

THE EVANGEL – APRIL 2015

WHY MINISTER TO YOUTH?



The world we live in today is overwhelming with all its ills and evils, stressors and dangers. Recall how many times you have secretly thought that you'd like to be anywhere else, just to get away from it all for a moment. Think about all the things you've done wrong today, and imagine how you would handle it if all eyes were on you, judging you, correcting you, assuming that you are not capable of doing things or becoming things because of the way you currently act. That's what a teenager's life is like most days.

Kids these days are smart and responsible and attentive and wise. They are maturing at alarming rates, and are required to make adult choices and actions well before they should. It's not root beer floats and roller skates anymore. It's *Real Life Drama*.

I believe that discipleship has its greatest growth inside of relationship. I believe that people are created by a loving God, for His glory, and that our lives are all interdependent. I believe that God has never meant for us to be separated from Him, and when we are, He is grieved. I believe that He wants us, that He loves us, and that He is available to us. I believe that there are no age requirements to come to God. I believe that God loves teenagers as much as he loves the babies and the elderly.

My passion is to walk alongside students and help them see Jesus in the midst of their journey. To stand with them in their scary stuff; to cheer with them in their victories and successes; and to listen to their dreams. I feel that God wants that for his teenagers. God is so loving, so giving, so passionate about his kids, that he created a story for each of them. My story made me a mess, but God's power made me a Masterpiece. God is still making masterpieces!

I look forward to sharing more about youth ministry and my story in the future!

Do Love Walk!

Amy Sara Richardson

Youth Leader

PASTOR VISITS AND PRAYER LIST

For those who are church family or friends of the church, please let the church know if you would like Pastor Jason to call on you or if you need to be on our prayer list. Unless Pastor Jason hears from you, and you explain it is a special prayer request, he has no way of knowing of your needs. You may call **Pastor Jason's cell 563.343.3390** at any time. You may also leave a message on the **church answering machine: 319-657-3020** or call **Jan's cell 319.330-6175**.



YOUTH LOCK IN



A youth lock-in for students in grades 6-12 has been set for Thursday, April 2 at Ainsworth Community Church Fellowship Hall (South church basement). The doors will open at 8:30 PM **AFTER** the Maundy Thursday service in Crawfordsville. This event ENDS at 9 AM, Friday, April 3rd. All students MUST be OUT of the church by 9 AM. Text or call AmySara Richardson at 319-591-0745 for information or if you want to bring a friend.

COLTHURST SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION: 4/19

Youth who have been active in the church by attending Sunday school/Kids' Club regularly and being involved in youth group, puppet ministry, 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 19**. 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 Recipients will be announced during worship on May 3 – Senior Sunday.



CONFIRMATION AND SENIOR SUNDAY – MAY 3



Mark your calendar for May 3! It will be a blessed and busy day at ACC! We will acknowledge our high school and college graduates; announce recipients of the Colthurst Scholarship; AND celebrate youth being confirmed as new members of the church. The celebration will begin at 10 AM with special treats at the snack table. The honorees will be there to receive your congratulations and welcome wishes.



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!

HOLY WEEK PLANS

- April 2 - **Maundy Thursday** Service with communion at United Church of Crawfordsville beginning at 7 PM;
- April 3 - **Good Friday** Service at Ainsworth Community Church, 7 PM;
- April 5 - **Easter Sunrise**: United Church of Crawfordsville: 7 AM; Breakfast to follow
- April 5 - **Easter Sunday** worship, 10:30 AM., Ainsworth Community Church.



SPRING CLEANING AT ACC

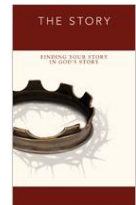


To prepare for Senior Sunday and at least one wedding, it's time to do a bit of spring cleaning! We did some really deep cleaning last year and this year we want to maintain our efforts. That means a quick cleaning of the refrigerators and checking the cupboards in the kitchen. The main thing will be treating the woodwork – it's a "Liquid Gold®" Party! Weather permitting; we need to clean up the yard and bushes. Following are some times that have been set aside for cleaning. Please let Jan Temple or Linda McNeil know if you could assist. Thank you!

Thursday, April 23: 1:30-3 PM; and/or 6:30-8 PM

"THE STORY" ADULT BIBLE STUDY

"The Story" Bible Study group will resume with **Chapter 4 on Sunday, April 12** at 9:15 AM and again on Monday, April 13 at 6:30 PM. All classes are held at the South Church. The classes coincide with the sermon series by the same name that Jason is using 2015-16. We are grateful to the Wynne and Oscar Steele for continuing to provide leadership for the group. Please note that if you miss one of the classes, the DVD material is available through "**rightnow MEDIA**". The church has a paid subscription to this website. Contact the church office if you need access to the site.



PASTOR FRANCIS – POTLUCK AND PROGRAM



Pastor Francis Makoha of Uganda is visiting in Iowa. He will visit UCC on Sunday, April 12 and ACC on Sunday, April 19. There will be a potluck supper at 5:30 PM with a program by Pastor Francis beginning at 6:30 PM. You are welcome to attend one or both weeks depending upon your availability. Following is some background information about Pastor Francis. We do hope you will plan to come and listen to him share the passion and details of his ministry. Pastor Francis was educated in Uganda, and Kenya. In 1998 he was ordained as a pastor by Pentecostal Churches of Uganda. He founded Grace Mission to the Nations in 1997 and co-founded Friends of Uganda Worldwide. He has been a lecturer in New Life Correspondence Bible School Kampala 1992-2004. He was trained in children policy in 2007; ordained as a minister of the Gospel – Grace Missions; awarded a certificate by the Anglican Church of Uganda. From 1988 to 1989 he served as an elder in MBUYA Pentecostal Church. He received a diploma in 2009 for completing a Management Training for Church Leaders Course. He is also a co-founder of Grace Mission Orphan School, Founder God's Mercy Orphanage Primary School.

LOST AND FOUND

A knit scarf was found on the west side of the South Church parking area. Please call 657-3020 or 319-330-6175 to claim it. Thank you!



UCC SPRING RUMMAGE SALE – APRIL 16-18



Thursday, April 16, 8 AM – 6 PM
 Friday, April 17, 8 AM – 6 PM
 Saturday, April 18, 8 AM – Noon
FREE WILL DONATION

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – APRIL 23

The Men's Bible Study Group will NOT meet on April 3 as that is Maundy Thursday. The group WILL meet on Thursday, April 23 at 7 PM in the United Church of Crawfordsville.



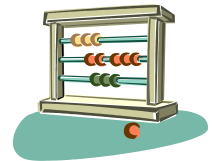
FAITH SHARING: TELLING YOUR STORY



Join with others on Saturday, April 25 from 9 AM to Noon at the First United Methodist Church in Mt. Pleasant (309 North Main St.). We all have a story to share – a message of H.O.P.E. (Hospitality, Opportunity, Purpose, Engagement) that will transform the world – but only if the message is shared. During the workshop, you will receive natural and effective methodologies in the art of faith-sharing. NOTE: Funding to sponsor this workshop is provided from apportionment gifts from UMC throughout Iowa. Jodi Cataldo will facilitate the workshop that is sponsored by the Southeast District Connectional Ministries Council (DCMC).

FEBRUARY AND MARCH ATTENDANCE

Month	2014	2015
February	282	308
March	333	314 (Only 4 of the 5 Sundays)




PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Joys: Our risen Savior! The birth of Asa Lee Andrew Ballard, son of Andrea and Ian; brother of August. **Concerns:** Karen Arduser who is undergoing surgery April 1; Arlene Sellars undergoing surgery April 9; 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. Contact the church if you are willing to write to Joe Dawley (son of Juanita and Clifton Dawley).

BUDGET REPORT – 2-28-15

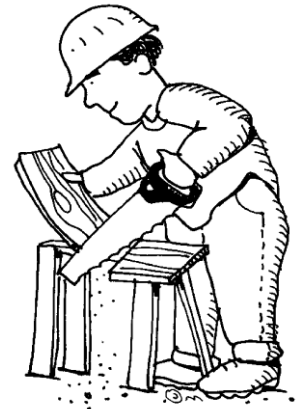
	Income	\$5,203.75	Expenses	\$6,714.53
	General Fund	\$9,835.18	Building Fund	\$10,294.94
	Memorial Fund	\$4,757.78	Need/month for budget	\$7025.00

2015 Combined Presbytery and Methodist dues/apportionments: \$11,329.82

PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



An overview of some reports and issues discussed at the March meeting. **Pastor** shared that for ACC he made 2 visits in home or nursing; 2 'other' counseling, 1 pre-marital counseling; and assisted with a funeral. He also conducted 4 worship services; attended 5 business meetings, 2 public meetings, and made 3 trips to Marshalltown to assist with Emmaus. He has arranged for Pastor Frances to share with each congregation in April. (See details elsewhere in this newsletter.) AmySara shared that Youth Group is off to a great start. Be sure to check the Youth Group Facebook Page to learn more about their many activities. **Christian Education** – Kids' Club has concluded for the Spring 2015 Session. Kingdom Klowns presented the final class. The plan is to hold VBS every Sunday in June from 4-5:30 PM. **Membership** – Jan contacted "Upper Room" and reduced the number of regular print copies by 10 so we will now receive 10 large print and 65 regular print copies. **Worship** – A Dream Team from ACC has been meeting with Jason and UCC Dream Team to make plans for Lenten worship. The Story Bible study will resume on April 12 with Chapter 4. **Finance** – No report. **Property** – Brian completed the walls inside and outside of the sound booth in addition to raising the height of the desk top. As time permits, new floor covering in the sound booth will be installed. We could also use some additional shelves in the table/chair storage room and the closet under the stairs of the South Church. Bob Lynde is willing to work on this with Brian. Liz suggested they also work together on modifying the cornice board at the altar, removing the scalloped edge and adding crown molding. Since this may take some time, we may hold until after Easter to begin. **Mission** – Kathi and Judy attended the "9 Who Care" banquet and received the \$500 award for the Mission Committee. **Memorial** – No report. **Nominating** – No report. **Old Business**: The proposed worship schedule for Lent has UCC always hosting Maundy Thursday and Sunrise Service; ACC would always host Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The Hymn Sing would continue to rotate – UCC in odd years; ACC in even years. Approved. **New Business**: The April 25 meeting in Mt. Pleasant is the weekend of Prom at Highland and thus will be a conflict for many. Jan reported that she and Penny McCreedy are looking to revamp the prayer chain and shift as many



Prayer Chain



as possible to the email list. Jan also shared that she plans to include all adults from Parish Council in the prayer chain. The next regular meeting will be Thursday, April 9, 2015 in the South Church sanctuary.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS/*ANNIVERSARIES



4) Amy Runge; 5) Dorothy Stout, Derek Stewart; Laurie Morrison; 6) *Larry & Kathy Bean; 8) Maggie Rees; Deb Chalupa; 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 Anderson, Dave Skubal; 20) Rachel Megchelsen; *Dan & Stacy Klinzman; 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

APRIL WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Please note: If you are not able to serve as a worship assistant, ***please find a substitute***. If you would like to be a worship assistant, PLEASE tell Jan!!



Date	Ushers	Greeters	Candles	Snacks	AV	Liturgist	Music	Children's Sermon
Apr 3	Myron Rees Bill Wilson	Oscar & Wynne Steele	None needed	None needed	Dan Klinzman	None Needed	None needed	None Needed
Apr 5	Myron Rees Nick Yoder	Rita & Steve Anderson	Ellie Anderson	Judy Skubal Jenny Yoder	Dan Klinzman	Clifton Dawley	Will Hart	AmySara Richardson
Apr 12	Jason Anderson, Neal Megchelsen	Larry & Kathy Bean	Graycn Anderson	Jan Temple, Laura Temple	Jan Temple			
Apr 19	Joe Skubal, Dave Kaufman	Jim & Penny McCreedy	Gabby Dawley	Liz Kaufman, Juanita Dawley	Jan Temple			
Apr 26	Ben Bean, Brian Bean	Colleen Bean Rosemary Harris	Lexi Collier	Sherri Hazen Chris Sieren	Jan Temple			
May 3	Jim Hansen, Steve Anderson	Ruth Miller, Angie Ornduff	Molly Klinzman	ACCW & Membership	Jan Temple			
May 10	Dale Holmes, Bill Wilson	Carol Bean, Nancy Stewart	Kate Hartzler	Janet Rees Molly Hartzler	Dan Klinzman			

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE FOR APRIL 2015

APRIL 5 (EASTER DAY)

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839)
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
John 20:1-18 or
Mark 16:1-8



APRIL 12 (2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER)

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133 (UMH 850)
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31

APRIL 19 (3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER)

Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4 (UMH 741)
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

APRIL 26 (4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER)

Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23 (UMH 754 or 137)
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – APRIL 2015



Thursday, April 2: Maundy Thursday Service with communion, UCC, 7 PM; Youth Group Lock-in, 8:30 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 3: Youth Group Lock-in concludes by 9 AM at ACC Fellowship Hall. Good Friday Service, ACC, 7 PM

Saturday, April 4: Crawfordsville Firemen's Breakfast, 6-9 AM; Sacha Club Egg Hunt, Marr Park, 9:30 AM

Sunday, April 5: Easter Sunday! Sunrise Service and Breakfast to follow, 7 AM, UCC; Sunday worship, 10:30 AM, ACC

Tues., Apr. 6: Praise Band, 6:30 PM, UCC; "Son" Seekers, Wilma McAllister, 7 P

Thur., April 9: ACCW, ACC Fellowship Hall, 1:30 PM, Program – Linda McNeil; Hostess – Jan Temple; TKD, Fellowship Hall, 6 PM; ACC Parish Council, South Church Sanctuary, 7 PM

Sunday, April 12: The Story Bible Study – Chapter 4, Fellowship Hall, 9:15 AM; Youth Group, Fellowship Hall, 4 PM; Pastor Francis from Uganda – Potluck – 5:30 PM; Program 6:30 PM - UCC

Monday, April 13: The Story Bible Study – Chapter 4, Fellowship Hall, 6:30 PM

Tuesday, April 14: Praise Band, UCC, 6:30 PM

Thurs., Apr. 16: UCC Rummage Sale, 8 AM to 6 PM; TKD, Fellowship Hall, 6 P

Friday, April 17: UCC Rummage Sale, 8 AM to 6 PM

Saturday, April 18: UCC Rummage Sale, 8 AM to Noon

Sunday, April 19: The Story Bible Study – Chapter 5, Fellowship Hall, 9:15 AM; Youth Group, Fellowship Hall, 4 PM; Pastor Francis from Uganda – Potluck – 5:30 PM; Program 6:30 PM, ACC. Confirmation Class to participate in Pastor Francis potluck and program in lieu of regular class – all at ACC.

Monday, April 20: The Story Bible Study – Chapter 5, Fellowship Hall, 6:30 PM

Tuesday, April 21: "Card" Club, 5 PM, Fellowship Hall; Praise Band, UCC, 6:30 PM; "Son" Seekers, Ruth Miller, 7 PM

Thursday, April 23: Spring Cleaning – 1:30-3 PM and 6:30 -8 PM; TKD, Fellowship Hall, 6 PM; Men's Bible Study, 7 PM, UCC

Sunday, April 26: The Story Bible Study – Chapter 6, Fellowship Hall, 9:15 AM; Youth Group, Fellowship Hall, 4 PM

Monday, April 27: Sacha Club, Fellowship Hall, 6 PM; The Story Bible Study – Chapter 6, Sanctuary, 6:30 PM

Tuesday, April 28: Praise Band, UCC, 6:30 PM

Thursday, April 30: TKD, Fellowship Hall, 6 PM

Sunday, May 3: The Story Bible Study – Chapter 7, Fellowship Hall, 9:15 AM Communion, Confirmation and Senior Sunday Observation – Reception at 10 AM, ACC South Church Sanctuary; Youth Group, 4 PM, ACC.

Monday, May 4: The Story Bible Study – Chapter 7, Fellowship Hall, 6:30 PM

Thursday, May 7: TKD, Fellowship Hall, 6 PM; Men's Bible Study, 7 PM, UCC

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WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 AM;
Adult Bible Study: Sunday 9:15 AM; Monday 6:30 PM

GENERAL MINISTRY OF CONGREGATION

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ORGANIST: Linda McNeil; Jenny Yoder (substitute)

CUSTODIANS: Dick & Chris Sieren: 657-2222

TREASURER: Rita Anderson

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Karen Megchelsen, 3206 265th St.,
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MISSION COMMITTEE: Kathi/Brenda: 657.2387; Judy: 657.2157;
And Stacy: 319.930.0291

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.