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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

May 21
June 4 & 18

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



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

May 7, 2020

*Honor her for all that her hands have done, and
let her works bring her praise at the city gate.*

Proverbs 31:31



Mother's Day - May 10

BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 4/28/20: \$5,698.00

Offerings Received for Week Ending 5/5/20: \$6,483.00

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$5,336.20

Average Weekly Need: \$5,151

Jan.-Mar. Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$2,926.40)*

**Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



- ◆ Congratulations to Heather & Daniel Kruger on the birth of their daughter, Mila Kruger, on April 22. Proud Hazelwood great-grandmother is Donna Dye.
- ◆ Sympathies to Rhea Morgan and family on the passing of her brother-in-law, David Morgan, on Friday, April 25.
- ◆ John Starnes and Donna Dye are both back home after brief hospital stays.

May Birthdays

1 Jason Scott	17 Marcia Miller
2 Ruthanne Devroy	18 Mary Ann Matchett
Landon Ratts	21 Samuel Hahn
4 Helen Tyler	Wanda Isenbarger
8 Rita Horton	27 Rita Green
16 David Cartwright	

If your name has been inadvertently left off, let us know!
Call the church office or send an email to
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When the quarantine for COVID-19 began, my thought was, "Well, we'll do this for a few weeks, and then everything will go back to normal." My thought was this would be a short pause on normal activity before business as usual resumed. Now, as our state is in a process of reopening things, I realize my thoughts were naive. I followed the governor's plan for reopening and saw this is a complex problem, with many steps leading to an unsure future. Even as things begin to reopen, the challenges of the coronavirus are still present and will be with us for some time.

As we think about resuming worship in our building on Sunday, I realize there are many challenges to us all being back in one room. Even as the governor gave permission for churches to resume activity, it came with many precautions. He also encouraged churches to continue virtual services if possible, and he asked church leaders to do their best to keep their people safe. As I read it, the opening wasn't a direction for all churches to immediately come back together, but a permission to gradually and safely begin a process of coming back together.

For Hazelwood, I believe the best decision is to not have Sunday morning worship in our building through the month of May. The Indiana Region of Disciples of Christ is also encouraging its churches to not hold worship in their buildings during May. I think this is the right choice for a few reasons. First, the governor's guidelines for resuming worship said that those 65 and older, as well as those with preexisting medical conditions, should not attend worship services. This would mean we would have to tell at least half of our congregation not to attend worship. Second, the precautions we would need to observe in doing live worship (everyone wearing a mask, no communion or singing, no handing out of bulletins, sanitizer stations, rows spaced at least six feet apart, etc.) would make worshiping together challenging and also a very diminished experience. Third, I believe we are doing a good job with our online worship, and it presents a viable temporary alternative.

So, at least for the month of May, we can plan on not holding services in our church building but continuing with our online worship experience. I realize this is difficult because we miss one another, and the thought of being back together is very appealing. I'd rather us do it safely and cautiously rather than make a rushed and unsafe decision. In the meantime, we have many ways to connect, whether it's our online experiences, phone calls, text messages, or emails. Let's keep connecting! I'd love to hear from you, so let me know how you are doing. And when the time is right, we'll all be back together in our building.

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones



“Christ alone can bring lasting peace - peace with God, peace among men and nations, and peace within our hearts.”

~Billy Graham

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

“Dear friends,

Thank you! Your timely and generous support this Easter helps calm the fears of homeless and anxious neighbors! As the COVID-19 virus crosses the globe, we are working around the clock to shelter and protect 70+ residents while continuing to feed dozens more hungry neighbors every day. Just like you, we are clinging tightly to those in our households and long to be reunited with loved ones now at distance. In this turbulent time, we thank you for remembering those with no other place to turn. *We remain steadfast in our trust in the Lord to calm all fears!* Thank you to our friends at Hazelwood!

He has risen indeed!”

~Frank Baldwin

President/CEO, Muncie Mission

“Dear Hazelwood,

We’re grateful for your donation of \$500 to the Second Harvest Food Bank. Your gift will help us continue to provide Help for Today and Hope for Tomorrow with food and resources to neighbors in need - especially now during this crucial time.

Due to the COVID-19 situation, we have seen a significantly higher number of people in need of our help. In response, we have added additional food distribution tailgates in our communities, and we are continuing to provide school distributions using safe/outdoor methods. Due to the shortage of grocery store donations, our expenses have increased as we have to bring in additional semi-loads of food from farther away to make these distributions happen.

Thank you for your generous gift at this critical time, and for making a difference in so many lives!

Stay safe,”

~Tim Kean

President & CEO, Second Harvest Food Bank

Missions Update, continued...

WINNIE’S KIDS

A note from Winnie:

“Here is a brief history of the Kenya project, specifically with regards to the Shivembe Primary School and Mama Ni Mama women’s group:

The church has been supporting the Shivembe Primary School and Mama Ni Mama women’s group since 2009. During that time, we have been able to do the following:

- ♦ We buy school uniforms for the students every year (students are required to have a school uniform in order to attend school). We started by providing uniforms to only 44 students. Last summer we provided uniforms to 265 students - all the kids that needed a uniform got one!
- ♦ We provide school supplies yearly (pens, pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, and crayons).
- ♦ We provide pain medication yearly.
- ♦ We provide sanitary pads for the older girls (since 2015).
- ♦ We have been able to help the school build 10 latrines (outhouses/toilets), a kitchen, 2 additional classrooms, a library, start a lunch program, and buy a farm to plant their own corn and beans for lunch.
- ♦ We have been supporting the Mama Ni Mama women's group to take care of their 55 children. For the women’s group, we usually provide school supplies, medicine, sanitary pads, and cash money to help them with their small business. At the moment, each woman has a cow as a result of this support.”

As we are experiencing difficult times and want to reach out and help in some way, your donation to help Winnie’s Kids in Kenya would be a blessing for many. Each donation received will be matched, up to a total of \$1,000 from the Missions & Benevolence Sulanke Trust. Please mark all contributions “Winnie’s Kids.” If writing a check, it would greatly help our bookkeeper if you write a separate check from your regular offering. We will continue collecting donations through May 17.

There are great needs in Kenya, so please prayerfully consider how you can help Winnie’s Kids.

~Blessings & Gratitude from the Missions & Benevolence Team

Missions Update continued on next page...



New Camp Dates

In response to the social distancing protocols currently in place and anticipation that there could be some restriction on activity stretching into early summer, we have tentatively rescheduled summer camps to the month of July with the hope that we will then be free to offer our regular camping program.

Please know the well-being of our campers and staff is of paramount importance. We are working to ensure we are in compliance with the latest guidance from the CDC on cleaning and hygiene, plus will rely on the information and all the recommendations being put forward regarding ways to be safe and responsible in the summer months ahead. **We are continuing to monitor and review all new developments and information put forth by our local, state and federal government officials and health professionals.**

(Revised April 15, 2020)

GENEVA

July 6-9 – You and Me (**4 days**) (age 5+ and an adult)

July 6-11 – Traditional Middle School (completed gr. 6-8)

July 6-11 – Traditional High School (completed gr. 9-12)

July 6-11 – C.R.O.S.S. (completed gr. 6-8 and 9-12)

July 20-22 – You and Me (**3 days**) (age 5+ and an adult)

July 20-22 – New Beginnings (**3 days**) (completed gr. 1-3)

July 13-18 – Explorer (completed gr. 4-5)

July 13-18 – M.A.D. (completed gr. 6-8 and 9-12)

BEDFORD

Jun 29-Jul 4 – High School (completed gr. 9-12)

July 6-11 – Explorer (completed gr. 4-5)

July 13-18 – Middle School (completed gr. 6-8)

July 20-22 – New Beginnings (**3 days**) (completed gr. 1-3)

CAMP FEES:

6-Day Camps: \$375 / 4-Day Camps: \$265 / 3-Day Camps: \$205

PRE SCHOOL NEWS

This week, as we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week, it will look much different than in years past, with only virtual hugs, smiles, or even a Zoom meeting from our precious students. If anyone would have ever told me we would be celebrating this week like this or be ending our preschool year in this way I would have thought you were a little crazy! However, God has a plan for us all, doesn't he?

During this time, I have to give a shout-out to my amazing teaching staff. They became virtual teachers, story tellers, science gurus, and art instructors. They attended Zoom meetings/trainings and much more, all from their homes. Homes where they are also trying to figure out how to keep their own families safe, be their own child's teacher, make meals, keep house, and all the other important things that mothers do. They have stepped up to the plate to provide an excellent educational experience for the Hazelwood students we serve. These are some of the individuals I call heroes!!

Thank you, teachers, for providing a kind word, a virtual smile, a letter to your students, fun and engaging lessons, and all the other things you have continued to do during this unprecedented time! We could not do it without you!

Below, I have provided each teacher's email. Please take a moment to send them a little thank you today to show we care about what they are doing. You can put "Teacher Appreciation" in the subject line so they will know it is someone from Hazelwood.

Thank you for taking time out of your day to think about them.

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week!"

~Angie Lopez

- ♦ 2-3 Teacher/Director, Angela Lopez: alopez@gmail.com
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