

THE EVANGEL – MARCH 2017

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Hello again,

It is great to be a part of Easter in our churches for another year! I think about all the wonderful things we celebrate this time of year. We are in a season in both our churches to celebrate God's love for us. Easter is a gift of love unmatched by any other and in this part of the world it comes with a promise of spring as well. I encourage you to take time to prepare and be ready to focus on God during our Lent time together. May your "giving up for Lent" take you to an amazing place this year.

God bless each of you for the work Christ is planning in our hearts this Easter.

Your servant,



Pastor Jason Collier



LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE FOR MARCH



March 1	Jesus Turns to Jerusalem Ash Wednesday	Luke 9:51-62 (<i>Psalm 5:7-8 or 5:8</i>) Jesus starts for Jerusalem, rejected in Samaria, Don't put your hand to the plow and turn back.
March 5	Good Samaritan - Hospitality First Sunday in Lent	Luke 10:25-42 (<i>Psalm 15 or 15:1</i>) Parable of the Good Samaritan
March 12	Lament over Jerusalem - Repentance Second Sunday in Lent	Luke 13:1-9,31-35 (<i>Psalm 122 or 122:6</i>) The tower in Siloam and need for repentance, parable of fig tree that bore no fruit, lament over Jerusalem.
March 19	Lost Sheep, Coin, Son - Rule breaker Third Sunday in Lent	Luke 15:1-32 (<i>Psalm 119: 167-176 or 119:176</i>) Parables of lost sheep, coin, prodigal son.
March 26	Rich Man and Lazarus - Division Fourth Sunday in Lent	Luke 16:19-31 (<i>Psalm 41:1-3 or 41:1</i>) Parable of the rich man and Lazarus.
April 2	Zacchaeus - Blindness Fifth Sunday in Lent	Luke 18:31-19:10 (<i>Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12 or 84:10</i>) Healing a blind man, meeting Zacchaeus. Jesus came to see and save the lost.
April 9	Triumphal Entry – Palm Sunday Sixth Sunday in Lent	Luke 19:29-44 (<i>Psalm 118:19-23 or 118:20</i>) Triumphal entry; Jesus weeps over the city that does not know peace.



YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

STUDENT MINISTRY FOR MARCH 2017

Wednesday, March 1 - No Bible Study. Instead come to the Pancake Supper at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall and Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm in the South Sanctuary

Sunday, March 5 - Youth Group at Ainsworth, 4-5:30 PM. **THIS IS PLANNING FOR Student Led Worship Service - PLEASE BE HERE!!!!** Confirmation, 6 PM

Wednesday, March 8 - No Bible Study instead students will be helping with Kids Club Easter Carnival, 6:30-7:30 PM

Sunday March 12th - NO YOUTH GROUP; NO CONFIRMATION

Wednesday March 15 - ALL STUDENTS come to do a final run through of worship

Sunday March 19 - STUDENT LED WORSHIP!!!! Please plan on attending this event. The last services that the youth gave were incredible! Students will lead the worship at both Crawfordsville at 9 AM and Ainsworth at 10:30 AM followed by lunch at four corners. **NO** Youth Group this Sunday!!!! Confirmation will meet at UCC, 6 PM

Wednesday March 24 - Bible Study at Ainsworth, 6 PM

Saturday March 25 - Mystery Bus Tour for ALL Southeast Iowa District Students Grades 7-12. Meet at Columbus Junction Methodist Church, 7 AM; return by 8 PM. Bring swimwear and towel. Cost is \$50 per student (may have a \$25 scholarship).

Sunday March 26 - NO YOUTH GROUP - Hymn Sing night at Ainsworth 6:30 PM

Wednesday March 29 - Bible Study, Ainsworth, 6 PM

Sunday April 2 - Washington Against Hunger - Another fun adventure of packing boxes for food pantries and feeding the hungry. More info to come!!!

Wednesday April 5 - Bible Study, Ainsworth, 6 PM

Sunday April 9 - NO Youth Group; NO Confirmation

Wednesday April 12 - Bible Study, Ainsworth, 6 PM

Thursday April 13 - LOCK IN!!!! Ainsworth, 9 PM. **We NEED Volunteers for this event to happen.** Adults are needed to cook, serve and sleep in their own beds, as well as those brave souls who can "rest" in lawn chairs all night while supervising teenagers!! More information will be in April's newsletter.

THANK YOU! PROPERTY COMMITTEE!!



Notice anything different about our buildings? Our dedicated Property Committee continues to be hard at work. They have filled in the window wells at the North Church (they were caving in). The south entrance of the South Church is nearing completion. For his Eagle Scout project, Dalton Diers has assembled two wooden benches (Memorial Money – Erlenbush and Frame – more about this in another issue) which will be mounted on the concrete outside of the South Church. The new sign (isn't it nice!?!?) is here along with new lighting make it visible 24/7.

With the help of the Riverboat Foundation, we now have new air conditioners installed for the South Church; a new furnace and air conditioner for the North Church Office AND increased and safe electrical system in the North Church which enables more than 2 outlets in the church office – YEAH!!! Plus, we have 6 all new thermostats that are Wi-Fi enabled. The new carpet will be installed in the sanctuary the week of March 13. **We need help moving pews on March 12 at 1:30 PM.**

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR; WDOF- MARCH 2



The Ainsworth Community Church will host the United Church of Crawfordsville Women for this year's World Day of Prayer on THURSDAY, March 2. Everyone is welcome to begin the event by joining ACC at their Neighbor to Neighbor brunch beginning at 10:30 AM in the ACC Fellowship Hall. During Neighbor to Neighbor, a brunch is served and there is time to meet and visit with your neighbors. The Neighbor event will adjourn at Noon. The World Day of Prayer program will BEGIN at Noon in the ACC Fellowship Hall. The 2017 theme is, "Am I Being Unfair to You?" The materials have been prepared by the women of the Philippines ALL women AND men are welcome to attend.



KIDS' CLUB EASTER CARNIVAL, MARCH 8



Wednesday, March 8 will be our final Kids' Club for this school year. Instead of our regular classes, there will be carnival games and events using Easter as the theme. It will be held at the North Church – 6:30 to 7:30 PM.

You won't want to miss it!

YOUTH LEADING WORSHIP - MARCH 19

The CIA Youth Group will be leading our worship service on Sunday, March 19 at 10:30 AM (they will led it in Crawfordsville at 9 AM). They did a wonderful job the last time they led. We hope that you will come and be supportive of them.



MONTHLY LUNCH AT 4 CORNERS: 3RD SUNDAY



Pastor Jason has invited both the Ainsworth Community Church and the United Church of Crawfordsville to meet on the third Sunday of each month for lunch at noon at the 4 Corners Cafe. They will host us in the back room (if we fit). This is an opportunity to have lunch and fellowship. Let Pastor Jason know if you know you will be there. Reservations are not required but helpful.

March 19th is the next Sunday to join together for lunch.

UMCOR SUNDAY MARCH 26

(FORMERLY ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING)

On Sunday, March 26 we will collect an offering for UMCOR – formerly known as "One Great Hour of Sharing." The monies provide major support for immediate assistance in the wake of natural and human-caused disasters and helps support ongoing ministries of food, shelter, health and peace. UMCOR giving allows 100 percent of designated gifts to be used for the specified disaster response or other ministry. There will be a 'Donation' jar at the entrance to the sanctuary.



2017 ACC COMMITTEE DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

You will find copies of the 2017 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.



HYMN SING SUNDAY, MARCH 26



Enjoy music? Have a favorite hymn? Ainsworth Community Church invites you to join them on Sunday, March 26 for the traditional "Hymn Sing". Please let Linda McNeil know if you have a talent you would be willing to share that evening – singing, playing a musical instrument – single or in a group; or just come and participate in the sing-along. A special feature of the evening will be music performed by The ACC Puppet Ministry. Light refreshments will be served in the sanctuary starting at 6 PM; Program begins at 6:30 PM.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: Weddings, Babies, Grandparents, Updating and revitalization to our ACC properties; Youth and adult programs at ACC. Dedicated volunteers. Families helped through Mission and outreach. **Concerns:** Praying for the safe return of our church family who have wintered in warmer states than Iowa. Those recovering from surgery: Sherrie Hazen-Hansen and Karen Arduser; those anticipating surgery; those undergoing treatment for cancer and other illnesses; 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!"



LETTER OF THANKS




Dear Church Friends, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, phone calls and visits while I was laid up. Special thanks to Pastor Jason for his encouraging words and visits. I plan to be back at worship before too long. Many thanks to all. *Jim Thompson*

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

SPAGHETTI SUPPER MARCH 4: The Crawfordsville Community Club and Crawfordsville Lions Club are sponsoring a Spaghetti Supper, Saturday, March 4, 2017 at the Crawfordsville Fire Station. Serving begins at 4 PM and runs through 7 PM. It is a free will donation.



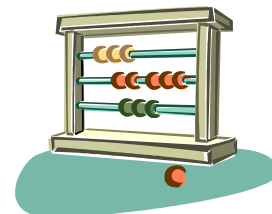
BUDGET REPORT – 1-31-17

	Income	\$6,731.10.00	Expenses	\$5,410.63
	General Fund	\$13,839.81	Building Fund	\$14,327.03
	Memorial Fund	\$6,593.76	Need/month for budget	\$7,718.00

2017 Combined Presbytery and Methodist dues/apportionments: \$10,819.00

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE

Month	2016	2017
January	348	301
February	327	253



PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



At the February meeting, these were the highlights: **Christian Education:** Parent's Night Out was used by 2 families with 8 youth on February 3; 5 adults from the church conducted the event. Karen is training youth recruited from Kids' Club to serve as candle lighters. **Membership/Nurture:** The committee wishes to be more active in the nurturing of our church. Some of the suggestions were planning potluck dinners in the fall and winter months; sending cards to members in the hospital etc. and to new visitors. They will be in touch with ACCW to decide how to help with funeral dinners. There also should be some sort of nurturing for the loss of a family member whose funeral is not in our church. The committee plans to host the reception May 7th for seniors and confirmation students. The committee will meet again after talking to ACCW. **Worship:** They are busy with plans for Lent including the Hymn Sing. **Property:** There have been several plumbing issues at the parsonage – shower in downstairs bath and upstairs. Wilson's made the needed repairs. They need help Sunday, March 12, 1:30 PM to move pews before installation March 13. HVAC updates are now complete. Kim Yoder has completed electrical updates at the North Church. The new sign has been installed at the South door. Thank you to Dwight Miller and Clifton Dawley the window wells in the restrooms at the North have been blocked shut because of crumbling concrete. They will insulate and dry wall interior. **Mission:** In January, they finished getting rid of the leftover stuff from the garage sales (with a lot of extra help). There are only the 3 green shelves left and I they may have a lead on a new home for them. In January, they served 17 families food from the pantry. The Salem Church of God has given us sacks of groceries 2 or 3 times lately. **Memorial:** Penny has given Colleen information about the committee from 2011 forward. Colleen will be putting that into a spreadsheet to better track receipts and purchases. The next stated meeting is Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7 PM.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS/*ANNIVERSARIES



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



MARCH WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

If you are not able to serve as a worship assistant, ***please find a substitute.***

Date	Ushers	Greeters	Candles	Snacks	AV
Mar 5	Neal Megchelsen Clifton Dawley	Ruth Miller, Angie Ornduff	Kate Hartzler	Karen Megchelsen Pat Jenkins	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
12	Neil Mills Lance Mills	Jim & Sherrie Han- sen	Graycn Bean-H.	Sherri Hazen, Chris Sieren	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
19	Youth Led Worship	Youth Led Worship	Youth Led Worship	Wynne Steele, JoAnn Torpey	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
26	Dave Kaufman Steve Anderson	Dan & Stacy Klinzman	Molly Klinzman	Liz Kaufman, Rita Anderson	Rob Yoder, Joey Collier

APRIL WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

If you are not able to serve as a worship assistant, ***please find a substitute.***

Date	Ushers	Greeters	Candles	Snacks	AV
Apr. 2	Neal Mills Neal Megchelsen	Steve Miller Drew Diers	Jacob Hartzler	Brenda Bean Kathi Bean	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
9	Joe Skubal, Rob Yoder	Carol Bean Jenny Yoder	Ellie Anderson	Judy Skubal, Jenny Yoder	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
16	Jim Hansen, Wendell Arduser	Oscar & Wynne Steele	Kate Hartzler	Wynne Steele Penny McCreedy	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
23	Jason Anderson Dennis Bean	Joe & Judy Skubal	Graycn Bean-H.	Jan Temple Laura Temple	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
30	Myron Rees Dale Holmes	Steve & Rita Anderson	Lexi Collier	K. Megchelsen Pat Jenkins	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier

MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Recurring Weekly Events:

- **Sunday**, Worship, 10:30 AM
- **Monday thru Friday**, 5-6 AM: Fitness Walking, ACC South Church, All welcome.
- **Tuesdays**: Jason ACC Office Hours: 1-3; Jan at North Church, 2-4 PM
- **Wednesdays**: Youth Bible Study, North Church Loft, 6 PM; Kids' Club, North Church, 6:30-7:30 PM (concludes March 8; resumes in September); Ladies Fitness, South Church 6:30 PM
- **Thursdays**: Jan at North Church, 2-4 PM; TKD, North Church, Sanctuary, 6 PM



Wednesday, March 1: Ash Wednesday; Pancake Supper, Fellowship Hall, 6:30 PM; Ash Wednesday Worship, ACC Sanctuary, 7 PM (UCC guests at ACC)

Thursday, March 2: Neighbor to Neighbor, 10:30 AM to Noon, Fellowship Hall; World Day of Prayer, Noon to 1:30 PM also in Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 3: Parent's Night Out, 6:30 to 8:30 PM, Fellowship Hall, MUST Call Ann: 319-201-9684

Sunday, March 5: CIA Lent1 – 4 PM, Ainsworth, Confirmation Class, 6 PM, Ainsworth

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

Wednesday, March 8: Kids' Club Easter Carnival, 6:30-7:30 PM, North Church

Sunday, March 12: Daylight Saving Time Begins; Pew removal in preparation of new carpet installation, 1:30 PM; Highlanders 4-H Club, 4:30 PM

Monday, March 13: Ainsworth Parish Council, 7 PM, North Church, Lower Level

Wednesday, March 15: Food Pantry, 1:30-3 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall Food Pantry, South Church

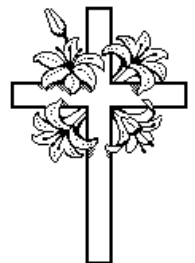
Friday, March 17: Breakfast Club, 9 AM, United Church of Crawfordsville

Sunday, March 19: Youth led Worship at Crawfordsville 9 AM and at Ainsworth, 10:30 AM; Lunch with Pastor Jason (Buy your own), Ainsworth Four Corners, Noon to 2 PM; Confirmation Class, 6 PM, ACC

Tuesday, March 21: "Card Club", 5 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall; "Son" Seekers, 7 PM, Gene and Pat Miller

Sunday, March 26: Hymn Sing at Ainsworth Community Church; Doors open with snacks beginning at 6PM, Program begins at 6:30 PM

Monday, March 27: Sacha Club, ACC Fellowship Hall, 6 PM



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- **Wednesdays**: Youth Bible Study, North Church Loft, 6 PM; Ladies Fitness, South Church 6:30 PM
- **Thursdays**: Jan at North Church, 2-4 PM; TKD, North Church, Sanctuary, 6 PM



Saturday, April 1: Private Wedding Ceremony, Laura Temple and Ian Lacy, South Church Sanctuary, 10 AM to 12:30 PM

Sunday, April 2: Washington Against Hunger, 3 PM; CIA-Lent 5 – UCC, 4 PM; Confirmation Class, ACC, 6 PM

Tuesday, April 4: “Son” Seekers, Jan Temple, 7 PM

Thursday, April 6: Neighbor to Neighbor, 10:30 AM-12:30 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 7: Parent’s Night Out, 6:30 to 8:30 PM, Fellowship Hall, MUST Call Ann: 319-201-9684

Sunday, April 9: Palm Sunday, 10:30 AM; CIA-Lent 6, UCC, 4 PM; Highlanders 4-H Club, 4:30 PM; NO Confirmation Class

Monday, April 10: ACC Parish Council, 7 PM, North Church

Thursday, April 13: Maundy Thursday; ACCW, 1:30 PM at Norma White Home; Maundy Thursday Worship at UCC with Communion, 7 PM; 3rd Annual CIA Lock-In at ACC, 9 PM to 6 AM on Friday, April 14

Friday, April 14: Good Friday; Good Friday Worship, 7 PM, ACC

Saturday, April 15: Holy Saturday

Sunday, April 16: Easter Sunday; Sunrise Service, 7 AM at UCC; Worship at ACC 10:30 AM; Lunch with Pastor Jason at the Four Corners, Noon to 2 PM; NO CIA; NO Confirmation Class

Tuesday, April 18: “Card” Club, 5 PM, Fellowship Hall; “Son” Seekers, 7 PM; Herb and Dorothy Koehler

Wednesday, April 19: Food Pantry Open at ACC, 1:30-3 PM, Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 21: UCC Rummage Sale

Saturday, April 22: UCC Rummage Sale

Sunday, April 23: CIA Amazing Race, 4 PM; Confirmation Class, 6 PM

Monday, April 24: Sacha Club, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 29: Highland Prom

Sunday, April 30: CIA Amazing Race, 4 PM; Confirmation Class, 6 PM, Ainsworth

Spring forward with the Lord so you won't Fall back into sin

Life is like a pencil - Without Jesus there's no point.

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WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM; Wednesdays: Youth Bible Study – 6 PM;
Kids' Club 6:30-7:30 PM

GENERAL MINISTRY OF CONGREGATION

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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.