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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

August 13 & 27

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



# HAZELWOOD LEAVES

July 30, 2020

*Let your unfailing love surround us,  
Lord, for our hope is in you alone.*

*Psalms 33:20 NLT*



**BUDGET UPDATE**

**Offerings Received for Week Ending 7/21/20: \$6,720.00**

**Offerings Received for Week Ending 7/28/20: \$4,641.00**

**Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$4,725.60**

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

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

*\*Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



- ♦ Congratulations to Emilee Hernly on the birth of Brynlee Breanne Williams on July 19. Grandparents are Dave and Ruth Griffey, and proud Hazelwood Great-grandmother is Donna Dye.

**NOTE OF APPRECIATION**

"I want to thank the church for the lovely flower arrangement that was sent when my husband passed away. Also, thank you to all who called and sent cards. I appreciated each call and card."

~Ruthanne Devroy



**August Birthdays**

|    |                |    |                |
|----|----------------|----|----------------|
| 3  | Judy Van Fleet | 25 | Winnie Muhiga  |
| 4  | George Ingles  | 27 | Hannah Thomas  |
| 14 | Woody Wantz    |    | Ron Thomas     |
| 21 | Nlandu Matuka  | 29 | Cleo Haney     |
| 22 | Larry Rees     | 31 | Suzanne Tucker |
| 23 | Laura Brandt   |    |                |
|    | David Rowe     |    |                |

**If your name has been inadvertently left off, let us know!**  
**Call the church office or send an email to**  
**[hazelwoodchurch@gmail.com](mailto:hazelwoodchurch@gmail.com).**



Whenever I have a chance to talk with you, there's a question that keeps popping up: "When are we going to have church services in our building?" Early in March our church transitioned to online worship due to the COVID-19 crisis. Since then, the question on all our minds has been, "When will we be back?" I realize you miss your church when you ask that question, and I told my family that whenever I walk through the church building I feel a little sad knowing it's not regularly inhabited by our congregation. I know we miss seeing one another, and we miss regularly being together to worship God.

Here's the challenging news: the answer to if we are going to be back together in our sanctuary for worship soon is, "Not yet." Rather than lessening, the virus is strengthening and spreading across our country. Our reopening plan is built around the virus's threat decreasing, and that's not the scenario we are in right now. Until we can say with clarity that the threat of the virus is decreasing, we will have to use caution. And, too, I am very proud of the online worship we are able to offer, and I appreciate so much all of you who regularly tune in for it. A big thanks goes to Tony, Marianna, Lori, Sally, the Praise Band, the Elders, and others for helping make it possible. So while the answer to in-person worship is "not yet," I can still say with confidence we are gathering in an online forum to worship and be together.

One thing we can do, though, is host small fellowship gatherings. At our most recent board meeting, one idea that emerged was hosting small fellowship gatherings. These could be done outside, if weather permits, with a limited number (approximately 12 people), with physical distancing. This may be a way for us to visit and see one another while also being responsible. This idea is still taking shape, so look for more news, soon, about these gatherings.

While the answer to when we'll all be back together is "not yet," I think we have lots of ways to be church. This time has taught us that the church is not the building, but it is the people who gather in faith and mission, and you've shown me you are still very much a church. The gifts, the participation, the prayers, and our constant faith continue, and that means our church continues. Let's keep doing that--let's keep being church--even as we are apart.

Grace & peace,  
Jason Jones



## **DISBURSEMENTS**

- ♦ \$450 to Motivate Our Minds (\$225 from Sulanke Trust, \$225 from Hazelwood donations)

## **HEARTS & HANDS UNITED**

Thanks to all who generously responded, we were able to provide 865 glue sticks for the Hearts & Hands United back-to-school giveaway!

## **CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES' FOOD PANTRY**

Volunteers are needed on August 26, 27, & 28 from 9:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. to help with Christian Ministries' Food Pantry. Volunteers will bag groceries for the client– only 2 clients in the pantry at a time, only 2 volunteers at a time to bag groceries. Everyone will need to wear masks, and hand sanitizer will be available. To volunteer, or for more information, please contact Marcia Miller at (765) 730-5552.

~Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team

## **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 situation in Muncie and Delaware County, and will progress to Stage 2 when it seems appropriate.

If you need to contact the church staff, you can do so by calling the church office, sending an email to [hazelwoodchurch@gmail.com](mailto:hazelwoodchurch@gmail.com), or sending an email directly to any of the office staff:

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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 contact Stefanie by phone or email..

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The 2020 Nominating Committee has been formed and is ready to start the task of finding candidates among the active participants in the Hazelwood congregation to serve as Officers, Elders, and Deacons to our church. The members of the committee were approved by the Hazelwood Board on Tuesday, July 21, and are: Shirley Bookout and Marcia Miller (they will serve as Co-Chair), Cheryl McCoy, Jim Reece, and Amy Stucky.

Open nominations will begin September 20 and go through October 4. If you have any questions, or would like to nominate someone from the congregation for a position, you can contact any member of the Nominating Committee.

## **MUNCIE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SEEKING DONATIONS**

In preparation for the students' return to school on August 11, Muncie Community Schools is in need of school supplies for their families and are asking for our support. They are most in need of: #2 pencils, black dry-erase markers, colored pencils, Crayola marker boxes, wipes, and tissues.

If you would like to help out, you can drop off your donations to the church by August 2. There will be a labeled container in the entrance off the circle drive to place your items. Ann Wolfe will deliver our donations to the MCS administration.

## **pRESCHOOL NEWS**

### **SUMMER camp**

Wow! Our first week back to school went so fast. It was so good to see the children and enjoy some of the activities we had planned for the summer. We have been very busy this summer learning about how to be healthy and safe, that I is for ice cream, and going on nature walks.

We still have a few spots left, so don't delay register today!

### **important dates**

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| <b>August 17</b>   | Teacher Work Day                                |
| <b>August 19</b>   | Orientation, 2-3 & 4-5 Year-Old Classes         |
| <b>August 20</b>   | Orientation, 3-4 Year-Old Classes               |
| <b>September 7</b> | Labor Day – No School                           |
| <b>September 8</b> | First Day, 2-3 Tuesday & 3-4 Year-Old Classes   |
| <b>September 9</b> | First Day, 2-3 Wednesday & 4-5 Year-Old Classes |