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# HAZELWOOD LEAVES

July 2, 2020

*As servants of God, live as free people,  
yet do not use your freedom as a  
pretext for evil.*

*1 Peter 2:16*

Rev. Jason Jones, Minister  
Stefanie Petty, Administrative Assistant & Newsletter Editor  
Ann Wolfe, Moderator  
Sunday Schedule: Online Worship Service, 10 a.m.

## 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**

July 16, & 30  
August 13 & 27

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



## **BUDGET UPDATE**

**Offerings Received for Week Ending 6/23/20: \$1,910.00**

**Offerings Received for Week Ending 6/30/20: \$2,846.00**

**Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$4,378.43**

**Average Weekly Need: \$4,945.38**

**Jan.-May Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$8,559.93)\***

*\*Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



- ♦ Mariangella Glaze is back home following a hospital stay.

## **NOTE OF APPRECIATION**

“Dear Rev. Jason and Hazelwood Family,

I would like to thank you so much for your contribution to “Winnie’s Kids” to help our little school and the Women’s Group in Kenya. The contribution will assist to provide much-needed school uniforms and supplies.

I had planned to travel to Kenya in June or July, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic and related travel restrictions, plus the fact that schools are closed until September, I have decided to cancel the trip. Sadly, this year I will not be going to Kenya. The plan is to wait until the schools open in September then send the money to the principal to buy school uniforms and supplies. We will also send a small portion to the Women’s Group. In the meantime, we plan to send some money to help provide the kids with lunch, since most of them relied on schools to eat lunch.

Thank you so much for your long-standing support, and may God bless you.”

~Winnie Mucherah

## **LIFE LINE SCREENING**

Hazelwood will once again host a Life Line Community Health Screening event on Saturday, July 11. The team at Life Line has put together rigorous safety protocols to keep everyone involved protected during this important community event. If you would like to register for any of their 5 screenings, you can do so by calling 1-888-653-6441, online at [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle), or text the word "circle" to 797979.

## **PLEASE NOTE...**

The church office will be closed on Monday, July 6 in observance of Independence Day.



I don’t remember a time in my life where the future has been as uncertain. I’ve had many planning conversations with people where we’ve made some plans, and then I’ve said, “But who knows what life will look like in a couple of months?” At the time of this writing, the COVID-19 virus is spreading across the south and west of our country. What does that mean for the rest of the country? I don’t know. It’s difficult, though, because most of us usually live with some sort of plan for what will occur. We think, “I’ll do this at this time in the future.” Right now it’s really difficult to think that way because the path forward is unclear.

If we’re honest, though, our lives are always uncertain. There’s a famous quote from a John Lennon song where he says, “Life is what happens to you while you’re busy making other plans.” We’ve always lived uncertain lives; it’s just that the present moment calls us into the uncertainty that’s always been there.

One thing we can do while we look into an uncertain future is focus on our constants. All of us have some things that are constant in our lives. We all have things that remain stable during turbulent times. For most of us, our relationships are constant. Our family and friends are there for us in all times. We’ve been talking about the beauty of creation in our worship, and God’s gift of the created world is a constant. Our faith is a constant, too. This is not the first time God’s people have faced an uncertain future, and it won’t be the last. Yet, we say, “God is walking with us into our future.” While the future is unsure, we can rely on these constant things.

*Also*, I’m trying to regularly share things we all can do to overcome racism. One thing we all can do is to be conscious of what we are teaching our children and kids in general about other races. When I reflected on what I was taught about different races when I was growing up in small town Missouri, I realized how much racism was part of my upbringing. It’s made me ask, “What am I teaching my child and other children about different races and backgrounds?” If we’re conscious of what we’re teaching our young people, then we’re no longer sowing the seeds of racism to future generations. It’s worth all of us asking, “What am I saying about other races that children are learning from me?”

Grace & peace,  
Jason Jones  
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## COVID-19 RESPONSE

For the time-being, we remain in Stage 1 of our Covid-19 Protection Plan and continue to worship online. We are keeping tabs on the projected spikes due to Memorial Day weekend, the demonstrations, and opened venues where lots of people have gathered but many did not social distance or wear masks. If Muncie and Delaware County show little repercussions, we can be more confident progressing to Stage 2.

If you have not received a copy of the multi-step Protection Plan and would like to, you can find it on our website (look for the news post) or let Stefanie know either with an email to [hazelwoodchurch@gmail.com](mailto:hazelwoodchurch@gmail.com), or a call to the church office at (765) 282-5969.



## NOTES OF APPRECIATION

“Dear Friends,

***Thank you for loving your neighbor!*** When each new day brings crazy new challenges, we feel so blessed to have your support in responding to those in need. Your gift of \$225 feeds the hungry, shelters the homeless, and offers a moment of calm for so many who have felt their lives spiraling out of control. You are truly sharing the love of Christ each time you give to change the course for those living in desperation. Thank you for sharing your compassion!

God Bless,”

~Frank Baldwin, President/CEO, Muncie Mission

“Dear Hazelwood,

We’re grateful for your donation of \$225 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.

We are continuing to expand our distributions and provide more resources thanks to the generosity of neighbors like you. Thank you for helping us support more families than ever before. We so appreciate the Commitment from the church to make a difference for struggling families!

Be well,”

~Tim Kean, President & CEO, Second Harvest Food Bank

## HEARTS & HANDS UNITED

This year Hearts & Hands United are concentrating on school supplies. We have the challenge of providing **2,400 GLUE STICKS** by July 10. There will be a container marked “Glue Sticks” in the entrance off the circle drive. The outer doors will be unlocked Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m.-noon for drop-off. If you have already purchased shoes, keep them for 2021, I’m sure they will need them then!

## CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Christmas in July is back! Starting July 5 and continuing through the end of July, we will be collecting non-perishable items for Christian Ministries’ Food Pantry. There will be a tub in the entrance off the circle drive to place your items. The outer doors will be unlocked Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m.-noon for drop-off.

### **Items needed include:**

Boxed Pasta Dinners	Toilet Tissue
Hamburger Helper	Shampoo
Tuna Helper	Toothbrushes
Cereal	Toothpaste
Peanut Butter	Bath Soap
Macaroni & Cheese	Diapers
Canned Fruit	
Spaghetti	
Spaghetti Sauce	



**\*Canned fruit and boxed dinners are especially needed!**

Thank you for your generosity!

## MOTIVATE OUR MINDS

Motivate Our Minds, Inc. (MOM) is a not-for-profit organization that provides year-round education enrichment for kindergarten through 8th grade. MOM is committed to helping children/youth build character and establish transformative relationships through the experiences they offer. When students know that others care about their personal development and outcomes, they begin to recognize their own potential.

They are in great need of a van to transport the children. If you would like to help, you can make a donation to Hazelwood. Mark the memo line “MOM.” If writing a check, it would greatly help our bookkeeper if you write a separate check from your regular offering. Please prayerfully consider helping this worthy community project.

~Blessings & Gratitude from the Missions & Benevolence Team



Register for our **first ever virtual summer camp: "Camp Quarantine."** In keeping with the spirit of camp, our directors have planned a "virtual campfire" for you to connect with friends and staff from across the state. *See the list below of dates and times for each campfire.*

Instructions on how to access your campfire on your computer or device will be emailed to you prior to your date. After you register, watch for your "**Camp in a Box**" in the mail. It will include an activity guide, craft supplies, and a souvenir gift commemorating your 2020 camp experience.

**Virtual Campfires / \$10 per camper**

You & Me 1 & 2 (age 5+) (Geneva)	July 23; 6 p.m.
New Beginnings 1st-3rd gr. (Bedford)	July 21; 6 p.m.
New Beginnings 1st-3rd gr. (Geneva)	July 20; 6 p.m.
Explorer 4th-5th gr. (Bedford)	July 20; 6 p.m.
Explorer 4th-5th gr. (Geneva)	July 22; 6 p.m.
Middle School - 6th-8th gr. (Bedford)	July 23; 7:30 p.m.
Middle School - 6th-8th gr. (Geneva)	July 21; 7:30 p.m.
High School - 9th-12th gr. (Bedford)	July 20; 7:30 p.m.
High School - 9th-12th gr. (Geneva)	July 21; 7:30 p.m.
MAD (Music Art Drama) 6th-12th gr. (Geneva)	July 20; 7:30 p.m.
CROSS (Rec. & Sports) 6th-12th gr. (Geneva)	July 23; 7:30 p.m.

***We hope you will make the decision to stay connected in this "different" way of being camp. Invite a friend!***

Register online (*be sure to indicate your camp preference*):

<http://indianadisciples.org/commissions/commission-on-faith-formation/#camp>

**MUNCIE MISSION: HIRING**

The Muncie Mission is searching for dependable employees for their New Castle Attic Window Store. If you would like an application, please email Stefanie at [hccspetty@gmail.com](mailto:hccspetty@gmail.com).

**"ROLL DOWN, JUSTICE!"**

NEW WORSHIP SERIES BEGINS JULY 19, 2020

*But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. - Amos 5: 21-24 (CEB)*

This series is inspired by Amos, a prophet whose message is that God calls us to let "justice roll down like waters." Worship without justice is not acceptable, rather our songs must move us to action on behalf of the oppressed. Through the powerful music of Mark Miller and the remembrance of our rituals of baptism, this series will offer us reflection and renewed inspiration to let our voices be tuned to the heart of the Gospel—proclaiming God's love for all people. What prejudices are we challenged to "give up," and further, how are we willing to give of ourselves for the sake of the world?

**PRE SCHOOL NEWS**

**donation box**

Just a quick reminder that school will be starting back soon, and we are still in need of cleaning supplies: Lysol, disinfectant wipes, paper towels, and bleach. The donation box is located in between the doors off the circle drive and is available Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-noon.

**scholarships**

As I think about school starting soon and the many who have been out of work during these last few months, I can't help thinking this will have a direct impact with our preschool attendance this year. More than ever we will be looking for scholarships to help those families in need and fundraisers to help offset costs the preschool may have. Please contact me if you are able to help a family by providing a full or partial scholarship. I would also love to hear of any fundraising opportunities that may be out there as well.

~Angela Lopez, Preschool Director