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Sunday Schedule: Worship Service, 10 a.m.  
Children's Music and Church School, 10:20 a.m.  
Coffee Fellowship, 11:15 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

April 9 & 23

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

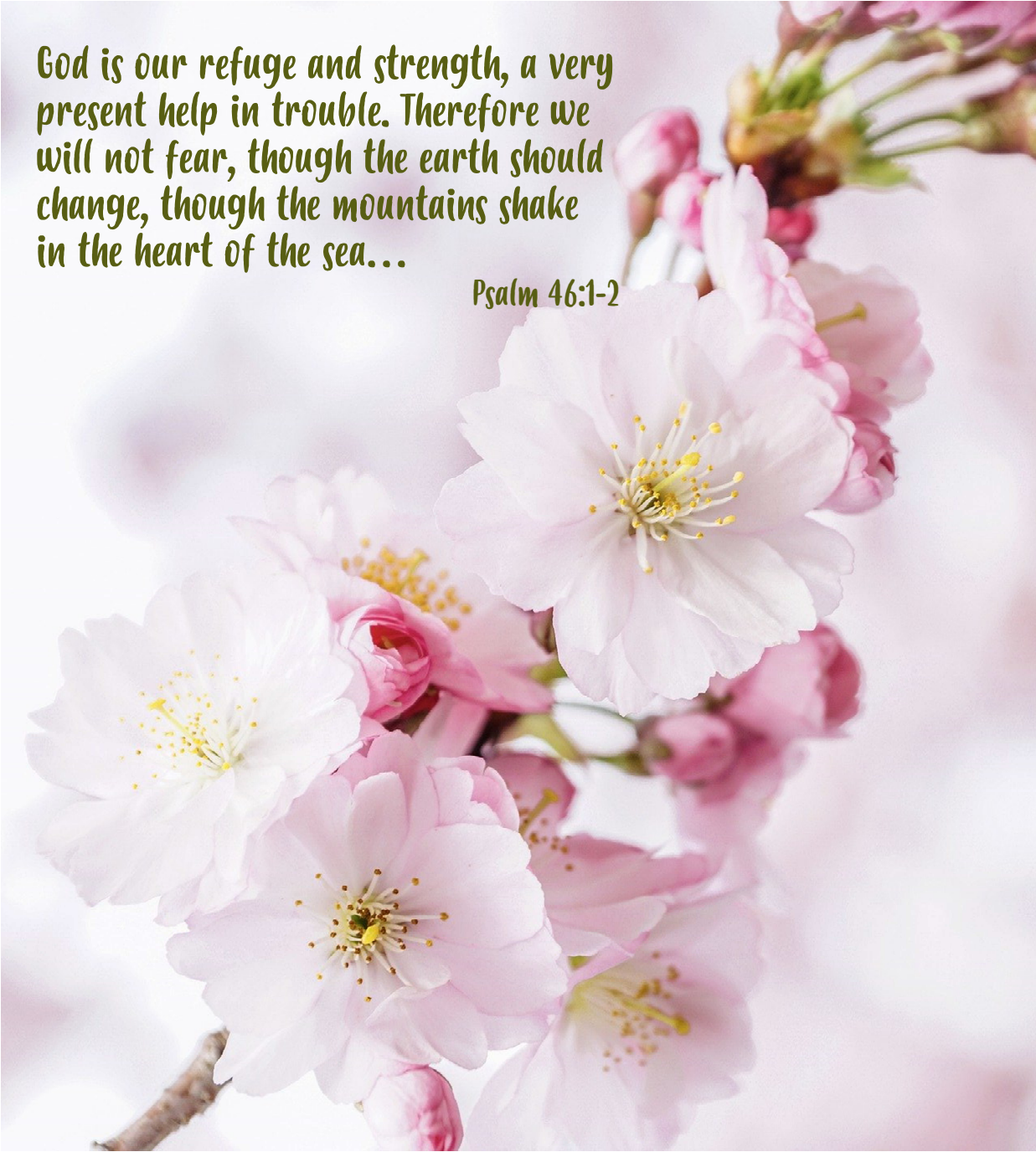


# HAZELWOOD LEAVES

March 26, 2020

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea...*

*Psalms 46:1-2*



**BUDGET UPDATE**

**Offerings Received for Week Ending 3/17/20: \$890.00**  
**Offerings Received for Week Ending 3/24/20: \$5,045.00**  
**Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$4,410.03**  
**Average Weekly Need: \$5,151**



**Jan.-Feb. Offerings Compared to Budget: \$4,739.60\***  
*\*Reflects the amount received OVER Budget*

**NOTE OF APPRECIATION**

“Dear Church Family,  
Thank you so much for sending the beautiful pink flowers. I also appreciate all of the prayers that you have sent. Also, thank you, Jason, for visiting me.”  
~Carolyn Starnes

**PROPERTY WORK DAY**

Big thanks to the hard workers who accomplished so much during the Property Work Day on March 14: Shirley Bookout, Merribeth Bruning, Tony & Marianna Gill, Jason Jones, Cheryl McCoy, Dick Miller, Jason, Maggie, & Landon Ratts, Jim & Nancy Reece, Bill Ritchie, Glen Sulanke, and Ann Wolfe.  
Hazelwood is blessed with this wonderful property and it takes us all to keep it at its best. If you weren’t able to help with the Property Work Day, but would still like to do your part, contact Stefanie in the church office. There are always tasks waiting to be tackled, both inside and out!

**April Birthdays**

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|----|--------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1  | Lee Ann Chambers   | 13 | Betsy Cartwright  |
| 2  | Dick Miller        |    | Joan Gordon       |
|    | Nancy Reece        | 15 | Warner Van Fleet  |
| 6  | Charles Retherford | 18 | Alayne Retherford |
| 7  | Vicki Vance        | 19 | Evelyn Hahn       |
|    | Molly Wantz        | 20 | Cheryll Crose     |
| 10 | Lukau Matuka       |    | Faith Smith       |
| 11 | Laura Rowe         | 23 | Jim Reece         |
|    |                    | 28 | Bill Ritchie      |



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



I’ve been saying a lot, “None of us have gone through anything like this, so we’re making this up as we go.” A global pandemic is new territory for all of us, and we’re busy rethinking a lot of things about our lives right now. If you’re feeling stressed and overwhelmed as you navigate this territory, know you’re not alone, and that’s probably a very appropriate reaction. I like to think of myself as a cool-under-pressure type of person, but a time or two during the last couple weeks this all seemed too much for me. So, be good to yourself and each other in this time. Be sure to do the things that help you find some peace: prayer, meditation, exercise, yoga. We’re all different, but if there’s something that refocuses your heart on good things, then do that. Even the regular discipline of watching a funny show or movie is good medicine for us all at this time.

We, your church, are a resource for you at this time, and we want to keep being a vital community of faith through this season. Even though we are not physically meeting in our church building, we have many ways to be a church. Over the last couple weeks we’ve created worship videos for us to gather around. We’re still working on some type of livestream option, too, but we want to do it right rather than put out a technically botched effort. Look for more news to come. Also, I’ve been trying to utilize the church’s Facebook page as a way to connect. I’ve been recording short prayer and meditation videos as a way of providing regular experiences of peace. You can find them there on our Facebook page. Also, I’m doing a weekly live broadcast on Facebook at 1 PM on Tuesdays. Check in there, and see what I have to say. You can also type in a question, and I’ll do my best to respond during that live broadcast. You can find all these things at [www.facebook.com/HazelwoodCC](http://www.facebook.com/HazelwoodCC). You don’t need to be a Facebook member to check in there.

There are other ways we can connect in this time. I’m planning on doing an online Bible study, hopefully starting next week. You can participate in it from your computer or phone. I’m envisioning doing it possibly at 7 PM on Wednesdays. A couple of you have said you want to be a part of it, but I’d love to have more. Please let me know if you want to be a part of it. Also, I’m available if you need to talk. We can do a video conference or just over the phone. Or drop me an email or a text message. I’m your pastor, so don’t hesitate to reach out in this time of need.

We’re all finding our way through this time, so be good to one another as we do. As we do, with God’s help, we’ll find our way.

Grace & peace,  
Jason Jones  
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*And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.*

*Colossians 3:15*



### **GIVING TO HAZELWOOD DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS**

A bunch of us have been asking the question, now that Sunday morning worship is paused, how do we continue to give to the church? Most of our income happens because people come to worship and place their gift in the offering plate. “What should we do now?” we’ve asked, since we need to stay physically away from worship during the Covid-19 crisis. There are a lot of ways you can still give, but let me say, first, that I realize many of you are entering a time of extreme financial uncertainty. Many have been laid off from work or are wondering how they’ll pay bills without the certainty of income. If that is you, you can give to the church through your prayers and care you show to others. You can contribute by giving a phone call, a note, an email, or a prayer for one in our congregation. That attention and care is an extraordinary gift, one we all can give.

For the rest of us though, who are able to give financially, here are a few ways you can do it. If you use online banking, you can set up the church as a recipient. With my bank, whenever I’m paying my bills online, I also take care of my monthly gift to the church. My bank then automatically generates a check that comes to the church through the mail. If you’re not an online banking type of person, you can still write a check and put it in the mail to us. Many of you already do one of these two options already, so I’m preaching to the converted here. One more way to give is through an online service called Givelify. We’ve recently set up an account through Givelify, and if you download the app to your smartphone you can easily find us there to donate to the church through the Givelify app. You can also access Givelify through your computer if you follow this link: <https://giv.li/cv3bky> . The service takes a small percentage of the gift as a processing fee, so keep that in mind as you give, but we want to encourage giving in as many ways as possible.

I’ve said this before, I’m regularly humbled by the fact that the church does its work through the sacrificial generosity of its people. We have a vital faith community at Hazelwood. Let’s continue to give to it at this time.

~Jason Jones

### **CONNECTING WITH THE OFFICE STAFF**

This week has proven to be an interesting one for the Hazelwood office staff as we have stepped up our efforts to practice social distancing by working remotely from our homes. Though we may no longer be found together in the church office, we are all still hard at work, doing our best to keep things running as smoothly as possible during this time.

If you should have need to contact any of us during this time, there are multiple ways to do so:

You can call the church office at (765) 282-5969. Rhea will be in the office in the mornings taking care of those tasks she has that can only be done on-site, Rev. Jason will be stopping by his office in the afternoons to do the same, and all of the office staff will have access to phone messages.

You can send an email to us at [hazelwoodchurch@gmail.com](mailto:hazelwoodchurch@gmail.com). Stefanie monitors this account and will coordinate with whomever is needed to get a response to you as soon as possible. You can also send an email directly to any one of us: Rev. Jason, [hccjjones@gmail.com](mailto:hccjjones@gmail.com); Stefanie, [hccspetty@gmail.com](mailto:hccspetty@gmail.com), Marianna, [hccmgill@gmail.com](mailto:hccmgill@gmail.com); Rhea, [hccrmorgan@gmail.com](mailto:hccrmorgan@gmail.com).

We’re in a strange time where face-to-face communication is not a good idea, but we are fortunate to have access to technology that gives us so many ways to remain connected. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to us if you need something – even if all you need is to hear a friendly voice.



In response to the current Covid-19 pandemic, all meetings and events at Hazelwood have been canceled. While we all miss being able to gather together during this time, we separate ourselves from each other with love in our hearts in an effort to keep each other safe and healthy.

Don’t miss out on worshipping with us online on Sunday mornings! Visit our website for details: [hazelwoodchurch.org](http://hazelwoodchurch.org).