

THE EVANGEL – MAY 2015

FROM THE PASTOR

Decisions You Make Affect Those Traveling With You.
Ask the Israelites who wandered the desert 40 years.

Num.10- Deut.34

Every parent has been there. The trip ahead is long. The travel schedule is tight. You hit the road with a full tank, confident the plan you have crafted beats anything AAA could muster. But twenty minutes down the highway you hear a small, squeaky voice from the backseat. The artillery begins to bombard you. **The questions**. Some you expected. *Are we there yet? How much longer? Can we get something to eat?* The next barrage is unexpected. *Who was the first*

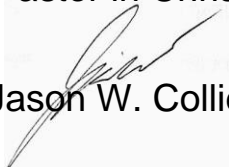


person to decide to squeeze those things on a cow and drink whatever came out? Why does our dog get mad at us when we blow in his face but when we take him on a car ride he sticks his head out the window? Every parent has been there. **Questions from the backseat**. You come to expect them. Every journey to a destination includes them. The same is true for the journey of faith.

Just like kids on a trip we get tired of the journey. We want to know when we can stop. We get tired of serving. We get tired of waiting. We get tired of the people we're traveling with. And we grumble. The Israelites did. They complained about the food, about the place they were traveling, and about their 'driver' Moses. Grumbling does not set well with God. In fact, our grumbling can lead to our wandering. When offered the chance to leave Kadesh and enter the Promised Land, the Israelites listened to the fear-filled report from ten spies instead of the faith-full report of Joshua and Caleb. Kadesh means "Spring of Decision" and it was time for one. They were in the right place to make the right decision. But the majority made the wrong one. The people wished they had died in the desert. So God told them they would get their wish. They would wander until the unbelieving generation died out. And they did. They wandered in the Wilderness for forty years. And their children were impacted by their decisions.

The decisions you make affect those around you, just like the decisions the Israelites made at Kadesh. You can decide to grumble or be thankful. You can decide to turn away from God or turn toward God. You can decide to wander without purpose through life or follow God's vision for your life. Just don't forget that those in the backseat will be affected by your decisions. And when you commit to Christ and your community, let God help you stick with it!

Your Pastor in Christ,


Jason W. Collier

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



Congratulations to our graduating seniors – recognition day for them will be Sunday, May 3. Plan to join us starting at 10 AM around the snack table in the sanctuary to congratulate the following students: Ben Bean, Colton Bean, Morgan Craig, Courtnee Hahn, Sam Kruse, Nicole Miller, Nick Yoder, and Demi Brezini.

WELCOME CONFIRMATION STUDENTS!



Congratulations to our students who have studied God's word and have chosen to publicly profess their faith as members of the Ainsworth Community Church Family. We will welcome them to the church on Sunday, May 3. The reception will begin at 10 AM around the snack table in the sanctuary. Those being confirmed are: Carson Bean and Gracyn Bean-Humston.

YOUnique Style Show and Pastry Tasting

The Youth Group at the Ainsworth Community Church and the Ainsworth Opera House are jointly sponsoring a FUN YOUnique Style show and Pastry Tasting Tea on **Sunday May 3 from 3 - 4:30 PM** at the Ainsworth Opera House. There will be a freewill donation and the funds will be split between the Opera House and the Youth Group.



We hope you can come to enjoy the show and treats. Let Sherri Hansen know if you wish to participate in any way. ALL AGES are invited to participate in the Style Show. Participants, please arrive by 2:30 PM. FMI: Sherri at 319-657-3782 or sherrie@iowatelecom.net or AmySara at 319-591-0745 or amysararichardson@gmail.com

Potluck Dinner AND Art (painting)Event for Mothers and Daughters!



Friday, May 15th in the Fellowship Hall at ACC, we will begin with a potluck at 6PM. Please bring a dish to share. Painting is optional. The cost to paint is \$20 per person which covers supplies and instructor from The Art Nest. Please let Jason or Christina know **by May 5th** if you want to paint so there will be enough supplies. We will also have a few door prizes.



MISSED SUNDAY WORSHIP? TRY THIS!



We are now recording the sermons at ACC and posting them on our church web site. How will you find it? Go directly to the web page at: ainsworthchurch.org OR, if you use Facebook, search for "Ainsworth Community Church" and **Like** our page. By 'liking' us, you will be notified when the sermon is posted. We will only keep them up for a few weeks so don't delay. If you need some additional help, call Jan and she will try to lead you through it – 319-657-3020.

ACCW–MAY 11 – 1:30 PM



The May meeting of ACCW will be held in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 1:30 PM. Penny McCreedy is scheduled to be the hostess with the program facilitated by Sandy Stout.

PB&J SUMMER MINISTRY – BEGINS JUNE 9

The Christ IS Alive Youth Group will meet on Tuesdays at 11 AM in the North Church Youth Room starting June 9. They plan to stick together like “Peanut Butter and Jelly” hence the PBJ Student Summer Ministry title. Students entering 6th Grade through students who have not left for college are welcome to join in as the group will laugh, work, talk, and play together each week. They will pilot the 11 AM meeting time and adjust accordingly as the summer progresses.



Some of their special summer ‘adventures’ will include: Service Projects, FUNdraisers, Hanging Out, Helping Others, Archery, Paintball, Swimming, Fire Pits, Acts of Random Kindness and Adventureland!

Parent volunteers are needed to support these events. If you are available on Tuesday’s from 11 AM to 1 PM or are willing to chaperone any of these fun events, fundraisers, or service projects (which may be at different times) please contact AmySara at 319-591-0745 or amysararichardson@gmail.com



NOTE: If you would like to be involved with the Youth Group at ACC on a regular basis, AmySara will be sending direct information to participants, chaperones, and drivers. Please contact her to have your name added to her list so you will be aware of up-to-the-minute project details.

WANTED: CONGREGATION CHORE NEEDS



AmySara, the Youth Ministry Leader, is requesting knowledge of congregation chore needs/requests. The PB&J group this summer, in addition to having loads of fun, plans to do some service work in our church community. So, if you or someone you know needs help with mowing, walking their pets, cleaning a toilet, painting, etc. please contact her: 319.591.0745; amysararichardson@gmail.com

THE STORY – SUMMER BREAK

On May 3 we will be starting Chapter 7 in “The Story”. This will be the focus of the sermon as well as Bible Study that morning and at 6:30 PM on May 4. Because of several conflicts, there will NOT be Bible Study the morning of May 10. There WILL be class to study Chapter 8 on Monday, May 11. Our last chapter before summer break will be Chapter 9. We will cover **Chapter 9 at Bible study on May 17 at 9:15 AM** and during worship that day. **Monday, May 18 at 6:30 PM** it will be the focus of the **final Bible Study before Summer Break**. The Story study will resume in September.



MISSION OFFERING TO SUPPORT FOGELMAN'S

On **Sunday, May 17**, ACC will have a special collection to support the mission work of Lynn and Sharon Fogelman (Goodwin). They work in South Sudan. An excerpt from their latest newsletter (posted on church bulletin board):

- 51% of the population of South Sudan is 15 years or younger;
- 1 in 5 children die before their 5th birthday
- 1 in 7 women die during their childbearing years from complication of pregnancy and delivery.



Sharon used to be a member of this church. Donations may be designated to the UMC program HEAL (Health Empowering All Lives); Gifts to support Medical Emergencies; or to Radio Health Programs/Bible Ministry. Sharon and Lynn have been with "The Mission Society" since 2012.

Relay for Life of Washington Co. – June 13



The Washington County Relay for Life will be held Saturday, June 13 from 11 AM to 11PM in Central Park. You can make a real difference and help save lives by making a donation to the American Cancer Society to Celebrate (Honor) a cancer survivor, to Remember (Memory) a loved one who lost their fight against cancer, or to Fight Back (Support) by honoring a caregiver or other worker. Luminaria bags (several at back of church) ordered before June 9 are half price. Directions are in the bags or see Bertie Miller for more information.

THANK YOU FOR THE CLEANING HELP!

"Thank you!" to those assisting in the April cleaning projects. A group of wonderful volunteers came for the "Liquid Gold Party": Linda McNeil, Wilma and Daryl Chalupa, Wayne and Anne Freyenberger, Liz Kaufman, Ruth Miller, Bertie Miller, Nick Sandberg, and Jan Temple.



CAMP REECE ACTIVITY NIGHT: AUGUST 6



We are inviting all from ACC and UCC who can to come and help at camp REECE on Thursday, August 6 from 6-8 PM. We will be helping the campers in their activities and fun... The activities are already programed; we just come to help! **NOTE:** We also need 5 dozen cookies to take along with us for snack time.

Summer Games University 2015

Summer Games University is schedule for **July 13-17** at Grinnell College. Youth will be part of an experience where biblical events and practices are shown through creative, worshipful moments, such as prayer with the laying on of hands, a foot washing service, a crucifixion pageant, and more. For registration information, see AmySara.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Joys: Confirmation; Graduations; Weddings; Babies; Planting Season; Summer Vacation; Sunshine; Healing. **Concerns:** Growing season for farmers and gardeners; those contemplating surgery and recovering from illness; those dealing with financial issues. **Serving Our Country:** “Thank You!” to members and their families serving our country.

PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS


An overview of issues at the April 9 Parish Council meeting:

- Tim Elliott of Washington Real Estate is taking care of parsonage vacancy. Interested persons should contact his office for an application.
- AmySara submitted a written report sharing details of the youth group activities. Weekly events are attended by 10+ students. The trip to AirFX was attended by 22; the April 2 lock-in had 28 youth attending. See elsewhere in this newsletter for their summer plans.
- Pastor Jason shared a written report showing outlining his activities in March.
- Permission for a baptism that is to be scheduled was granted.
- Tentative dates for VBS 2015 are every Sunday in June. More details coming.
- Gifts for graduates and confirmation students have been purchased. (Bibles).
- Property Committee: Tim Elliott will contact us when it’s time to clean the parsonage for a new renter. The current renter is paid through April.
- Praise Band will now be called Praise Team with their base being at ACC. They hope to play a major role in the music of one service each month. The first Sunday of the new ‘model’ may be May 10 – Mother’s Day.
- The Youth Group needs more space, especially during the summer. It was agreed they could use some space in the North Church.
- Jason is proposing some modifications to AmySara’s position – increasing responsibilities. Council was interested but requested more specific numbers and details before taking any action.
- It was agreed to offer Rita Anderson, treasurer, the option of meeting with parish council via phone. Jan will speak with her.



Next meeting will be Thursday, May 14 at 7 PM in the South Church Sanctuary.

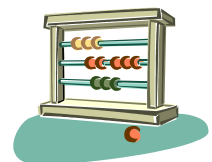
BUDGET REPORT – 3-31-15

	Income	\$6,910.00	Expenses	\$5,524.81
	General Fund	\$11,220.87	Building Fund	\$10,755.94
	Memorial Fund	\$4,757.82	Need/month for budget	\$7,025.00

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

MARCH AND APRIL ATTENDANCE

Month	2014	2015
March	333	421
April	292	329



MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



	Ushers	Greeters	Candles	Refreshments	AV
May 3	Jim Hansen, Steve Anderson	Ruth Miller, Angie Ornduff	Molly Klinzman	ACCW & Membership	Jan Temple
May 10	Dale Holmes, Bill Wilson	Carol Bean, Nancy Stewart	Kate Hartzler	Janet Rees Molly Hartzler	Dan Klinzman
May 17	Neal Megchelsen, Jerry Bean	Dan & Stacy Klinzman	Ellie Anderson	Karen Megchelsen, Brenda Bean	Jan Temple
May 24	Myron Rees, Jason Anderson	Oscar & Wynne Steele	Gabby Dawley	Wynne Steel, Kathi Bean	Jan Temple
May 31	Jim McCreedy, Wendell Arduser	Marcia Wilson, Janene Kirk	Shalyn Kirk	Wilma Chalupa, Penny McCreedy	Jan Temple
June 7	Dennis Bean Dave Kaufman	Joe & Judy Skubal	Carson Bean	Judy Skubal, Jenny Yoder	Jan Temple
June 14	Dale Holmes, Bill Wilson	Larry & Kathi Bean	Gracyn Bean- Humston	Jan Temple, Laura Temple	Jan Temple

MAY BIRTHDAYS/*ANNIVERSARIES



1) *Jason & Christina Collier; 2) Kim Yoder, 3) Dylan Goodwin; 6) Mary Louise Meeks; 7) Myron Rees, Kristen Anderson, Ted Hahn; 8) Chris Hartzler; 9) Stacy Klinzman; 11) Brian Chalupa; 12) Dakota Longbine; 16) Bob Jacobs; 18) *Brian & Colleen Bean; 19) Sue Frame; 20) James Beemblossom, Craig Edmondson; 21) *Wendell & Karen Arduser; 23) Bill Wilson; Jeremy Collier; 25) Brady Hahn; *Jason & Rachel Longbine; 27) *Kim & Jenny Yoder, Kelly Caldvet; 30) Brittany Anderson, Linda McNeil, Joyce Edmondson, Mindy Rochwick



LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE FOR MAY 2015

MAY 3 (5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER)

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:25-31 (UHM 752)

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

MAY 10 (6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER)

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98 (UMH 818)

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

MAY 17 (7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER)

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47 (UMH 781)

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

MAY 25 (DAY OF PENTECOST)

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826)

Romans 8:22-27

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

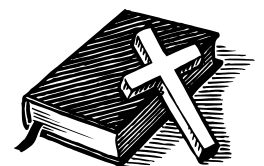
MAY 31 (TRINITY SUNDAY)

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29 (UMH 761)

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17



CALENDAR OF EVENTS: MAY TO EARLY JULY

Sunday, May 3: The Story Bible Study – Chapter 7, Fellowship Hall, 9:15 AM
Communion, Confirmation and Senior Sunday Observation – Reception 10 AM, ACC
South Church Sanctuary; FUNdraiser Style Show & Pastry Tasting, Ainsworth Opera
House, 3-4:30 PM (Last SUNDAY meeting for CIA, Summer meetings: Tuesdays, 11 AM)



Monday, May 4: The Story Bible Study – Chapter 7, Fellowship Hall, 6:30 PM

Tuesday, May 5: Praise Team, ACC, 6:30 PM; “Son” Seekers, Oscar & Wynne Steele, 7 PM

Thur., May 7: National Day of Prayer; TKD, Fellowship Hall, 6 PM; Men’s Bible Study, 7 PM, UCC

Sun., May 10: NO Morning Bible Study. Youth Group: Love your mother; grandmother; aunts.

Monday, May 11: The Story Bible Study, 6:30 PM, Chapter 8, Fellowship Hall.

Thursday, May 14: Ascension Day; ACCW, 1:30 PM, Fellowship Hall, Penny McCreedy Hostess,
Sandy Stout, Facilitator; TKD, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall; Parish Council, 7 PM, South Church

Friday, May 15: Moms and Daughters Potluck and Painting Event, ACC Fellowship Hall, 6 PM

Sunday, May 17: Special Offering for the Fogelman’s who serve with The Mission Society (FMI
see article in this newsletter). Rural Life Sunday; The Story Bible Study – Chapter 9, Fellowship
Hall, 9:15 AM; Youth Group: Support our HS graduates!

Monday, May 18: The Story Bible Study, 6:30 PM, Chapter 9, Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday, May 19: “Card” Club, 5 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall; “Son” Seekers, Gene and Pat Miller, 7
PM; Praise Team, ACC, 6:30 PM.

Thursday, May 21: TKD, 6 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, May 24: Pentecost (Wear something red) Youth Group: Observe Memorial Sunday



Tuesday, May 26: Praise Team, 6:30 PM, ACC

Thursday, May 28: TKD, 6 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall; Men’s Bible Study, 7 PM UCC

Sunday May 31: Trinity Sunday; Youth Group: Enjoy the summer!

Monday, June 1: Blood Drive, UCC, Crawfordsville, 1 -7 PM

Tuesday, June 2: Praise Team, 6:30 PM, ACC; “Son” Seekers, Jerry & Betty Bean, 7 PM

Thursday, June 4: TKD, 6 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall; Men’s Bible Study, 7 PM, UCC

Saturday, June 6 through Tuesday, June 9: Methodist Annual Conference, Des Moines

Sunday, June 7: Camp REECE Offering

Tuesday, June 9: PB&J Youth Group, 11 AM, North Church; Praise Team, 6:30 PM, ACC

Thursday, June 11: ACCW, 1:30 PM, Norma White Home, Program, Wynne Steele; TKD, 6 PM,
Fellowship Hall; Parish Council, South Church Sanctuary, 7 PM

Saturday, June 13, Relay for Life, 11 AM to 11 PM, Washington Central Park

Sunday, June 14: Communion during 10:30 AM Worship

Tuesday, June 16: PB&J Youth Group, 11 AM, North Church; “Card” Club, 5 PM, Fellowship Hall;
Praise Team, 6:30 PM, ACC; “Son” Seekers, Jim and Penny McCreedy, 7 PM

Thursday, June 18: TKD, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 21: Happy Father’s Day!

Monday, June 22 through Monday, June 29: Collier Family Vacation

Tuesday, June 23: PB&J Youth Group, 11 AM, North Church; Praise Team, 6:30 PM, ACC

Thursday, June 25: TKD, 6 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall; Men’s Bible Study, 7 PM, UCC

June 26-29 Youth Camp at Wesley Woods. More details coming.

Tuesday, June 30: PB&J Youth Group, 11 AM, North Church; Praise Team, 6:30 PM, ACC

Thursday, July 2: TKD, 6 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall; Men’s Bible Study, 7 PM, UCC

Monday, July 6 through Friday, July 17: Pastor Jason attending Course of Study

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Change Service Requested

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 AM;
Adult Bible Study: Sunday 9:15 AM; Monday 6:30 PM

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And Stacy: 319.930.0291

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.