SEASON OF LENT AT HAZELWOOD

LENT SOUP & STUDY

Pull up a chair as we enjoy a bowl of soup and delve into *The Walk* by Adam Hamilton at 5:30 p.m. on March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 in Cartwright Hall.

PALM SUNDAY

Join us for a procession of palms and worship service on Sunday, April 5 at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary as we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Enjoy a light supper on Thursday, April 9 at 6 p.m. as we come together in fellowship in Cartwright Hall. At 7 p.m., we will move to the Sanctuary for worship and communion in memory of Jesus' last supper with his disciples.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the meal, please contact Shirley Bookout at (765) 744-1207.

GOOD FRIDAY

Join your neighbors on Friday, April 10 from 7-8:30 a.m. for a Community Good Friday Breakfast Service, sponsored by the Muncie YMCA, at the Horizon Convention Center (401 S. High St.). It is free and open to the public, featuring guest speaker Davey Blackburn from Nothing Is Wasted Ministries.

Get your tickets today at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/good-friday-breakfast-tickets-82680344135>

EGG HUNT

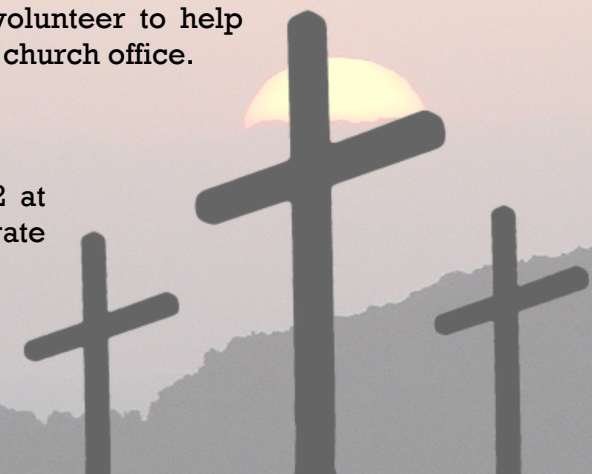
The Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Hazelwood is Saturday, April 11! Kids up to Grade 5 will meet in Sulanke Commons at 10 a.m. to search for those elusive Easter eggs filled with candy.

If you would like to donate candy or volunteer to help stuff Easter eggs, contact Rev. Jason in the church office.

EASTER SUNDAY

He Has Risen!

Join us in Worship on Sunday, April 12 at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection.



LENT PRACTICES 2020

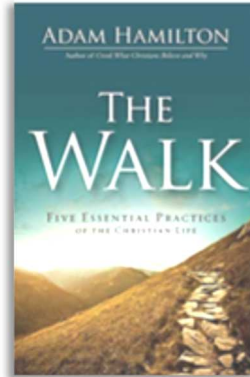
Do each activity for each day to give special significance to this season

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			FEB 26 Attend Ash Wednesday worship.	27 Pray for those in need.	28 Say something encouraging to another.	29 Go without dessert today.
MAR 1 Meditate on the scripture read in church.	2 Listen to music that encourages your spirit.	3 Fast from social media.	4 Choose to let go of a long-held grudge.	5 Do a chore for another in your family or for a neighbor.	6 Encourage a child.	7 Give away something.
8 Learn about those who live below the poverty line.	9 Avoid saying mean things in your car to other drivers.	10 Skip snacks today.	11 Pray for someone with whom you disagree.	12 Fast from negativity.	13 Give groceries to a local food collection.	14 Write to an elected representative about the needs of the poor.
15 Spend 30 minutes in silence.	16 Pay attention to someone you may have ignored.	17 Fast from complaining.	18 Memorize a scripture verse.	19 Eat simple meals today.	20 Find a way you can volunteer.	21 Go to coffee or lunch with someone who encourages you.
22 List five things for which you are thankful.	23 Read Psalm 130.	24 Fast from gossip.	25 Seek reconciliation with someone you may have hurt.	26 Skip second helpings at meals today.	27 Give up believing you have to fix everything.	28 Visit someone who is sick or in the nursing home.
29 Sing a hymn or praise song.	30 Give to an organization that helps those in need in your community.	31 Write a note of encouragement.	APR 1 Do something that frightens you.	2 Learn about the experience of a person from a different race.	3 Spend 15 minutes in silence.	4 Watch a movie that encourages you.
5 Take a quiet walk.	6 Choose to forgive someone.	7 Speak less and listen more.	8 Give an extra tip to a service worker.	9 Join in Maundy Thursday worship.	10 Meditate on Jesus' time on the cross.	11 Spend 30 minutes in silence, reflecting on Jesus in the tomb.
12 Attend Easter worship.						

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.



SPRING ASSEMBLY

7 p.m. Friday, March 27 - 11 a.m. Sunday, March 29
Bradford Woods, 5040 St. Rd. 67 North, Martinsville
\$120/person (includes food & lodging)

For youth in grades 6-12, this year's assembly centers on God's call to love your neighbors, which includes caring for our environment. The theme is *Near: Loving our neighbor, our earth, and our God* - based on Deuteronomy 30:11-20. Keynote speakers are Dr. Ron Allen and Dawn Barnes.

Register online by March 19 at:
<http://indianadisciples.org/upcoming-events>



“No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it for anyone else.”

~Charles Dickens

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

“Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$200. We truly appreciate your support and interest in our organization. We are so grateful that you find our program worthy of your investment. These funds will help us to continue our mission in Delaware County to help children with their clothing needs.

We hope you will visit soon so that you may see how your donations are being used.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,”

~Gloria Adams, Director, Children's Clothing Center of Delaware County

“Dear Friends,

Thank you! Your gift to the 2020 Walk-a-Mile In My Shoes equips us to care for all who will turn to Muncie Mission for warm shelter, hot meals, and *HOPE* for a *brighter future!* Thanks so much for making a difference through Walk-a-Mile 2020!

Sincerely,”

~Frank Baldwin, President/CEO, Muncie Mission

FYI: HEARTS & HANDS UNITED GIVEAWAY

Reminder: We will be purchasing **NEW SIZE 6** boy's/men's shoes for next fall's back-to-school giveaway. We have been able to provide an abundance of size 5s the past few years - now we will help with the new size. Keep your eyes open for sales. Thanks for your generosity!



~Blessings & Gratitude from the Missions & Benevolence Team

March Birthdays

1 Andy Rees	5 Steve Cartwright	20 Felix Muhiga
2 Sue Weller	Carol Schussler	22 Dennis Holmes
	8 Shirley Bookout	24 Jeane Garrett
	17 Yeno Matuka	26 Barbara Syphers
	18 Dee Moser	30 Amy Moudy

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



Preschool News

Employment Opportunity

TITLE: Preschool Teacher for 4- & 5-year-olds

Hazelwood Christian Preschool is a Christian-based preschool. We believe educational experiences grounded in scripture form the cornerstones that help to define values that can be applied to daily living. We are a preschool ministry with an Extended Learning Center that provides all-day care for families while they are away. We take pride in our highly qualified teaching staff and in our communications throughout the school. We strive to provide a safe and nurturing environment where children can express their individuality, while we provide them with a variety of experiences to enhance their development.

General Job Description:

Our preschool is looking for a highly motivated, energetic lead teacher for our kindergarten readiness class of 4- & 5-year-olds. The class meets Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Additional hours are available on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. if preferred.

Educational Requirements:

Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education or Bachelors Degree in Early Childhood Education; Masters preferred.

To apply, send your resumé to Angela Lopez at hccalopez@gmail.com or contact the preschool office at (765) 284-2430.

Looking Ahead

March 23-27	Spring Break - No School
April 1	Graduation Pictures, 4-5 Year-Old Classes
April 13-17	Spirit Week

March 1-7, 2020

SUNDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Band, 8:15 a.m., Sanctuary • Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary • Lent Soup & Study, 5:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elders, 5:30 p.m., Room #102 • Choir, 7:15 p.m., Sanctuary

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 8. Remember to turn your clock **forward** 1 hour on Saturday night before you go to bed!



March 8-14, 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 • Lent Soup & Study, 5:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall
TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEST Group, 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"> • Book Club, 7 p.m., Sulanke Commons
SATURDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property Work Day, 9 a.m.-Noon

LOOKING AHEAD...



March 15, 2020

St. Patrick's Day Carry-In, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
Lent Soup & Study, 5:30 p.m., Cartwright Hall

March 17, 2020

Trustees, 5:30 p.m., Conference Room #108
Board, 7 p.m., Room #102

March 18, 2020

Choir, 7:15 p.m., Sanctuary

March 19, 2020

Worship Team, 7 p.m., Conference Room #108