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Our Mission:

**Sharing Christ with our community  
through service and relationships.**



Look for us at:  
**[www.hazelwoodchurch.org](http://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**

April 23  
May 7 & 21

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



# HAZELWOOD LEAVES

April 9, 2020

*Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?'*

*John 11:25-26*



## **BUDGET UPDATE**

**Offerings Received for Week Ending 3/31/20: \$9,945.00**

**Offerings Received for Week Ending 4/7/20: \$5,302.00**

**Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$4,804.60**

**Average Weekly Need: \$5,151**

**Jan.-Feb. Offerings Compared to Budget: \$4,739.60\***

*\*Reflects the amount received OVER Budget*



- ♦ Sympathies to John Starnes and family on the passing of Carolyn Starnes on Saturday, March 28.
- ♦ Congratulations to Austin & Haley Herr on the birth of their daughter, Margot Rey Herr, on April 4 in Noblesville. Proud Hazelwood great-grandmother is Shirley Bookout.
- ♦ Pat Patterson is a patient at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.
- ♦ Ron Smith has been released from the hospital and is now back home.

## **CONNECT WITH THE OFFICE STAFF**

If you should have need to contact any of the office staff during this time of physical distancing, there are multiple ways to do so:

You can call the church office at (765) 282-5969. Rhea will be in the office in the mornings taking care of those tasks she has that can only be done on-site, Rev. Jason will be stopping by his office in the afternoons to do the same, and all of the office staff will have access to phone messages.

You can send an email to us at [hazelwoodchurch@gmail.com](mailto:hazelwoodchurch@gmail.com). Stefanie monitors this account and will coordinate with whomever is needed to get a response to you as soon as possible. You can also send an email directly to any one of us: Rev. Jason, [hccjjones@gmail.com](mailto:hccjjones@gmail.com); Stefanie, [hccspetty@gmail.com](mailto:hccspetty@gmail.com), Marianna, [hccmgill@gmail.com](mailto:hccmgill@gmail.com); Rhea, [hccrmorgan@gmail.com](mailto:hccrmorgan@gmail.com).

We're in a strange time where face-to-face communication is not a good idea, but we are fortunate to have access to technology that gives us so many ways to remain connected. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you need something – even if all you need is to hear a friendly voice.

## **ATTENTION GRADUATES!**

High School and College graduates will be recognized during worship on Sunday, May 3. If you are a graduate, or if you have a Hazelwood graduate in the family, please let us know no later than Sunday, April 26. The graduate form can be found on our website: [www.hazelwoodchurch.org](http://www.hazelwoodchurch.org)



A few months ago, I was talking with the elders about what it would mean to be a church in the future, and we spent some time talking about online-based church. We speculated that some would participate in their church online rather than in person. I remember saying an in-person experience was definitely preferable, but I said, too, if that's the only way some would know church life, then online church was better than no church. The strange irony of that conversation was none of us had any idea that all of us would be forced, in a matter of months, into only doing church in an online capacity. The need for physical distancing has placed us in a situation where we've had to do everything as a church online.

While we may have had to learn as we go, I'm impressed with how quickly we've transitioned into operating online. Our Sunday morning worship is now done via live stream, with the option to watch it later. A big thanks goes to Marianna and Tony Gill for helping us create this worship. I'm now doing an online Bible study on Wednesday nights; just ask me if you'd like to join in. I'm using our church's Facebook page as a place for connection. I try to do regular prayer and meditation videos there as an opportunity for some peace in this anxious time. I'm also doing a live broadcast there on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. as another place of connection. You can find all of that here: <https://www.facebook.com/HazelwoodCC>. If you're not able to access any of these things from home, we're able to send you a DVD of our worship that you could view from home; just let us know if that is something you need.

None of us know how long any of this will go. We all wish we could just go back to normal living, but the health reality has us doing things from home rather than together in a public place. I wonder, too, how many of these technological tools we'll continue to use when we do return to normal living. Time will tell. But, I've been so impressed with how we've been coming together in this time of need to continue to be a church. You all have banded together to keep being church in this time. Let's keep it up; let's keep being the vital church we are and will be in the future.

Grace & peace,  
Jason Jones



## **GIVING TO HAZELWOOD DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS**

I've been so impressed with the financial giving that has continued during this time. I was worried, a few weeks ago, about how our giving would be, but we've seen so many gifts come into the church. Thank you! I've said before that if this is a time of financial stress, you can give to the church simply by connecting with some in our church who might need connection. Call, email, text, or write to someone who may be isolated or lonely. Those gifts of connection are a beautiful gift you can give to our church.

If you are able to give financially, here is a reminder of a few ways you can do it. If you use online banking, you can set up the church as a recipient. With my bank, whenever I'm paying my bills online, I also take care of my monthly gift to the church. My bank then automatically generates a check that comes to the church through the mail. If you're not an online banking type of person, you can still write a check and put it in the mail to us. Many of you already do one of these two options already, so I'm preaching to the converted here. One more way to give is through an online service called Givelify. We've recently set up an account through Givelify, and if you download the app to your smartphone you can easily find us there to donate to the church through the Givelify app. You can also access Givelify through your computer if you follow this link: <https://giv.li/cv3bky>. The service takes a small percentage of the gift as a processing fee, so keep that in mind as you give, but we want to encourage giving in as many ways as possible.

Thank you so much for the gifts you are already giving. Our church exists because God has called out the generosity in your hearts. Let's keep up the good work of giving as we continue our good work of being a church together!

~Jason Jones

## **pRESCHOOL NEWS**

The preschool has decided to extend our shelter-in-place order and stay closed until the end of April. As always the safety of our children, families, and staff are most important to us, and with the uncertainty of our current situation, we feel it best to err on the side of caution. We will re-evaluate things during the week of April 27 and consider the advice of our local health department and officials to decide our next step. The preschool teachers have been doing virtual lessons weekly with their students and will continue these until we are all reunited, together again. As always, feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. Also, if you are in need of supplies ,etc., please let me know how we can help you during this time.

~Angela Lopez



## **DISBURSEMENTS**

The following organizations received funds from the Sulanke Trust:

- ♦ \$500 to Second Harvest Food Bank
- ♦ \$500 to YWCA
- ♦ \$550 to Christian Ministries
- ♦ \$550 to Muncie Mission

## **EASTER SEASON WORSHIP SERIES**

Acts 2 says, "Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day, the Lord added to their number..."

The life and death of Jesus had one strong message that was both overt and inherent: love one another. The heart of the matter was love. Time and again we hear Jesus offer the disciples a post-resurrection message of empowerment to give to the world what he had given to them. This Easter Season we will encourage one another to truly live out the heart of the matter. The worship series, "Heart of the Matter," begins this Easter Sunday and runs each Sunday through Pentecost.

You may not realize Easter is not just a day. Easter is a season of eight Sundays that lasts from Easter Sunday until Pentecost Sunday, a time when we celebrate the Spirit of Christ in the church as the presence of Jesus' work ongoing in the world. During the Easter Season, we will continue to hear more about Jesus' message of what is truly the "heart of the matter" in our lives. We'll be gathering by live stream on our Facebook page at <https://HazelwoodCC>. You can also access our Facebook page from the Home page of our website [www.hazelwoodchurch.org](http://www.hazelwoodchurch.org).

After the events of Holy Week, the disciples were devastated. They were in the midst of full-blown grief and disbelief. Into the heart of that grief came a stunning revelation - life had overcome death. Love had won out over violence. God's faithfulness would build them up once again - would bind them together. Is this possible in our lives? Easter's worship will say, "Yes, it is! Come, and see! Live, and love! This is the heart of the matter!"