

# ***THE EVANGEL-JULY/AUGUST 2015***

## **FROM THE PASTOR**

As a pastor in training, I spend 4 weeks/year in training. I am taking classes at St Paul School of Theology. The school is located in Overland Park, Kansas, and is housed in the Church of the Resurrection. This is the largest Methodist church in the country. I am so thankful for the opportunity to learn and interact with others that are in similar stages in their lives. While I am not your typical introverted pastor who loves scholarly like activities, I truly benefit from the mandatory training. It seems that each class does an amazing job of expanding the tools required to be a pastor and preacher.



This next class is Bible 101. While some of you may be surprised they teach that subject to pastors, I am benefitting from the study. In this Bible class we are starting with Biblical exegesis, which when defined means to "relate in detail" or "to expound". John H. Hayes and Carl R. Holladay in their book, *Biblical Exegesis*, explain that we use exegesis when listening to any conversation. In each conversation we listen to the tone, and check out the facial expressions. Is what is being said a joke or serious?, a sales pitch or a greeting?, a formal demand or a threat? Is what's being said a pastoral dissertation or are they even speaking English?



Biblical exegesis is more difficult since we can't hear their real voices, or see the expressions on their faces. Our Bible has definitely been written in another era, a different country, and even a different language. The cultural and ethnic differences alone would make exegesis difficult. Because of these challenges and others, lots of people do Biblical exegesis a lot of different ways.

I truly am thankful someone has already done a large portion of the exegesis for us. Much smarter people than I have spent lots more time studying the Scriptures and doing all the difficult and time consuming work. However, since there are so many variables, it is not surprising then that so many people can see the words of the Bible in different ways. It is our job to find competent and reliable scholars who we trust to do that faithful exegesis work. I thank God that we are able to take the incredible work that so many scholars have done and still feel God speak through the scriptures. Each time we read it we can hear and or feel God saying something different! Have a great summer friends and don't forget to make time for the one who gives us our time!

Your Pastor in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Collier". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Pastor Jason Collier

# YOUTH GROUP NEWS



**THANK YOU!** Thank you to the parents who donated the food for the Ronald McDonald House service project! 18 Students and 3 Adults were able to attend this event in Iowa City on Tuesday, June 16th, and prepare a home cooked meal for the residents of the RMH. Students prepared and cooked a tator tot casserole, took a tour of the facility and even took the time to read each resident's story. Students talked about the strength it takes for a family to deal with critical illness, and how some stories resonated with them. They were able to play in the facility's game room, and even took time to chat with some of the residents as they came and served themselves buffet style. After the service project, students enjoyed a meal together at Steak & Shake, and headed back home to participate in their various summer activities. Many thanks to Kristen Anderson and Pastor Jason for driving and hanging out with us!

**Thank You**



You Made My Day

Thanks to the ACCW, who fed us ham sandwiches on our first PB&J youth group on Tuesday, June the 9th. We ate every slice of meat and bread and it was a great addition to our leftovers from the lock-in!

Thanks to all those who have supported the youth group's transition to a new room in the North Church. We are excited to have several pieces of furniture there, and enjoyed meeting there on the 9th!

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**July** will be a "hit and miss" kind of month, as there are lots of activities that our students are participating in! Please join the Christ Is Alive Facebook Group (it is a closed group for students and parents only), to keep up to date on what activities we will be doing! We hope to go to Adventureland in July. Stay tuned for more information on that. Several students will be attending Summer Games University in July, and we have numerous 4-Hers who will have exhibits at the Washington County Fair. Join us in praying for their safety, and positive experience. We look forward to hearing about their summer adventures!



**August** will be another Ronald McDonald House service project, only this time it will be in the evening, and we will be playing games with residents as well. This trip also features dinner and a movie for the students, so we are seeking some NIGHT OWLS who will be happy to hang out with us until at least 10 pm and drive us all home!

**September** will be our KICK OFF and we are planning a fun time, so be sure to keep watching for more details on that!! Kick Off will signal the switch back to Sunday Youth Group from 4-5:30 PM

## WISH LIST

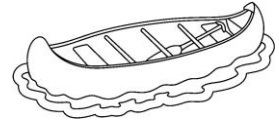


Youth Group is currently seeking the following items for their room. If you have anything you would like to donate, please contact AmySara at [319-591-0745](tel:319-591-0745)

Dorm Fridge	Microwave	Flat Screen TV with HDMI port
Filing Cabinet	Microwave Cart	DVD Player

## CANOE TRIP – JULY 18

You are invited to go on a down-stream canoe trip. You must be age 16 and up unless accompanied by an adult. We will leave Ainsworth church at 8 AM and be on the water till around 5PM. There will be a lunch provided. Cost is 15\$ per person or 30\$ per family. The fee covers the cost of lunch, canoe, and all the gear you need. You may bring your own canoes or Kayaks. The cost with your own gear is 5\$ for lunch. Please Text Jason Collier if you are planning on going. Young and old alike will enjoy this casual relaxing trip. We will take our time and swim, float, and see the sights. Depending on the water level we will be taking the Skunk or the Cedar. I (Pastor Jason) will plan on camping out Friday and Saturday night at one of the two locations, and am inviting anyone to camp with us. The location is to be determined – so you MUST text me to receive details.



## CRAWFORDSVILLE FUN DAY – JULY 25

It will be an evening of food, live music and community fun on Saturday, July 25, 2015 at the Crawfordsville Fire Station. There will be a meal from 4:30 – 7:00 PM (free will donation); the StraitRun Band starts rockin' at 7:00 pm and wraps up at 10:00 PM. The event is sponsored by the Crawfordsville Community Club and the Crawfordsville Lions.



## CAMP REECE ACTIVITY NIGHT: AUGUST 6

(Religious Experience for Exceptional Citizens in a Camping Environment.)

Both Ainsworth Community Church and UCC are volunteering to help with Camp Reece at the Lake Darling Youth Camp. We are scheduled to be there on Thursday, August 6 from 6 until 8 PM. We will accompany groups of campers to their evening activities. We are also asked to bring along 10 dozen cookies (5 doz. for each church) to be used for the evening refreshments. There will be a sign-up sheet by the snack table or call and leave a message that you are willing to volunteer and/or bake 319-657.2291 or 319.330.6175.



## BLOOD DRIVE – AUGUST 24, 2 TO 7 PM



The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center will hold a blood drive on Monday, August 24 from 2 to 7 PM at the Ainsworth Community Church Fellowship Hall. The Church is serving as a sponsor. You must be 17 years of age to donate or 16 years with a signed consent form from your parents. You must weigh at least 110 pounds and be 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. Please consider donating.

## ACCW – PROGRAMS RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 10 at Ruth Miller's; Penny McCreedy will present the program. The group discussed the pros and cons of severing their relationship with the Presbytery and United Methodists. Please ponder and pray over this issue.



# UCC FALL RUMMAGE SALE

The United Church of Crawfordsville-UCW will host their Fall Rummage Sale at the following times. The event is held at the church.

Thursday, September 3: 8 AM - 6 PM  
 Friday, September 4: 8 AM – 6 PM  
 Saturday, September 5: 8AM until Noon



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – THANK YOU!



“**THANK YOU**” to the participants, parents, teachers, tribe leaders, snack providers/servers; coordinators and volunteers for your part in VBS 2015. About 30 youth participated each Sunday in June to learn more about “Jesus of Nazareth”. Each week the youth experienced a Bible lesson, a hands-on activity; a game, snacks, and music.

# SUMMER BREAK FOR “THE EVANGEL”

Please note that this newsletter issue includes information for July **AND** August. There will NOT be a separate newsletter mailed to you for the month of August. But DO continue to check our website: [ainsworthchurch.org](http://ainsworthchurch.org) and Facebook: Ainsworth Community Church for updates and last minute changes.




# THANK YOU FOR THE PRAYERS & SUPPORT



Karen and Wendell Arduser wish to express their thanks to everyone for all the prayers and support for them. Karen is doing much better and Wendell is recovering from his recent back surgery. “Thank you!”

*Wendell and Karen Arduser*

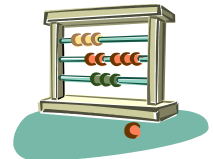
# BUDGET REPORT – 5-31-15

	Income	\$6,983.42	Expenses	\$5,495.42
	General Fund	\$12,755.10	Building Fund	\$12,425.27
	Memorial Fund	\$5,257.89	Need/month for budget	\$7025.00

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

# MAY AND JUNE ATTENDANCE

Month	2014	2015
May	272	412
June	371	245 (3 of 4)



# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



**Joys:** Freedom; Families; Babies; Good health, Birthdays, Baptism, Healing, Anniversaries, Vacation.

**Concerns:** The family and friends of Richard Bean and Wilfred McCreedy; Those facing surgery and recovery; Victims of storms; Persons experiencing personal crisis.

**Serving Our Country:** Thank you! to members and their families serving our country.

## PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



Pastor Jason shared about Annual Conference He commended Dan Klinzman and especially Nick Yoder (Youth Representative) for their diligent and positive participation in the meeting. Committee Reports: VBS is underway. Pastor Jason is changing his study plans because of his father's health situation. Thus he will only take one course this summer eliminating the need for one week of Pulpit Supply. The Mission Committee is holding a garage sale. At the SPPRC meeting on June 10, the SPPRC recommended that we take the issue of hiring AmySara as ministerial support to the congregation. Barring any extreme objections, they support hiring her for the additional responsibilities.

**Old Business:** Kylene Anderson accepted the invitation to serve on Parish Council for the 2015-16 school year. Jan is to update the fire extinguishers in both churches and then see about switching to a service from Washington. She is also to post maps as to where the extinguishers are located.

**New Business:** Bushes: Dwight will visit with Brian about the bushes around the church and getting them removed. Damage Deposit Refund: The previous renter of the parsonage will be refunded the balance of his damage deposit (less the cost of carpet cleaning). Gravel around church and parking: Dwight will talk to the city of Ainsworth to clarify responsibilities and requirements before proceeding. Wi-Fi: There is interest in Wi-Fi at North Church. Jan is to explore options and get back to the Council. Message Board: Jan and Linda will find a different location for the music cupboard and move the message board to the east wall of the sanctuary. They will talk to Bob Lynde about constructing it. Funds would come from Memorial Monies.

**Next Meeting:** Hold July 16 for next face-to-face if one is needed in July. Otherwise the date for the next regular meeting in August is the 13th.

## JULY BIRTHDAYS/\*ANNIVERSARIES



1) Juanita & Clifton Dawley; 4) Norma White; 6) Kevin Ornduff; 7) Marg Colthurst; 11) Brad Skubal; 12) \*George & Linda Lord; Alan Temple; 13) \*Neal & Karen Megchelsen; 14) Alexa Miller; Jason Anderson; 15) Kerm Jenkins; 16) Josh Stout; 17) \*Brian & Anna Chalupa; 18) Caroline Richardson; 21) Alec Ornduff; 22) Sabrina Castillo Goodwin; 23) Oscar Steele; 24) Alan Edmondson, Jenny Yoder, Mitch Edgar; \*Joel & Angela Hazelett; 28) \*Oscar & Wynne Steele; 30) Betty Thompson, \*Ed & Wanda White, Jim Smith, AmySara Richardson; 31) Dan Klinzman.

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS/\*ANNIVERSARIES

2) \*Harold & Elaine Nicholson; 3) \*Larry & Deb Gilchrist; 4) Baily Anderson, Dorothy White; 5) Bill Stout; 6) Samuel Kruse; 7) Steve Augustine; 8) Jared Bean, Anita Rabenold, Samantha Castillo, \*Bill & Dorothy Stout; Clifton Dawley; 9) Larry Bean, Jerry Bean; Dennis Bean; 10) Luke Koehler; 11) Linda Dunbar; 13) Brenna Hazelett; 14) Colton Bean; 17) Karen Megchelsen, 18) Karolyn Skubal, 19) Clifton Dawley, Nicole Miller; 20) Carol Bean; 21) Kevin Hunter; 22) Ginny Klopfenstein; 23) Marsha Thompson, \*Jason & Stephanie Laverman; 28) Sandy Stout; Christina Collier; 29) Courtney Hahn; 31) Edie Trotter.



# JULY-AUGUST WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Candles</b>	<b>Refreshments</b>	<b>AV</b>
<b>July 5</b>	Neil Mills Neal Megchelsen	Ruth Miller, Angie Ornduff	Lexi Collier	Karen Megchelsen, Brenda Bean	Jan Temple or Other
<b>July 12</b>	Myron Rees Jerry Bean	Carol Bean, Nancy Stewart	Kate Hartzler	Janet Rees Molly Hartzler	Jan Temple or Other
<b>July 19</b>	Steve Anderson Sam Kruse	Marcia Wilson Rita Anderson	Ellie Anderson	Wilma Chalupa, Penny McCreedy	Jan Temple or Other
<b>July 26</b>	Joe Skubal, Nick or Rob Yoder	Oscar & Wynne Steele	Shalyn Kirk	Wynne Steele, Kathi Bean	Jan Temple or Other
<b>August 2</b>	Jason Anderson Neal Megchelsen	Dan & Stacy Klinzman	Molly Klinzman	Judy Skubal, Jenny Yoder	Jan Temple or Other
<b>August 9</b>	Jim Hansen, Wendell Arduser	Joe & Judy Skubal	Carson Bean	Sherri Hazen, Chris Sieren	Jan Temple or Other
<b>August 16</b>	Dale Holmes, Bill Wilson	Larry & Kathi Bean	Gracyn Bean- Humston	Jan Temple, Laura Temple	Jan Temple or Other
<b>August 23</b>	Dennis Bean Dave Kaufman	Wilma & Darrell Chalupa	Molly Klinzman	Liz Kaufman, Pat Jenkins	Jan Temple or Other
<b>August 30</b>	Jerry Bean, Brian Bean	Jim & Penny McCreedy	Kate Hartzler	Janet Rees Molly Hartzler	Jan Temple or Other
<b>Sept. 6</b>	Neil Mills Neal Megchelsen	Ruth Miller, Angie Ornduff	Lexi Collier	Karen Megchelsen, Brenda Bean	Jan Temple or Other

## LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE JULY-AUGUST 2015

### Week of July 5

#### (6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10  
Psalm 48 (UMH 782)  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10  
Mark 6:1-13

### Week of July 12

#### (7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19  
Psalm 24 (UMH 755)  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:14-29

### Week of July 19

#### (8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

2 Samuel 7:1-14a  
Psalm 89:20-37 (UMH 807)  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

### Week of July 26

#### (9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

2 Samuel 11:1-15  
Psalm 14 (UMH 746)  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
John 6:1-21

### Week of August 2

#### (10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a  
Psalm 51:1-12 (UMH 785)  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
John 6:24-35

### Week of August 9

#### (11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33  
Psalm 130 (UMH 848)  
Ephesians 4:25-5:2  
John 6:35, 41-51

### Week of August 16

#### (12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14  
Psalm 111 (UMH 832)  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58

### Week of August 23

#### (13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30,  
41-43  
Psalm 84 (UMH 804)  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69

### Week of August 30

#### (14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 (UMH 795)  
James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JULY

**Thursday, July 2:** TKD, 6 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall

**Friday, July 3:** Independence Day Observed

**Saturday, July 4:** Independence Day (McCreedy Reunion – Fellowship Hall);

**Sunday, July 5:** Communion Sunday (Linda McNeil); (Hazelett/Arthur Reunion – Fellowship Hall);

Pastor departs following worship for Course of Study

**Monday, July 6 through Friday, July 10:** Pastor Jason at Course of Study

**Tues., July 7:** Praise Team, 6:30 PM, ACC; “Son” Seekers, Herb Yoder & Dorothy Koehler, 7 PM

**Thursday, July 9:** TKD, 6 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall; Parish Council – TBD

**Friday/Saturday, July 10-11:** ACC being used for wedding rehearsal and wedding

**Sunday, July 12:** Fellowship Hall on Hold for Hazelett/Arthur Reunion

**Monday, July 13 through Friday, July 17:** Summer Games University, Grinnell

**Tuesday, July 14:** Praise Team, 6:30 PM, ACC

**Thursday, July 16:** TKD, 6 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, July 18:** Canoe Trip – Meet 8 AM, ACC; Washington County Fair Judging Day-4-H/ FFA

non-livestock static exhibits, **Sunday, July 19- Friday, 24:** Washington County Fair

**Tuesday, July 21:** “Card” Club, 5 PM, Fellowship Hall; Praise Team, 6:30 PM, ACC; “Son”

Seekers, Mike & Mary Lou Koehler, 7 PM

**Thursday, July 23:** TKD, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, July 28:** Praise Team, 6:30 PM, ACC

**Wednesday, July 29 through August 4:** Pastor Jason on Vacation

**Thursday, July 30:** TKD, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR AUGUST

**Sunday, August 2:** Jason on Vacation; AmySara Richardson, Pulpit Supply

**Tuesday, August 4:** Praise Team, 6:30 PM, ACC; “Son” Seekers, Wilma McAllister, 7 PM

**Thursday, August 6:** Camp Reese Activity Night, 6-8 PM, Lake Darling, volunteers and cookies needed; TKD, 6-7 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, August 9:** Communion Sunday (Janet Rees)

**Tuesday, August 11:** Praise Team, 6:30 PM, ACC

**Thursday August 13:** TKD, 6-7 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall; Parish Council, 7 PM, South Church

**Tues., Aug 18:** “Card” Club, 5 PM, Praise Team, 6:30 PM, ACC; “Son” Seekers, Ruth Miller, 7 PM

**Thursday August 20:** TKD, 6-7 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall

**Monday, August 24:** Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center, Blood Drive, ACC – 2 - 7 PM

**Tuesday, August 25:** Praise Team, 6:30 PM, ACC

**Thursday August 27:** TKD, 6-7 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, September 1:** Praise Team, 6:30 PM, ACC; “Son” Seekers, Oscar/Wynne Steele, 7 PM

**Thursday September 3:** TKD, 6-7 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, September 6:** Communion Sunday (Wynne Steele)

**Monday, September 7:** Labor Day Observed

**Tuesday, September 8:** Praise Team, 6:30 PM, ACC

**Thurs, Sept 10:** ACCW, Ruth Miller, 1:30 PM; TKD, 6 PM, ACC; Parish Council, 7 PM, So Church

**Sunday, Sept 13:** 9:15 AM, The Story Bible Study, ACC, Chapter 10; Youth Group, 4 – 5:30 PM

**Monday, September 14:** The Story Bible Study, Fellowship Hall, 6:30 to 8 PM

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**Change Service Requested**

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 AM;  
Kids' Club Resumes September 2015, Wednesday's 6:30-7:30 PM

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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.