

THE EVANGEL – MARCH 2014

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Please, let spring, spring! March is upon us and with it brings the hope of new life and the opportunity for us to soak up even more wonderful sunshine. I especially like March because we will begin the Lenten season. I have a favorite song I'd like to share with all of you. The song is by Go Fish, and it's called, "**About the Cross.**" If you get a chance to look it up and listen to it, it will bless your heart also. But I would invite you to read these lyrics and let them resonate even without the music. Some of you, like me, will have to read them several times.

Verse 1:

It's not just about the manger
Where the baby lay
It's not all about the angels
Who sang for him that day
It's not just about the shepherds
Or the bright and shining star
It's not all about the Wiseman
Who travelled from afar

Chorus:

It's about the cross
It's about my sin
It's about how Jesus came to be born once
So that we could be born again
It's about the stone
That was rolled away
So that you and I could have real life someday
It's about the cross
It's about the cross

Verse 2:

It's not just about the presents
Underneath the tree
It's not all about the feeling
That the season brings to me

As we begin on March 5 to journey through Lent I would invite you to worship with us. This Lenten season promises to stir our hearts and to renew our faith in a God who gave so much for us. Please come and help me and those around us remember that by the grace of God: **Our Stuff and God Stuff Is the Same Stuff!**

It's not just about coming home
To be with those you love
It's not all about the beauty
In the snow I'm dreaming of

Repeat Chorus

Bridge:

The beginning of the story is wonderful and great
But it's the ending that can save you and that's
why we celebrate

It's about the cross
It's about my sin
It's about how Jesus came to be born once
So that we could be born again
It's about God's love
Nailed to a tree
It's about every drop of blood that flowed from
Him when it should have been me
It's about the stone
That was rolled away
So that you and I could have real life someday
So that you and I could have real life someday
It's about the cross
It's about the cross

In Christ,

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

Pastor Jason Collier

"THANK YOU" FROM THE COLLIER FAMILY



We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, wonderful thoughts & gifts for Izzy as we went to the National Institute of Health in Bethesda Maryland. We had been trying to get her seen there for 2 1/2 years before she was accepted. Izzy is only 1 of 5 who is being seen at NIH with Dubowitz syndrome. We left there feeling very blessed because we now know some new things about Izzy that will help us help her develop & grow. It can take up to a year before we get all the results from all the testing but at this point we have a good start. Elizabeth was born premature at the University of Iowa and spent her first 2 months there. When she was released she was released to a foster home. At 5 months of age Izzy came to live with us. We were her 4th home! Izzy did not have a good prognosis & was not expected to live. But with lots of love & the care of many doctors Izzy has become a strong little girl. We continue to pray for as much new info we can learn so that Izzy can continue to blossom. Thank you all for praying with us.

Blessings,
Collier family

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Please! Help us to help you. Only God is all-knowing. If you would like Jason to visit you, members of the church to include you in their prayers for healing, difficult times, shared joys – you need to keep us informed. Just let us know if you are in need of prayers or a visit. 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**



ASH WEDNESDAY: PANCAKES & WORSHIP



Ash Wednesday is **March 5. 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 join in the ACC Sanctuary for the Ash Wednesday Worship service conducted by Pastor Jason.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The United Church of Crawfordsville Women will host this year's World Day of Prayer on **Friday, March 7 at 1:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. ALL women AND men are welcome to attend. The 2014 theme is "Streams in the Desert". See Angie or Sandy if you need a ride. Program by exchange students at WACO

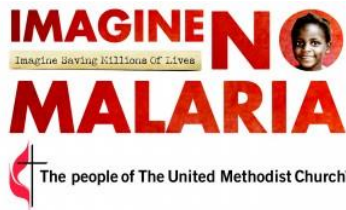


KIDS' CLUB



The final session of the Spring 2014 Kids' Club will be extra special. All participants are encouraged to attend the class on Wednesday, **March 19 at 6:30 PM**. We hope the youth will plan to join us this summer for Vacation Bible School. A note with all the details will be sent home with Ainsworth Elementary students.

IMAGINE NO MALARIA – LENTEN OFFERING



Imagine No Malaria is an extraordinary effort of the people of The United Methodist Church, putting faith into action to end preventable deaths by malaria in Africa, especially the death of a child or a mother. As a life-saving ministry, Imagine No Malaria aims to raise \$75 million to empower the people of Africa to overcome malaria's burden.

The ACC Youth Group is challenging each of us to dig into our pockets during the 7 weeks of Lent and contribute **\$1 per day** from March 5 through April 20. Following the Children's Sermon **each Sunday**, beginning March 9, the youth of the church will collect your dollars for "Imagine No Malaria". Editor's note: – If you want a little help with the math – it comes to \$47 - but considering the cause, I suggest you round up and make it \$50 – or more!!

TAE KWON DO – SESSION 1 - MARCH 6

Do you want to:

- Get in better shape?

Tae Kwon Do is for fitness! Tae Kwon Do is a great physical activity for the whole family. With proper diet, you can get in shape or stay in shape

- Reduce stress?

Tae Kwon Do's mental and physical training is great for reducing stress. Class structure is set up to encourage the students to succeed.

- Improve discipline?

Tae Kwon Do teaches respect and discipline. Class structure and rules teach discipline and respect in a safe way that students will be able to use in all aspects of their lives. Classes will be held Thursdays 6-7 PM starting March 6 at Ainsworth Community Church, Fellowship Hall. Wear comfortable clothing. We encourage you to bring the whole family – anyone 6 years of age or older. Cost: Free-will donation to ACC. Instructor: Troy McCarthy.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – MARCH 13 & 27

The Men's Bible Study Group is currently focusing upon, "Jesus, the Beautiful Outlaw". They will meet every other Thursday from 7-8 PM (Note: the plan of meeting the 2nd and 4th changed to every-other Thursday). The second time they meet each month, they will have a light supper so the meeting may run until 8:30. All sessions will be held at the United Church of Crawfordsville.



BLOOD DRIVE – MARCH 17, 2:30 TO 6:30 PM



The blood drive originally scheduled for Monday, February 17 has been rescheduled for Monday, MARCH 17. The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center in conjunction with the Ainsworth Sacha Club will hold a blood drive on Monday, March 17th from 2:30 to 6:30 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. Please consider donating. For more information, call Kathi Bean at 319-657-2387.

SPUD-TACULAR & HYMN SING - MARCH 23

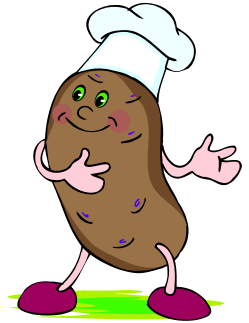
When: Sunday, March 23, 2014—serving from 5 to 6:30 PM

Where: Fellowship Hall--Ainsworth Community Church

Price: Freewill Donations

Sponsor: ACC Mission Committee

Proceeds go to: "Society of St. Andrews". This charity gleans fields for many kinds of vegetables and fruits that are still edible and they are donated to the poor. Any donations from us to this charity will be used to pay trucking expenses only. All other expenses and labor are donated.



MENU: Baked Potatoes, Baked Sweet Potatoes, and MORE *with*

Toppings: Chili, Sausage Gravy, Hamburger Gravy, Cheese, Broccoli, Sour Cream and Butter

Sandwiches

Desserts: Wide Variety

Beverages: Coffee, Tea, Lemonade



HYMN SING FOLLOWS SPUDTACULAR-MAR. 23

On Sunday, March 23 at 6:30 PM, the Ainsworth Community Church will host the United Church of Crawfordsville for the annual Ainsworth/Crawfordsville Hymn Sing. Our own Puppet Ministry Performers will participate. Anyone else have a musical talent to share? See Janet Rees or Linda McNeil if you have a talent to share.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING – 3-30



On Sunday, March 30 we will collect an offering for "One Great Hour of Sharing." Our past gifts have enabled programs at home and abroad to curb hunger, assist those suffering from disaster, and spread God's word.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE


Joys: We are delighted to welcome Terry Anding back into full membership at ACC. We celebrate with the Collier Family at the adoption of Jessup William o February 19, 2014. Babies, Grandchildren, and Great grandchildren that have been born recently to the members of our church family.

Concerns: Jenny Reschly; Kyle Anding; Juanita Dawley; those anticipating and adjusting to new body parts; those experiencing challenges in their work and personal life.

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



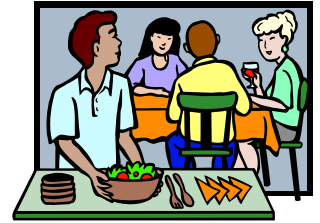
BUDGET REPORT – 1-31-14

	Income	\$6,274.25	Expenses	\$6,205.54
	General Fund	\$14,057.35	Building Fund	\$4,502.01
	Memorial Fund	\$9,194.11	Need/month for budget	\$6,923.42

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

MUSIC AND A MEAL – OPERA HOUSE EVENT, 3-15

On Saturday, March 15 there will be a Fund-raiser for the Ainsworth Opera House Community Center (Downtown North Railroad Street). The goal is to raise funds to keep the center operating and open for community events and private rental. The evening will feature a buffet-style meal of Ham, Green beans, Baked Potato, Roll/butter, Fruit Cocktail Jell-O/Cool Whip, Coffee and Water. Cost is \$10 per person – admission by pre-purchased ticket only – seating will be limited so don't delay. Doors open at 5 PM, meal at 5:30 PM. There will be a Musical Variety Show following the meal



YOUNG PERFORMERS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Nicole Miller (daughter of Dwight and Michelle Miller)-Vocalist

Sam Kruse (son of Kenny and Tammy Kruse)-Guitar & Accordion

Ligia Auter (exchange student daughter of Norma Paisley)-Vocalist

Darrin Hiller (son of Ruchel & Don Hiller) – Guitar

Bailey Anderson (daughter of Steve & Rita Anderson) –Vocalist

Grace Hiller (daughter of Ruchel & Don Hiller) - Viola

ACC Puppets & Puppeteers – Vocalists

Lane Sandburg (son of Bob and Joni Sandburg) - Saxophone

More young entertainers possible

Please purchase tickets before March 12, 2014 from any of the following:

Performers AND/OR Parents; Janene's Hair Cottage; Sherrie Hazen Hansen; Chris Sieren; Opera House Board Members: Jim Hansen, Mike Zahs, Sharon Gillis, Rocky Roberts, or Anita Davis.

FMI: Sherrie Hazen Hansen 319-657-3782 or email sherrie@iowatelecom.net

PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

An overview of some issues discussed at the February meeting.

- Pastor is working with a new group called the "Dream Team" to plan some special worship services.
- The Christian Video License will not be renewed.
- The furnace in the parsonage is to be replaced soon as per recommendation of the Alliant Energy Audit. We will seek a rebate from Alliant.
- The Mission Committee has been approved as a partner agency with HACAP enabling the church to help more families.
- Troy McCarthy will lead TKD classes on Thursdays at ACC beginning in March. Families will be encouraged to attend.
- Pastor and Tina will be taking a Mission trip to Haiti. It was decided to give any monetary support to them instead of taking a special collection for a student from Iowa studying in Missouri who had requested assistance.
- Bailey is working with the Youth Group to plan a giving program for the "Imagine No Malaria" project during Lent.
- It was decided not to expand the current mailing list of the church newsletter to all Ainsworth box holders. Instead, efforts to reach these additional families through social media will be pursued.
- Next meeting – March 20 at 7 PM.



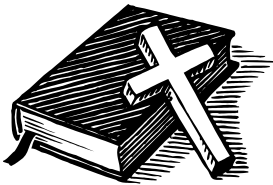
LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE FOR MARCH

MARCH 2 (TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD)

Exodus 24:12-18
 Psalm 2 or 99
 2 Peter 1:16-21
 Matthew 17:1-9

MARCH 9 (1ST SUNDAY IN LENT)

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
 Psalm 32
 Romans 5:12-19
 Matthew 4: 1-11



MARCH 16 (2ND SUNDAY IN LENT)

Genesis 12:1-4a
 Psalm 121
 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
 John 3:1-17

MARCH 23 (3RD SUNDAY IN LENT)

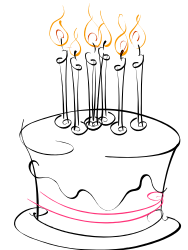
Exodus 17:1-7
 Psalm 95
 Romans 5:1-11
 John 4:5-42

MARCH 30 (4TH SUNDAY IN LENT)

1 Samuel 16:1-13
 Psalm 23
 Ephesians 5:8-14
 John 9:1-41

MARCH BIRTHDAYS/*ANNIVERSARIES

1) Ellie Anderson; 2) Steve Anderson, Nancy Stewart; 4) *John & Margene Erlenbush; 5) Molly Klinzman; 8) Stephanie Laverman, Chris Hartzler; 9) Ed White, *Dave & Karolyn Skubal; 11) *Kevin & Carrie Ornduff; 17) Rita Anderson; Noah Hartzler; 19) Emma Beemblosson; 20) Sallie Graves, Dawn Stewart; 21) Johnathan Kruse; 24) Jason Collier, Janet Stafford; 26) Janene Kirk; 27) Ruth Miller, Dorothy Jacobs; 29) Izzy (Elizabeth) Collier, Kurt Stewart; 30) Rich Riggan; 31) Jim McCreedy



MARCH WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Ushers	Greeters	Candles	Liturgist	Refreshments	AV
Mar 2	Colton Bean, Dennis Bean	Jim & Penny McCreedy	Kylen Anderson	Rosemary Harris	Judy Skubal & Jenny Yoder	Jan Tempe
9	Myron Rees, Jim McCreedy	Oscar & Wynne Steele	Kate Hartzler	Jan Temple	Karen Megchelsen, Sue Frame	Nick Yoder
16	Joe Skubal, Dave Kaufman	Bob & Sue Frame	Carson Bean	Wynne Steele	Molly Hartzler, Janet Rees	Dan Klinzman
23	Jim Hansen, Larry Bean	Rita & Bailey Anderson	Molly Klinzman	Penny McCreedy	Wilma Chalupa, Penny McCreedy	Nick Yoder
30	Johnathan & Kenny Kruse	Carol Bean & Nancy Stewart	Shalyn Kirk	Jan Temple	Deb Chalupa, Pat Jenkins	Jan Temple
Apr 6	Dale Holmes, Bill Wilson	Brian & Colleen Bean	Ellie Anderson	Bailey Anderson	Liz Kaufman, Wynne Steele	Dan Klinzman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MARCH-APRIL

Sunday, March 2: Communion Sunday; Reinstate Terry Anding Membership at ACC; Youth Group, ACC, 3 PM; Confirmation Class, UCC, 6 PM

Monday, March 3: Young Adult Volleyball, WACO School Gym, 6:30-8 PM

Tuesday, March 4: "Son" Seekers, 7 PM, Wilma McAllister, See Penny for info

Wednesday, March 5, Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper for Kids' Club participants & families plus everyone in ACC and UCC Church Family - Supper, 6:30 PM, ACC South Church Fellowship Hall; Ash Wednesday Service, 7 PM

Friday, March 7, World Day of Prayer, 1:30 PM, UCC hosts ACC at UCC

Saturday, March 8: Taste for Truth Bible Study, 8:30-9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 9, Daylight Savings Time Begins; New Sermon Series begins.

Monday, March 10: Young Adult Volleyball, WACO School Gym, 6:30-8 PM

Wednesday, March 12, Kid's Club, 6:30 PM, North Church; Last day to purchase tickets for Music and a Meal at Ainsworth Opera House - FMI: Sherrie Hazen-Hanson, Ph.: 319-657-3782; sherrie@iowatelecom.net

Thursday, March 13 – Men's Bible Study, 7-8 PM, UCC

Saturday, March 15: Taste for Truth Bible Study, 8:30-9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 15: Music and a Meal at Ainsworth Opera House, 5:30 PM; FMI: Sherrie Hazen-Hanson, Ph.: 319-657-3782; sherrie@iowatelecom.net

Sunday, March 16: Joint Youth Group, UCC 3 PM; Confirmation UCC, 6 PM

Monday, March 17: Rescheduled Blood Drive at ACC, 1:30-6:30 PM; Young Adult Volleyball, WACO School Gym, 6:30-8 PM

Tuesday, March 18: "Son" Seekers, 7 PM, Jim & Penny McCreedy

Wednesday, March 19: Kid's Club, 6:30 PM, North Church (final spring class)

Thursday, March 20: Parish Council Meeting, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

Thursday to Sunday, March 20-23, Men's Walk to Emmaus, Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

Sunday, March 23: Spud-tacular and Hymn Sing at ACC; Meal served from 5-6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall; Hymn Sing in ACC Sanctuary with Puppets and other musical presentations beginning at 6:30 PM

Monday, March 24: Young Adult Volleyball, WACO School Gym, 6:30-8 PM

Thursday, March 27 – Men's Bible Study, 7 PM, UCC

Friday to Sunday, March 28-30, Chrysalis Flight, Grinnell UMC

Sunday, March 30, One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Monday, March 31: Young Adult Volleyball, WACO School Gym, 6:30-8 PM

Thursday to Sunday, April 3-6, Women's Walk to Emmaus, Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

Tuesday, April 1: "Son" Seekers, 7 PM, Oscar and Wynne Steele

Sunday, April 6: Communion Sunday, Youth Group, 3 PM ACC; Confirmation Class, 6 PM UCC

Monday, April 7: Young Adult Volleyball, WACO School Gym, 6:30-8 PM

Thursday, April 10: Men's Bible Study, 7-8 PM, UCC

Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 17, Maundy Thursday Worship hosted by ACC, 4-7 PM

Friday, April 18, Good Friday Worship hosted by UCC

Sunday, April 20, Easter Sunday

Thursday, April 24, Men's Bible Study with light meal, 7-8:30 PM, UCC

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Change Service Requested

WORSHIP: Sundays – 10:30 AM
KIDS' CLUB: Wednesday's 6:30-7:30 PM through March 19
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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.