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Our Mission:
**Sharing Christ with our community
through service and relationships.**



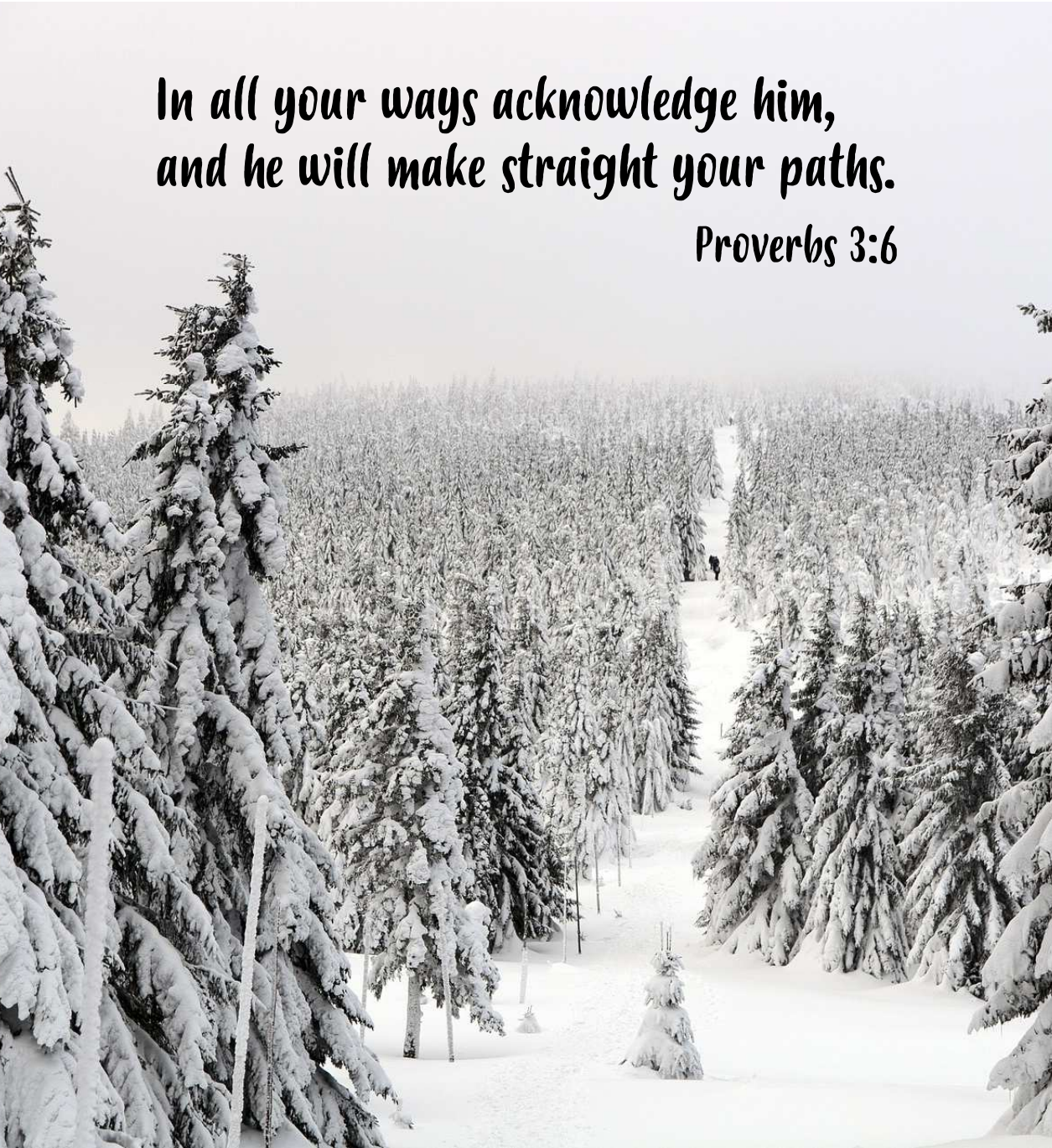
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www.hazelwoodchurch.org
We are constantly building and adding to it, so check back often! You can also contact us through the Website. Check out the home page.

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

January 28
February 11 & 25

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

*In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.*
Proverbs 3:6



BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 1/5/21: \$5,810.00

Offerings Received for Week Ending 1/12/21: \$2,435.00

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$4,680.60

Average Weekly Need: \$4,945.38

Jan.-Nov. 2020 Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$7,020.11)*

**Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

1 John 5:14



COVID-19 VACCINE

The COVID-19 vaccine is now available to individuals age 70 and older. Schedule your vaccination online at ourshot.IN.gov, or call 2-1-1.

NOTE FROM THE 2020 MODERATOR

“Time sure does fly since the USPS increased the price of stamps! Apologies to any Hazelwoodians receiving the two 25-cent stamps on their cards from me. Only when a recent purchase of 20 stamps turned out to be \$11.00 instead of \$10.00 did I realize the mishap.

This past year has been full of other changes as well, and it was my privilege to help guide you through it as Moderator. My appreciation to the COVID-19 Protection Plan Team for helping us keep safe at home, as well as to Rev. Jason and to the many talented members who were instrumental in making online worship an alternative way of being church.

Let’s offer our support to the 2021 Board and others in church leadership roles. Best regards to Tony Gill (Moderator) and Joanna Hahn (Vice Moderator) as they guide us into upcoming Hazelwood experiences of sharing Christ with our community through service and relationships.”

~Ann Wolfe, 2020 Moderator

JONES SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

C. Darrell and Edith Jones Scholarship applications are now available on our website. This scholarship is designated for undergraduate study with a limit of 4 years. Applicants, or their parents, must be a church member for at least two years. Deadline for submission is **March 1, 2021**. For more information, contact Mary Ann Matchett, chair of the Jones Scholarship Committee, at mrsstiky@comcast.net.



As most of you are aware, I shared with the congregation last week that I will be, in April, beginning a ministry at Country Homes Christian Church in Spokane, Washington. My last Sunday here at Hazelwood will be Easter, April 4. I won’t repeat the letter I shared with you last week, but one thing I want to point out is the good things you have as you go forward as a church. Our natural gifts and abilities are often like our noses, they are so close to us we don’t even see them. I’ve found that people often don’t see the things they’re naturally good at, and the same is true of churches; they often aren’t able to celebrate the good things they have and do.

As I look at Hazelwood, I see some things you naturally do well. First, your financial giving is excellent. Your faithfulness to contributing to the church is very generous. Other churches I’ve been a part of would feel like they won the lottery if they had Hazelwood’s giving. Second, you are gifted musically. A pastor friend pointed out to me, after watching one of our online services, how much musical gifts we have. I hope you can see how blessed you are with musical talents. Finally, you have a group of dedicated, thoughtful leaders. I’ve appreciated so much, especially through the COVID-19 pandemic, the thoughtfulness and dedication of the leaders at Hazelwood.

There are many more things I could point out. I know in a time of pastoral transition a church can focus on what it lacks or what it hopes the next leader will bring, but I hope you’ll see the good you do have. God has blessed Hazelwood in many ways, and you’ll carry these gifts forward into the vital future I know God has for you.

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones

CHRISTMAS BOX PROJECT

I want to tell you all thanks for your help with the Christmas Box Project. We’re dealing with a different year and with different circumstances, and many of you asked what we would do about the yearly project. We were contacted in the summer by the director of Beneficence Family Scholars, a newer charity that connects local families with educational opportunities in order to improve their situations for the future. They asked about partnering with them on the Christmas Box Project. We were given three families and ways we could help them. You all contributed gifts, cards, and money. We collected about \$1,500 in funds, which we were able to use for groceries, gifts, and a gift card for each family. Delivery of these boxes was one of my most satisfying moments this year. All of the families were so appreciative and asked me to share my thanks with you.

In the past, with the Christmas Box Project, I felt an ache in my heart for something more significant. While what we did through the project was generous, I also realized the difference in day-to-day life from our gifts was not lasting. The same could probably be said about this year’s gifts, too, but I think the difference is we are partnering with a group that is actively trying to change families’ situations with education and new opportunities. And, they are open to partnering with us on future endeavors, too. This is an opportunity for us to work alongside those honestly making a difference in our community. I believe our Christmas Boxes this year can be a seed that will grow toward more significant work together.

One of the things we heard through our Epiphany Process was the notion of “mission with” rather than “mission to.” When we practice “mission to” types of projects, it’s simply us doing something for another. While that may be significant in the moment, it can also lead to unhealthy relationships on both sides of the gift. When we practice “mission with” types of projects, we are growing in relationship and connection, and we are learning from each other. This type of mission work leads to growth, health, and life for everyone involved. I think this year’s Christmas Box Project may be an entry point into this type of mission work, and so I appreciate every gift that helped make it possible.

~Jason Jones

CHRISTMAS BOX APPRECIATION

“Thank You!! I appreciate the Amazon and Aldi gift cards. You made it possible to get things we needed!

When they opened the gifts you gave, my kids couldn’t believe their eyes. They loved the books, toys, clothes, and little girls’ things! I really appreciate the gift you gave me, too! I really loved watching the kids smile and dance around while eating yummy treats I can’t usually buy. It was so wonderful! I love it!

I hope you had a very Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!”

~The Wilsons

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 during Sunday 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

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DISBURSEMENT

- ♦ \$300 to Christian Ministries Men's Sleeping Room for Christmas gift cards
- ♦ \$100 to Christian Ministries Men's Sleeping Room for meals

HAZELWOOD ANGELS

THANKS! To all who so generously contributed to the meals for the week of January 10th for the Christian Ministries Men's Sleeping Room. We were able to send \$860 for the week's meals and for weeks ahead that are not covered.

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES' FOOD PANTRY

Volunteers are needed February 3, 4, & 5 from 9:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. to help with Christian Ministries' Food Pantry. Volunteers will bag groceries for the client- only 2 clients in the pantry at a time, only 2 volunteers at a time to bag groceries. Everyone will need to wear masks, and hand sanitizer will be available. To volunteer, or for more information, please contact Marcia Miller at (765) 730-5552.



#WALKAMILE2021



A new year, a new adventure! Muncie Mission will expand one of Muncie's biggest annual fundraising events into a virtual Walk-A-Mile in My Shoes WALK WEEK for 2021. From February 8-13, supporters are invited to take a solo walk... *raising hope with every step!*

Every day hurting neighbors take to the street... some searching for food, clothing, or other resources, others simply seeking an escape. Some don't know

Walk-A-Mile in My Shoes, continued...

why they walk, and most walk alone. For 16 years we have braved the cold to bring hope to our struggling neighbors... the hungry, the homeless, and those broken by addictions. This year COVID-19 has elevated anxieties, threatened jobs, disrupted routines, and pushed even more families to the brink of desperation. This year we are all sharing the burdens of loneliness and isolation. *They walk alone... and we walk alone!*

Participants in WALK WEEK can fire up their treadmills, take a trek around the neighborhood, or challenge themselves to complete one or more featured outdoor route-of-the-day circuits between February 8 & 13. Walkers can stop at the Muncie Mission any day of WALK WEEK to drop off donations, pick up a t-shirt, and snap a selfie with the Big Red Shoe.

The good news is everyone can take part- walk or support Hazelwood walkers with a donation to Hazelwood. Please write a separate check from your regular offering and be sure to write "Walk-A-Mile" in the memo line. You can register to walk or make a donation directly at munciemission.org/walk. Be sure to put down that you are walking for Hazelwood Christian Church!



New year blessings and thank you for your love and support.
~Missions & Benevolence Team

pRESCHOOL NEWS

2021-2022 REGISTRATION - COMING SOON!

Be on the lookout for information about our 2021-2022 registration. Registration forms will be going out at the end of this month!

important dates

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

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

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

February 5 Teacher Work Day, No Classes

February 15 Presidents Day, No Classes

February 19 2021-2022 Registration for New Students

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