

# ***THE EVANGEL – DEC. '14/JAN. '15***

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

Season's greetings,

It's a great time to think about the Holliday's and prepare for your celebration of the Christ Child. It's always a wonder how someone born more than 2000 years ago is still affecting people's lives today! Praise God, He is alive and during our advent celebration we will celebrate the coming of the KING! Join us as we bring your family and God's family together. Come experience a God who loves you with a church family who is prepared to show you that love. Our focus will be on the family portrait this year. And I am trusting God to use our Christmas time together to bring glory to His kingdom. Come be a part of this special advent where we celebrate the birth of Jesus.



Merry Christmas,

Pastor Jason Collier

## **THANK YOU!**

The foam for the picture frame at the front of the church was donated by ACH Foam Technologies of Washington, IA. We extend our "**Thank You!**" to them for this generous donation



## **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.

## **VOLUNTEER/S NEEDED**

Hospice of Washington County is in need of an individual(s) willing to deliver lift recliners and oversized wheelchairs to our clients on hospice care. We would prefer someone with an open bed pick-up or a van to transport these items. Hospice has a portable hydraulic cart that will lift the chairs onto a tailgate or van. Please contact the Hospice of Washington County if you have questions or would like to help out. 319-653-7321. Mary Maxted, Volunteer Coordinator



## ACC YOUTH GROUP TO RING BELLS DEC. 7



The ACC Youth Group will ring bells for Salvation Army at the Washington Wal-Mart on Sunday, December 7 from 1-8 PM. Janet Rees is providing leadership for this activity. **She will need additional adults to assist.** Please contact her if you can help – 657-2272. Thank you for contributing AND helping!

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AT ACC

The Youth Christmas Program will be held during 10:30 AM worship on Sunday, December 14. The Puppet Ministry, Youth, and Adult Choir will all be part of the service.



Christmas Eve worship and communion will be held at 5:30 PM at ACC.

## KIDS' CLUB SPRING SESSION - JANUARY 21



The Ainsworth Community Church Kids' Club will resume on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 and run through Wednesday, March 11, 2015. Each session begins at 6:30 PM and will conclude by 7:30 PM at the North Church Building. All youth aged 3 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome for the 8 week session.

## THANK YOU, LINDA MCNEIL!

The next time you enter the South Church, as you climb the stairs to the sanctuary, please look at the windows. You probably won't notice anything other than the beautiful decorations! But, we want to thank Linda for the new protective film that has been applied to the windows for the purpose of controlling the damaging impact of the sun on wood and fiber materials as well as improving energy efficiency. PLUS – the beautiful decorations! Thank you, Linda!



## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



The Men's Bible study group will resume meeting on Thursday, December 11 from 7 to 8:30 PM. The group will meet at the United Church of Crawfordsville. The group is open to men in the Ainsworth community as well as Crawfordsville.

## NATIVITY SCENE

The Ainsworth Opera House will host an international nativity display featuring over 2300 nativities from 100 countries. Emphasis is on hand made sets. This is one of the largest nativity collections in the world.

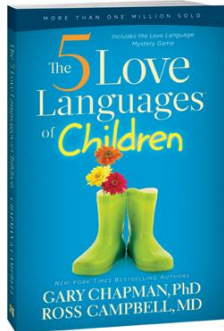


The display is open from 10 AM to 8 PM on December 5, 6, 12, and 13 and from 1 to 5 PM on December 7 and 14. For more information or to schedule special tours outside regular times contact Michael Zahs at 319-658-6250. Some nativity sets will be available for purchase. Cost is \$5 a person. This is a benefit for the Ainsworth Opera House. **This is the last time the collection will be displayed.** Refreshments will be served during open hours. No meal will be served.

## 5 LANGUAGES OF LOVE

Children need to feel loved to best succeed. But if you and your children speak different love languages, your display of love might get lost in translation— affecting your child’s attitude, behavior, and development.

*Dr. Gary Chapman says, “Knowing your child’s love language can make all of the difference in your relationship. The five languages are physical touch, words of affirmation, quality time, gifts, and acts of service.” Taken with permission from The Five Love Languages of Children by Gary Chapman.*



Our own Sherrie Hazen has agreed to facilitate a small group sharing and conversation based on the book, “The 5 Love Languages of Children,” by Gary Chapman. It will be held on Wednesday’s from 6:30 to 7:30 PM starting January 21 and running through March 11 (same dates as Kids’ Club). ALL ADULTS involved with educating children of ALL AGES – infant to teenagers – are most welcome to participate. All sessions will be held at Ainsworth Community Church, Fellowship Hall. ACC will provide the materials. For more information contact Sherrie

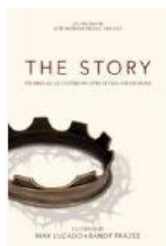
Hazen at 319-657-3782 or sherrie@iowatelecom.net

## SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW SAYS “THANK YOU”

The Spudtacular sponsored by the ACC Mission Committee enabled a donation of \$253.17 to the Society of St. Andrew. The gift will put healthy, nourishing food on the tables of individuals and families who are struggling to get by. Much of the food the Society of St. Andrew salvages by the tractor-trailer load or gleans from fields would end up in landfills without their intervention. Through them, it cost only 6 cents a pound to salvage and share fresh produce with feeding agencies. Over the next 15 months, their goal is to “Feed 50 Million” by distributing 50 million pounds of food.



## THE STORY – ADULT BIBLE STUDY



“The Story” is an abridged, chronological Bible that reads like a novel. There are no verse references, and Scripture segments are seamlessly woven together with transition text into a single grand narrative. For those intimidated or overwhelmed by the unabridged Bible, “The Story” helps people understand God’s Word more fully and engage with it more easily.

Oscar Steele has agreed to lead a Bible Study group using “The Story” from 9:30 to 10:15 AM on Sunday’s beginning January 18 and running for 31 weeks. This will coincide with the sermon series by the same name that Jason will use in 2015. Plan to join us on Sunday, January 18 for the Orientation session. The Parish Council will assist in providing support materials for the class that will be held in the Fellowship Hall, South Church. If you have questions, please contact Jan at 319-330-6175 or 319-657-2291.

# THANK YOU TO ACC

“For Better or for Worse” are lines that most of us repeated during our marriage vows. I have been blessed in my life to have these ring true not only with the marriage to my loving wife of 35 years, but also to the 30 year marriage to the Ainsworth Community Church. During this Thanksgiving season, I am incredibly thankful for both!



Through our lives Rita and I have been blessed with happiness and success in every way that we can measure it. And yet, like most, there have been a couple of times in our lives when issues were more than we could bear alone. It was at these times that our Ainsworth Community Church family was well beyond “just there” for us. The incredible love and support that we received has allowed us to endure. Thank you is woefully inadequate, but heartfelt beyond measure.

Steve Anderson

## CROP WALK & RED BIRD MISSION REPORT



We received the 2014 CROP Walk report for Washington. In total, there were 80 walkers collecting \$4,763.39. On behalf of ACC we raised \$130. Many thanks to our one walker:


Karen Megchelsen.

We also received acknowledgement from Red Bird Mission that they were pleased to receive a donation for \$60 from ACC.



## ORGANIZATIONS TAKE WINTER BREAK

Please note several of our groups/organizations at ACC will take a short break.

	Organization/Group	Regular Meeting Time	Date to Resume
	Son Seekers	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday @7PM	February 3, 2015
	Praise Band	Every Tuesday @ 6:30 PM	January 6, 2015
	ACCW	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 1:30 PM	Mar. 6, 2015 World Day of Prayer

## LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE FOR DECEMBER

### DEC. 7 (2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

Isaiah 40:1-11  
 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13  
 2 Peter 3:8-15a  
 Mark 1:1-8

### DEC. 14 (3RS SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

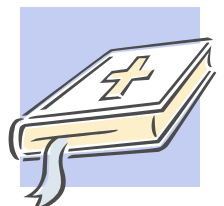
Isaiah 61:1-48-11  
 Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b-55  
 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
 John 1:6-8, 19-28

### DEC. 21 (4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16  
 Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26  
 Romans 16:25-27  
 Luke 1:26-38

### DEC. 28 (1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS)

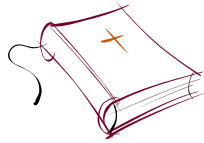
Isaiah 61:10-62:3  
 Psalm 148  
 Galatians 4:4-7  
 Luke 2:22-40



# LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE FOR JANUARY

## JAN. 4 (EPIPHANY SUNDAY)

Isaiah 60:1-6  
 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14  
 Ephesians 3:1-12  
 Matthew 2:1-12



## JAN. 18 (2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY)

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)  
 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (UHM 854)  
 1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
 John 1:43-51

## JAN. 11 (1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY)

Genesis 1:1-5  
 Psalm 29  
 Acts 19:1-7  
 Mark 1:4-11

## JAN. 25 (3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY)

Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
 Psalm 62:5-12 (UMH 787)  
 1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
 Mark 1:14-20

# PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The following is a brief overview of the November 20, 2014 meeting.




**Pastor's Report:** It was agreed that two Sundays each year we will invite a mission speaker to serve as guest speaker and pay them a \$100 honorarium that will serve as a contribution to their mission. A donation jar will be available for persons wishing to contribute additional monies to the mission project being featured. But Jason will conduct the remainder of the service and the collection that day will go to our local church – NOT the featured mission.

**Christian Education** –Has dates set for Spring Kids' Club, Youth Group activities scheduled, and is continuing to seek a youth group leader.

**Worship** – Is sponsoring the "5 Love Languages of Children" and "The Story" adult Bible Study group.

**New Business:** Voted to pay meet our obligations and pay the balance of our denomination appropriations. To meet all of our 2015 bills, the congregation will really need to donate generously – our General Fund balance will be VERY low. They agreed to seek "New Ministry" monies from the SE District to support materials and supplies needed for the adult Bible study and the "5 Love Languages" group.

# BUDGET REPORT – 10-31-14

	Income	\$7,664.03	Expenses	\$6,541.62
	General Fund	\$6,810.70	Building Fund	\$8,515.94
	Memorial Fund	\$4,257.65	Need/month for budget	\$6,923.42

*ACC Parish Council and Finance Committee*

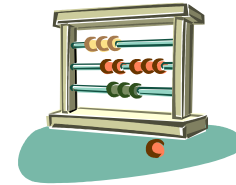
At their November meeting, Parish Council voted to pay the \$5,525.59 balance of our apportionments to the Methodists and Presbytery – this money is used to support the work of both denominations locally and abroad. Unfortunately, this leaves the balance in our General Fund VERY low – about \$1200.00 is all we have left. If you are able, now is the time to give to support our local church. Thank you in advance for your contribution.

The ACC Parish Council

# ATTENDANCE FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

The following is in response to requests that I post worship attendance numbers.

Month	2013	2014
October	282*	282*
November	309	284



\*It really isn't a typo. October attendance both years was 282!

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



**Joys/Thanksgiving:** The birth of our Savior; Time with family and friends. Many thanks to the members of our church family for sharing their gifts and talents – singing, leading the children's sermon, providing special music, lighting the Advent wreath, serving as liturgist, ushering, welcoming worshipers, lighting candles, teaching classes, providing treats, participating and leading the puppet ministry, participating and leading the Christmas Program, repairs inside and outside our buildings,

decorations, encouraging one another.

**Concerns:** Caregivers; those suffering illness; those traveling during the holidays; those with material as well as spiritual needs. Special prayers are requested for Roxy Jenae Dennis, infant daughter of Tyson and Britney Dennis of Ainsworth. She was born Nov. 17 at 11:12 AM – 13.5 inches long; 1 pound 11.5 ounces. Roxy is at UIHC.

**Serving Our Country:** We say "Thank You!" to members and their families serving our country. We particularly wish to acknowledge those unable to spend the holidays at their family table.

## DEC. 2014 & JAN. 2015 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Ushers	Greeters	Candles	Liturgist	Refreshments	AV
Dec 7	Colton Bean, Dennis Bean	Carol Bean, Nancy Stewart	Graycn Anderson	Sherrie Hazen	Jan Temple, Laura Temple	Jan Temple
14	Myron Rees, Nick Yoder	Ruth Miller, Angie Ornduff	Lexi Collier		Liz Kaufman, Juanita Dawley	Jan Temple
21	Joe Skubal, Dave Kaufman	Wilma & Darrell Chalupa	Gabby Dawley	Jan Temple	Sherri Hazen, Chris Sieren	Jan Temple
28	Jason Anderson, Neal Megchelsen	Jan Temple, Karen Megchelsen	Shalyn Kirk	Jan Temple	Janet Rees, Pat Jenkins	Nick Yoder
Jan 4	Ben Bean, Brian Bean	Joe & Judy Skubal	Molly Klinzman	Clifton Dawley	Karen Megchelsen, Brenda Bean	Jan Temple
11	Steve Anderson, Sam Kruse	Oscar & Wynne Steele	Carson Bean	Wynne Steele	Molly Hartzler, Deb Chalupa	Jan Temple
18	Dale Holmes, Bill Wilson	Dan & Stacy Klinzman	Kylen Anderson	Rosemary Harris	Wilma Chalupa, Penny McCreedy	Nick Yoder
25	Jim Hansen, Wendell Arduser	Rita & Steve Anderson	Kate Hartzler	Sherri Hazen	Wynne Steele, Kathi Bean	Jan Temple
Feb 1	Colton Bean, Dennis Bean	Larry & Kathy Bean	Ellie Anderson	Jan Temple	Judy Skubal, Jenny Yoder	Jan Temple

## DEC./JAN. BIRTHDAYS/\*ANNIVERSARIES

**December:** 1) Wynne Steele; 2) Michelle Miller, Brittany Stewart, 5) Kristi Bean;



6) Janice Skubal; 7) Janet Rees; 10) Jesse Hahn; 12) Liz Kaufman; 15) Freda McCracken; 16) Joel Hazelett; Joseph Collier; 20) Renee Megchelsen; 21) Neal Megchelsen, Sherry Lord; 22) \*Ron & Angie Ornduff; 27) \*Chris & Molly Hartzler; \* Brian & Anna Chalupa; Lexi Collier; 29) Dorothy Koehler; 30) Molly Hartzler, \*Dave & Liz Kaufman.

**January:** 2) Molly Edgar; 5) \*Jim & Sherrie Hazen-Hansen; 6) \*Jim & Penny McCreedy; \*Owen & Norma White, Diane Anding, Gary Stewart; Tammy Kruse; 7) \*Jim & Betty Thompson; 9) Jim Thompson, Nick Yoder; 14) Sheri Edgar; 17) Bev Holmes; 20) John Erlenbush; 21) Sherri Hazen-Hansen; 23) Kathi Bean; 24) Emily Stewart; 25) Alberta Miller; 26) Lois Riggan; 29) Betty Anders; 31) Mildred Wilson.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER



**Monday, December 1:** Blood Drive, UCC, 1:30 to ?

**Tuesday, Dec. 2:** "Son" Seekers, 7 PM, Oscar/Wynne Steele

**Thursday, December 4:** TKD, 6 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, Dec. 7:** Communion Sunday, Youth Group and Congregation Volunteers ring Salvation Army bells, Washington Wal-Mart 1-8 PM; Choir Rehearsal, 7-8 PM

**Thursday, Dec. 11:** TKD, 6 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall; Men's Bible Study, 7 PM, UCC

**Sunday, December 14:** Children's Christmas program during 10:30 AM worship; Confirmation Class, 6:30 PM, UCC

**Tuesday, December 16:** "Card" Club, 5 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall;

**Thursday, Dec. 18:** TKD, 6 PM, South Church; Parish Council, 7 PM, North Church

**Wednesday, December 24,** Christmas Eve Service, 5:30 PM, ACC

**Sunday, January 4** – Ordination of Elders for Parish Council; Communion Sunday

**Monday, January 5 to Saturday, January 17:** Pastor Jason attending Coarse of Study

**Tuesday, January 6, 13, 20, and 27:** Praise Band Rehearsal, 6:30 PM, UCC

**Thursday, January 8, 15, 22, and 29:** TKD, 6 PM, South Church, Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, January 11:** Guest Speaker, TBA

**Thursday, January 15:** TKD, 6 PM, South Church; Parish Council, 7 PM, North Church

**Sunday, January 18:** Orientation to "The Story" Adult Bible Study, 9:30-10:15 AM, ACC Fellowship Hall; Mission Speaker – John Hays and Gideon's International

**Tuesday, January 20:** "Card" Club, 5:30 PM, Fellowship Hall, FMI – Brenda Bean

**Wednesday, January 21 and 28:** Kids' Club, 6:30-7:30 PM, North Church; "The 5 Love Languages of Children" Study Group, 6:30-7:30 PM, South Church, Fellowship Hall.

**Thursday, January 22:** Men's Bible Study, 7 PM, UCC

**Sunday, Jan. 25:** "The Story", 9:30 AM, ACC; Confirmation Class, 6:30 PM, UCC

**Monday, January 26:** Sacha Club, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, Feb. 1:** "The Story", 9:30-10:15 AM, Fellowship Hall; Communion Sunday

**Tuesday, Feb. 3:** Praise Band, 6:30 PM, UCC; "Son" Seekers, 7 PM, Location TBA

**Wed., Feb. 4, 11, 18, and 25:** Kids' Club, 6:30-7:30 PM, North Church; "The 5 Love Languages of Children" Study Group, 6:30-7:30 PM, South Church, Fellowship Hall.

**Thursday, February 5, 12, 19, 26:** TKD, Fellowship Hall, 6 PM

**Sunday, February 8, 15, 22:** "The Story", 9:30-10:15 AM

**Thursday, February 12:** Men's Bible Study, UCC, 7 PM

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**Change Service Requested**

WORSHIP: Sundays – 10:30 AM  
KID'S CLUB: Resumes Wednesday's, Jan. 21, 2015, 6:30-7:30 PM  
PASTOR: Pastor Jason Collier is always available by phone:  
Home: 319-658-3013; Cell: (563) 343-3390;  
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Judy: 319-657-2157; Stacy: 319-930-0291

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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.