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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

June 3 & 17

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



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

May 20, 2021

*I will instruct you and teach
you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my
eye upon you.*

Psalms 32:8



BUDGET UPDATE

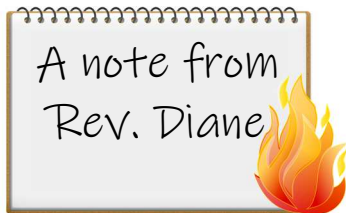
Offerings Received for Week Ending 5/11/21: \$2,965.00
Offerings Received for Week Ending 5/18/21: \$4,394.00

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$4,790.60
Average Weekly Need: \$4,945.38

Jan.-Mar. 2021 Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$1,181.04)*
**Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



- ♦ Sympathies to the family of Stan Bobbitt, who passed away on May 12 in Goshen. Stan and his wife, Joan (who passed away in 1996), were longtime members of Hazelwood before moving to be near family.



In the following passage, Frederick Buechner describes Fire from [Beyond Words](#):

“Fire has no shape or substance. You can't taste it or smell it or hear it. You can't touch it except at great risk. You can't weigh it or measure it or examine it with instruments. You can never grasp it in its fullness because it never stands still. Yet there is no mistaking its extraordinary power.

A pillar of fire was what led the children of Israel through the wilderness, and it was from a burning bush that God first spoke to Moses. There were tongues of fire leaping up from the disciples on the day of Pentecost.

In the pages of Scripture, fire is holiness.”

This Sunday, we will celebrate the holiness of that Pentecost moment that happened 50 days after Easter Sunday. Truly, the people gathered were both afraid and amazed by the power that swept through the place where they gathered, and from there a spiritual fire was lighted that moved the earliest Christians to live in the spirit of the Christ they had come to know. Perhaps we, too, will find ourselves swept up in the moment, and God will use it to inspire us to be about God’s work in this world.

Wear something red Sunday and be ready for God to surprise you!

~Rev. Diane



Words on Worship:
“My God is a Rock” Worship Series

On May 30, we will begin a 4-week worship series from Worship Design Studio called "My God Is a Rock." Worshiping with the Psalms as our focal point, this series focuses on the promises of God, whose love and grace are enduring features of our lives. In these days of instant gratification and fleeting interest, the Psalms remind us of the steadfast nature of God, calling each of us who are made in the image of God to be steadfast in our promises. We'll prepare ourselves for a new start with some promises as a church, to work toward fulfilling our missional goals and being a safe haven where all can know the sure foundation of God! If you can't join us in person, you can always watch our services online Sunday morning on Facebook (HazelwoodCC), or after Sunday, on Facebook and YouTube.

HAZELWOOD GARDEN UPDATE

The Hazelwood Community Garden is planted thanks to Team members Don and Cheryll Crose, Shirley Bookout, and Ann Wolfe. Several varieties of tomatoes as well as sweet corn, peppers, onions, and other vegetables are featured this year. Cucumbers will climb the wire contraption Glen Sulanke installed, and the border of marigolds was added by Shirley. This year our Hazelwood Christian Preschool has a plot for planting the flowers children started in their classrooms. Summer sessions will have the opportunity to watch the red and yellow grape tomato plants grow that we put in for them. Before all the produce gets prolific, please notice the paver cross that Jeff Heavilon restored to grandeur.

~Submitted by a Garden Gnome



Don & Cheryll Crose



Ann Wolfe & Shirley Bookout





“We are never more like God than when we give”

~Charles Swindall

DISBURSEMENTS

The following organizations each received money from the Sulanke Trust:

- ♦ Winnie’s Kids, \$1,000
- ♦ Christian Ministries, \$500
- ♦ Habitat for Humanity, \$400
- ♦ Second Harvest Food Bank, \$400
- ♦ Muncie Mission, \$400
- ♦ A Better Way, \$400
- ♦ Children’s Clothing Center of Delaware Co., Inc., \$400
- ♦ YWCA, \$400

WINNIE’S KIDS

On Sunday, May 9, Rev. Diane presented Winnie with a check for \$12,000 for her annual trip to Kenya. Winnie came forward with her thanks and deep appreciation for such a wonderful gift, reminding us of the many ways this helps the kids in Kenya.

The following is a breakdown of the people and organizations who gave money:

Kenya Calendars.	\$ 960.00
PRP Real Estate (Christmas friend of Rev. Jones)	\$ 6,000.00
Red Bud Quilting	\$ 100.00
Farmington Hills Church	\$ 650.00
Hazelwood Church Members	\$ 2,420.00
Sulanke Trust match up to \$1,000	\$ 1,000.00
BSU Friends	\$ 6,034.45
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Grand Total	\$17,164.45

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

“Dear friends,

You have given a spring blessing to someone in need! Thank you! Your gift offers new life to a neighbor who is struggling. The hungry are fed, the homeless find shelter, and those battling addictions are renewed with hope - all because you chose to make a difference for someone you may never meet! Thank you for your heart of compassion for all God’s children.

Grateful for every gift!”

~Frank Baldwin, President/CEO, Muncie Mission

“Dear Hazelwood Christian Church,

We here at YWCA Central Indiana were so honored to receive the \$400 Resident Fund contribution that you made to our organization.

YWCA is on a mission to eliminate racism and empower women. We’ve been at the forefront of the biggest issues of the day for 160 years, and with your support we can continue working to improve the lives of girls and women for years to come.

Thank you for joining us as we endeavor to continue eliminating racism, empowering women, and assisting those without a home to call their own.

Best,”

~WaTasha Barnes Griffin, CEO, YWCA Central Indiana

“Dear Hazelwood,

Your gift of \$400 helps people in East Central Indiana. Your support is strengthening the lives of seniors in our community. May is Older Americans’ month, and donors like you are providing healthy resources to our 16 Senior Safety Net Sites that serve more than 850 older adults each month.

We thank you. You are making a difference.”

~Robby Tompkins, Director of Philanthropy, Second Harvest Food Bank

~Blessings & Gratitude from the Missions & Benevolence Team



June Birthdays

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| 3 | Louise Maley | 18 | Glen Sulanke |
| | Amy Stucky | 19 | Francis Muhiga |
| 4 | Erin Ciscell | 23 | Tiffany Ingles |
| 8 | Toni Carter | | |

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It's hard to believe this school year has come to a close. This has been quite a different year, as you may have guessed. With this pandemic we have faced many challenges and gave constant reassurance to concerned families. To say this past year has been a bit stressful to all of us is probably an understatement.

However, there have also been some really great things that have happened at Hazelwood Preschool. The mandated shutdown from mid-March to July gave our staff and families time to slow down a bit. They were able to spend more time as a family instead of running from one place to another. There was time to have dinner together at the dinner table and to share in their child's day-to-day preschool learning experience as we provided opportunities for virtual learning.

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Preschool News, continued...

Teaching took on a very different look for me and my teaching staff as we set up virtual classrooms in our homes. My experience in grant writing was taken to a whole new level. Weekly, and sometimes daily, grant-writing deadlines were essential to ensure my staff would be able to receive a much-needed paycheck every two weeks. I am so thankful that with God's guidance, putting all the right people and information in my path, we were able to pay each employee the whole time we were off.

As we came back into the physical building there were many decisions to be made as to how we do that safely and still protect our staff and families. Once again, God charted the way and made it possible to re-open our ministry doors.

My goals this year was to love on our staff, children and families as much as possible and to bring the light of Jesus to a dark-feeling world at times. I think with your help, the help of the Preschool Team, and the help of the congregation we have done that to the best of our ability.

In closing, I would like to say thank you to the Preschool Team for their constant support and love for this ministry. Thank you to Hazelwood Church for allowing this ministry for all these decades. I can't even fathom how many lives you have touched over the years by being here! Thank you to Hazelwood staff. A special thank you to Bill Ritchie and Jay Matchett for their weekly work in maintaining our building and property. Thank you to our teaching staff for staying the course in uncharted waters and continuing to make a difference in so many children's lives.

Lastly, thank you to our preschool families for having faith in us to keep you and your children safe, for believing in what we are doing, and for your patience this year with so many changes. We love you!

~Angela Lopez

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| May 21 | May Celebration, 6:30 p.m., 2-3 & 3-4 Classes |
| May 24 | Graduation Practice, 9 a.m., 4-5 Classes |
| | Preschool Graduation, 6:30 p.m., 4-5 Classes |
| May 25 | Teacher Work Day |
| June 1– July 2 | 1st Summer Camp Session |
| July 19 – August 20 | 2nd Summer Camp Session |