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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

August 12 & 26

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



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

July 29, 2021

Pastor
Post

Hello Hazelwood Friends – both those I have met and those yet-to-meet!

I'm so excited to be joining you for the next year as we journey together through this "in-between" time in the life of this congregation. If you haven't had the opportunity to hear my first sermon from this past Sunday, July 25, I strongly encourage you to do so, as I am hopeful it "sets the stage" for our time of ministry together. You can watch

online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LRd3x9RI7LU>. If you do not have time to watch the entire service, the sermon starts at about 37 minutes in and lasts for 15 minutes.

For those of you who might want to know a little more about me personally, I grew up not too far from here, graduating from Mississinewa High School, and attended Ball State for my undergrad degree in Marketing. I have not been in Muncie since I graduated, so really it is like being in a whole new town. I also have an M.Ed from the University of South Carolina, and it is in SC where I met my husband. He is also an ordained minister with standing in the Disciples of Christ, although he was originally ordained as a Southern Baptist, the denomination in which he grew up.

I grew up in a fundamental independent Baptist Church, where my call to ministry was denied because I was female. After teaching middle and elementary school for 17 years, God made a way for me to live into my call through the Disciples of Christ, of which we became a part in 2008 while I was still teaching. I am now in my 10th year of vocational ministry and received my Master of Divinity Degree from Lexington Theological Seminary. It has been quite a journey!

We also have a 25-year-old son who is about to begin his 2nd year in the School of Social Work at the University of Louisville. My permanent home is in Louisville, where my husband and son are, but I do have a rental home here, just about 5 minutes from HCC.

I look forward to getting to know you, and I welcome opportunities to chat with you individually. My office schedule will be varied, and I ask that you please use my cell phone to leave messages instead of the office phone. Text and email are both great for me, too.

*Shalom,
Rev. Pamela*

BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 7/20/21: \$4,760.00
Offerings Received for Week Ending 7/27/21: \$2,201.00
Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$3,330.20
Average Weekly Need: \$4,945.38



Jan.-May 2021 Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$7,195.58)*
**Reflects the amount received UNDER Budget*



- ♦ Julie Thomas is back home after her recent surgery.
- ♦ Bill Moser is recovering from surgery at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The 2021 Nominating Committee has been formed and is ready to start the task of finding candidates among the active participants in the Hazelwood congregation to serve as Officers, Elders, and Deacons to our church. The list of committee members (pending Board approval) are: Shirley Bookout and Glen Sulanke (Co-Chair), Cheryl McCoy, Marcia Miller, and Amy Stucky.

Open nominations will begin September 26 and go through October 10. If you have any questions, or would like to nominate someone from the congregation for a position, you can contact any member of the Nominating Committee.

August Birthdays

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| 3 Judy Van Fleet | 25 Winnie Muhiga |
| 4 George Ingles | 27 Hannah Thomas |
| 14 Woody Wantz | Ron Thomas |
| 21 Nlandu Matuka | 29 Cleo Haney |
| 23 Laura Brant | 31 Suzanne Tucker |
| David Rowe | |

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



COMMUNION UPDATE

Our first “going-forward” communion was on July 25 and was presided over by Rev. Pamela J. Pettyjohn in her inaugural Hazelwood worship service. There are several options being offered so that the fully vaccinated as well as those remaining masked are able to partake in communion:

- some 2-in-1 packets are located immediately outside the sanctuary on the wooden table near the minister's office
- two stations with bread and chalice for intinction are available up front
- two traditional trays are available up front
- a “roving” Deacon with a traditional tray will serve people wanting to remain in their chairs

All of the communion trays include a new feature, a “doubled cup,” with a cup of juice layered on top of another cup with the wafer. For worshipers wanting the experience of going forward for communion but prefer a 2-in-1 packet, some will be available on the traditional trays as well. We continue to provide gluten-free wafers on each tray, separately packaged.

We appreciate the Deacons, Elders, and all involved that help prepare and serve communion.

BUTTERFLY GARDEN UPDATE

Here is the latest picture of the Preschool’s Butterfly Garden. If you look closely, you will see the deep-pink Bee Balm under a long lavender blossom of the Butterfly Bush. The shy Milkweed is in the background. What you don’t see is a **Butterfly**! Preschoolers have visited their Butterfly Garden in hopes of seeing its namesake, but to no avail. So far. The Garden Gnome thinks one is sure to appear sometime soon. Keep on the lookout!



submitted by yours truly,
the Garden Gnome

photo by Glen Sulanke

WE’LL MISS YOU, SALLY!

Our Director of Choirs, Sally Kelley, addressed the congregation this past Sunday, expressing her gratitude for the love and care she has received from the Hazelwood congregation during her time of employment here. She is resigning her position to take another job and to continue work on her doctorate. Thank you, Sally, for all you have contributed to our worship services and to our church life. We’ll miss you!

VOLUNTEER RECEPTIONISTS NEEDED

We are incredibly fortunate to have some great volunteers who take a few hours of their time each week to bravely battle the front lines at the reception desk: Cheryll Crose, Rita Horton, Dick & Marcia Miller, Glen Sulanke, Molly Wantz, Elaine Wulff, and, until recently, Dee Moser. They are the friendly voices you hear answer the phone and the smiling faces you see when you stop by the church. Without them, the day-to-day work of the Hazelwood staff would be much more difficult to accomplish! Many of these fine folks have been at this for years, and each one of them holds a special place in the hearts of the Hazelwood staff for all they do.

There are a couple of open shifts at the reception desk we would love to see filled! If you are free Monday afternoons from 1-4 p.m., or Thursday or Friday mornings from 9 a.m.-noon, please prayerfully consider helping out. If you would like to volunteer, or have any questions about what the receptionists do during their shifts, contact Stefanie in the church office or by email to hccspetty@gmail.com.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Many of you have been asking about when we might bring back Coffee Fellowship. It was a long-held tradition on Sundays after worship, and has been sorely missed. We are happy to say, with a little help from you, Coffee Fellowship can resume soon!

In the past, our different ministry teams took turns hosting Coffee Fellowship. They set up the tables, brought goodies to share, prepared the coffee, and cleaned up afterward. Because many from our congregation are still worshipping with us virtually, and many of our ministry team members serve on multiple ministry teams, we find ourselves realizing that in order to not over-burden a smaller group of people with hosting duties, it is time to form new groups to host Coffee Fellowship.

To that end, we will have a sign-up sheet in Sulanke Commons after worship for the next few weeks. Anyone who is interested in helping with hosting duties is encouraged to sign up. From the list we receive, new teams will be formed. How often we have Coffee Fellowship will depend on the number of teams we are able to form, so we may start with the first Sunday of the month, or perhaps every other Sunday. As more teams can be added to the rotation, we will be able to work our way back to every Sunday, so please prayerfully consider volunteering.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Thanks to all who participated in bringing non-perishable items for Christian Ministries’ Food Pantry. A total of 555 items were donated and included:

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| • 9 Boxes of Cereal | • 104 Rolls of Toilet Tissue |
| • 37 Boxed Meals | • 10 Boxes of Facial Tissue |
| • 24 Boxes of Mac & Cheese | • 2 Packs of Diapers |
| • 30 Pasta/Rice Sides | • 4 Containers of Laundry Soap |
| • 14 Mashed Potato Mixes | • 45 Toothbrushes |
| • 10 Waffle/Pancake Mixes | • 29 Tubes of Toothpaste |
| • 6 Jars of Peanut Butter | • 7 Bottles of Shampoo |
| • 86 Canned Goods | • 10 Sticks of Deodorant |
| • 29 Coffee/Tea Items | • 22 Bars/Bottles of Hand Soap |
| • 27 Misc. Food Items | • 50 Misc. Travel-sized Toiletries |

Monetary donations totaling \$50 were also received, and will be passed directly to Christian Ministries.

Thanks to Dick Miller and Jim Reece for delivering our donations to Christian Ministries on July 28!

HEARTS & HANDS UNITED GIVEAWAY

Saturday, August 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Fairgrounds Memorial Building



This event is for children who live and attend school in Delaware County. Goals are to provide school supplies and a NEW pair of shoes for students who are not able to afford them. Each organization that helps has one size, one gender, ensuring there will be enough shoes in each size to meet the needs of the Back-to-School Distribution on Saturday, August 7.

Hazelwood has been asked to provide 50 NEW pairs of MEN’S SIZE 9 ATHLETIC SHOES. **Bring in your donations no later than Sunday, August 1.** There is a tote in Sulanke Commons for the donated NEW MEN’S SIZE 9 ATHLETIC SHOES. Please remove shoes from boxes, tie laces together, and place in the tote. Thanks!

For more information, contact Shirley Bookout at (765) 744-1207.