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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

December 3, 17, & 31

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



*Give thanks in all
circumstances;
for this is the will
of God in Christ
Jesus for you.*

1 Thessalonians 5:18

BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 11/10/20: \$8,618.00

Offerings Received for Week Ending 11/17/20: \$6,491.00

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$5,854.20

Average Weekly Need: \$4,945.38

Jan.-Oct. Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$42.94)*

**Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



- ♦ Sympathies to the family of Wanda Isenbarger, who passed away on Wednesday, November 4. A private service is being planned for December.
- ♦ Sympathies to Andy Rees and family on the passing of his father, Larry Rees, on Friday, November 6. Services were held on November 13.

I BELIEVE EVEN WHEN... ADVENT WORSHIP SERIES

“Raise your voice... raise it; don't be afraid!” - Isaiah 40:9

The history of humanity is fraught with pain—especially the pain that comes accompanied by fear and leads to oppression and violence of one people against another. This is the world into which Jesus was born and through which his teachings would challenge and call for transformation. The opening words of an anonymous Jewish poet, “I believe in the sun, even when the sun is not shining,” were scrawled on a wall during the Holocaust. This theme song for our season calls us to examine our penchant for annihilating fear by annihilating each other. The power of narrative and music will call us to a different response—transformation and reconciliation through hope, love, joy, and peace. This Advent and Christmas, let us fill the night with music and light, and affirm and act on the reasons why we can still “believe, even when” we are discouraged. {Series begins on the first Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2020} Note... families are encouraged to create their own advent wreaths at home, and the image for this series is the luminary...you are also encouraged to create your own luminary to adorn your home worship space.



OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for 2021 are available to be picked up now through November 20 at the church office, Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-noon. Please knock on the office door when you arrive, and Rhea will hand you your envelopes. If you have any questions, please call Rhea in the church office at (765) 282-5969.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

We thank Tony Gill for providing his technical expertise yet again in making the Annual Meeting via Zoom possible this past Sunday morning. Rev. Jason, Marianna, and all the other members helping in some aspect of the business or worship components are also appreciated. The congregation's participation by computer device or by telephoning in was very much needed in getting the 2021 budget and future church leadership approved. Thank you!

~Ann Wolfe, Moderator

COVID-19 RESPONSE: STAGE 1.5

Hazelwood has taken an incremental move forward with STAGE 1.5 where small groups of 12 or fewer can meet with masks on (except if eating) and social distancing rules are followed.

STAGE 1.5 Highlights:

- ♦ Sunday worship will continue to be online. Tech and worship personnel are creating videos from our Sanctuary to feature on Sundays during Advent services. Livestreaming is still being perfected.
- ♦ Church gatherings of up to 12 are allowed. Social distancing and wearing masks are mandatory. You must be symptom-free; If older than 65, or in another high-risk category, use your own judgment. These small-group activities will serve as a segue for modified on-site worship.
- ♦ Use of the building by non-Hazelwood groups of 12 or fewer will be decided on an individual basis.
- ♦ If you are interested in meeting in the building, please contact Stefanie at hccspetty@gmail.com so proper scheduling and cleaning can be arranged.
- ♦ As always, 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

Stefanie: hccspetty@gmail.com

Marianna: hccmgill@gmail.com

Rhea: hccrmorgan@gmail.com



NOTE OF APPRECIATION

“Dear friends at Hazelwood,

Thank you so much for your generous gift to help Lizzie Thompson and her daughter, Aliannah, to have a home. With the help of people like you, Lizzie has already been able to purchase land for their Jamaican home. Please prayerfully consider how you can continue helping this beautiful young family to thrive. You can find Lizzie’s GoFundMe at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/home-for-lizzie-and-aliannah>. We are all so grateful for your help. Please keep praying for Lizzie and Aliannah.”

NURSING HOME GIFT LIFT

We have another opportunity this year to demonstrate love to those who feel forgotten. There are many people in nursing homes who have no family, friends, or finances. They are alone and dependent on others. If not for the loving generosity of strangers, they would not receive one gift on Christmas. The gift may seem small, but it is so much more than the items in the box. It demonstrates compassion, kindness, hope, and love. Most importantly, it is one of the ways we can show the love of Christ to others.

We are in need of people to “adopt” local nursing home residents. The process is really SIMPLE: Due to COVID-19, you will need to CALL Shirley Bookout at (765) 744-1207 to get a name of the person along with their specific wish list items. Purchased gifts can be returned to the church UNWRAPPED. Please use the doors at 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. Place your gift in the bin provided.

This year we have 31 residents who need to be “adopted.” Please prayerfully consider getting involved to help one more person receive a gift who otherwise may not.

If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Bookout at (765) 744-1207.

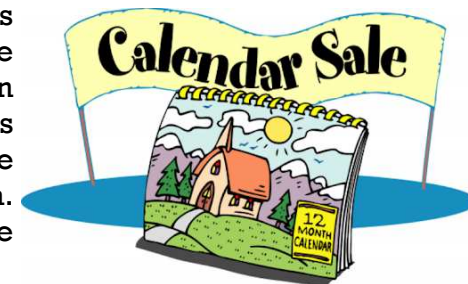
HAZELWOOD ANGELS

Thanks to the following volunteers who served either November 4, 5, or 6 at the Christian Ministries’ Food Pantry: Cheryll Crose, Don Crose, Dick Miller, Jim Reece, and Nancy Reece.

~Blessings & Gratitude from the Missions & Benevolence Team

WINNIE’S KIDS 2021 CALENDARS

Don’t forget! You can still purchase 2021 Winnie’s Kids calendars for \$19 at the church office (please make checks payable to Hazelwood Christian Church, and be sure to write “Winnie’s Kids Calendar in the memo line). The proceeds from the calendars go to support Winnie’s Kids in Kenya. Call the church office at 282-5969 if you have questions.



PRECHOOL NEWS

ANONYMOUS THANK YOU

Each month I am trying to plan things for the preschool staff. They have been working so hard with all the new rules and regulations due to COVID-19. These extra surprises are a way to send a special thank you for all their hard work during this difficult time. Monday morning, when I came in, there was a box outside my door filled with all kinds of goodies for our teachers that someone anonymously left. I wanted to say thank you and let you know just how much they enjoyed their special bags of goodies!

MANY BLESSINGS

Thanksgiving is a special time in our home as we gather around the table and share all the many blessings God has so generously provided. This Thanksgiving I would like to thank each and every one of you for allowing me to serve as your Preschool Director. It has been, and continues to be, a blessing to be a part of such tradition here at Hazelwood. I love to see the many families who return year after year for quality education for their preschoolers.

In closing, I would like to say thank you to each one of the teachers and assistant teachers for loving these precious children and families we serve. God has chosen you specially, for a very important role, to share the good news of Jesus Christ with the little minds of the children we care for. Have a safe and bountiful Thanksgiving.

~Angela Lopez, Preschool Director

IMPORTANT DATES

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| November 23 | Thanksgiving Feast, 11 a.m. & 2:30 p.m., 4-5 Classes |
| November 24 | Day of Giving, 10:30 a.m. & 2 p.m., 3-4 Classes |
| November 25-27 | Thanksgiving Break– No Preschool or ELC |