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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

January 14 & 28

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



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

December 17, 2020



*Wishing you a joyous
Christmas and a blessed
new year!*

Rev. Jason Jones

Stefanie Petty

Marianna Gill

Rhea Morgan

Lori Rhoden

Sally Kelley

Angie Lopez

BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 12/8/20: \$3,443.00
Offerings Received for Week Ending 12/15/20: \$4,155.00

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$4,472.80
Average Weekly Need: \$4,945.38

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

**Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



NOTE OF APPRECIATION

“Thank you so much for the beautiful poinsettia plant I received this week. Hazelwood Church has always been very caring. I look forward very much to when I can come to church with my son and his wife, Bob and Sue Weller. I also appreciated having communion here at Morrison Woods and hope it will soon be continued.

In God’s love,”
~Jenny Weller

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP & SPECIAL OFFERING

The good news of Christ's birth cannot be stopped by anything, including a pandemic. On December 24, at 7 p.m., on Facebook (HazelwoodCC), we will have our Christmas Eve worship service. This will conclude our worship series "I Believe Even When" by Worship Design Studio. While this won't be our traditional service of Lessons and Carols in the Sanctuary, you will find it is similar in many ways and just as meaningful. Here is some information to help make your online worship that night move smoothly. As we have been lighting our own Advent candles in our home these last few weeks, we will light our Christ candle in this service. The Christ candle is white, signifying the purity of Jesus as a substitution for us on the cross. We will light the Christ candle after the threshold moment. We will be partaking in communion. You will also need another candle to light at the end of our service, to hold while we sing together Silent Night, Holy Night. You will ignite that candle from the flame on the Christ candle. Let us fill the night with music and light.

The pandemic will also not stop us from giving out of our blessings from God to help the ministries of our Disciples of Christ region. We will be collecting a special Christmas Eve offering. You may bring in, or mail, a check to the church office. Please write "Christmas Eve Offering" on the memo line. You may also go online using this link which will take you to the Disciples of Christ Indiana website: <https://disciplesmissionfund.org/give/> .

REGULAR WORSHIP: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

We will have our regular online worship at 10 a.m. on Sunday, December 27. This can be accessed on our Facebook (Hazelwood CC) or through our website. Join Rev. Jason as he guides us through our worship service to close out this year. Merry Christmas, and Blessed New Year.



This is our last newsletter of the year, and I'm thinking about the fact that I haven't seen most of you since early March. We had no idea, back in early March, the COVID-19 pandemic would be so serious and would require us to be apart for so long. There are so many things we couldn't have predicted, but here we are looking back at probably the strangest and most challenging year of our lives. As I'm writing this, the virus vaccine is beginning to be released, and we can look to the next year with hope that we might gain back some normalcy and be able to look back on this crazy year as something we made it through.

Even with hope on the horizon, we still have a way to go, and the news of the daily death count from the virus should give us all some grief and a sense of caution. Robert Frost said in one of his most famous poems he had "miles to go until I sleep." We have some miles to go before we get to a place of rest. I know you're discouraged; we all are. I know your heart longs for a normal Christmas. I long for the day we're all back in our sanctuary without a worry. In the meantime, maybe words from Christopher Robin to Winnie the Pooh might be good news to all of us: "Promise me you'll always remember: You're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."

And know at Christmas Christ wasn't born into an easy or simple time. Yet, there in that place, Jesus came among us as a savior and as God with us. What we celebrate back then is true in this challenging time, too, and so may the light of Christ among us light our way in this dark time and into, hopefully, a better next year.

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones

January Birthdays



4	Kara Tucker	23	Lois Gross
8	Alexis Brant	24	Cathy Purtlebaugh
	Rachel Tucker	25	Lori Rhoden
14	Michael Heavilon	26	Jay Matchett
17	Donna Dye	29	Josh Clary
20	Bryce Hahn		Andrew Glaze
22	Bill Moser	30	Andrew Rowe

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



DISBURSEMENT

- ♦ \$250 to Feed My Sheep
- ♦ \$250 to The Salvation Army
- ♦ \$200 to The Hazelwood Christmas Box Project
- ♦ \$175.88 to Nursing Home Gifts

HAZELWOOD ANGELS

Thanks to everyone who participated through buying gifts or making a monetary donation to the Nursing Home Gift List. We were able to provide gifts for 25 nursing home residents who otherwise may not have received anything for Christmas. A true blessing. Thanks again!

MEN'S SLEEPING ROOM OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

The Missions & Benevolence Team each year sponsors a week of meals for the Men's Sleeping Room of Christian Ministries. The week of January 10-16, 2021 is our week this year. Due to COVID-19, instead of going to the shelter, we are asking for donations to provide for enough food for 14 meals, breakfast and supper, for the entire 7 days. If you would like to help, you can make a donation to Hazelwood. Please write a check separate from your regular offering, and be sure to mark "Sleeping Room" on the memo line.

~Thanks & Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team

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:

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Marianna: hccmgill@gmail.com

Rhea: hccrmorgan@gmail.com

PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to all the parents who attended their children's Christmas parties. The children were adorable as they sang songs about Jesus' birth, danced, and recited their memory verses. Thank you to those families who provided cookies or special treats for the party. Thank you to those in the congregation who made the Sanctuary look so beautiful for our families.

important dates

December 21 Beginning of Winter Break

January 4, 2021 Classes Resume

January 18, 2021 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, No Classes

January 25, 2021 Chapel, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m., 4-5 Year-Old Classes

January 28, 2021 Chapel, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m., 3-4 Year-Old Classes