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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

April 8 & 22

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



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

March 25, 2021

*Blessed be the God and Father of
our Lord Jesus Christ! By his
great mercy he has given us a
new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of
Jesus Christ from the dead.*

1 Peter 1:3

BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 3/16/21: \$2,311.00
Offerings Received for Week Ending 3/23/21: \$5,883.00
Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$4,168.80
Average Weekly Need: \$4,945.38



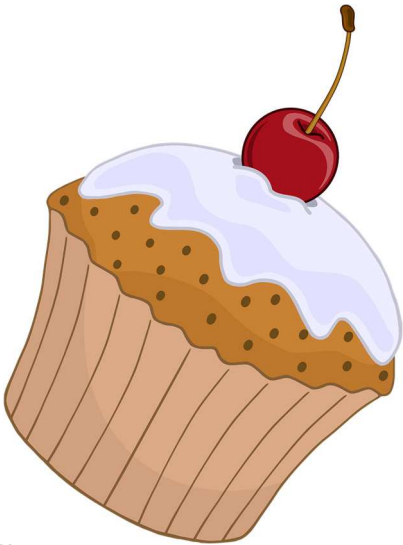
Jan.-Feb. 2021 Offerings Compared to Budget: \$443.76*
**Reflects the amount received OVER Budget*



- ♦ Sympathies to Kay Kirby and family on the passing of her husband, John, on March 5. Kay and John were long-time members of Hazelwood before moving closer to family.
- ♦ Sympathies to Mariangella Glaze and family on the passing of her mother on March 19.
- ♦ Sympathies to Charles Retherford on the passing of his wife, Alayne, on March 21.

April Birthdays

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| 1 Lee Anne Chambers | 13 Betsy Cartwright |
| 2 Dick Miller | Joan Gordon |
| Nancy Reece | 15 Warner Van Fleet |
| 6 Charles Retherford | 19 Evelyn Hahn |
| 7 Vicki Vance | 20 Cheryll Crose |
| Molly Wantz | Faith Smith |
| 10 Lukau Matuka | 23 Jim Reece |
| 11 Laura Rowe | 28 Bill Ritchie |



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



Dear Hazelwood Christian Church,

My last Sunday with you as pastor is Easter, and that makes this my final newsletter article. I think about how much has changed since the day I rolled into Muncie to start my ministry here. I arrived in Muncie a single man, but I was soon to be married, and now I'm going with my wife and son. When I started here Barack Obama was still President, the Muncie Mall's four anchor stores were still in business, and only the biggest churches knew anything about live streaming their worship to the internet. When I started, the church offices were still in the Fellowship House, Andrew Luck was the Colts' quarterback, and Jack's Donuts was still in Muncie, but Dunkin Donuts hadn't arrived yet (important facts in my donut-loving household). We think not much changes, but when we stop and notice, we see quite a lot can change in a few years.

I appreciate you serving alongside me in these years. You showed up, participated, prayed, gave of yourself and your resources, worshiped, and served with me. I appreciate it all. Although I'm soon to say goodbye to Hazelwood, I don't leave you on your own. You'll have excellent guidance from your Regional Ministers who will continue to lead you through the process of transition. You'll have capable leadership from your interim and permanent pastors. And, most of all, the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit will be with you as you navigate the coming changes through the years, which, as it was in my years here, will be many.

Though I remain your friend, I will need to keep some distance so that I don't distract from the work of your future pastors. Please know my love and care for you remains, but I will not be able to address any pastoral needs. Your interim and permanent pastors will be more than capable of handling any such needs, and my responding to them would only distract from their ministry and hurt the church. I care about you, but I care enough about the future of the church to not be a distraction to it.

Let me share with you a blessing from Psalm 20:4-5 as I go from here:

Let God grant what is in your heart
and fulfill all your plans.
Then we will rejoice that you've been helped.
We will fly our flags in the name of our God.
Let the Lord fulfill all your requests!

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones

COVID-19 VACCINE

The COVID-19 vaccine is now available to individuals age 40 and older. Schedule your vaccination online at ourshot.IN.gov, or call 2-1-1.

Anyone needing a ride to get to their vaccination appointments can call the Muncie-Delaware Senior Citizen Center at (765) 289-0844. They are working with MITS and Lifestream to help people get to/from their vaccinations after they have scheduled the appointment.

COVID-19 PROTECTION PLAN AND WORSHIP TEAMS: UPDATE

Easter Sunday brings much joy! We are returning to the Sanctuary for the celebration of Christ's resurrection. Hallelujah!

We are adhering to protocols advised by the Christian Church in Indiana (Disciples of Christ) in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations:

- ♦ Continue to wear facemasks
- ♦ Maintain social distancing, providing six feet of separation between worshippers not of the same household
- ♦ Eliminate passing materials - communion trays, offering plates, bulletins
- ♦ Limit congregational singing
- ♦ Clean and sanitize frequently touched surfaces
- ♦ Refrain from touching, hugging, and shaking hands
- ♦ Suspend social and fellowship time and the sharing of food
- ♦ Make a record of those who are present if needed for contact tracing

Worship chairs will have wide spaces between rows. We ask that you keep **at least three** chairs between you and another family, "social bubble", or individual. Since this virus is airborne, the Choir and Praise Band will use special singing masks. The congregation is encouraged to hum along and use movement rather than sing for the time being.

Instead of going forward for communion, "2-in-1" packets containing wafer and juice will be used and will be located on tables before entering the sanctuary. Offering plates will be available on pedestals at the back of the sanctuary.

Please call the church office by **Monday, March 29** if you plan to attend, as we can accommodate 50 people at this time. Office number: 765-282-5969.

The guidelines provided here are only a Stage 3.5 summary. More details are in the other attachment accompanying this newsletter email. Likely you will find answers to any questions you might have.

HELP NEEDED FOR WORSHIP SERVICE

Even though we are planning on resuming live worship soon in the Sanctuary, we are also going to continue streaming our services online. Tony Gill, our volunteer sound technician, is going to need some help during worship services. He will need to be totally focused on the sound in the Sanctuary and the streaming of the service. That means we will need a second person to help run the PowerPoint that contains the lyrics and such. It's a simple job, and you will receive training. My goal is to get a hand full of people who are willing to do this so that we can have a rotation of helpers, that way no one is doing it week after week. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. If you'd like to become a part of the team, please let me know as soon as possible. Thank you.

~Marianna Gill, Worship Coordinator

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

On Thursday, April 1, at 7 p.m., we will conclude our Lenten worship series of recovery, "Holy Vessels." This culminating moment of our worship series invites us to consider a commission from Christ to his disciples: to heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, and cast out demons. These are the very things his disciples have seen him do and that we have sought to witness for our own lives in this Lenten season of recovery. What will we do with this commission? How will we address ongoing pain with hope and conviction even though we, ourselves, are "healed and yet still healing?" Our Maundy Thursday service will be online (Facebook) just like recent Sunday morning services. To be prepared for the worship, it would be helpful if you had communion elements on hand for the appropriate time, and you will want to have some oil that will be used in three separate anointing rituals. You are also invited to create a darkened space for worship, perhaps lit by only candles.

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

We welcome back Rev. Diane Zehr as our "Interim-interim" starting Sunday, April 11. She will be part-time and plans to be in the church office on Mondays, starting April 12. If needs arise, however, she will be available. Rev. Diane will be with us until Rev. Pamela Pettyjohn arrives in mid-July.



NOTES OF APPRECIATION

“Dear Hazelwood, Your donation of \$250 is much more than a gift to a local organization– it’s an investment in local families, neighborhoods, and our Muncie community. From the very bottom of our hearts, and on behalf of our volunteers and partner families, we want to say *thank you for investing in our shared vision of a community where everyone has a decent place to live.*

A Habitat home is a stabilizing force for a family, and as a donor, you are a stabilizing force for us. Thank you for acting upon your beliefs, and sharing with us the joys of empowering local families. Together, WE continue to make a difference for our neighbors, and for our community.

With gratitude,”

~Lindsey Arthur, CEO, Greater Muncie, Indiana Habitat for Humanity

“Dear friends, Thank you so much for your donation of \$250 in honor of our dear Mary Dollison. We are extremely grateful to you for your consistent encouragement and commitment to our children, and greatly appreciate your generous support.

As you know, our mission is “educating children and families to grow and flourish,” and your support is significant to our continued success. Your involvement is so valuable to the children of our community and their families.

As always, we welcome you here anytime. Thank you again,”

~Jonathan M. Jones, Executive Director, Motivate Our Minds

“Dear Hazelwood, When you provide enough to fill a bowl, a belly, or a trunk, we’re providing some of the resources needed for our neighbors to make it through the day. Friends and neighbors in our communities are facing challenges they haven’t before, and your donation provides help for today so our communities can have hope for tomorrow.

This month, during our Fill-a-Bowl campaign, your donation has been DOUBLED! Together, we can bring twice the impact to our community and continue to build a network of support focused on mutual growth and caring for one another.

Thank you for your continued support!”

~Tim Kean, President & CEO, Second Harvest Food Bank

Missions Update: Notes of Appreciation, continued...

“Dear Hazelwood, *Thank you!* Your gift to Walk-a-Mile in My Shoes 2021 brings comfort and hope to desperate neighbors! Because of your compassion, strangers will be greeted with a hot meal and a hot shower, a warm place to lay their head, and a welcoming community that seeks to restore hope to weary souls. What wonderful blessings in such turbulent and chaotic times. Thank you for sharing your generous heart!”

~Frank Baldwin, President & CEO, Muncie Mission

WINNIE’S KIDS

Hazelwood,

As you know, every summer I go to Kenya for one of our church ministries. During the trip, I visit with different schools, an orphanage, and a women’s group. With your support, I usually provide school uniforms for those students whose families are not able to afford one, school supplies, pain relieving medicine, and sanitary pads for the older girls.

Unfortunately, last summer I did not make the trip due to COVID-19. Some of the money that had been raised for uniforms, supplies, medicine, and sanitary pads, was used to provide meals (lunches) to the students while schools were closed. Now the schools are open, and the need for school uniforms, school supplies, and sanitary pads remain. There are some funds left from last year, but they will not be enough to meet the current needs. I have spoken with the school principal, and he indicated that about 210 students need school uniforms. I will be traveling this summer to Kenya, and hopefully we will be able to assist these students to continue with their schooling.

*Thank you,
Winnie*

We will be accepting donations to help ‘Winnie’s Kids’ in Kenya on March 28, April 4, 11, 18, & 25, and May 2. Each donation will be matched, up to a total of \$1,000, from the Missions & Benevolence Sulanke Trust. Please mark all contributions ‘Winnie’s Kids,’ and be sure to make your donation separately from your regular offering to help our bookkeeper. We will present Winnie with our offering on Sunday, May 9. There are great needs in Kenya, so please prayerfully consider how you can help ‘Winnie’s Kids.’

~Blessings & Gratitude from the Missions & Benevolence Team

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