

THE EVANGEL – MARCH 2016

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Hello friends, grace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ. I am very happy to announce our Lent services. And the great teams of people who have helped make them enjoyable for all! I am thankful for the worship committees from both churches who have helped, especially Wynne Steel, Linda McNeil, Debbie Lowe, and Ruchel Hiller. These girls have really worked hard. They have met together 4 separate times and have helped plan the worship, and have made props and decorated for each week. Thank you for your gifts and talents, girls. But first, in case you did not know, March 20 will be the first day of spring this year.

That is also Palm Sunday, which kicks off what we call Passion Week. Be prepared to wave your palms as we celebrate the day that Jesus rode into town on a donkey! Then Thursday at 7 PM, is our Maundy Thursday gathering at Crawfordsville. We will be sharing refreshments and having worship in the fellowship hall. I promise this will be very different, and worth bringing your friends to. The next service is Good Friday at 7 PM, and that will be held at Ainsworth church. Now this service will be completely in the dark! Don't worry we will have people with flashlights to help guide people in and out! Next it's Easter Sunrise service at Crawfordsville which will start at 7 AM. The Worship committee has a treat in store for you and it will be EGG-citing, to say the least. There is always an outstanding breakfast following the service! And last but not least, Easter Sunday worship will be 9 AM at Crawfordsville and 10:30 AM in Ainsworth!

May God fill you with hope and awe this Easter season and may you feel forgiven and loved by a Christ who knows you by name!

In Christ,

Pastor Jason Collier

GARAGE SALE: MARCH 10, 11, AND 12

The annual Winter Clearance Mission Committee Garage Sale is ready for your business. It will be at the North Church in Ainsworth. All proceeds will support Missions and Youth Ministry. Here is a preview of what you will find:

Many racks of clothing (infant to adult) and footwear
Dishes, Glassware, Silverware, Pots & Pans, Small Appliances
Curtains, Tablecloths, Linens, Wicker Baskets
Books, Games, Puzzles, Luggage
Knick Knacks, And MUCH, MUCH MORE!!



THURSDAY, MARCH 10: 2 TO 5 PM
FRIDAY, MARCH 11: 1 TO 6 PM
SATURDAY, MARCH 12: 9 AM TO NOON

HOLY WEEK PLANS



Palm Sunday - March 20 – Worship at ACC, 10:30 AM

Maundy Thursday – March 24, UCC, 7 PM

Good Friday – March 25, Service at ACC, 7 PM

Easter – March 27: Sunrise Service, 7 AM, UCC, breakfast to follow;

UCC Worship with Communion, 9 AM; Worship with Communion at ACC, 10:30 AM using "The Story" Chapter 27: The Resurrection



YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

CHRIST IS ALIVE YOUTH GROUP

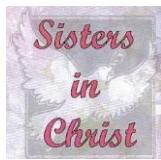


All students in grades 6-12 are welcome to join the youth group activities, which generally occur on Sundays from 4-5:30 PM at Crawfordsville.

Students spent the first Sundays in February creating cards and decorating cookies as a Valentine's Day gift to spread joy and happiness to our church members who live in Care Facilities or are unable to make it to church. Our recipients were glad to have been thought of and our Pastor, Youth & Family minister and several students enjoyed visiting and delivering these gifts.

The 2nd Annual Spring Lock In for youth will be at 9PM in Ainsworth on THURSDAY, March 23rd, which is Maundy Thursday. All students are encouraged to attend the Maundy Thursday service and then come to the lock in. Adults are needed to assist with this event. We need a couple to lead games, someone to feed us, and two to spend the night. Contact AmySara if you want to join the fun!!!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



All women are welcome to attend any session. Sisters meetings will be a time of prayer and encouragement. Sisters Bible study will be held twice weekly, and in different locations with different hosts. You will soon have three new opportunities to connect with women in the church! If you're interested, contact AmySara for more information on dates/times/locations.

The Bible study is a daily Scripture reading plan and is discussed in a small group setting. You can pick up on the study any time, jump in or back in when it's convenient for you! The God Sightings element to the Bible study will keep you on the lookout for God everywhere, every day!

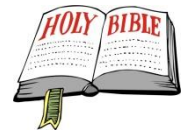
Crawfordsville Sisters meet on Monday evenings at 8PM in the church. This circle will begin a study on Monday February 29th. In this five-session, video-based study, Ann encourages participants to take on the life-changing discipline of journaling God's gifts - to really look at life and find the good in it. It's only in this expressing of gratitude for the life we already have, that we discover the life we've always wanted... a life we can take, give thanks for and break for others. And only then can we come to feel and know the impossible right down in our bones: We are wildly loved - by God. If you would like to get in on a new DVD and book study, "One Thousand Gifts" by Anne Voskamp, please contact AmySara at [319-591-0745](tel:319-591-0745) to order your materials.

COMING SOON...

Activities for children and date nights for church couples! More information will be coming in future newsletters!

WORD

"Beware of false prophets who come disguised as a harmless sheep but are really viscous wolves. You can identify them by their fruit, that is; by the way they act. Can you pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire. Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions."



YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY THOUGHTS



I want to share that God is doing some amazing things for and through the young people of our churches. I can testify to the growth and maturing that is taking place in the students and young adults who are disciples of Jesus. I see people holding each other

accountable, I have heard words of love and encouragement and challenges to grow and stretch faith being offered between brothers and sisters in Christ. I see expressions of God's love through actions of kindness and service to one another. I feel the power of prayer and sense the Holy Spirit in worship at church and in conversations while I'm visiting with people in their homes. I am enjoying fellowship with our church family as I get to know more of how to serve and minister here. We are growing, we are serving, we are loving, and we are being the hands and feet of Jesus. Keep abiding in Him, and He will abide in you!

Be Held,
AmySara Richardson

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: MARCH 4



The United Church of Crawfordsville Women will host this year's World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 4 at 1:30 PM in Crawfordsville. **ALL women AND men** are welcome to attend. The 2016 theme is "Receive Children, Receive Me."

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: MARCH 6

On Sunday, March 6 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. There will be a 'Donation' jar at the entrance to the sanctuary.



KIDS' CLUB, YOUTH BIBLE STUDY: MARCH 9



The final session of the Spring 2016 Kids' Club will be extra special. The **Kingdom Clowns** will be joining us! They are fun and have a great message to share with children AND parents! Everyone is welcome to come to this program Wednesday, **March 9 at 6:30 PM in the South Church sanctuary.** We will adjourn at 7:30 PM.

PLANNING FOR OUR CHURCH'S FUTURE

The first meeting of Planning for Our Church Future using the book, "Adapt to Thrive" was attended by about 20 people. The next meeting will be **Tuesday, March 22 from 6:30-8:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.** If you are interested in the future of our church, PLEASE plan to join us. Don't worry if you weren't able to attend the February meeting. There is still plenty to discuss and we encourage your input. Jan has copies of the book if you wish to read ahead of the meeting, but it is not mandatory. Phil Carver will continue to facilitate our journey as we explore the needs, opportunities, and steps needed to carry out the mission of our church. The Parish Council invites the entire Ainsworth Church Family to participate. We will also meet on April 26; May 24; and June 28.



"THE STORY" ADULT BIBLE STUDY



The Worship Committee has chosen to use "The Story" as the basis of worship for Palm Sunday – Chapter 26, The Hour of Darkness and on Easter Sunday, Chapter 27, The Resurrection. On Sunday, April 3, we will resume Adult Bible Study at 9:15 AM focusing on Chapter 28, New Beginnings which will also be our worship focus. Here is the rest of the schedule: April 10 – Chapter 29: Paul's Mission; April 17: Paul's Final Days, and April 24: The End of Time.

THANK YOU! PROPERTY COMMITTEE!!



Notice anything different about the outside of the South Church? Something is missing. The mud and the bushes! The ACC Property Committee has been very busy. They removed all the bushes from around the church (overgrown and there were trimming challenges) AND spread fresh gravel all around. We are MOST appreciative of all their hard work. And yes – there are plans in the works for new landscaping that won't involve bushes to maintain. Thank you! And 'Stay Tuned!'

LIFETOUCH DIRECTORIES HERE



The Lifetouch Directories have arrived. "Snowbirds," your copy has your name on it just waiting for you to come home – See Jan. There are a few extra copies. Please see Jan if you are interested in a copy.

2016 DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

You will find copies of the 2016 ACC Directory at both entrances to the sanctuary. The directory includes names and phone numbers of all the members of church committees. It also includes an overview of activities at ACC. Help yourself to a copy.



COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

SPAGHETTI SUPPER IN CRAWFORDSVILLE – 3.5



The Crawfordsville Community and Lions Clubs are hosting a Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, March 5 at the Crawfordsville Fire Station. Serving will be from 4-7 PM; free-will donation.

SACHA CLUB EGG HUNT – MARCH 26

Sacha Club in Ainsworth will sponsor an Egg Hunt at Marr Park on Saturday, March 26. The hunt will begin at Mary Marr Lodge starting at 9:30 AM. Please bring your own container to collect the eggs.



CRAWFORDSVILLE PANCAKE BREAKFAST – 4.2



Saturday, April 2nd, 2016 the Crawfordsville Fire Department will host a Pancake Breakfast at the fire station, 105 North Main Street. Serving will be from 6-9 AM. Free-will offering.

HELP MABAAN PEOPLE SPEAK ENGLISH

There are now about 125-250 Mabann People in Des Moines, Iowa. The Iowa Conference is working to make their dream of worshipping together in English happen. **They need 5 large (3 x 5) white boards, white board markers, spiral notebooks and pencils for 75 persons.** Funds may be sent through our church to the conference treasurer marked: South Sudanese #267. Talk to Jan if you wish more information. Please consider supporting this African congregation in our midst!



LOVE GOD . . . LOVE OTHERS

Saturday, March 19, 8:30 AM to 2 PM at the New London Christian Church participate in the 17th Annual Women's Spring Conference. FMI: Sandy – 319-931-4292. Registration is \$20 per person, includes lunch catered by Farmer's Daughter; Speakers: Ali Hettinger and Julie Porter with TEAM Restoration Ministry; Music: Sarah Elhers.

CHALLENGED! MEET DR CHARLES JACKSON

Bethel Mennonite Church (3185 Wayland Rd, Wayland) is hosting Dr. Charles Jackson for a series of meetings. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology, two Master's degrees, including environmental biology, and a doctorate in Science Education from the University of Virginia. He is a lifetime member of Mensa (international association for people with IQs in the 98th percentile). Dr. Jackson is director of College Ministries for the Creation Truth Foundation. He especially enjoys relating to youth the truth of who they are in light of God's Word. You are invited to participate in any or all of these lectures.

Friday, March 4, 7PM: "Developing a Biblical World View in the Age of Science"

Saturday, March 5, 7:30 AM: Men's Breakfast with Dr. Jackson.

Saturday, March 5, 7 PM: "Letting God's Truth Heal Our Inner Wounds"

"Dr. J" is an engaging speaker. He has a unique ability to allow the scriptures to speak to us. He will challenge us to not only understand but also to live into these truths!

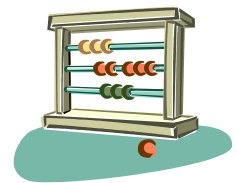
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Joys: Youth and adult programs at ACC. Dedicated volunteers. Families helped through Mission and outreach. The hope of Spring. **Concerns:** Those anticipating and recovering from surgery; those experiencing challenges in their work and personal life. **Serving Our Country:** To all members and their families serving our country, we say "Thank You!"

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE

Month	2015	2016
January	220	348
February	308	237 (3 weeks)



PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS




At the February meeting, these were the highlights:

Christian Education – Kids' Club: The Ash Wednesday Pancake supper and worship were well received. Kids' Club and Youth Bible Study will conclude on March 9. **Membership** – Request to baptize Asa Ballard. **Worship** – A subcommittee is meeting with Pastor Jason and UCC to make plans for worship during Lent. There will not be a Hymn

Sing this year. **Mission** –The February Garage Sale has been cancelled – just not enough time to prepare. There was good participation in a work day held February 17 – men and women came to help. **New Business:** Ragbrai will be coming to Washington the end of July 2016. Jan is to check with Steve Anderson concerning fundraising opportunities. **Next regular meeting** Thursday, March 10, 2016

BUDGET REPORT – 1-31-16

	Income	\$5,877.00	Expenses	\$6,598.41
	General Fund	\$15769.18	Building Fund	\$12,908.17
	Memorial Fund	\$5,258.21	Need/month for budget	\$7603.00

2016 Combined Presbytery and Methodist dues/apportionments: \$10,062.00

MARCH BIRTHDAYS/*ANNIVERSARIES

1) Ellie Anderson; 2) Steve Anderson, Nancy Stewart; 3) Chris Richardson; 5) Molly Klinzman; 8) Stephanie Laverman; 9) Ed White, *Dave & Karolyn Skubal; 17) Rita Anderson; Noah Hartzler; 19) Emma Beemblosson; Dawn Stewart; 21) Jonathan Kruse; Erin Mills; 24) Jason Collier; Janet Stafford; 26) Janene Kirk; 27) Ruth Miller, Dorothy Jacobs; 29) Elizabeth (Izie) Collier; Kurt Stewart; 30) Rich Riggan; 31) Jim McCreedy

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE FOR MARCH

MARCH 6 (4TH SUNDAY IN LENT)

Matthew 25:1-13 (14-30)

Psalms 43:3-4



MARCH 13 (5TH SUNDAY IN LENT)

Matthew 25:31-46

Psalms 98:7-9

MARCH 20 (PALM SUNDAY)

Matthew 21:1-13

Psalms 98:7-9

MARCH 27 (EASTER SUNDAY)

Matthew 28:1-10

Psalms 118:19-24

MARCH-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	Liturgist	Youth Sermon	Music	AV
Mar 6	Joe Skubal, Rob Yoder	Ruth Miller, Angie Ornduff	Molly Klinzman	Judy Skubal, Jenny Yoder	Neal Megchelsen	???	Puppets	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
13	Dale Holmes, Bill Wilson	Steve and Rita Anderson	Shalyn Kirk	Kathi Bean, Pat Jenkins	Pat Jenkins	???	Dalton Diers	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
20	Carson Bean, Dennis Bean	Dan & Stacy Klinzman	Lexi Collier	Wilma Chalupa, Penny McCreedy	Rosemary Harris	???	Kristi Bean	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
27	Myron Rees, Jason Anderson	Karen/Wendell Arduser	Kate Hartzler	Janet Rees, Molly Hartzler	JoAnn Torpey	Ann Ballard	Ann/August Ballard	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
April 3	Neil Mills, Neal Megchelsen	Wilma & Darrell Chalupa	Gracyn Bean-Humston	Laura Temple, Jan Temple				Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
10	Dave Kaufman, Steve Anderson	Dan & Stacy Klinzman	Molly Klinzman	Liz Kaufman, Rita Anderson				Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
17	Jim Hansen, Wendell Arduser	Oscar & Wynne Steele	Lexi Collier	Sherri Hazen, Chris Sieren				Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
24	Carson Bean, Dennis Bean	Joe & Judy Skubal	Kate Hartzler	Wynne Steele, Kathi Bean				Dalton Diers, Joey Collier

MARCH – APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, March 1: “Son Seekers, 7 PM, Oscar & Wynne Steele

Wednesday, March 2: Kids’ Club, North Church; Youth Bible Study, South Church, BOTH - 6:30-7:30 PM



Thursday, March 3: TKD, Fellowship Hall, 6 PM; Spirit Sisters, 6:30 PM, Ainsworth

Friday, March 4: World Day of Prayer Observation, United Church of Crawfordsville, 1:30 PM; Praise Team Rehearsal, 4 PM, Ainsworth Sanctuary; Jason attending Course of Study – All Day

Saturday, March 5: Jason attending Course of Study – All Day

Sunday, March 6: 4th Sunday in Lent, One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, Worship, 10:30 AM; CIA Youth Group, 4-5:30 PM, Crawfordsville

Monday, March 7: Spirit Sisters, Crawfordsville, 8 PM

Wednesday, March 9: *Final spring session for Kids' Club and Youth Bible Study, Meet in the South Church, 6:30-7:30 PM; Kids' Club will resume in September 2016*

Thursday, March 10: Mission Committee Winter Clearance Garage Sale, 2-5 PM, North Church; TKD, Fellowship Hall, 6 PM; Spirit Sisters, 6:30 PM, Ainsworth; Parish Council, 7 PM, North Church

Friday, March 11: Mission Committee Winter Clearance Garage Sale, 1-6 PM, North Church; Praise Team Rehearsal, 4-5 PM, South Church Sanctuary

Saturday, March 12: Mission Committee Winter Clearance Garage Sale, 9 AM to 1 PM, North Church

Sunday, March 13: **Daylight Saving Time Begins!** 5th Sunday in Lent; Worship, 10:30 AM; CIA Youth Group, 4-5:30 PM, Crawfordsville

Monday, March 14: Spirit Sisters, Crawfordsville, 8 PM

Tuesday, March 15: "Card" Club, 5 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall; "Son" Seekers, Gene and Pat Miller, host, 7 PM

Wednesday, March 16: Bachelors Lunch, 11:30 AM, Crawfordsville Church

Thursday, March 17: TKD, Fellowship Hall, 6 PM; Spirit Sisters, 6:30 PM, Ainsworth

Friday, March 18: Praise Team Rehearsal, 4-5 PM, South Church Sanctuary

Sat., Mar. 19: New London 17th Annual Women's Spring Conference, 8:30 AM to 2 PM

Sunday, March 20: Palm Sunday, Worship 10:30 AM (Using "The Story" Chapter 26: The Hour of Darkness; CIA Youth Group, 4-5:30 PM, Crawfordsville

Monday, March 21: Spirit Sisters, Crawfordsville, 8 PM

Tuesday, March 22: Ainsworth Church – Future Planning Group (Adapt to Thrive), 6:30-8:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, March 24: Maundy Thursday Service, 7 PM, United Church of Crawfordsville; Youth Lock-in, Ainsworth Community Church following worship at UCC

Friday, March 25: Good Friday Service, 7 PM, Ainsworth Community Church

Sunday, March 27: Easter Sunday! Sunrise Service, 7 AM, United Church of Crawfordsville with breakfast to follow; UCC Worship with Communion, 9 AM; Worship with Communion at Ainsworth Community Church, 10:30 AM using "The Story" Chapter 27: The Resurrection

Monday, March 28: Pastor Jason Family Vacation through April 4; Sacha Club in Fellowship Hall, 6 PM; Spirit Sisters, Crawfordsville, 8 PM

Thurs., Mar. 31: TKD, Fellowship Hall, 6 PM; Spirit Sisters, 6:30 PM, Ainsworth

Friday, April 1: Praise Team Rehearsal, 4-5 PM, South Church Sanctuary

Sunday, April 3: Adult Bible Study using "The Story, Chapter 28", Fellowship Hall, 9:15 AM, Worship 10:30 AM, AmySara Richardson, Pulpit Supply, "The Story" Chapter 28, "New Beginnings"

Monday, April 4: Sisters Group, Crawfordsville, 8 PM

Tuesday, April 5: "Son" Seekers, Jan Temple host; 7 PM

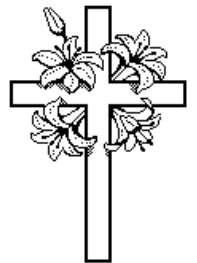
Thursday, April 7: TKD, Fellowship Hall, 6 PM; Spirit Sisters, 6:30 PM, Ainsworth

Friday, April 8: Jason attending Course of Study, all day; Praise Team Rehearsal, 4-5 PM, South Church Sanctuary

Sunday, April 10: Adult Bible Study using "The Story, Chapter 29", Fellowship Hall, 9:15 AM, Worship 10:30 AM, "The Story" Chapter 29, "Paul's Mission"; CIA Youth Group 3 PM, UCC

Monday, April 11: Sisters Group, Crawfordsville, 8 PM

Thursday, April 14: TKD, Fellowship Hall, 6 PM; Spirit Sisters, 6:30 PM, Ainsworth; Parish Council, 7 PM, North Church



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WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM; Kids' Club and Youth Bible Study:
Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 PM through March 9

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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.