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Sunday Schedule: Worship Service, 10 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship, 11:15 a.m.
Children Church School, 10:10 a.m.
Adult Church School, 11:30 a.m.

Hazelwood's Statement of Calling: As members of the body of Christ, we at Hazelwood are called to share God's love by introducing individuals to Christ and nurturing personal spiritual growth for Christ's mission.

Motto: Our **BEST** for Christ



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 23, 2016
July 7, 2016
July 21, 2016

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



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

June 9, 2016

Leading up to Mother's Day, we shared "The Wide Spectrum of Motherhood" by Amy Young (messymiddle.com) in which we were reminded that there are many ways in which women fill the role of Mother, and all deserve to be recognized.

As Father's Day approaches, we look to Amy Young once again as she brings light to the fact that in our church, *in any church*, we will find men who:

- ◆ are faithful husbands and fathers
- ◆ found out years later of children they never knew who were aborted (and they wonder about them today)
- ◆ have regrets in the ways they parented
- ◆ became first-time dads and RADIATE joy like the sun
- ◆ lost children or grandchildren this year and the ache is so profound words are inadequate
- ◆ walk the paths of infertility but are supposed to be "the strong one"
- ◆ aren't providing for their families in ways that they want
- ◆ encouraged their children to be aborted
- ◆ had horrific fathers but are doing the best that they can
- ◆ love fathering and walk honorably in the role
- ◆ are co-parenting and are not able to be with their children as much as they want
- ◆ are estranged from their children both relationally and physically
- ◆ lost their father this year and feel like orphans
- ◆ did not grow up with good fathers and it has impacted their view of God

There will be step-fathers, fathers-in-law, adoptive fathers, biological fathers, foster fathers, spiritual fathers, and mentors. *David had his mighty men and we have mighty, brave men in our midst too!*

So to all the men in our Hazelwood family, regardless of where you may fall in this diverse group, know that we love you, we support you, we pray for you, and we honor you this Father's Day!!

BUDGET UPDATE

Average Weekly Need: \$6,000

Offerings Received for Week Ending 6/1/16: \$4,089

Offerings Received for Week Ending 6/8/16: \$9,382

January-May Offerings Compared to Budget: (\$20,103.14)*

**Those parentheses mean we have received LESS than budgeted*



Everyone has already been so welcoming to me. I've enjoyed the chances I've had to get to know some of you, and many of you have been asking about me.

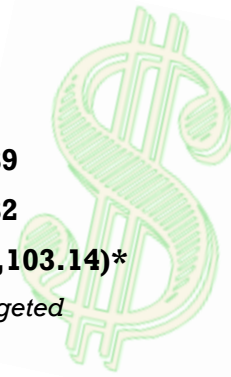
Here's the rundown on who I am:

I grew up in Missouri, in a small town west of St. Louis. I have two sisters, one younger and one older. After going to seminary in Texas and being ordained in 1998, I served in churches in Montana, New York State, and northwest Indiana. I like running and bike-riding, gardening, cooking, and sports. I enjoy Mexican, Italian, and Thai foods. I *really* dislike mayonnaise, vinegar, and pickles. I'm engaged to be married in California in July, and my fiancée, Madeleine, will be joining me here in Muncie in August.

There's so much more to know about me, and I know there's lots to know about you all. I believe good things as a pastor come from developing strong relationships with those in the church. I look forward to getting to know you, hearing your story, and hearing about your journey in faith. I'd like to, over the coming months, have some time to get to know each of you. So maybe we can find a time to visit, or get a meal or coffee together. We have lots of good things to learn about each other, and I look forward to the chance to do so.

Grace & peace,
Rev. Jason Jones

P.S. Thank you for the nice welcome you gave on my first Sunday preaching. I enjoyed the cake and snacks, the welcome basket, and the chance to say hello to so many of you.



- ♦ Ron Smith sends his appreciation to his Hazelwood family for their prayers on his behalf over the last several weeks.
- ♦ Sympathies to Rhea Morgan and family on the passing of her grandson, Cody Morgan, on Friday, June 3. A Celebration of Life will be held in Cartwright Hall on Thursday, June 9 from 4-8 p.m.



- ♦ Congratulations to Rachel, Jarrod, and Ally Smith on the arrival of Drew Thomas Smith on Friday, June 3! Drew is welcomed by grandma Julie and Grandpa Ron, as well as Aunt Hannah and Uncle Mark.

KEEPING OUR KIDS SAFE

Part of having a preschool as highly-ranked as we have here at Hazelwood is proven dedication to a high level of safety for all students. That includes keeping them out of rooms like kitchens, where sharp objects and dangerous chemicals are kept. The best way to block the kitchen from even the class escape-artist (you know him, he's that adorable yet precocious little guy who doesn't know the meaning of the word "child-proof" and disappears when you do no more than blink)? A locked door, of course!

So going forward, when preschool or ELC is in session, the kitchen doors in Cartwright Hall will be locked. There will be a key to the kitchen doors on a hook (above the children's reach, but within easy reach of an adult!) to the left of the door for those who need access during the week. We just ask that when you are done in the kitchen, you turn off the lights, lock the doors behind you, and replace the key... easy as that!

As mamma always said, "*an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!*" The hassle of a locked door with a key in your hand is miniscule compared to the potential problem of a child getting into a dangerous situation.

THE NAME GAME

One of the trickiest things about coming to a new church is learning so many new names and faces all at once. To help Rev. Jason with this monumental task, we have made name tags for everyone to wear on Sunday mornings for the next couple of months.

The name tags are located in bins in the Rotunda. We ask that you wear your name tag during worship and coffee fellowship. When you're ready to go home, just place your name tag back in the bin so it will be ready and waiting for you the next week. If you cannot locate your name tag, please see Marianna Gill. Your help is greatly appreciated!



The Youth Summer Missions Trip is fast approaching! We greatly appreciate everyone's generosity in helping us raise funds for this trip, including the opportunity to raise funds through work last summer cleaning up after the flood damage to our church building.

We are less than \$1,700 away from our goal. Donations are still very much welcome! We also have some fundraiser items left: there are a few shirts available for purchase at cost; we also have several discount cards available for purchase or to take and help us sell at your work or club. See Rev. James if you would like to help out.

As we do each year, we are planning a Sunday in August to share our experiences from our Missions Trip with the congregation. Give Kids the World is a wonderful organization known to greatly impact the lives of those it touches and the youth are sure to have great stories to share! Stay tuned for that special Sunday to be announced!

FRIENDS OF HAZELWOOD

The Matuka family is finalizing plans for their upcoming visit to the surviving members of their extended family. They will be leaving for Kinshasa, DR Congo on July 20 and returning August 14.

In January, the Board of Elders decided to establish a special love offering to help offset the cost of this long-awaited trip, and we are still accepting donations. If you would like to contribute to this fund, simply drop your contribution in the offering plate on Sunday morning, or stop by the church office. Please designate your gift on the memo line or on the envelope: FRIENDS OF HAZELWOOD.

Don't forget the most basic (yet very important) way we can all support the Matukas during their final preparations as well as during their travels: **prayer!**

*"For He will command His angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways."*

Psalms 91:11

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM SUNDAY

This year, we will celebrate our Religious Freedom Sunday on July 3. We will have our worship service outdoors at 10 a.m. Chairs will be set up in front of the Sanctuary steps, but you are invited to bring your own comfy chairs or a blanket if you prefer. Be sure to wear comfortable clothing, and you might want to bring some bug spray to ward off any pesky invaders!

After the service, we will have a fellowship picnic. You bring your lunch and the church will provide drinks as well as ice cream and toppings! It doesn't get much better than that on a summer afternoon!

If the weather does not cooperate (we are all too familiar with good-old Indiana weather!), the service will be held in the Sanctuary, followed by an indoor picnic in Cartwright Hall. We will be keeping an eye on the forecast and updating the website as to the location of the service.

Let's pray for great weather, and we'll see you on July 3 at 10 a.m.!

Preschool News



VCP (Voluntary Certification Process)

I am very pleased to inform you that our Hazelwood Christian Preschool is now, *officially*, a VCP certified preschool! This is an extremely exciting step to me and our staff of teachers as we once again show our dedication to excellence in preschool education. This is a step that will open doors to great things, both for Hazelwood Preschool and our students!

God continues to bless us with His presence and sense of direction, and I feel so blessed to be a part of such a great school!

I would like to thank some very important people for helping the preschool as we have been working towards this goal for several months: the teachers, Hazelwood staff, Preschool Team, and Hazelwood congregation. Your hard work and dedication to our preschool is vital to what we do. Without your cooperation and support, we would not be able to provide our children such a loving, God-centered start to their education.

What we do shapes the lives of these children and helps mold them into the wonderful people they will become! It takes a village to raise a child, and we are so blessed to be a part of that village. What an amazing responsibility we have!!

~Angie Lopez, Preschool Director

Looking Ahead

May 31 - July 1	1st Summer Camp Session
July 2 - July 15	Summer Break
July 18 - Aug. 19	2nd Summer Camp Session
Aug. 22	Teacher Work Day
Aug. 24	Orientation: 4-5 & 2-3 Year Old Classes
Aug. 25	Orientation: 3-4 Year Old Classes



VBS 2016

JULY 11-15, 6-8:30 P.M.

We will “Catch the Wave of God’s Amazing Love” in this summer’s VBS theme: Surf Shack by Cokesbury. This adventure will teach our kids how God creates, helps, loves, calms, and sends them to share His good news.

We can use your help in making this adventure happen! Here are a few of the needs we have:

Leaders:

Crafts Leader
Snack/Meal Leader

Items:

Sun Catcher Paints/Pens
Crab Headband Craft Kits
Plain, White Foam Sun-Visors
Mini Sea Shell Bracelet Kits
Meal & Snack Supplies

Decorations for our Beach Theme:

Kayaks, oars, beach towels, beach balls, flip-flops, etc.

(all items used for decoration will be returned to their owner afterwards)

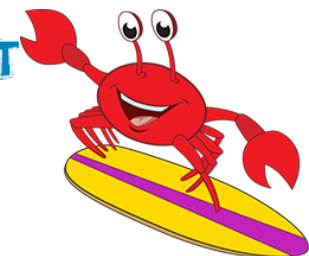
We can also use some help with promoting this great event! In the church office, we have fliers and posters you can pick up to post where you live, work, exercise, and shop to spread word throughout our community about this amazing event.

The youth would also like to extend an invitation to any who would like to help canvas the local neighborhood and promote VBS on Saturday, July 9 from 10 a.m. until Noon. Afterwards, we will enjoy lunch and decorate the Sanctuary with the Surf Shack theme.

Please contact Rev. James or Mariangella Glaze if you would like to help out!



**REMEMBER THAT
THE LORD IS
GREAT AND
AWESOME!!**





NOTES OF APPRECIATION

A Better Way:

“Dear Hazelwood Christian, A Better Way is very grateful for your donation of \$300. Your strong commitment to helping hurting victims of sexual assault and domestic violence is very encouraging. Thank you for partnering with us to bring comfort and compassion to people who have been physically and emotionally abused. Peace to you,”

~Keith Doudt

Whitely Community Council:

“Thank you for your generous gift of \$300 for the Whitely Community Council Neighborhood Association. Your donation will assist us to help others help themselves. 2016 is the “Year of Color” in Whitely and we have some exciting changes to share with the city. Please visit us soon to see how your donations are making a difference.

Thank you again for your continued support. You can be kept updated through the Whitely Community Council website: www.whitelycc.org. Sincerely yours,”

~Frank Scott, WCC President

Navigators:

“Dear friends, thank you for your commitment to the Navigators ministry. Your gift allows our staff to share Christ and His Word in exciting ways. Because of your investment in our ministry, hearts are turning to Jesus. Thank you for your partnership. In Him,”

~Doug Nuenke, U.S. President, The Navigators

(Missions Update: Notes of Appreciation Continued)

Habitat for Humanity:

“Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$300 to Muncie Habitat for Humanity. Your gift will help families in Muncie and Delaware County to revel in living ordinary days. Ordinary days are those a family can enjoy when they have a safe and affordable place to call home.

Since Muncie Habitat’s inception in 1986, nearly 150 families have been served in Muncie and Delaware County. By building, renovating, and helping buy dignified homes, we esteem people and create family legacies of homeownership.

Thank you for allowing your ordinary contribution to create something extraordinary! With gratitude,”

~Lindsey Arthur, Chief Executive Officer

CHRISTMAS IN JULY



Christmas in July is back! Each Sunday in July we will be collecting non-perishable items for Christian Ministries Food Pantry. Please bring items to be placed under the Christmas Tree in the Rotunda. Items needed include:

Boxed Pasta Dinners
Hamburger Helper
Tuna Helper
Cereal
Peanut Butter
Macaroni & Cheese

Toilet Tissue
Shampoo
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Bath Soap
Diapers

Thank you for your generosity!

~Blessings to all, Missions & Benevolence Team



June 12-18, 2016

- SUNDAY**
- Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
 - Missions Trip Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Chi Rho Room
 - 50th Wedding Anniversary Open House for John & Carolyn Starnes, 4-6 p.m., Cartwright Hall
- TUESDAY**
- Praise Band Rehearsal, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
- WEDNESDAY**
- TB Board Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Library
 - No Bell or Vocal Choir Rehearsal
- THURSDAY**
- Worship Team, 7 p.m.
- FRIDAY**
- Men's Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall (Host: Bill Wakeland)

June 19-25, 2016

- SUNDAY**
- Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
- TUESDAY**
- Trustees, 5:30 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY**
- No Bell or Vocal Choir Rehearsal
 - Neighborhood Association, 7 p.m.
- THURSDAY**
- Hazelwood Youth and Sponsors Depart for Florida!

All events held at Sulanke Fellowship House, unless otherwise noted.



Looking Ahead...

June 23-28, 2016

Hazelwood Youth Missions Trip

July 3, 2016

Freedom Sunday, Outdoor Worship Service & Fellowship Picnic

**If the weather doesn't cooperate, the service will be in the Sanctuary and the picnic will be in Cartwright Hall*

July 11-15, 2016

Surf Shack VBS, 6-8:30 p.m.

Registration forms available now!!

STEWARDS OF CHILDREN AT HAZELWOOD

Hazelwood Christian Church is offering a "Stewards of Children" workshop on Thursday, August 4 in Cartwright Hall at 7 p.m. The two-hour event is for awareness and training to prevent the sexual abuse of children. A 30-minute DVD will be shown, followed by discussion with facilitator Annie Cunningham. The workshop materials and fees are covered by a grant, so there is no cost to participants!

This event may be of particular interest to parents, school employees, nurses, child psychologists... pretty much anyone who interacts with children on a daily basis! All are welcome to take part. Hazelwood Sunday school teachers, youth group sponsors, children's choir director, nursery attendants, and preschool staff are all encouraged to attend.

If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office at (765) 282-5969.





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VBS 2016

1400 W University Ave
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Monday, July 11 through
Friday, July 15
6:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION FORM

(one per child)

Please complete both sides

Child's Name: _____

Child's Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Child's Gender: ____ Grade Completed: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, ST, ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____

Parent/Caregiver's cell phone: _____

Home Email Address: _____

Home Church: _____

Child's Allergies: _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to Child: _____

Person Responsible for picking up your child:

Phone: _____

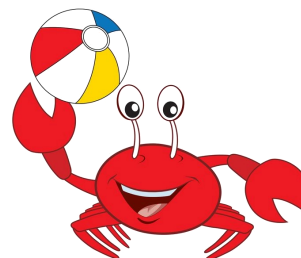
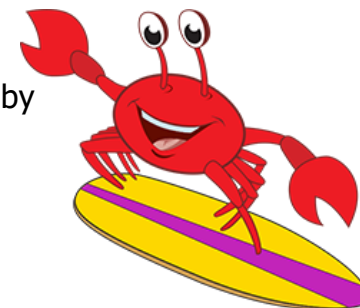
Relationship to Child: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____

I give permission for my child's photo to be used by Hazelwood for promotional use, including but not limited to Facebook, website, Twitter, church newsletters, and church slide shows.

Yes: _____ No: _____

Please complete and return to the church office by June 27, 2016, so we can make sure there are enough food and supplies available. Additional forms may be printed from our church website, www.hazelwoodchurch.org.



The cost is \$10.00 for the first child, \$5.00 for each additional child, with a family max of \$20.00. This is due at time of registration. This includes a meal each night, a VBS tee-shirt, Arts-n-Crafts, and other take home items.

For church use only:

Crew Number or Name: _____

Crew Leader's Name: _____