

# ***THE EVANGEL – NOVEMBER 2016***

## **FROM THE DESK OF YOUR YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTER**



This past weekend, I attended the School for Lay Ministry at Cornell University in Mt. Vernon. This is a three year course for all people of the church to come and learn more about what it means to be a Methodist and how to grow in service to God and your local church. As your Youth and Family Minister, I chose to take this course to be better equipped in my paid position, and to follow God's leading in my life. However, even if you don't feel called to professional ministry or a paid church staff position, the School for Lay Ministry is a great opportunity for you to grow your faith in God and service to your church.

The first session was Introduction to Lay Ministry. Lay Ministry is basically us, as people who come to church on Sunday, fulfilling our role as Christians, and living The Great Commandment – to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength; and The Great Commission - to love our neighbor as ourselves. The part of this lesson that spoke to me was that this course was *not* going to make us Preachers, Ministers, Pastors or Reverends. This course is going to allow us, as regular church goers, to develop our skills and look for areas and needs in our church and community to be the hands and feet of God. We learned to look to our congregations for servants who are already working and how to lift them up, as well as how to see new opportunities for ministry and to work with our Pastor (Jason) to begin these ministries and serve others in the name of Jesus.

*The truth is that we are all lay servants.* Scripture tells us, in 1 Peter 2:4, 5 & 9, (4) "You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor. (5) And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God. (9) But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light."

The truth is that there are so many ways our church is already meeting the needs of the hungry, the grieving, the widowed, the young, and the poor. Having been in this class, I was able to see some areas of hospitality and outreach that perhaps we are thinking about as a congregation, but have not yet branched into. I prayerfully seek God's call for our congregations to go into all the world and make disciples of Christ.

A disciple of Christ is someone who accepts and helps to spread the teachings of Jesus. Are you a disciple of Christ? How does it show? We are really great about sharing our time, talents, gifts and service with others as evidenced by our congregations' missions and giving; however, do they know where it comes from? Do we speak the name of Jesus in conversations, or when thanked for our gifts or service, do we respond with thanksgiving to God for the ability to do so? If we are not pointing people to Jesus, we are not much different from others. I was reminded in this class that there are a LOT of great people doing a lot of GREAT things in the world who are NOT Christians (disciples of Christ).

The question I left class asking myself is, "How can I do great things in this world as a *disciple of Christ?*" If I am a living stone and a holy priest of God, and his chosen

people, am I showing others the goodness of God? Not only showing them, but telling them my meager actions are an effort to overflow this amazing grace that's been bestowed upon me? I hope that God is showing me through my quiet times, through the ministry of others, and through these classes.

Thank you for your support in the ministry to students and families in your congregation, for your love of all people, really. I want to remind you that there are many opportunities to grow in your faith and service right here in our church, in our district and in our conference. I also want to let you know that the apportionments that you pay are there to provide this training, and other opportunities for growth in our churches throughout the area. If you are feeling nudged to learn more about growing in your service, growing to minister to others or growing in your faith, I urge you to contact me! I have some great books and class schedules. There are classes that are shorter than the School for Lay Ministry and may be right in line with equipping you for the service God is calling you to! May we all be a reflection of The Light that shines upon us.

Blessings,

*AmySara Richardson*

## FROM THE PASTOR

A quick word of thanksgiving. Spend time this month being thankful for what God has shared with you. As you are with family or with friends, let them know (like AmySara said) what God has done for you. God bless you all this November Season!

Your servant pastor,

*Jason Collier (563-343-3390)*



## PASTOR JASON HAS OFFICE HOURS AT AINSWORTH



Starting now, Pastor Jason is trying to observe office hours in the North Church office at Ainsworth Community Church every Tuesday between the hours of 1 and 3 PM. Please understand there will be weeks where it won't work out or he may be called away for an emergency or meeting. But he is trying. If you need to speak with him face-to-face, this would be a good time.

## GOING OUT OF BUSINESS ACC GARAGE SALE!



You read it correctly. The ACC Garage sale that has been used as a source of funds for the Food Pantry is going out of business. These 3 days will be the **final ACC Garage Sale** held in the North Church. (Other funds will be used to support the pantry). We are serious when we say, "Everything must go!" PLEASE come, shop, and donate generously. All proceeds will support Missions and Youth Ministry. Here is a preview:



Winter clothing (infant to adult) and footwear

Dishes, Glassware, Silverware, Pots & Pans

Christmas and other holiday Decorations

Curtains, Tablecloths, Linens

Books, Games, Puzzles,

Small Appliances

Luggage

Entertainment Center

Knick Knacks. Wicker Baskets, And MUCH, MUCH MORE!!

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3: NOON TO 5:30 PM**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4: 9AM TO 4 PM**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5: 9 AM TO 1 PM**

## THANK YOU BOY SCOUTS!

The Mission Committee wishes to thank Boy Scout Troop #242 for sharing the results of their "Scouting for Food" drive. They shared 1273 pounds of food with our ACC Food Pantry. The food collected will benefit many Ainsworth families.



## ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE OUR LOVE!



For the month of November we will be writing Christmas cards to active military men and women who are hospitalized. This is our chance to thank them for their service in a special way. The back of the sanctuary as well as the Fellowship Hall will have card-writing stations with specific instructions. Please stop by before and/or after worship to complete cards. In addition to the cards, we would appreciate monetary donations to help with funding for postage. Thank you for your support of this project. FMI: contact Stacy – 319-930-0291

## KIDS' CLUB AND HARVEST SUPPER 2016

The final Kids' Club meeting of the Fall Session will be held on Wednesday, **November 9**. The evening will begin with a Harvest Supper at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall of the South Church (this is for Kids' Club participants and families). Following supper, there will be a short program performed by the students of Kids' Club. All parents and siblings of Kids' Club participants are welcome. **NOTE:** Kids' Club will resume on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 and run through Wednesday, March 8, 2017.



## ACCW TO MEET FOR STONE SOUP LUNCH



Ainsworth Community Church Women (ACCW) will meet Thursday, **November 10** in the Fellowship Hall at **10:30 AM** (note time change). Marcia Wilson is the hostess. Please bring a can of soup for a "Stone Soup Lunch" as well as your Thank Offering. Fruit plates will be distributed. **Note:** This is the last ACCW meeting for 2016. The next meeting will be Friday, March 3, 2017 in Ainsworth for a joint celebration of 'World Day of Prayer' with the United Church of Crawfordsville.

## PUPPET MINISTRY RESUMES

The Ainsworth Community Church Puppet Ministry is resuming for the new school year. Practices are on Sunday's at 9 AM in the South Church. Students in 6<sup>h</sup> grade and older are encouraged to contact Janet Rees 319-430-4730 or 319-657-2272.



## UCC FALL SOUP SUPPER



The United Church of Crawfordsville Fall Soup Supper will be Saturday, November 12. They will serve chili, potato, and oyster soup from 4:30 to 7 PM. Free-will offering. The Dunbar Gospel Singers will perform starting at 7 PM.

## BLOOD DRIVE

The Crawfordsville Lions Club in conjunction with the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive on Monday, November 28 at the church in Crawfordsville. They are seeking donors between the hours of 1:30 to 6:30 PM. To schedule an appointment, contact Larry Fletcher – 319-461-1564.



## STUDENTS LEAD WORSHIP – NOVEMBER 20

The Students of ACC and UCC will lead worship at BOTH churches on Sunday, November 20th. There are many places to fill in worship, so ALL students of the church are welcome to participate. Please contact AmySara if you have not already heard from her to find your place in worship! This is sure to be an uplifting and exciting service. Come, worship with the students on Nov. 20: 9 AM at UCC; 10:30 AM at ACC.



## POTATO BAR THANKSGIVING EVE – NOV. 23



The CIA Youth Group will offer a Potato Bar Fundraiser on Wednesday, November 23 from 4:30-6:30 PM at the United Church of Crawfordsville. Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service will follow at 7 PM at UCC.

## MAKE A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS NOISE!

We may have a leader willing to organize a choir for the 2016 Christmas Season. The goal would be to sing a few songs during Advent. If you are interested in singing in the choir, call Jan at 319-657-2291; 319-330-6175 or email the church [ainsworthchurch@gmail.com](mailto:ainsworthchurch@gmail.com). We need voices of all ages/genders!! Please plan to join us!




## CHARGE CONFERENCE



The 2016 Charge Conference, October 2, Kalona United Methodist Church was attended by 3 persons from ACC in addition to AmySara, Christina, and Pastor Jason. Action: **New Officers:** Parish Council - Rachel Carstensen and Clifton Dawley. (Rob Yoder will be an additional youth representative); Property Committee - Marvin Davis; Christian Education - Erin Kaufman; Worship - Lance Hinkle; Membership/Nurture Committee – Janet Rees; Treasurer - Colleen Bean; Historians - Jan Temple and Brenda Bean; Annual Conference Delegate - Clifton Dawley. A Youth Group Board has been established: Diane Anding and Kim Prier; PC Liaison - Kristen Anderson; Youth Rep. - Carson Bean, Community Member - Jessica Diers. **The 2017 budget** is for \$92,612 meaning we need income of \$7,718 each month to meet expenses. **Vision:** To love one another by: 1)Providing a nurturing and safe place that allows spiritual growth throughout the lifespan; 2)Providing meaningful and dynamic worship for everyone; 3) Reaching out to those in need with love and tangible support; 4) Continuing to grow in sustainable ways in our relationship with Christ and outreach to the community. **Goals:** 1) Continue Youth and Family Ministry expansion into the community; 2) Implement and continue modification of church committee structure; 3) Serve the local community by becoming a social hub; 4) Rethink and reallocate how we use our resources.

## BUDGET REPORT – 9-30-16

	Income	\$7,238.00	Expenses	\$9,513.79
	General Fund	\$14,848.40	Building Fund	\$13,353.17
	Memorial Fund	\$6,593.56	Need/month for budget	\$7,603.00

2016 Combined Presbytery and Methodist dues/apportionments: \$10.062.00.

We recently paid \$1809.50 to the Methodists and the Presbytery for a total of \$3,619.

**We still owe \$6,443.00 by the end of 2016 if we are to meet our full denomination obligation.** We pray that you will assist your community church meet their obligations.

Thank you, ACC Parish Council and Finance Committee

# PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



The following is a brief overview of the October 13, 2016 meeting.

**Christian Education** – Kids’ Club – Bibles have been presented to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. About 125 people attended Fall Festival. The first session of Parents Night Out was used by 8 children. **Membership** – The first Neighbor To Neighbor was held in October with about 30 people attending. Another will be held in November. **Property** – Held a special meeting with Finance Committee and Parish Council to decide what items to include in the grant to the Washington County Riverboat Foundation. Painting has been completed in the men’s restroom. They are on hold until after harvest. When they resume, they plan to tear down the old office/garage and build better storage for the puppet ministry. Wilson’s repaired the men’s urinal. Brian Bean is taking the lead on the landscaping at the south entrance of the South Church. **Mission** – The final garage sales will be held in early November. The Food Pantry is going well. They are collecting items for In-Gathering. **Memorial** – Money from the Frame memorial will be spent on a second bench to be placed at the South Church entrance. **Nominating** – Changes were made to the slate before the final vote at Charge Conference: Karen Megchelsen will serve as Financial Secretary; Clifton Dawley will serve on Parish Council; Marvin Davis will join the Property Committee and Clifton Dawley rather than Dan Klinzman will be the delegate to Annual Conference. Dan is willing to be an alternate delegate. **New Business**: **Grant Proposal** to Washington County Riverboat Foundation included the following items: 1) Yoder Electric - \$4500 to update electric at North Church including a new service entrance and surge protection to whole building; 2) N & S Heating and Cooling: Furnace and AC in North Church Office, New AC in South Church, 6 new Wi-Fi Thermostats – 3 at each church - \$16, 624; 3) Finke Painting – Trim at roofline of North Church - \$3503; 4) Bruty’s Carpet – New carpet in the South Church Sanctuary - \$15,722. **Emergency Baptism** – Phoenix Elizabeth Sturm – 16 month old daughter of Jamie and Rob Sturm was baptized by Pastor Jason. There will be a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for the family on Sunday, October 30 at the Opera House from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM. We will present the family with a baptismal towel at that time. **Refund from RAGBRAI** – Vendor fee of \$350 was refunded – split with UCC

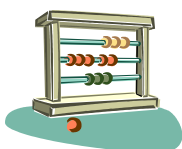
## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Joys:** We are grateful for the bountiful harvest. We celebrate the healing of those recovering from surgery. We rejoice in the level of participation in the Fall Session of Kids’ Club and the time and devotion of many volunteers who make the program successful. We give thanks for all the young people participating in church sponsored programs which assist our community.

**Concerns:** We pray for the safety of our farmers and their families as they complete the harvest season and fall field work; People suffering with poor health, limited resources, or family conflicts. **Serving Our Country:** We say “Thank You!” to members and their families serving our country.




## SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER ATTENDANCE



Month	2014	2015	2016
September	263	347	281
October	282	337	302 (4 of 5)

## LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE FOR NOVEMBER

<b>November 6</b>	<b>Jonah and God's Mercy</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost; All Saints Sunday	<b>Jonah 1:1-17; 3: 1-10 [4:1-11]</b> (Luke 18:3) Jonah's attempted escape from God, God's mercy on the people of Nineveh.
<b>November 13</b>	<b>God Calls Isaiah</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	<b>Isaiah 6:1-18</b> (Luke 5:8-10) Call of Isaiah: Holy, holy, holy is God; the prophet's sin, cleansing, and sending.
<b>November 20</b> 	<b>God Promises a New Covenant</b> Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday	<b>Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; then 31:31-34</b> (Luke 22:19-20) Jeremiah's scroll calls for repentance, but the king burns it. The prophet promises a new covenant, written on the heart.
<b>November 27</b>	<b>Daniel's Hope in God</b> First Sunday of Advent	<b>Daniel 6:6-27</b> (Luke 23:1-5) Daniel in the lion's den; deliverance; God's kingdom shall never be destroyed.

## NOVEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Candles</b>	<b>Snacks</b>	<b>AV</b>
Nov. 6	Dave Kaufman, Steve Anderson	Betty/Jerry Bean	Shalyn Kirk	Liz Kaufman, Rita Anderson	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
13	Jim Hansen, Wendell Arduser	Sherrie Hansen; Karen Arduser	Lexi Collier	Sherri Hazen, Chris Sieren	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
20	Myron Rees, Jason Anderson	Oscar/Wynne Steele	Jacob Hartzler	Wynne Steele, Kathi Bean	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
27	Dale Holmes, Kenneth Kruse	Jessica Diers; Steve Miller	Ellie Anderson	Karen Megchelsen, Brenda Bean	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
Dec. 4	Joe Skubal, Rob Yoder	Judy Skubal; Jenny Yoder	Kate Hartzler	Judy Skubal; Jenny Yoder	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
11	Neil Mills, Lance Mills	Dan/Stacy Klinzman	Molly Klinzman	Laura Temple; Jan Temple	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier

## ADVENT SEASON WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

The Advent season begins Sunday, November 27. During advent, we expand congregation participation in the worship service. When a member of the worship committee asks for your help with the following, please say, "Yes!" Thank you!

- Light the Advent Candle
- Present the Children's Sermon
- Share Special Music
- Read the liturgy

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS/\*ANNIVERSARIES



1) Joe Dawley; 2) Mabel Wood; 3) \*Rick & Betty Anders; 5) Betty Bean; 7) Juanita Dawley; 8) Dale Holmes; 10) Wilma Chalupa; Norma Paisley; 15) Angie Ornduff; 16) Brian Bean, Dave Kaufman, \*John & Janice Skubal; 17) John Skubal, Michelle Castillo; 18) D. Donald; Jessup Collier; Neil Mills; 19) Judy Skubal; 21) Carrie Ornduff; 22) Shayln Kirk, Deb Gilchrist; 28) Karlton Skubal; 30) \*Alan & Julie Edmondson.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER



**Tuesday, November 1:** Pastor Office Hours at UCC: 8 AM to Noon; Office Hours at ACC: 1-3 PM; "Son" Seekers, 7 PM, Jim and Penny McCreedy; Sacha Club, Fellowship Hall, 7 PM

**Wed., November 2:** CIA Bible Study, Fellowship Hall, 6 PM; Kids' Club, 6:30 PM drop off at South Church, Pick up at North Church at 7:30 PM

**Thursday, November 3:** Neighbor to Neighbor, 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM, Fellowship Hall; Close-out ACC Garage Sale, Noon to 5:30 PM, North Church; TKD, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall; Worship Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, North Church Office

**Friday, November 4:** Close-out ACC Garage Sale, 9 AM to 4 PM; North Church; Parent's Night Out, 6:30-8:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, November 5:** Final ACC Garage Sale at North Church, 9 AM to 1 PM

**Sunday, November 6: Daylight Saving Time Ends; All Saints Day;** CIA Youth Group, 4-5:30 PM, Ainsworth; Confirmation Class, 6-7:30 PM, Ainsworth

**Monday, November 7:** Sisters Group, United Church of Crawfordsville, 6:30-8 PM

**Tuesday, November 8:** Pastor Office Hours at UCC: 8 AM to Noon; Office Hours at ACC: 1-3 PM

**Wednesday, November 9:** ACC Food Pantry Open with samples, 1:30-3 PM; Kids' Club Harvest Meal and program, 6:30 to 7:30 PM, Fellowship Hall and South Church Sanctuary.

**Thursday, November 10:** ACCW, Fellowship Hall, 10:30 AM; TKD, Fellowship Hall, 6 PM; Parish Council, North Church, 7 PM

**Saturday, November 12:** UCC Soup Supper, United Church of Crawfordsville

**Sunday, November 13:** Recognize Veterans during worship; CIA Roller Skating, Wellman, 4-5:30PM; Highlanders 4-H Club Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 5:30 PM

**Monday, November 14:** Sisters Group, United Church of Crawfordsville, 6:30-8 PM

**Tuesday, November 15:** Pastor Office Hours at UCC: 8 AM to Noon; Office Hours at ACC: 1-3 PM; "Card" Club, Fellowship Hall, 5 PM; "Son" Seekers, Wilma McAllister, 7 PM

**Wednesday, November 16:** Staff Meeting, 8 AM, UCC; Bachelor's Lunch, UCC, 11:30 AM

**Thursday, November 17:** TKD, Fellowship Hall, 6 PM

**Friday, November 18:** Breakfast Club, UCC, 9 AM

**Sunday, November 20:** Youth to lead worship at UCC and ACC; Confirmation Class, 6 PM, UCC

**Monday, November 21:** Sisters Group, United Church of Crawfordsville, 6:30-8 PM

**Tuesday, November 22:** Pastor Office Hours at UCC: 8 AM to Noon; Office Hours at ACC: 1-3

**Wednesday, November 23:** CIA Potato Bar at UCC, 4:30-6:30 PM; Thanksgiving Eve Service, UCC, 7 PM

**Thursday, November 24:** Thanksgiving Day

**Sunday, November 27:** First Sunday of Advent; NO CIA meeting – spend time with family.

**Monday, November 28:** Lions Club Blood Drive, UCC, 1-8 PM; Sacha Club, ACC Fellowship Hall, 6 PM; Sisters Group, UCC, 6:30-8 PM

**Tuesday, November 29:** Pastor Office Hours at UCC: 8 AM to Noon; Office Hours at ACC: 1-3

**Thursday, December 1:** TKD, Fellowship Hall, 6 PM

**Friday, December 2:** Parent's Night Out, Fellowship Hall, 6:30-8:30 PM

**Saturday, December 3:** Confirmation Serving Noon Meal at Saturday Kitchen, Washington

**Sunday, December 4:** Second Sunday of Advent; CIA – RMC House Supper, IC, 4-5:30 PM; Confirmation Class, 6 PM, UCC

**Monday, December 5:** Sisters Group, United Church of Crawfordsville, 6:30-8 PM

**Tuesday, December 6:** Pastor Office Hours at UCC: 8 AM to Noon; Office Hours at ACC: 1-3; "Son" Seekers, Ruth Miller, 7 PM

**Thursday, December 8:** TKD, Fellowship Hall, 6 PM; Parish Council, North Church, 7 PM

**Friday, December 9:** Breakfast Club, UCC, 9 AM

**Sunday, December 11:** Third Sunday of Advent; Bell ringing at Washington Wal-Mart, 10:30 AM to 8 PM

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WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM; Kids' Club: Wednesday's 6:30 PM

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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.