Hazelwood Christian Church

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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

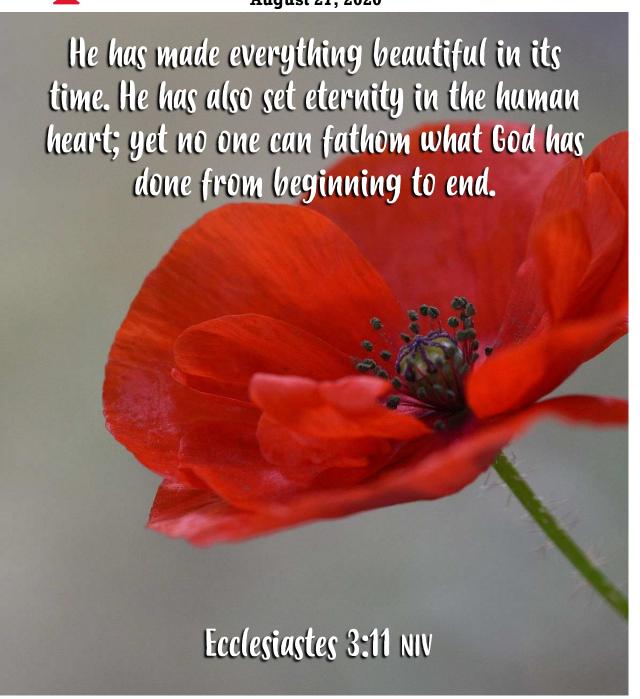
the home page.

### **NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE**

September 10 & 24

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





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#### **BUDGET UPDATE**

Offerings Received for Week Ending 8/18/20: \$5,636.30 Offerings Received for Week Ending 8/25/20: \$2,365.00

**Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$3,884.26** 

Average Weekly Need: \$4,945.38

Jan.-July Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$3,635.81)\*

\*Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget

#### 12 DISCIPLES GATHERING, TAKE 2

We planned a couple of in-person gatherings for later in August, but we just didn't get the sign-ups to pull it off. A number of you told me you were interested, so we are going to try again. We'll set up some chairs outside for 12 of us at a time to just be together. The chairs will be spaced to allow for physical distancing, and we'll be in the shade of the big trees that are between the church and the old pond area. Wearing masks will be required. We won't have any agenda for this time; we just want a chance for us to be together for this time of fellowship. Since attendance is limited to 12, signing up beforehand is required. If you would like to attend one of these, please contact me or the church office to reserve a space. The first is Thursday, September 3, at 10:30 a.m. The second is Thursday, September 3, at 7 p.m. Let us know if you'd like to be one of the 12 at either of these gatherings. I hope to see 12 of you at a time very soon!

~Rev. Jason

# September Birthdays

3	Jairen Rees	12	Sally Kelley
4	John Starnes	13	Adam Glaze
	Elaine Wulff	14	Patty Richards
5	Merribeth Bruning	16	Carolyn Jones
9	Ron Purtlebaugh	19	Rachel Smith
	Ron Smith	24	Mark Wages
11	Gary Edmonds	25	Mary Briggs

If your name has been inadvertently left off, let us know!

Call the church office or send an email to

hazelwoodchurch@gmail.com.

#### NOTE OF APPRECIATION

"Hazelwood Christian Church,

Thank you for the donation of cash and school supplies for Muncie Community Schools' students. We appreciate your support!

Sincerely,"

~Lee Ann Kwiatkowski, MCS



I've said many times I'm a fan of looking at the stars in the night sky. I took an astronomy class in college, but my knowledge of the planets and stars is still limited. I go and look not because I'm an expert on what I'm seeing; I look at the stars because it grows wonder within me. My front porch gives a clear view of the Big Dipper, and if I step away from the house, I can find the North Star too. I'm learning about the stars in the Big Dipper. The one at the end, at the pouring tip of the dipper, is called Alpha Ursae Majoris, or Dubhe, and it's approximately 123 light-years away. One hundred twenty-three years ago was 1897, and it's humbling to think that light I see from the star is from the time when William McKinley was President.

I learned, in 1897, that the Bubonic Plague was spreading. It took a few years before it reached the United States, but in 1897 it was growing in India and other parts of Asia. I look at that star in the Big Dipper, and I know the world was not so different when that light started its journey than it is now. That's not to say the problems we are facing now are not significant. I know, though, we're not the first to have to deal with a global pandemic. Our challenges are substantial and will require the best of all of us to overcome, but I know too, when I see that star, that our problems are part of a much bigger story.

I've quoted many times 1 Corinthians 13:4, which says, "Love is patient." When Paul tries to describe all the things that love is, the first thing he says is that it is patient. As much as we'd all like to proclaim that the pandemic is over, and we can go back to our normal living, the reality is different. We're going to keep having to try to do the right things to contain sickness, and we're going to have to make sure our leaders do the right things, too. It's going to take a while, but the patience of love requires it. When I feel impatient, I look at the star at the end of the Big Dipper and think if that light had the patience of 123 years to get to me, then I can be patient too.

Grace & peace, Jason Jones



#### **NOTES OF APPRECIATION**

"Dear Hazelwood,

Thank you for your donation of nearly 900 glue sticks for our annual school supply giveaway. We distributed backpacks to over 700 students at the event. We appreciate your continued support of our organization!

Thanks."

~Hearts & Hands United

"Dear Hazelwood,

We at A Better Way wish to thank you for your generous gift of \$225 toward our organization and those we serve.

The mission of A Better Way is to reduce domestic abuse, sexual assault and suicide through shelter services, crisis intervention, and prevention initiatives. We do this by providing shelter and services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, prevention presentation, hotlines, and other programs.

Without the support of caring people like you, we could not offer these programs to people in need. We appreciate your gift and promise to be good stewards as we seek to improve the lives of those who come to us. Together we will ease their struggles and bring them closer to peaceful and productive living.

Sincerely,"

~Theresa Clemmons, Executive Director, A Better Way

#### **HAZELWOOD ANGELS**

Thanks to the following volunteers who served either August 26, 27, or 28 at the Christian Ministries' Food Pantry: Cheryll Crose, Jay Matchett, Dick Miller, Jim Reece, John Starnes, and Elaine Wulff.

~Blessings & Gratitude 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, or sending an email directly to any of the office staff:

Rev. Jason: hccjjones@gmail.com

Marianna: hccmqill@gmail.com

Rhea: hccrmorqan@gmail.com

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.

"...And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:20



# preschool NEWS

## important dates

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September 7	Labor Day – No School
September 8	First Day, 2-3 Tuesday & 3-4 Year-Old Classes
September 9	First Day, 2-3 Wednesday & 4-5 Year-Old Classes
September 21	Chapel, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m., 4-5 Year-Old Classes
September 24	Chapel, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m., 3-4 Year-Old Classes
September 29	Donuts for Dad, 2-3 Tuesday & 3-4 Year-Old Classes
September 30	Donuts for Dad, 2-3 Wednesday Class