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Sunday Schedule: Worship Service, 10 a.m., Online & In-Person

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.

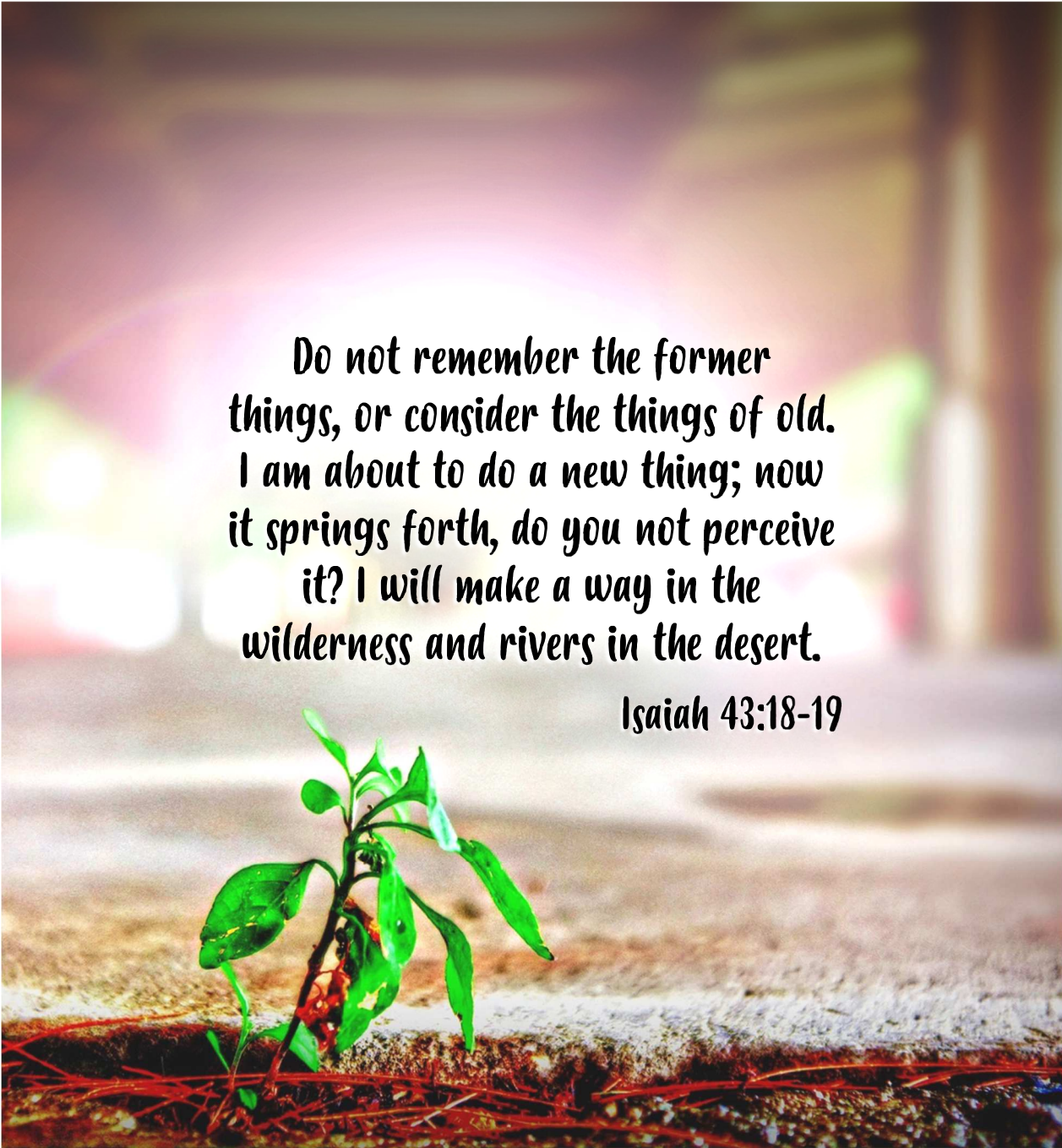
NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

April 22
May 6 & 20

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

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Isaiah 43:18-19



BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 3/30/21: \$4,103.00

Offerings Received for Week Ending 4/6/21: \$4,040.00

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$4,427.60

Average Weekly Need: \$4,945.38

Jan.-Feb. 2021 Offerings Compared to Budget: \$443.76*

**Reflects the amount received OVER Budget*



- ◆ Congratulations to Ashley & Tom Harty on the birth of their son, Cain, on Thursday, April 1. Proud Hazelwood Grandma is Ruthanne Devroy.

INTERIM UPDATE

This coming Sunday, April 11, is Rev. Diane Zehr’s return to Hazelwood during her “Interim-interim” with us preceding Rev. Pamela Pettyjohn’s interim starting July 19. Rev. Diane will be available in the office on Mondays between noon and 4 p.m. for conferences or appointments and after worship on Sundays. We look forward to giving her a warm socially-distanced welcome back!

~Ann Wolfe, on behalf of the Search Committee

EASTER APPRECIATION

The Easter egg “shakers” with the special message inside were provided by Amy Moudy and her children, Katelyn and Adam. Thank you for this delightful treat!

~Ann Wolfe, on behalf of the Worship Team

A MESSAGE FROM REV. DIANE

Greetings friends,

I understand you had a wonderful sendoff for Reverend Jason and your first Sunday back to in-person worship went very well. I am sure Reverend Jason and his family appreciate your kindness and your care as they move on to the next place their journey takes them.

It is the Monday after Easter, and I am here in the office ready to begin a new time with Hazelwood as you await the arrival of your new Interim Minister, Reverend Pamela Pettyjohn. I know Pamela and her love for the church and for all God’s people, and I am certain you will enjoy sharing ministry with her. But for the next few months, I will fill in until she can get here!

As I am working half-time, I am in Muncie on Sundays and Mondays and would be glad to welcome you to talk, to catch up, or when you have any need for a pastor. I have a staff meeting at 10 a.m., but the afternoons from 1-4 p.m. are open for whatever is needed. Of course, if I need to be here for other things, I am always prepared to do that.

My cell phone number is (317) 414-1047. Even when I am not in Muncie, please know I am always available by phone or Zoom for meetings.

For the next four weeks our worship services will be using the theme, “Coming Home ... for the First Time”. The sermons will be based on some of Jesus’ parables, and the first one will be The Prodigal Son. When I came in Monday morning it felt in many ways like coming home, but it was different as well.

I wonder what it is and/or will be like for you to return to in-person worship at Hazelwood. I know this is a confusing time to know when is the right time to return, but I trust you will make your decisions wisely, and we will be delighted to welcome you as you decide the time is right.

After a year of being distanced from so many and so much, we have a new chance to build a new future. We may even appreciate each other and what God is doing in our midst.

Grateful for you,
Diane

THE BEAUTY OF EASTER

Many thanks to Jeff Heavilon, Rhea Morgan, John Starnes, and Ann Wolfe for joining me in beautifying our entrance to the church for Easter. While we weren't able to completely take care of everything this time, it was a much-needed first step in getting the church ready to receive worshipers once again. If you ever have some free time and you want to help with either outdoor or indoor cleanup activities, give the church office a call, and we can get you started. Thank you.

~Marianna Gill, Worship Coordinator

SUNDAY ON-SITE WORSHIP UPDATE

Easter was quite special this year. Thank you to everyone who signed up for our first service back to the sanctuary. We appreciate the masks worn and social distance maintained to help keep us safe while together once more. Please keep posted for updates concerning our procedures. In the meantime, it will be very helpful to call the church office to let us know to expect you on Sundays for worship: (765) 282-5969.

~Ann Wolfe on behalf of the COVID-19 Protection Plan Team

REV. JASON’S “LOVE GIFT” PRESENTATION

As most of you know, Rev. Jason is a huge fan of the Star Wars movie series. This is why we chose a Star Wars theme for the presentation of his “Love Gift” check at the end of the Easter Service. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we knew we could not have a more traditional presentation with a reception or luncheon including much hand-shaking and hugs. If you are not familiar with Star Wars, the character presenting the “Love Gift” was Obi-Wan Kenobi, the Jedi Master.

~Ann Wolfe, on behalf of the Worship Team

COVID-19 VACCINE

The COVID-19 vaccine is now available to individuals age 16 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.

HELP NEEDED FOR WORSHIP SERVICE

Even though we are resuming live worship 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

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORK DAY

Hazelwood's mission is "Sharing Christ with our community through service and relationships." What better way to live out our mission than to help a family achieve safe and stable housing with their own home. Hazelwood is participating in the Interfaith Build this summer, and our work day is Saturday, July 24. Mark it on your calendar, and watch for more information in the coming months.



April 20	Trustees, 5:30 p.m., Zoom Epiphany Action Team, 7 p.m., Zoom
May 5	Elders, 5:30 p.m., Zoom
May 9	“Winnie’s Kids” Check Presentation



NOTES OF APPRECIATION

“Dear Friends at Hazelwood Christian Church,

It is both in giving and receiving that we experience joy. Survivors of violent relationships find joy as they move toward eventual peace in their lives, without constant struggle for survival. They need outside support to get them through immediate crises, and then to become established in their new lives.

Those who give find joy in knowing they have helped lift others up. They do not have to know those persons, but rather, to know those persons are more at peace due to the support given. As one rises, we all rise. As one finds peace, we are all closer to a peaceful community.

You have given from your heart. We at A Better Way appreciate you, and are thankful for the privilege of connecting donors’ gifts to survivors’ successes.

Thank you so very much. We wish you joy and peace, today and always.”
~Teresa Clemmons, Executive Director, A Better Way

“Dear Hazelwood Christian Church,

Thank you for your recent contribution to the camp. Camp Bedford has served people for over a century, and we are dedicated to making sure it continues to do so for another century. Your contribution will help make this possible. Every summer, nearly 1,000 people use our camp and find the solitude its secluded, natural setting provides. We hope to reach out and share the glory of the camp with even more people who can benefit from what it has to offer. We cannot do this without support from congregations like yours.

Thank you again for your support, on behalf of myself, the Camp Revitalization Committee, and the many children who will benefit from using the camp in the future.”
~Chuck Bair, Manager, Bedford Camp and Conference Center

“Hazelwood Christian Church,

I so appreciate all that you do to support the community. Thanks very much for your generous donation to Motivate Our Minds in my honor.”
~Nancy Dollison

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Missions Update, continued...

WINNIE’S KIDS

Through May 2, we will be accepting donations to help ‘Winnie’s Kids’ in Kenya. 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

PRECHOOL NEWS

FOOD MANAGEMENT position

Do you like to cook? Do you like to plan menus? Do you like children? If you answered yes to any of those questions, then Hazelwood Christian Preschool may be the place for you to earn a little extra money.

We are looking for a reliable individual who would be willing to work Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This individual would be in charge of preparing the preschool monthly menu, food preparation, and serving the food to the appropriate classrooms. For more information call Angela Lopez at (765) 284-2430 or (765) 702-4864.

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April 9	Graduation Picture Day, 4-5 Classes
April 12-16	Week of the Young Child/Spirit Week
April 26	Preschool Art Show
May 4	Teddy Bear Tea, 10:45 a.m., 2-3 Tuesday & 3-4 Classes
May 5	Teddy Bear Tea, 10:45 a.m., 2-3 Wednesday Class