

THE EVANGEL – FEBRUARY 2017

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

To the believers of Ainsworth and Crawfordsville,
Our topic since Advent has been prayer.

- Have you felt the power of God in prayer?
- Have you seen him answer your prayers?
- Is prayer our first go to when we are faced with an issue or problem?
- Do we feel different or disconnected without regular prayer time?
- Are we willing and able to pray with others?



If we answer “no” to any of these let us agree we have room to grow. Join me as we continue to let the love and life of Jesus Christ guide us and help us in our prayer life. This February let us lead our families, communities, and friends in a prayer life that is something more!

James 5:16. Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

Your Servant,

Pastor Jason Collier

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE FOR FEBRUARY

February 5	Raising the Widow's Son 5 th Sunday after Epiphany	Luke 7:1-17; (<i>Psalm 119:105-107</i>) Healing the centurion's slave by a word and raising the widow's son at Nain.
February 12	Are You the One? 6 th Sunday after Epiphany	Luke 7:18-35; (<i>Psalm 146:5-10</i>) Tell John what you see and hear. 
February 19	Forgiven at Jesus' Feet 7 th Sunday after Epiphany	Luke 7:35-50 (<i>Psalm 130:3-6</i>) Woman weeps at Jesus' feet and is forgiven.
February 26	Transfiguration Transfiguration of Our Lord 8 th Sunday after Epiphany	Luke 9:28-45 (<i>Psalm 36:5-10 or 36:9</i>) Transfiguration, healing a boy with a demon, passion prediction.
March 1	Jesus Turns to Jerusalem Ash Wednesday	Luke 9:51-62 (<i>Psalm 5:7-8 or 5:8</i>) Jesus starts for Jerusalem, rejected in Samaria, Don't put your hand to the plow and turn back.
March 5	Good Samaritan First Sunday in Lent	Luke 10:25-42 (<i>Psalm 15 or 15:1</i>) Parable of the Good Samaritan

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

CHRIST IS ALIVE YOUTH GROUP

In January, our student ministries took a ski trip to Snowstar Ski Resort in Andalusia, Illinois. No one broke ANYTHING, and a great time was had by all! Thank you to Jessica Diers for being an amazing adult leader for this event!!

Students formed a Youth Council which will lead the group in planning events and membership. We are so blessed to have a group FULL of leaders in our student ministry! Thank you Carson Bean, Nadiyah Brown, Sierra Gillis and Areil Mills for stepping into the council and Erin Mills, Shalyn Kirk and Joseph Collier for filling the roles of coordinators.

The furnishing of the Youth Room in the LOFT at Ainsworth church has BEGUN! Students are making this area their home! If you have any bean bags you would like to donate, we will gladly take them. Drop off at either the Crawfordsville Youth Room or Ainsworth North Church Sanctuary.

February 5th will be the CIA Super Bowl Party. If you are a student 6-12th grade and would like to attend, please RSVP to AmySara before February 2nd at 5pm by calling or texting [319-591-0745](tel:319-591-0745).

We are seeking Adult Volunteers for youth group meetings – Sundays from 4:30-6 PM in Crawfordsville for February, Ainsworth for March, between the two churches in April. You can either prepare the meal OR hang out with students. We love to have adults join us! Contact AmySara at [319-591-0745](tel:319-591-0745) to sign up!

NO YOUTH GROUP OR CONFIRMATION ON FEBRUARY 5TH OR 12TH.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

DON'T FORGET BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS FROM 6-7:30 PM AT THE AINSWORTH COMMUNITY CHURCH NORTH CHURCH LOFT!!!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The Sisters group has decided to discontinue their weekly meetings and will be meeting spontaneously as well as planning a retreat for late summer. See the Facebook group for more information in the future.

CRAWFORDSVILLE LIONS PANCAKE SUPPER



The Crawfordsville Lions Club is sponsoring a Pancake Supper on Saturday, February 18 at the Crawfordsville Elementary School. Serving will be from 4-7 PM Cost: Advance tickets are \$7; at the door \$8; Children 12 and under \$5; Preschool free. Proceeds will go towards a WACO High School Scholarship Fund.

KIDS' CLUB

Kids' Club is meeting at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays at the North Church. The final meeting of the spring session will be held Wednesday, March 8th. Some very special plans are in the works. Youth will not want to miss it!!



BLOOD DRIVE – FEB. 20, 2:30-7:30 PM



The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center in conjunction with the Ainsworth Sacha Club will hold a blood drive on Monday, February 20th from 2:30-7:30 PM. You must be 17 years of age to donate or 16 years with a signed consent form from your parents. You must be at least 110 pounds and in good health the day of the donations. You need to eat a full meal within 4 hours of donating, avoiding fried, fatty foods and whole dairy products. For more information, call Kathi Bean at 319-657-2387 or 319-461-1339.

“SON” SEEKERS RESUMES FEB. 21

“Son” Seekers resumes Tuesday, February 21 at 7 PM. This group is for those who have participated in the Walk to Emmaus.

February 21 - Linda McNeil
March 7 - Oscar & Wynne Steele
March 21- Gene and Pat Miller



JOURNEY WITH CHRIST: EMMAUS/CHRYSLIS



Emmaus is a 3 day experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation for adults. The next ‘Walk to Emmaus’ will be held at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. **Men’s Walk #173: February 23-26, 2017; Women’s Walk #174: March 9-12, 2017;**

Chrysalis is a 3 day experience for teens 10th grade through college sophomore. It’s an opportunity to meet Christ in a new way as God’s grace and love is revealed through other believers. **Flight, #47: March 24-26 at the Wesley United Methodist Church, Vinton, IA.** Please let Amysara, Jan, or Pastor Jason know if you wish to participate in these events.



ASH WEDNESDAY: PANCAKES & WORSHIP



Ash Wednesday is March 1. **Everyone** (all Kids’ Club participants and families, ACC, and UCC Church Family) is invited to the ACC Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM for a pancake supper. At 7 PM, everyone is invited to the ACC Sanctuary for the Ash Wednesday Worship service conducted by Pastor Jason. We usually adjourn by 7:30 PM.

SALVATION ARMY KETTLE REPORT

Jim Stiles wishes to thank everyone who helped with the 2016 Salvation Army Bell Ringing campaign. We helped raise \$15,838. That’s \$2000 more than last year! The gift of your time will help those less fortunate in our community this upcoming year. **THANK YOU** to those participating/donating.



NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR; WDOP- MARCH 2



The Ainsworth Community Church will host the United Church of Crawfordsville Women for this year's World Day of Prayer on THURSDAY, March 2. Everyone is welcome to begin the event by joining ACC at their Neighbor to Neighbor brunch beginning at 10:30 AM in the ACC Fellowship Hall. During Neighbor to Neighbor, a brunch is served and there is time to meet and visit with your neighbors. The Neighbor event will adjourn at Noon. The Word Day of Prayer program will BEGIN at Noon in the ACC Fellowship Hall. The 2017 theme is, "Am I Being Unfair to You?" The materials have been prepared by the women of the Philippines ALL women AND men are welcome to attend.



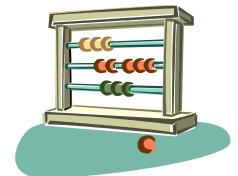
HYMN SING SUNDAY, MARCH 26




Enjoy music? Have a favorite hymn? Ainsworth Community Church invites you to join them on Sunday, March 26 for the traditional "Hymn Sing". Please let Linda McNeil know if you have a talent you would be willing to share that evening – singing, playing a musical instrument – single or in a group; or just come and participate in the sing-along. A special feature of the evening will be music performed by The ACC Puppet Ministry. Light refreshments will be served in the sanctuary starting at 6 PM; Program begins at 6:30 PM.

DECEMBER 2016 & JANUARY '17 ATTENDANCE

Month	Last Year	Present
December	582 (4 Sundays plus Christmas Eve)	312 (only 2 Sundays plus Christmas Eve)
January	348	312



BUDGET REPORT – 12-31-16

	Income	\$8,891.00	Expenses	\$8,759.72
	General Fund	\$14,159.98	Building Fund	\$15,120.10
	Memorial Fund	\$6,593.71	Need/month for budget	\$7603.00

2016 Combined Presbytery and Methodist dues/apportionments: \$10,062.00.

- **We paid our 'bill' to the Presbytery in 2016 (\$3619), but shorted the Iowa Methodist Conference \$2824 from what they requested.**
- **Also of note: We spent \$2,331 more dollars in 2016 than we received and are thus drawing down our limited reserves.**
- **Please do what you can to help your church family meet their financial obligations.**

Thank you, ACC Parish Council and Finance Committee

Thank God for dirty dishes – at least we have food to eat!

PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Officers were elected: Chair – Jenny Yoder; Vice Chair: Wendell Arduser; Secretary: Kristen Anderson. Council Members volunteered to serve as a liaison with the various committees of the church:

Christian Ed. –Rachel Carstensen	Nominating – Open
Worship – Jan Temple	Finance – Wendell Arduser
Property – Clifton Dawley	Mission – Jenny Yoder
Staff/Parish – Wayne Freyenberger	Memorial – Colleen Bean
Membership – Kristen Anderson	



Christian Education – The Christmas program was held during worship on December 11. Kids’ club is resuming January 18 in the North Church. The next Parents Night Out will be February 3. They are working on a time for Karen, Janet, and Linda to work with other committee members to clean out the North Church Kitchen area which is serving as a resource room.

Membership/Nurture – Salvation Army bell ringing at Wal-Mart was cancelled for our second weekend in December because of treacherous weather conditions. The committee plans to meet soon to discuss goals/duties and clarify tasks.



Worship – Worship committee invited UCC to the 2017 Hymn Sing at ACC including performances by the puppet ministry on Sunday, March 26 at 6:30 PM. **Finance** – Colleen is making the transition to the duties of the treasurer with help from Rita.

Property – Brian is working with the vendors involved in the facility update funded through the Foundation. Brian recommends continuing with current snow removal procedure: Jason Anderson clearing sidewalks and Clifton Dawley clearing parking areas. He has a draft of a new sign for in front of the church. Brian is fine with Youth Group taking chairs from the old office and using them in the Loft at the North Church. Pastor Jason shared that he has a sound system in place for the North Church and will work on video options. It was also mentioned that there is a need to replace tables in the classrooms of the North Church and there will be a need for tables and chairs in the sanctuary.

Mission – The North Church is cleared out. They helped about 25 families at Christmas and continue with the monthly food pantry.

SPPRC, Memorial, Nominating – No report.

Old Business:

- North Church is cleared of Garage Sale items except for the 3 wood shelving units.
- New Parish Council Members were ordained January 8, 2017 during worship.

New Business:

- The second Monday of each month at 7 PM will be the stated meeting date for 2017 starting with the March 13 meeting.
- The 3 options for a new sign in front of South Church were reviewed.

FEBRUARY/MARCH (LENT) WORSHIP HELPERS

	Ushers	Greeters	Candles	Snacks	AV
Feb. 5	Joe Skubal, Rob Yoder	Carol Bean Jan Temple	Shalyn Kirk	Judy Skubal, Jenny Yoder	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
12	Jim Hansen, Wendell Arduser	Oscar & Wynne Steele	Lexi Collier	Wynne Steele Penny McCreedy	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
19	Jason Anderson Dennis Bean	Joe & Judy Skubal	Jacob Hartzler	Jan Temple Laura Temple	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
26	Myron Rees Dale Holmes	Steve & Rita Anderson	Ellie Anderson	Karen Megchelsen Pat Jenkins	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
Mar. 5	Neal Megchelsen Clifton Dawley	Ruth Miller, Angie Ornduff	Kate Hartzler	Janet Rees, Molly Hartzler	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier



Note: Starting on March 5 and throughout Lent, the Worship Committee will also need volunteers for:

- **Children's Sermon,**
- **Liturgist;**
- **and Special Music**

Please say 'yes' to this opportunity.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS/*ANNIVERSARIES

1) George Lord, Robert McCreedy; 5) Rhonda Morrison; 6) Jim Hansen; 9) Halle Hazelett; 11) Jan Temple; 13) Christine Sands; 14) Gabrielle Dawley, Stan McCreedy, *Kurt & Dawn Stewart; *Herb Yoder & Dorothy Koehler; 16) *Jason & Kristen Anderson; 17) Kerra Longbine; 18) Elaine Nicholson; 19) Bruce Temple; 21) Michael Castillo; 22) George Colthurst; Hannah Mae Hartzler; 24) Dwight Miller; 26) Molly Koehler; 27) Adam Rees.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Joys: We are grateful to have Oscar Steele and Penny McCreedy back on the "getting healthier" list. Marg Colthurst is gradually getting stronger.

Concerns: Healing thoughts to Ron Hazen, Jim Thompson, Kevin Chalupa, and others recovering from recent surgery; those who are learning of their own illness or of a loved one. Prayers of sympathy are extended to the Steve Anderson Family upon the loss of Steve's father as well as others who are adjusting to the

loss of a loved one. Prayers of patience and strength are requested for those experiencing challenges in their work and personal life.

Serving Our Country: We say "Thank You!" to members and their families serving our country.

***The Prayers of "Christian Friends" Can Be
A "Powerful Healing Force".***

FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Recurring Weekly Events:

- **Sunday**, Worship, 10:30 AM
- **Monday thru Friday**, 5-6 AM: Fitness Walking at South Church – Men and Women welcome.
- **Tuesdays**: Pastor Office Hours at ACC: 1-3, (Not February 14); Jan at North Church, 2-4 PM
- **Wednesdays**: Youth Bible Study, North Church Loft, 6 PM; Kids' Club, North Church, 6:30-7:30 PM; Ladies Fitness, South Church 6:30 PM (NO meeting Feb. 8 and 15)
- **Thursdays**: Jan at North Church, 2-4 PM; TKD, North Church, Sanctuary, 6 PM

Thursday, February 2: Christian Ed., Worship, Membership/Nurture Committees meet – Chairs only, 6:30 PM, North Church

Friday, February 3: Parent's Night Out, Fellowship Hall, 6:30-8:30 PM; MUST Call Ann: 319-201-9684

Sunday, February 5: CIA Love BOWL, 4 PM; NO Youth Group; NO Confirmation Cass

Wednesday, February 8: Pastor Jason on vacation through Feb. 15; ACC Food Pantry, 1:30-3 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall Food Pantry, South Church

Friday, February 10: Breakfast Club at UCC, 9 AM

Sunday, February 12: Pulpit Supply – Ilene Schnicker; Highlanders 4-H Club Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 4:30-6:30 PM; NO Youth Group; NO Confirmation Class

Thursday, February 16: Parish Council, 7 PM, North Church, Lower Level

Saturday, February 18: Lions Pancake Supper, 4-7 PM, Crawfordsville Elementary

Sunday, February 19: Youth Group, 4:30 PM; Confirmation Class, 6 PM

Monday, February 20: Sacha Club hosted Blood Drive, 2-7 PM, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 21: "Card" Club, 5 PM, Fellowship Hall; "Son" Seekers, Linda McNeil, 7 PM

Friday, February 24: Breakfast Club at UCC, 9 AM

Sunday, February 26: CIA at United Church of Crawfordsville, 4 PM; Confirmation at United Church of Crawfordsville 6 PM

Monday, February 27: Sacha Club, Fellowship Hall, 6 PM



EARLY MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, March 1: Ash Wednesday; Pancake Supper, Fellowship Hall, 6:30 PM; Ash Wednesday Worship, ACC Sanctuary, 7 PM (UCC welcome)

Thursday, March 2: Neighbor to Neighbor, 10:30 AM to Noon, Fellowship Hall; World Day of Prayer, Noon to 1:30 PM also in Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 3: Parent's Night Out, 6:30 to 8:30 PM, Fellowship Hall, MUST Call Ann: 319-201-9684

Sunday, March 5: CIA Lent1 – 4 PM, Ainsworth, Confirmation Class, 6 PM, Ainsworth

Tuesday, March 7: "Son" Seekers, Oscar and Wynne Steele, 7 PM

Wednesday, March 8: Food Pantry, 1:30-3 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall Food Pantry, South Church

Sunday, March 12: Daylight Saving Time Begins; CIA Lent2, 4 PM, ACC; Highlanders 4-H Club, 4:30 PM, ACC

Monday, March 13: Ainsworth Parish Council, 7 PM, North Church, Lower Level

Wed., March 15: Staff Meeting, 8:15 AM at UCC for Jason, AmySara, Donna, and Jan

Friday, March 17: Breakfast Club, 9 AM, United Church of Crawfordsville

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WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM; Wednesdays: Youth Bible Study – 6 PM;
Kids' Club 6:30-7:30 PM

GENERAL MINISTRY OF CONGREGATION

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ORGANIST: Linda McNeil; Jenny Yoder (substitute)

CUSTODIANS: Dick & Chris Sieren: 657.2222

TREASURER: Colleen Bean

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Karen Megchelsen, 3206 265th Street,
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MISSION COMMITTEE: Kathi/Brenda: 657.2387; and Ann: 319.330.0348

Ainsworth Community Church is a United Methodist/Presbyterian Church (USA) union congregation, together since 1973. Aligned with United Church of Crawfordsville since April 1, 2013.

We are the community church. We hope you will come and join us in one or more of these activities: Morning Worship Service, Youth Fellowship, Bible Studies, Women's Group, and much more.