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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

October 8 & 22

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



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

September 24, 2020

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY—OCTOBER 4, 2020

Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

Luke 22:19-20 NRSV



BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 9/15/20: \$2,975.00

Offerings Received for Week Ending 9/22/20: \$1,494.00

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$3,432.00

Average Weekly Need: \$4,945.38

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

**Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



- ◆ Leah Ritchie is recovering from recent surgery at home.

WORSHIP DURING COVID-19: UPDATE

Deliberation about when to start on-site worship continues. At the September 15 Board meeting, various opinions were shared, and the thoughtful feedback was appreciated. The bottom line is that we miss being together, but Delaware County cases have spiked. The influx of BSU students has made our efforts to keep members safe even more challenging. Rev. Jason reminded us that the new 12 Disciples Gatherings now being offered outside are an opportunity for a safe number of people to greet one another in fellowship. Masks are required, and social distancing is maintained. If interested, please sign up for the next Gathering (watch for the date to be announced soon!). Streaming the service will continue regardless of when we return to the Sanctuary. We were already interested in adding such a technological feature, and the coronavirus crisis accelerated our efforts. Streaming will be a way for out-of-state friends to connect as well as local members who need to remain at home.

Thank you for looking after one another. Stay safe.

~Ann Wolfe, Moderator

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE : SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

For week 4 of our worship series, "God Is Holding Your Life," we will be doing a virtual Prayers of the People. If you have any prayer concerns or joys you would like lifted up, please send them to me by **Saturday, September 26**. You can email me at hccmgill@gmail.com, or text or call me at (765) 730-4301. Thank you.

~Marianna Gill, Worship Coordinator

REMINDER: OPEN NOMINATIONS

The 2020 Nominating Committee is hard at work finding candidates among the active participants in the Hazelwood congregation to serve as Officers, Elders, and Deacons to our church. Open nominations began September 20 and go through October 4. If you have any questions, or would like to nominate someone from the congregation for a position, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee: Shirley Bookout and Marcia Miller (Co-Chair), Cheryl McCoy, Jim Reece, and Amy Stucky.



We've learned a lot over these last six months. We usually think in terms of what we've lost or had to give up, but it's also true that we've grown and learned many things. We've learned the church is not the building. We haven't met in our church building since March, but we are still a church. Sometimes I think churches are guilty of thinking the simple maintenance of a property is ministry. We've learned, though, we are still a church even as we haven't met in our building.

We've learned how to use the tools of technology. We've had worship services, meetings, and Bible studies that happened online. These tools aren't perfect, and there's more we can learn, but we've learned how to use some tools that will be useful going forward. We've learned the value of fellowship. We miss each other! I've been so encouraged by the fellowship that has happened through our Zoom-based Coffee Hour and our 12 Disciples Gatherings. We've learned how much we value being together.

We've learned, too, perseverance. You have shown me perseverance in your giving, concern, and your participation, even as we've been apart from one another. We've grown in many good ways! While we may just think of what we're missing, we have to realize we've also made some big strides on some important things.

Also, just a reminder that I'm doing a Wednesday night study on the book, *Becoming the Anti-racist Church: Journeying Toward Wholeness*. We'll meet on Wednesday nights, through October, at 7 p.m., via Zoom. Let me know if you'd like to join us in this important study.

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones



Thursday, September 24

Facebook Sing-along with Marianna Gill, 7 p.m.

Thursday, October 1

Facebook Sing-along with Marianna Gill, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 7

Elders, 5:30 p.m.

Online Book Study with Rev. Jason, 7 p.m.

October Birthdays

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| 3 Cheryl McCoy | 15 Myrna Atkinson |
| 7 Alexis Schussler | Alex Glaze |
| 9 Ryan Tucker | 22 Brynmar Rees |
| 13 Denise Glasson | |
| Bob Weller | |



If your name has been inadvertently left off, let us know! Call the church office or send an email to hazelwoodchurch@gmail.com.

PREsCHOOL NEWS

TEACHER appREciation

Parents and Hazelwood congregation, with everything going on this year in our world, I would like to really shower our teachers and staff with love. There are many ways we can do that. Here are a few ideas: bring in baked cookies, donuts, gift cards for giveaways, carry-in lunch, fruit tray, hot chocolate bar, notes of encouragement, and, most of all, your prayers. Any way we can show them our love for all they do is welcome. If you would like to plan or help us provide some special incentives for our teachers, please contact Angie Lopez at (765) 284-2430.

important datES

- September 29** Donuts for Dad, 2-3 Tuesday & 3-4 Year-Old Classes
- September 30** Donuts for Dad, 2-3 Wednesday Class

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Preschool News, continued...

GRANT

A few months ago I had the opportunity to apply for a grant through Early Learning of Indiana. Many preschools all over the state apply for these and many times they are extremely hard to get. I felt God nudging me to take the time to apply for our preschool, and so I did. It is with great joy that I tell you I received word that Hazelwood Christian Preschool was one to receive a \$20,000 grant! God is good!

We were given this grant as a way to COME BACK STRONGER, due to the pandemic. This will help with added personal protective gear, individual school supplies for children, cleaning and sanitation, extra security measures for our Extended Learning Center door, and on-line applications for our preschool and families we serve. I am so thankful to be giving you such good news!

~Angela Lopez, Preschool Director

Fall bazaar: virtual alTERNative

Parents, teachers, staff, & church members,

Unfortunately, we will not be having our annual Fall Bazaar due to COVID-19. The bazaar is the preschool's main fundraiser, and many of you have enjoyed shopping for products from our vendors. To give you an opportunity to shop some of our loyal vendors and support the preschool this year, we will be bringing some of our vendors virtually to you. We hope to offer one vendor each month.

Our first vendor is Dianna Osbeck, representative for Norwex cleaning products. She has graciously offered Hazelwood Preschool 15% commission. Dianna has started a Facebook group, Hazelwood Christian Preschool (with a sunflower pictured). This is a public group and should be easy to access on Facebook (you can also friend request me, Julie Myers Thomas, and I can invite you). Dianna will be doing Facebook Live events today and tomorrow (September 24 & 25). This will give you an opportunity to see how some of the products work. She will post the times in the Facebook group, likely around 8 p.m. The shopping link is also posted in the Facebook group. If you want more information about the products, there are several Norwex YouTube videos (you find both general Norwex videos or videos demonstrating a specific Norwex product). If you are not on Facebook, you can still access the Norwex online catalog on Dianna's website: diannaosbeck.norwex.biz. Go to the webpage and search for the party (Hazelwood Christian Preschool). This will allow the preschool to get credit for your purchase. Purchases can be made on the shopping link or on Dianna's website. All purchases will be shipped directly to you. The Norwex kickoff was on Tuesday, and orders can be taken through September 30.

Please do not feel any obligation to shop. We wanted to offer this opportunity to our bazaar customers, and give you an opportunity to support the preschool. Feel free to invite any of your friends/family that might be interested. Any questions can be directed to me at: jubet77@comcast.net. Thank you for your support,

~Julie Thomas, Preschool Vendor Coordinator & Team Leader