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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

June 18
July 2, 16, & 30

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



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

June 4, 2020

For we are what he
has made us, created
in Christ Jesus for
good works, which
God prepared
beforehand to be
our way of life.

Ephesians 2:10

BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 5/26/20: \$1,806.00

Offerings Received for Week Ending 6/2/20: \$4,765.00

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$4,581.80

Average Weekly Need: \$4,945.38

Jan.-Apr. Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$7,154.94)*

**Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



- ◆ Alayne Retherford is a patient at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Rev. Jason will host a new online Wednesday evening Bible Study at 7 p.m. on June 10, 17, 24, and July 1. If you are interested in joining in, please let Rev. Jason know.

HAZELWOOD COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Hazelwood Garden Team has prepared and planted our community garden for the 2020 growing season. The photo to the right shows Bill Ritchie doing the plowing, with assistance from Jay Matchett. As the produce grows, so will the weeds. We will likely need to do some watering, as the summer weather gets hotter and dryer. This all leads to the harvesting and distribution of the produce. The garden will require regular attention throughout the season. If you'd like to help out, from time to time, please contact Glen Sulanke by phone at (765) 744-7727 or email to gmsulanke@gmail.com. He will add you to the garden email group.



COVID-19 RESPONSE: GETTING BACK TOGETHER AGAIN

Over the past few weeks, a dedicated group of Hazelwood members have been hard at work on a multi-step plan to get us back to safely worshipping together in our Sanctuary. They are putting the final touches on the plan now, so stay tuned for details!



This has been a rough week in our country. At times I've needed to disengage from the news and social media because it's become too much. We heard the news that 100,000 had been lost in our country due to COVID-19. We're still in the middle of the biggest health challenge our country has faced in my lifetime. Then, too, our nation has erupted into protests in reaction to the killing of George Floyd. Peaceful protests in many places were co-opted by looters. We were presented by the images of chaos in many cities across the country.

I get most of my news from reading rather than watching, so I'd only seen pictures of George Floyd before writing this article. I went and watched the video before writing this, and I have a hard time saying anything now. As a pastor I usually want to offer a quick moral lesson, but after watching the video of his death I'm searching for words. The challenge is that while people like me see that video and feel sad, African Americans, though, see the video and not only feel sad but also remember all the times they've suffered, or have been afraid, or had to quietly endure a racist experience. Our black and brown sisters and brothers see George Floyd dying and know it could easily have been them.

We've got to do better. We all need to do some soul-searching and ask how we all can do better in our lives and in our nation. We have to call on our leaders to be better, too. This can be a moment where we change and grow, or it can be a moment where we give into despair and choose to do nothing. I quoted Cornel West in my sermon last Sunday, where he said, "Justice is what love looks like in public." If we are people who believe we are called to love the world in Jesus' name, then we have to be able to ask why our brown and black neighbors don't always get the same treatment our white neighbors do. Love isn't only something that is practiced in care between two individuals; love is also shown in how a people and a nation treat all its citizens. This is a moment that calls us all to be loving in a public way. This is a hard moment, but this can also be a moment where we answer the call to do the hard work of love.

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones



FINAL SUMMER CAMP UPDATE

The Outdoor Ministry Team of the Christian Church in Indiana has made the decision to **cancel summer camp for 2020**. The decision was made in consultation with our partner camps, the Geneva Camp and Conference Center and the Bedford Camp and Conference Center, and our camp directors.

Taking into account the multitude of ways camp would have to be altered to comply with the guidelines of the CDC, the State of Indiana, and the American Camp Association, we have concluded that for the safety of all the campers, staff and volunteers our summer camp programs this year should not go forward.

We know this is disappointing news. Camp plays a significant role in faith development. And while we all grieve this decision, we believe it to be consistent with our commitment to care for all of God's people.

We hold expectation and hope that camp will resume as normal in the summer of 2021.

For those who have already registered for camp this year we would like to offer these REFUND and DONATION OPTIONS:

1. Donate all paid fees to the Geneva Camp and Conference Center or Bedford Camp and Conference Center. This would greatly assist our camps and help them to continue to operate on a year-round basis. Both camps have lost all rentals for this summer. **You will receive a donation receipt.**
2. Donate a portion of paid fees, receive a partial refund or 2021 credit for the rest. This option helps in the same way as above providing some much-needed revenue to assist our camps. You can specify what amount you would like to donate and what amount you would like refunded back to your original payment method.
3. Carryover all fees to 2021. General registration will open in early 2021 and fees paid in 2020 will be applied to 2021 fees.
4. Full refund. Your refund will be paid back to your original payment method.

To indicate your preference, please email:

Cathy Adley at cathy@genevacenter.org for Geneva registrations

Sandy Kincaid, sandy@indianadisciples.org for Bedford registrations.

BEGUILED BY BEAUTY: A NEW WORSHIP SERIES

One thing I ask of you, [Divine Goodness], one thing I seek: that I may dwell in your house all the days of my life, to gaze on your beauty and to meditate in your Temple.

- Psalm 27:4 (Inclusive Bible)

An early 6th century theologian described God as “beguiled by beauty.” The Creator was lured by a longing for beauty and so set in motion a world of immense diversity and goodness. We were made for this Divine Goodness. We were made inherently worthy, not by our “doing,” but by our simply being. Practices of contemplation help us train our gaze to these deeper truths. In this worship series, which will begin Sunday, June 7, we will dwell with the God of Divine Goodness, deeply in love with us, and practice ways to return that love as we fall more deeply in love with creation and with one another.

Divina is of Latin and Italian origin, meaning “divine or heavenly.” It is also a variant of Davina (Hebrew), meaning “loved one.” In this series we will encounter the Divine Loved One through “Lectio Divina,” a reading of scripture in a contemplative way—through “Sermo Divina,” the Latin origin of the word “sermon”—and through “Visio Divina,” with images, music, and poetry. All of these are portals into a sensate experience of the holy. Some forms will pique your cognitive mind, but you can also allow some to simply wash over you, infusing your psyche and soul with a mysterious sense of wonder. Our anchor image for this series is wind chimes: simple, beautiful music makers that make gentle music in the breeze. This image represents the call to awaken more intentionally to beauty, to life. Chimes are moved by wind that we cannot see, just as we humans are inspired and called to expression by the Spirit moving through our lives.

Here is the worship synopsis for week 1, June 7: All things are beautiful—not by a standard of “pretty” as seen by our eyes, but by an essence of sacred worth that is sensed by the spirit. This is the root and heart of compassion and justice. Beauty is the threshold to Divine Goodness and a door into radical compassion. “The difficulty and crisis of the world is overwhelming. It is virtually impossible to bear it without very deep resources. A life of prayer does not take us out of life but deeper into it.” We pursue a contemplative life to intensify spiritual capacities so that we might live as Beloveds of God who extend Goodness in the world.

To fully experience this series, you may wish to have some wind chimes in your worship area at home. The children will be doing a scavenger hunt each week. A list of items they will be searching for will be sent out in an email. Join us as we seek to dwell with the God of Divine Goodness, deeply in love with us, and practice ways to return that love as we fall more deeply in love with creation and with one another.

