

# ***THE EVANGEL – APRIL 2014***

## ***FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK***



Easter greetings,

This week I heard someone say that God's ministry will go on with or without us. Right off the bat I agreed with this. However, the longer I think about it I don't like it. You see, it's important to me that I become the best pot that I can be. Okay, let's back up a little. During our Lenten journey we've been working with a flower pot at the front of the church. While we are claiming that the pot represents Jesus in the way that we are interacting with it, I also feel like once Christ ascended into heaven that He is asking us to be the pot. I have this problem. I want my pot to look beautiful. I want it to have the best soil with excellent nutrients, and I want it to have the right amount of moisture. I want to paint the outside so everyone can see the beautiful intricate designs. I want, I want, I want, I want! Do you see the problem?

Early on all you see is an ugly generic terra-cotta colored piece of inexpensive clay! But if we let God do what's necessary in our lives, if we simply continue to put him first and repent of the wrong that we've done, God will take that pot and allow something that is so exquisitely beautiful to grow. Really, can you imagine that God's love could grow and flourish from our lives? In spite of our lack of understanding and our simple minds, God has given us the ability to love, laugh and live. I truly believe that God wants the most fragrant and beautiful ministry to come from each person. It's just that in our lives we have to quit trying to gussy up the flowerpot. We have to be willing to say we are sorry and be able to bury the rotten and ugly things in our lives by giving them to Christ! All of this, so that from the soil, with so many heartaches and issues, God can create the most beautiful spring arrangement for all to smell, see and enjoy for seasons to come.

May a creating creator continue to show you the beauty that is offered by a God who is passionate about you!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Collier'.

Pastor Jason Collier

## ***THE POWER OF PRAYER***



Please! Help us to help you. Only God is all-knowing. If you would like Jason to visit you or members of the church to include you in their prayers – you need to keep us informed. The prayer chain is activated **ONLY** if you request it. But, know that your church family does care about you and your loved ones. You may call **Pastor Jason's cell 563.343.3390** at any time. Other options: **Church: 319.657.3020** or **Jan's cell 319.330-6175**.

# **COLTHURST SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION: 4/27**



Youth who have been active in the church by attending Sunday school/Kids' Club regularly and being involved in youth group and other church activities are eligible to apply for the Colthurst Scholarship. Write a letter (there is not a form) to the selection committee sharing an overview of your church, school, community, and family activities and responsibilities. Submit the information to the Ainsworth Community Church Office by Sunday, April 27. It may be mailed to: Ainsworth Community Church, PO Box 40, Ainsworth, IA 52201; **OR** given to Jan Temple, **OR** emailed to [AinsworthChurch@gmail.com](mailto:AinsworthChurch@gmail.com) Recipients will be announced during worship on May 4 – Senior Sunday.

## **SENIOR SUNDAY – MAY 4**

Mark your calendar for May 4 as the day we will announce recipients of the Colthurst Scholarship as well as recognize high school and college graduates. Graduates will be acknowledged during worship and honored at a reception following in the Fellowship Hall.



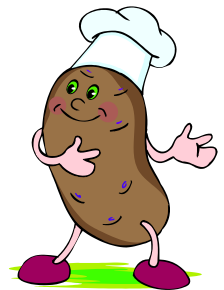
## **THANK YOU!! TO ALL KIDS' CLUB WORKERS**



A big **THANK YOU** to everyone assisting with Kids' Club! It was another wonderful season, thanks to you. Every teacher, helper, parent and participant plays a very important role in this ministry of the church. Please know your efforts are noted AND appreciated.

## **THANK YOU MISSION COMMITTEE & HELPERS**

The ACC Mission Committee had a very busy March! They hosted a very delicious Spud-tacular! AND thank you to all who came and so generously supported the event!! The Mission Committee also processed their first order from the HACAP Food Reservoir in Hiawatha. By working as a partner agency with HACAP, the Committee will be able to eliminate hunger known by families in need in the Ainsworth Area. A big thank you for the following for their help in unloading and storing the order: D. Donald, Darrell Chalupa, Larry Bean, Dave Kaufman, Neal Megchelsen, and Bruce Temple.



## **NEW SOCIAL MEDIA CONTACTS FOR ACC**

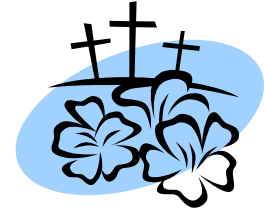
With Pastor Jason's help, ACC is getting up to speed in the social media arena.



- The church email address is: [AinsworthChurch@gmail.com](mailto:AinsworthChurch@gmail.com)
- Our Facebook page: Ainsworth Community Church
- Our developing web page: <http://ainsworthchurch.org>
- Follow us on Twitter: AinsworthCC

## **HOLY WEEK PLANS**

- April 17 - **Maundy Thursday** Service at Ainsworth Community Church from 4 to 7 PM. Worshipers will gather in the Fellowship Hall and be ushered in groups of 12 to the sanctuary for a 20 minute worship experience.
- April 18 - **Good Friday** Service at United Church of Crawfordsville, 7 p.m.;
- April 20 - **Easter Sunrise**: Members of ACC may attend the service of their choice – there will NOT be a Sunrise Service at ACC.
  - United Church of Crawfordsville: 7 AM; Breakfast to follow
  - Washington Presbyterian: 7 AM at Sunset Park with a breakfast to follow at the church;
  - Washington United Methodist Church: 7 AM
- April 20 - **Easter Sunday** worship, 10:30 AM., Ainsworth Community Church.



## **SPRING CLEANING AT ACC**



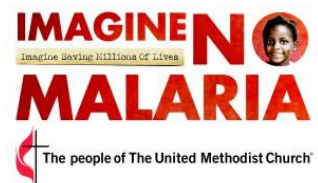
Volunteers are needed for a little deep cleaning and sprucing up at the South Church. We plan to focus on cleaning the refrigerators and a few of the cupboards in the kitchen as well as some storage closets. Some light fixtures and window sills need attention, too. Weather permitting; we need to clean up the yard and bushes. Following are some dates that have been set aside for cleaning. Please let Jan Temple or Linda McNeil know if you could assist on any of these days. Thank you!



Wednesday, April 9 anytime between 9 AM and 4PM  
Monday, April 21 anytime between 9 AM and 4 PM  
Tuesday, April 22 anytime between 9 AM and Noon  
Wednesday, April 23 anytime between 9 AM and 4 PM

## **IMAGINE NO MALARIA – LENTEN OFFERING**

The ACC Youth Group is challenging each of us to dig into our pockets during Lent and contribute **\$1 per day** to be donated to “Imagine No Malaria,” a program to empower the people of Africa to overcome malaria’s burden. Following the Children’s Sermon **each Sunday**, until Easter, the youth of the church will collect your dollars for “Imagine No Malaria”.



## **MEN’S BIBLE STUDY – APRIL 10 & 24**



The Men’s Bible Study Group is currently focusing upon, “Jesus, the Beautiful Outlaw”. They will meet every other Thursday from 7-8 PM. The April 24 meeting will include a light supper so the meeting may run until 8:30. All sessions will be held at the United Church of Crawfordsville.

## **TAE KWON DO – THURSDAY’S 6 PM @ ACC**

The Tae Kwon Do group is going quite well. They will continue to meet on Thursday’s in the Fellowship Hall at ACC from 6-7 PM except for Thursday, April 17 (Maundy Thursday) – there will NOT be a meeting on the 17th. Remember that TKD is a wonderful activity for fitness, stress management, and the teaching of respect and self-discipline. Dress in comfortable clothing and bring the whole family – anyone 6 years of age or older. Cost: Free-will donation to ACC. Instructor: Troy McCarthy.



## **THANK YOU TAMMY KRUSE – HIGH CHAIR**



A big **Thank You** to Tammy Kruse for donating a high chair to the church for use in the Fellowship Hall. With an increasing number of families with young children participating in ACC events, this is greatly appreciated. Thank you, Tammy!

## **LAITY DAY WITH BISHOP TRIMBLE**

Laity Day with Bishop Trimble is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, 2014, from 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, 3700 Cottage Grove Avenue, Des Moines. In the Southeast District, the simulcast will be at the Washington United Methodist Church, 206 West 2nd Street, Washington. For further information, please contact Marilyn Lancaster, our District Lay Leader, at (319) 754-7391. A \$10.00 registration fee includes lunch. Register online at <http://nc.iaumc.org/laityday>.



## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**




**Joys:** Our risen Savior! Loving families; Babies; Grandchildren; and Great grandchildren. The arrival of Spring.

**Concerns:** Those anticipating or recovering from surgery; those experiencing challenges in their work and personal life.

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

## **BUDGET REPORT – 2-28-14**

	Income	\$4,809.20	Expenses	\$6,262.19
	General Fund	\$12,604.36	Building Fund	\$4,958.01
	Memorial Fund	\$9,194.11	Need/month for budget	\$6,923.42

2014 Combined Presbytery and Methodist dues/apportionments: \$12,299.42

## **PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

An overview of some reports and issues discussed at the March meeting.



**Pastor** shared that he made 15 visits in home or nursing; 3 hospital visits for ACC and one funeral for ACC. He attended a one day “Orders and Fellowship” conference. He is working with the “Dream Team” to plan some special worship services for the Lenten season, Mother’s and Father’s Day.

**Committee Reports: Christian Education** – Kid’s Club concluded for the Spring. **Membership** – Terry Anding was reinstated on March 2, 2014. **Worship** – It was decided NOT to offer an Easter Sunrise worship at ACC. Instead, information about other churches services should be shared with ACC members. Tammy Kruse donated a high chair to the church for use in the Fellowship Hall.

**Property** – The new furnace was installed at the parsonage. Repair is needed to the parsonage kitchen faucet. The committee is working to find and repair the cause of 10,000 gallons of water being used at the South Church during the past two months – ‘normal’ is about 2000 gallons each month. **Mission** – The Mission Committee will hold the Spud-tacular and pick up its first order with HACAP in March. **Memorial** – There is a suggestion to spend some Memorial Money for a new LCD projector for the sanctuary with the goal being improved daylight quality. Jan and Jason will investigate some options. **Old Business:** TKD classes are being held with good participation. **New Business:** The Worship Committee is requesting the Parish Council and Property committee investigate the following changes to the sanctuary: 1) Finish the sound booth by painting/staining; fixing steps; 2) Consider adding a restroom to the sanctuary level of the South Church; 3) Add or refurbish storage area for puppet supplies; 4) Add space to post announcements at back of the sanctuary. 5) It was also mentioned that we may wish to add a ‘crying room’ at the back of the sanctuary.

**Other:** Jason is to investigate financial software for the church. Jan is to send out a sign-up to PC for assisting with Communion and devotions prior to each PC meeting. Next meeting – March 20 at 7 PM.

## **UCC SPRING RUMMAGE SALE – APRIL 24-26**



Thursday, April 24 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM  
Friday, April 25 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM  
Saturday, April 26 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
**FREE WILL DONATION**

# **LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE FOR APRIL 2014**

## **APRIL 6 (5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT)**

Ezekiel 37:1-14  
 Psalm 130  
 Romans 8:6-11  
 John 11:1-45



## **APRIL 20 (EASTER DAY)**

Acts 10:34-43  
 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
 Colossians 3:1-4  
 John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

## **APRIL 13 (PALM SUNDAY – 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT)**

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
 Psalm 31:9-16  
 Philippians 2:5-11  
 Matthew 26:14-27:66

## **APRIL 27 (2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER)**

Acts 2:14a, 22-32  
 Psalm 16  
 1 Peter 1:3-9  
 John 20:19-31

# **APRIL BIRTHDAYS/\*ANNIVERSARIES**



2) Jill Thoman; 5) Dorothy Stout, Derek Stewart; 6) \*Larry & Kathy Bean; 8) Maggie Rees; 9) Don Powers; 10) Carson Bean, \*Gary & Nancy Stewart; 11) Megan Edgar, Jacob Hartzler; 13) \*Rich & Lois Riggan; 15) Jim Wilson; 16) Allison Barnes; 18) Gracyn Bean, Dave Skubal; 20) Rachel Megchelsen; 21) Kate Hartzler; 22) Ed Shatzer; 23) Linda Wenger; 25) Rosemary Harris, Marissa Chalupa; Brian Koehler, \*Eric & Deb Stewart; 26) Josh Sands; 28) Georgina White; 30) Bernice Darby, Pat Jenkins, Joe Skubal



# **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – APRIL 2014**

	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Candles</b>	<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>Refreshments</b>	<b>AV</b>
<b>Apr 6</b>	Dale Holmes Bill Wilson	Brian & Colleen Bean	Ellie Anderson	Bailey Anderson	Liz Kaufman, Wynne Steele	Dan Klinzman
<b>13</b>	Neal Megchelsen, Oscar Steele	Wilma & Darrell Chalupa	Gabby Dawley	Jan Temple	Jan Temple, Laura Tempe	Laura Temple
<b>20</b>	Dan Klinzman, Bob Frame	Betty & Jerry Bean	Gracyn Anderson	Wynne Steele	Sherri Hazen, Chris Sieren	Jan Temple
<b>27</b>	Colton Bean, Dennis Bean	Ruth Miller, Angie Ornduff	Kate Hartzler	Betty Bean	Marcia Wilson, Betty Bean	Nick Yoder
<b>May 4</b>	Myron Rees, Jim Hanson	Larry & Kathi Bean	Molly Klinzman	Jan Temple	Judy Skubal & Jenny Yoder	Laura Temple

# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS – APRIL 2014**



**Sunday, March 30:** One Great Hour of Sharing Offering  
**Tuesday, April 1:** “Son” Seekers, 7 PM, Oscar and Wynne Steele  
**Thursday, April 3:** TKD, 6-7 PM ACC Fellowship Hall  
**Thursday to Sunday, April 3-6:** Women’s Walk to Emmaus, Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca  
**Sunday, April 6:** Communion, Youth Group, 3 PM ACC; Confirmation, 6 PM UCC  
**Monday, April 7:** Young Adult Volleyball, WACO School Gym, 6:30-8 PM  
**Wednesday, April 9:** Jukebox Jubilee and Meal (4/12/14) ticket deadline  
**Thursday, April 10:** ACCW, Fellowship Hall, 1:30 PM; TKD, 6-7 PM ACC Fellowship Hall; Men’s Bible Study, 7-8 PM, UCC  
**Saturday, April 12:** Laity Day with Bishop Trimble, 9:30 AM to 3 PM, Washington UMC; Jukebox Jubilee and Meal, Ainsworth Opera House, 5:30 PM; FMI: Sherrie Hazen-Hanson, Ph.: 319-657-3782; [sherrie@iowatelecom.net](mailto:sherrie@iowatelecom.net)  
**Sunday, April 13:** Palm Sunday  
**Monday, April 14:** Young Adult Volleyball, WACO School Gym, 6:30-8 PM  
**Tuesday, April 15:** Son Seekers, Gene and Pat Miller, 7 PM  
**Thursday, April 17:** Maundy Thursday Worship hosted by ACC, 4-7 PM; Parish Council, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall  
**Friday, April 18:** Good Friday Worship hosted by UCC, 7 PM  
**Sunday, April 20: Easter Sunday – He is Risen!** ACC Sunday worship – 10:30 AM; Sunrise Services available: UCC – 7 AM, breakfast to follow; Washington UP – 7 AM, Sunset Park, breakfast to follow at church; Washington UMC – TBA.  
**Monday, April 21:** Young Adult Volleyball, WACO School Gym, 6:30-8 PM  
**Thursday, April 24:** TKD, 6-7 PM ACC Fellowship Hall; Men’s Bible Study, 7-8 PM, UCC  
**Thursday April 24 – Saturday, April 26:** – UCC Rummage Sale  
Thursday: 1:00-6:00 PM; Friday: 8:00 AM-6:00 PM; Saturday: 8:00-12:00 noon  
**Monday, April 28:** Young Adult Volleyball, WACO School Gym, 6:30-8 PM  
**Thursday, May 1:** TKD, 6-7 PM ACC Fellowship Hall  
**Sunday, May 4:** Senior Sunday with Colthurst Announcement; Communion, Golden Cross Sunday; Youth Group, 3 PM ACC; Confirmation, 6 PM UCC  
**Monday, May 5:** Young Adult Volleyball, WACO School Gym, 6:30-8 PM  
**Tuesday, May 6:** Son Seekers, Herb Yoder & Dorothy Koehler, 7 PM  
**Thursday, May 8:** TKD, 6-7 PM ACC Fellowship Hall; Men’s Bible Study, 7-8 PM, UCC

## **JUKEBOX JUBILEE & MEAL**



On Saturday, April 12 the Ainsworth Opera House Community Center, located downtown on North Railroad Street will host a Fund-Raiser for the purpose of raising funds to keep the center operating. Be prepared to bring your favorite CD’s – and then dance and sing along. The event begins at 5:30 PM (doors open at 5 PM). Tickets cost \$5 per person and includes meal and entertainment (advance ticket purchase BEFORE Wednesday, April 9 is required; limited seating). Buffet-style meal featuring: Maid-rites, Baked Beans, Chips, Strawberry or Chocolate Shake, Coffee, Water. FMI: Sherrie Hazen Hansen 319-657-3782 or email [sherrie@iowatelecom.net](mailto:sherrie@iowatelecom.net)



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**Change Service Requested**

WORSHIP: Sundays – 10:30 AM  
KIDS' CLUB: Resumes September 2014, Wednesday's 6:30-7:30 PM  
PASTOR: Pastor Jason Collier is always available by phone:  
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Or email: [jwcyouth@gmail.com](mailto:jwcyouth@gmail.com)  
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MISSION COMMITTEE: Kathi: 319-657-2387; Judy: 319-657-2157;  
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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.