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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 17
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 3, 2020

When they saw that the star had stopped,
they were overwhelmed with joy.

Matthew 2:10



BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 11/24/20: \$3,180.00
Offerings Received for Week Ending 12/1/20: \$5,095.00

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$5,666.80
Average Weekly Need: \$4,945.38

Jan.-Oct. Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$42.94)*
**Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



Many of you have asked, “What are we going to do about the Christmas Box project this year?” We’ve had to rethink almost everything this year, and our yearly Christmas Box project is no different. During the summer, Michele Owen, from Beneficence Family Scholars, contacted me about partnering with them on the project. They are a newer local charity that connects local families with educational opportunities and support to overcome poverty. I quickly agreed that a partnership would be a welcome thing. This year, rather than serving many families with a basic box, we’re able to serve a few families with boxes that are tailored to their needs. I think this is a good change because it allows us to directly give to the specific needs of a few families.

You’re thinking, “Sounds good. Now how can I help?” Here are a few ways we can contribute:

- You can contribute to the boxes in two ways:**
 - 1) **You can give money** so we can purchase things for the boxes. If you give a financial gift, please send it to the church with the designation of “Christmas Box Project.”
 - 2) **You can buy the specific things** for the boxes. I’ll list things at the end you can purchase. Please let me or the church office know if you would like to take care of one of these individual items. We will have a drop-off box between the double glass doors of the church’s main entrance for dropping off all boxes. All gifts need to be delivered by December 15 (already wrapped would be great!).
- **You can write Christmas Cards.** I would love to fill these boxes not only with gifts but with messages of goodwill from our church. You can make a card for these families and simply write, “Family 1, Family 2, and Family 3” on each card and drop them off at the drop-off at the church. All cards need to be delivered by December 15.

Pastor Jason’s Journal, continued...

- **You can deliver the boxes.** We’ll need delivery to three different locations, sometime between December 20 and 24. If you’d like to do one (or more) of these deliveries, please contact me.

I think this is a meaningful way to share with some families in our community in a way that will make a significant difference. Let’s make a special Christmas for these families.

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones

Here are a few specific things that can be purchased. Please let me or the church office know if you want to provide any of these items:

Family 1:

- Mom: Adult coloring books (Fantasy type), Family picture frames
Clothing size 2x plus tops, pants 20, shoes 10 (need comfortable black dress flats) favorite color purple
- Boy (13): Fortnite, baby Yoda, Bendy and the ink machine, Marvel heroes figures, Beyblade. Men's size med. tops, pants size med. (no zippers, buttons), shoe size 8 men's (no laces) Favorite color red
- Girl (7): Barbie, Furreal pet, Polly Pocket, JoJo Siwa, Descendants dolls
Clothing size girls 7/8 both top/bottoms, shoe size 1. Favorite color pink/blue
- General needs: paper goods, laundry soap (free of dyes, etc.), shampoo, toothpaste

Family 2:

- Girl (9): Dolls, art and craft supplies, nice skirts
- Boy & Girl Toddlers: love Mickey and Minnie Mouse, dinosaurs, and need boys shoes in toddler size 10 and 3T girls pants.
- General needs: Twin bedding, cooking supplies, and groceries

Family 3:

- Cleaning supplies (especially for mold and mildew)
- books on astronomy (teen boy)
- school supplies (adult & child; journals, planners, notebooks, pens, highlighters, etc.)


December Birthdays

9	Mary France	13	Annie Yingst	27	Kelly Heavilon
	Mariangella Glaze	19	Judy Thomas	28	Mary Alice Lanning
11	Ruth Griffey	20	Leah Ritchie		
12	Susan Cartwright	21	Marianna Gill		

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



ADVENT CALENDAR

Nov. 29	30	Dec. 1	2	3	4	5
Pray asking God this question: “What am I waiting for this Advent?”	Say something to encourage someone.	Give something away.	Meditate and pray on being patient.	List reasons to be thankful.	Buy a gift for someone who might not receive many gifts.	Have a video chat with a friend.
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Pray for God to help you grow in hope.	Learn something about resisting racism.	Listen to Advent or Christmas music.	Enjoy a cookie.	Give to a charity.	Read something that feeds your soul.	Watch a Christmas movie.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Call or write an old friend.	Pray for health care workers.	Take ten minutes of silence.	Leave a note or gift of thanks to your postal carrier.	Enjoy something that makes you laugh.	Let go of a resentment you carry in your heart.	Enjoy a holiday treat.
20	21	22	23	24	25	
Read Mary’s Magnificat from Luke 1:46-55	Do something to help a vulnerable or poor member of the community.	Call someone in a nursing home.	Listen to someone else’s story.	Join in our online Christmas Eve worship at 7 p.m. on Facebook.	Celebrate Christ’s birth.	