

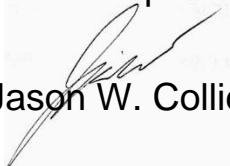
THE EVANGEL – MAY 2017

FROM THE PASTOR

Ok. So we're in the home stretch now. Summer is close upon us and we have survived another winter. And yet I wonder if you are still feeling winter in your life. I know I seem to be. Every year I think when will this cold ever end... but this year was different. This year it's gone (well mostly) and I still feel like wintering. I wonder what it means for God to call us to different seasons in our life. I think about how sometimes we are called to move in great strides and then take smaller steps. Today I wonder if my steps are big enough??? If you're with me, then you will understand this is probably not the first time we have been here. Not the first time things have been a little slow or just boring. (Don't tell my mom I used that word or she will give me chores to do!) Know that I am praying for each of you and I will know that you are praying for me. May God's love from Ecclesiastes that tells us of all the seasons in our lives remind us that change will come and joy will come in the morning. Let us give God the credit and the glory for His amazing world and may you all have a great summer.



Your servant pastor,


Jason W. Collier

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE FOR MAY 2017

May 7	Baptism/Ethiopian Eunuch Baptized 4th Sunday of Easter	Acts 8:26-39 (Luke 24:44-47) Ethiopian reads the Scriptures, comes to believe and be baptized by Philip.
May 14	Grace/Council at Jerusalem 5th Sunday of Easter	Acts 15:1-18 (Luke 2:29-32) Council at Jerusalem, Faith gives identity to both Jews and Gentiles.
May 21	Love/Living by Faith 6th Sunday of Easter	Galatian 1:12-17; 2:11-21 (Luke 18:9-14) Paul's former life; conflict with Peter at Antioch; justification by faith.
May 28	Inclusive/One in Christ 7th Sunday of Easter	Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29 (Luke 1:68-79) Neither Jew or Greek, slave or free, male and female; one in Christ.
June 4	Spirit/Pentecost	Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 4:1-7 Pentecost; God pours the Spirit into our hearts so we can call on God as Father.

PASTOR VISITS AND PRAYER LIST

Please let the church know if you would like Pastor Jason to call on you or if you need to be on our prayer list. You may call **Pastor Jason's cell 563.343.3390** at any time; **AmySara's cell 319.591.0745**; leave a message on the **church answering machine: 319-657-3020** or call **Jan's cell 319.330-6175**.





YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

The month of May brings so many changes for student ministry, the first and most important being that we take a break from our weekly meetings and begin to think about our summer plans. Just a reminder that if you have a student who will be in 6th grade for the 2017-2018 school year, they will be able to participate in youth group this summer! Call, text or email AmySara at [319-591-0745](tel:319-591-0745) to get more information. Events being planned for the summer are: a road trip to an amusement park, community service projects and "flash" meetings. You will find AmySara out at the ball park this summer and visiting students where they are. *If you are a student who would like to visit with AmySara, please text or message me and let me know!*

Watch the July/August newsletter for the kickoff information for the next school year, and have a safe and happy summer everyone!

AmySara Richardson, Youth Ministry

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



Congratulations to our graduating seniors – recognition day for them will be Sunday, May 7. Plan to join us starting at 10 AM around the snack table in the sanctuary to congratulate the following students: Kylan Anderson, Trent Lasek, and Drake Brezina. During worship, they will be presented with a gift from the Ainsworth Community Church.

WELCOME CONFIRMATION STUDENTS!

Congratulations and welcome to Shalyn Kirk and Ellie Anderson! These young women have studied God's word and chosen to publicly profess their faith as members of the Ainsworth Community Church Family. We will welcome them to the church on Sunday, May 7. The reception will begin at 10 AM around the snack table in the sanctuary.



COLTHURST SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Sorry – You must wait until the June issue of "The Evangel" to see the name/s of the 2017-18 Colthurst Scholarship recipients in print. The release of the May issue could scoop the formal announcement spoiling the surprise.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017

The committee is meeting soon to set dates and make all the plans for VBS 2017. Information will be sent home before summer recess with the Ainsworth Elementary students. You may also check social media Facebook: Ainsworth Community Church; Web: ainsworthchurch.org Twitter: AinsworthCC We will need adult and teen volunteers to assist with the program. If you could help with lessons, games, crafts, or snack time, please call – 319-657-3020; 319-657-2291; or 319-330-6175 Thank you!



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER – THURSDAY, MAY 4



The National Day of Prayer, created in 1952 by a joint resolution of US Congress and signed into law by Pres. Harry S. Truman, is an annual event held the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. There will be a local observance at the Bandstand in Central Park, Downtown Washington on Thursday, May 4 from Noon to 1 PM.

ACCW–MAY 11 –10:30 AM

ACCW will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 AM on Thursday, May 11.



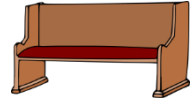
Together, the group will prepare a vegetable beef soup that will be frozen into small portions for distribution by Pastor Jason and AmySara as they encounter individuals in need of a meal. Please bring a dish to pass so all may enjoy a potluck lunch following.



NEW CARPET!!! AND MORE



Many thanks to Brian Bean, the entire ACC Property Committee, and members of the church family for all the help in moving pews in the sanctuary. PLUS, moving the piano, organ, altar – everything! BUT the new carpet is beautiful! We have new air



conditioners at the South Church and expanded electrical service at the North building allowing for additional outlets and surge protection. The Church Office is equipped with a new furnace and AC. Funding for all of these improvements was shared 80/20 with the Washington County Riverboat Foundation.

OFFERING TO SUPPORT FOGELMAN'S –MAY 14



Sunday, May 14, ACC will have a special collection to support the mission work of Lynn and Sharon Fogelman (Goodwin). They are now in Moyo, Uganda – 8 km from the South Sudanese border –serving the more than 700,000 South Sudanese refugees in northern Uganda. They are grateful for your prayers and financial support. Financial support may be sent it to: TMS Global, PO Box 922637, Norcross, GA 30010-2637. In the memo indicate: “3017 FOG SUP”. You may write to them: sharonlynnfog@gmail.com.

PENTECOST CELEBRATION SUNDAY, JUNE 4

Pentecost Sunday is a commemoration and celebration of the receiving of the Holy Spirit by the early church. On Sunday, June 4 please wear something red to worship as part of our observance of Pentecost Sunday at Ainsworth Community Church.



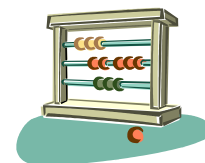
CAMP REECE OFFERING – JUNE 4



Camp REECE is July 23-28, 2017. The camp provides a safe outdoor camping experience to persons with disabilities ages 5-80 years of age one week out of the year. Donations-large or small, will be collected Sunday, June 4 in the donation jar at back of church – small brown envelopes will be available.

MARCH AND APRIL ATTENDANCE

Month	2016	2017
March	391	320
April	271	396 (4 of 5)



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Joys: Graduations; Weddings; Babies; Planting Season; Summer Vacation; Healing. **Concerns:** The Lois Drayfaul Family; those contemplating surgery and recovering from illness; those dealing with financial issues; our schools – faculty, staff, students and family transitioning to a new beginning. **Serving Our Country:** “Thank You!” to members and their families serving our country.

PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



Highlights of the April meeting: **Christian Education:** PNO – 3 families with 6 kids; 7 adult volunteers. **Membership/Nurture** – They continue to send cards. Flowers were sent to the Lord family while he was hospitalized. They served the funeral dinner for the Lord family on April 8 working with ACCW. April Neighbor to Neighbor event was changed to April 13. Future sessions have not been scheduled. **Worship** – Hymn Sing attended by about 50. Communion Schedule is set through March, 2018. **Property** – Carpet is installed. Bathroom windows have been blocked shut and finished on the inside at the North Building. As weather permits grass will be seeded at the South entrance. Randy Fink will paint trim on North Building to complete the Renovation Project. Need to evaluate funds to determine plausibility of building new storage for puppet equipment. Mowing – D. Donald will mow. **Mission:** They served 12 families (44 individuals) with food this month. They are adding another hour to the advertised open time - 5 to 6 PM on the 3rd Wednesday. **SPPRC:** Met and completed the “Second Set of Eyes” report which is an evaluation of Pastor Jason that is being submitted by May 1. **Memorial** – Some monies were received in Mary Slemmons honor. **Finance** and **Nominating** – No report. **Old Business:** Asa Ballard baptism will need to be rescheduled. **New Business:** The easel from the South Church entryway will be moved to the entryway of the North Church as property committee has time. **Finance issues:** It was agreed that the janitors do have a budget and they can spend up to that amount. When the budget committee for 2018 meets they should consider including a discretionary amount for Pastor Jason’s use. Camperships: Colleen and Jan will visit with George to clarify exactly how the system is intended to operate. It was agreed that we need to encourage Christian Ed and Finance to propose a policy for which camps to promote and how monies should be allocated. **School related issues** –Jan should contact Chris Armstrong, HCSD Superintendent to get more information about the bus stop request and consult our insurance company. **Other:** Clifton plans to attend meeting in Chicago. Next meeting: May 8.

BUDGET REPORT – 3-31-17

	Income	\$7,151.00	Expenses	\$5,068.33
	General Fund	\$13,025.69	Building Fund	\$7,122.06
	Memorial Fund	\$6,307.64	Need/month for budget	\$7,718.00

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

MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Ushers	Greeters	Candles	Snacks	AV
May 7	Dave Kaufman Steve Anderson	Karen/Wendell Arduser	Jacob Hartzler	Membership & Worship	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
14	Neil Mills Neal Megchelsen	Dan & Stacy Klinzman	Lexi Collier	Betty Bean Marcia Wilson	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
21	Joe Skubal Wayne Freyenberger	Steve Miller Drew Diers	Ellie Anderson	Jessica Diers Pat Jenkins	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
28	Jim Hansen, Wendell Arduser	Carol Bean Marcia Wilson	Kate Hartzler	Janet Rees Molly Hartzler	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
June 4	Jason Anderson Dennis Bean	Betty/Jerry Bean	Graycn Bean- Humston	Sherri Hazen, Chris Sieren	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier

NO PARKING! PLEASE! To accommodate safe movement of

emergency vehicles, please do NOT park on the west side of 4th street (street on the west side of the south church). As cars are parked diagonally next to the church, there isn't room for emergency vehicles to drive. Thank you – this could save when minutes count!



MAY BIRTHDAYS/*ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1)*Jason/Christina Collier; | 11) Brian Chalupa; | 23) Bill Wilson; |
| 2) Kim Yoder, | 12) Dakota Longbine; | Jeremy Collier; |
| 3) Dylan Goodwin; | 16) Bob Jacobs; | 25) Brady Hahn; |
| 6) Mary Louise Meeks; | 18) *Brian/Colleen Bean; | *Jason/Rachel Longbine; |
| 7) Myron Rees, | 19) Sue Frame; | 27) *Kim/Jenny Yoder, |
| Kristen Anderson, | 20) James Beemblossom, | Kelly Caldvet; |
| Ted Hahn; | Craig Edmondson; | 30) Brittany Anderson, |
| 8) Chris Hartzler; | 21) *Wendell/Karen | Linda McNeil, |
| 9) Stacy Klinzman; | Arduser; | Joyce Edmondson, |
| 10) Rebecca Mills; | | Mindy Wilson |



CALENDAR OF EVENTS MAY 2017

Recurring Weekly Events: Sunday, Worship, 10:30 AM

- **Monday thru Friday, 5-6 AM:** Fitness Walking, ACC South Church
- **Tuesdays:** Jason ACC Office Hours: 1-3; Jan at North Church, 2-4 PM
- **Wednesdays:** CIA Youth Group Bible Study, the LOFT, 6 PM through May 10
- **Thursdays:** Jan at North Church, 2-4 PM; TKD, North Church, Sanctuary, 6 PM

Tuesday, May 2: "Son" Seekers, Mike & Mary Lou Koehler

Thurs., May 4: National Day of Prayer, Central Park, Washington, Noon-1 PM

Friday, May 5: Breakfast Club, 9 AM, UCC; Parent's Night Out, 6:30-8:30 PM

Saturday, May 6: Baby Shower in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 7: Confirmation, Senior Sunday, Colthurst Scholarship Announcement during 10:30 AM worship; Lunch at 4 Corners, Noon

Monday, May 8: Parish Council, 7 PM, North Church Office

Thursday, May 11-12: RightNow Conference, Chicago, Parish Council and other church leaders to attend (10 from each church).

Thur., May 11: ACCW Soup Preparation & Potluck lunch, Fellowship Hall, 10:30 AM

Sunday, May 14: Mother's Day, Fogelman Offering; Highlanders 4-H Club, 4:30 PM

Tues., May 16: "Card" Club, ACC, 5 PM; "Son" Seekers, Oscar & Wynne Steele, 7 PM

Wednesday, May 17 through May 31: Pastor Jason on Vacation

Wednesday, May 17: Food Pantry Open 1:30-3 PM & 5-6 PM

Sunday, May 21: Pulpit Supply – AmySara Richardson; Highland Graduation

Monday, May 22: Hold Fellowship Hall for Sacha

Sunday, May 28: Pulpit Supply – Sarah Hegar

Monday, May 29: Memorial Day

Sunday, June 4: Pentecost – Please wear something red; Camp REECE Offering;

Monday, June 5: Lions Club Blood Drive at United Church of Crawfordsville

Tuesday, June 6: "Son" Seekers, Jerry and Betty Bean, 7 PM

Thursday, June 8: ACCW, Ruth Miller home, 1:30 PM

Sunday, June 11: Pulpit Supply – AmySara Richardson; Highlanders 4-H Club Meeting, 4:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

Monday, June 12: ACC Parish Council, 7 PM, North Church Office

Wednesday, June 14: Food Pantry Open, 1:30-3 PM and 5-6 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 18: Father's Day; Lunch at the Corners, Noon to 2 PM



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WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM South Church

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TREASURER: Colleen Bean

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MISSION COMMITTEE: Kathi/Brenda: 657.2387; and Ann: 319.330.0348

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.