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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

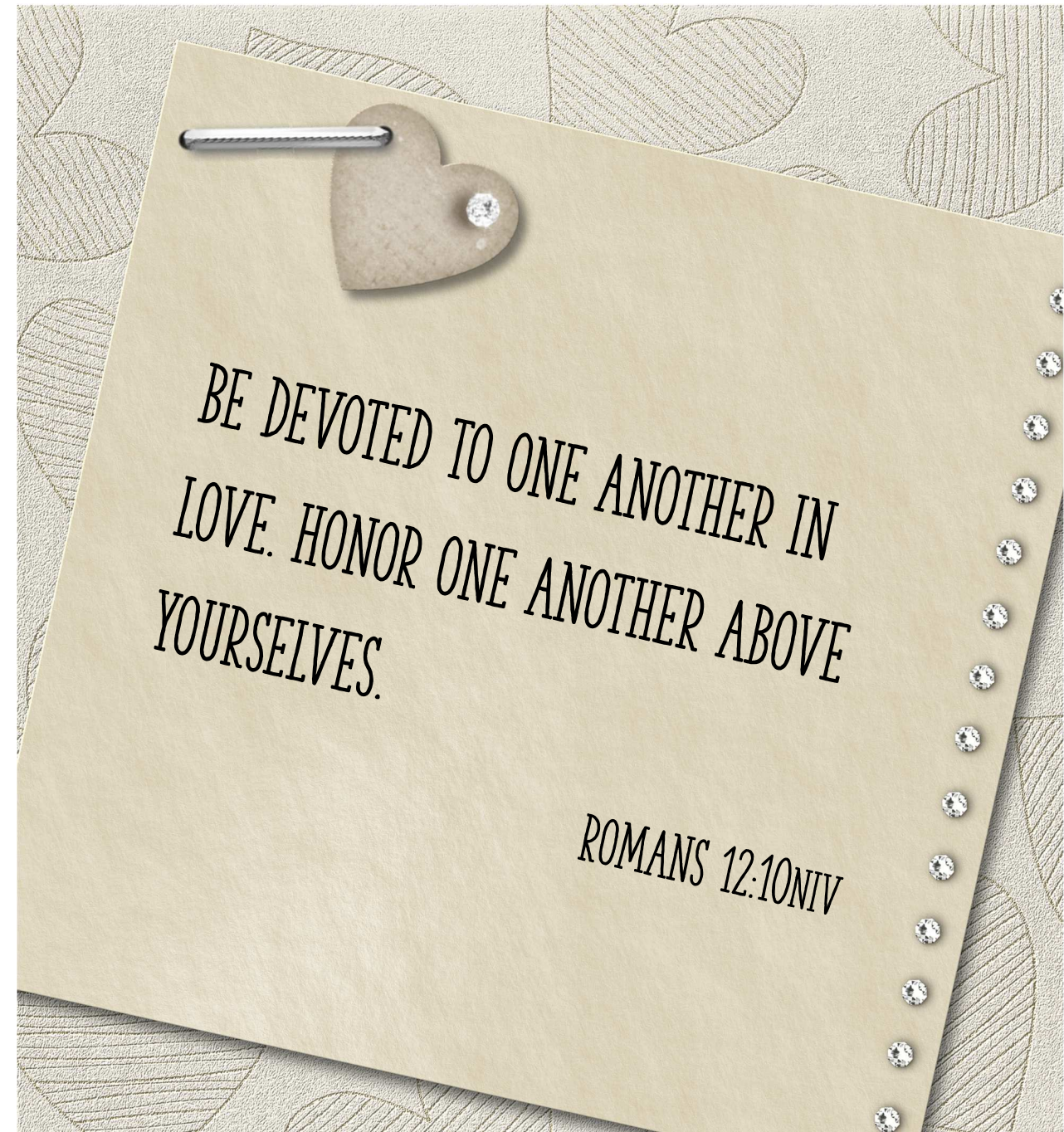
February 25
March 11 & 25

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



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

February 11, 2021



BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 2/2/21: \$4,827.00

Offerings Received for Week Ending 2/9/21: \$16,171.00

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$5,729.60

Average Weekly Need: \$4,945.38

Jan.-Dec. 2020 Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$8,283.98)*

**Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



COVID-19 VACCINE

The COVID-19 vaccine is now available to individuals age 65 and older. Schedule your vaccination online at ourshot.IN.gov, or call 2-1-1.

SING-A-LONG WITH MARIANNA

Today is the 2nd Thursday of the month, so that means Marianna will have a sing-a-long at 7 p.m. on Facebook (HazezlwoodCC). Tonight's program has a theme to it. All the song and hymn titles contain the name God. Don't forget Marianna takes requests for future sing-a-longs!

UPDATE FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Search Committee interviewed a candidate for Interim Minister recommended by our Region, conducted via Zoom on Friday night 1-29-2021. The interview went quite well, the committee agreed on asking the person, and the position was offered the following Monday morning 2-1-2021. The candidate was very interested, but they ended up accepting a call from another church within commuting distance.

Carolyn Reed, Associate Regional Minister, is working on finding another possible Interim candidate. I join fellow Search Committee members Tony Gill, Joanna Hahn, Winnie Muhiga, and Jason Ratts in welcoming new member Rachel Smith to the Committee.

~Ann Wolfe, Committee Facilitator

WEEK OF COMPASSION

Week of Compassion Special Offering is **February 21-28**. You can help "Let Love Flow," around the world and around the year with a special donation during this week. If you would like to contribute, please send a check separate from your regular offering, and note "Week of Compassion" on the memo line. For more information about Week of Compassion, visit their website at www.weekofcompassion.org.

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.



The COVID-19 pandemic started during Lent 2020, but a year ago we were just scrambling to make sense of what we needed to do. It was hard to think about how to do Lent when we were all just trying to buy toilet paper and learning how to do things virtually. Now, though, we're about to enter into our second Lent of the pandemic. I told the church Elders it didn't make sense to tell people to give up something for Lent when we've all been giving up so much during the whole last year. We've all had to fast from so many things already: trips, large gatherings, and restaurant meals are just a few. I think, though, this year's Lent may be a unique opportunity for us to reflect upon suffering. We've all suffered this past year. Some have suffered through grief and loss and sickness, and others have suffered through giving up simple things like regular social gatherings and going to the movies. We've all suffered. Suffering can either make us jaded or make us compassionate. We've all known some who have suffered, and whose sufferings have made them bitter and resentful. We've probably also met those who have suffered, and their sufferings made them compassionate and humble. If we see our sufferings as a way to reflect on the sufferings of Jesus, and to recognize the sufferings of the world, then our sufferings can be a pathway to merciful and compassionate living. The season of Lent is an opportune time to reflect on these things.

I'm excited about a couple opportunities we'll have during Lent. The first is our worship series we'll be sharing during Lent called *Holy Vessels*. Our worship will be focused on a season of healing after we've suffered so much. I'll also be doing a special video-based study on the seven last words from the cross. These will be 20-25 minute studies that I'll pre-record and release each Wednesday morning during Lent. Each week I'll reflect on one of the last things Jesus said while he was on the cross. You will find these videos on our church's Facebook and YouTube pages.

I hope, as we begin the season of Lent, we'll know healing and compassion while we've also known so much suffering.

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE NEEDED

Want to help an upcoming Interim Minister and the eventual Senior Minister get to know the congregation? We can do so by updating the online pictorial church directory. Stefanie Petty, our office administrator, will email the current directory to us to determine what needs to be updated: home address, phone number(s), email address(es), and photo. Please email the updated information and photo to her at hccspetty@gmail.com, bring it by the church office (please call ahead to ensure someone is there to meet you), or mail it to the church (1400 W. University Ave., Muncie IN 47303).

New contact information and photos may be sent up until March 15th. If a photo is mailed, it will be returned once the updated Directory is completed.

Thank you!

~Ann Wolfe, Search Committee facilitator

LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES– A SEASON OF RECOVERY

"Each of us is created a precious and holy vessel of embodied love. We have been through a harrowing time since last Lent that has shattered our sense of wholeness–body, mind, and spirit–like a glass vessel fractured into pieces. In this Lenten 'season of recovery' for our physical, communal, mental, intellectual, and environmental health, we will explore the healing narratives of Jesus that tell of divine solidarity with human suffering and remind us that we can begin a journey toward making something beautiful from that which is seemingly broken. Beach glass offers us a multifaceted symbol of this transformative process." (from Dr. Marcia McFee)

Our season of recovery begins Ash Wednesday, February 17, at 7 p.m. on Facebook. The service will be available on our website and YouTube if you can't participate live. Each week of Lent, we will gather, approach, believe, ask, know, and respond to the teachings of Jesus. Do you feel "shattered"? Join us, as we learn we all have been created as a precious and **holy vessel** of embodied love.

~Marianna Gill, Worship Coordinator

HAZELWOOD ANGELS

Thanks to the following volunteers who served either February 3, 4, or 5 at the Christian Ministries' Food Pantry: Dick & Marcia Miller, Nancy Reece, John Starnes, Glen Sulanke, and Ann Wolfe.

WALK-A-MILE 2021

During **February 8-13**, bring HOPE to those in need. You can lift your neighbors during this season of uncertainty. You can be the answer to someone's prayers. Whether you are walking beside us, holding us in prayer, or sending your support, you are ensuring resources are available to meet every desperate need. This is the Muncie Mission's fundraiser for the year– your support is appreciated.

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!

~Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team



- February 11** Sing-a-long with Marianna, 7 p.m., Facebook
- February 15** Presidents Day– Church Office Closed
- February 16** Trustees, 5:30 p.m., Zoom
EAT, 7 p.m., Zoom
- February 17** Ash Wednesday Service, 7 p.m., Facebook