

# THE EVANGEL – SEPTEMBER 2016

## FROM THE PASTOR

Hello Church,

It is great to know the Lord is still changing lives. This past month I have had 5 people tell me their God stories. I was able to be a part of at least 3 of the stories and the other 2, not yet. My favorite conversations go something like this.

"Hi My name is Jason Collier"

"Hello I'm \_\_\_\_\_."

"Nice to meet you."

"Likewise..."

"What do you do for a living?"....

"I work at \_\_\_\_\_"

"Oh that's great." (more questions).

"What do you do?"

"I am a pastor of two of the most amazing churches!"....

"Oh really? Where?"

"Crawfordsville and Ainsworth."

"Oh man! I bet that keeps you busy."

"Yes it does...."



Then the person usually begins to tell me how or why they believe in God.

"I go to -----church."

"Oh that's great. What is God doing in that church?"

They then tell me all about their church, and I finally get to ask my favorite question.

"What is God doing in your life?"

Now this is always a great question. I love when people smile and you can see that God story coming. I wish each of us could have an answer to that question. The reality is that some people answer a different question... they say,

"My parents\_\_\_\_\_." Or

"I went to church a long time ago." Or

"I have a friend\_\_\_\_\_."

You see, they are not really answering the question.

I know God is active in each of our lives. And I know that the happiest people in the world are the people who try to understand what that activity is, and then share it with others. You and I are not just church goers. We are called to share with everyone what God is doing in our lives. I pray you will not need to choose your moments wisely, but that people around you enjoy you because of how much of God you notice in your life! That is one of the amazing things about Walk to Emmaus. You will hear 15 talks about where each person sees God in their lives. And in 3 days that is a lot of God stories. It really changes your outlook and perspective.

If you are missing some joy or sparkle in your life, please talk to me and let's see where God is involved in your life. And if you would like to try Walk to Emmaus let me know and we will start the process. But whatever you do, share with someone where you felt or saw God this week. Share your God Story!

May your love for God improve daily!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Collier".

Pastor Jason Collier

## CHRIST IS ALIVE YOUTH GROUP kicks off August 28th at



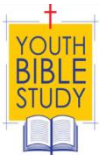
4PM at Marr Park. Students in grades 6-12 are encouraged to come and participate in The Amazing Race for the afternoon. Parents are asked to come to pick students up and enjoy a meal at 5:30PM with students and staff, to sign waivers and to sign up for opportunities to support student ministry for the year.



**Youth group will be Sundays from 4-5:30PM at various locations!**

Fun, Faith, Family and Food... is there anything else?

## BIBLE STUDY FOR STUDENTS will begin on Wednesday September



28th at 6:00PM in the Fellowship Hall of Ainsworth South Church. The first study will be "Awaken", a video series from Right Now Media. The time for sleeping is over—no more snooze button, no more pulling the covers over your head. It's time to wake up to the reality of the life we've been called to live in Christ. D.A. Horton calls students to awaken their faith and reach their world. What does the Bible say about the life-giving, soul-awakening message of the gospel and how prayer, study of God's Word, and service equip and empower followers of Christ to overcome sin? Come and be challenged to boldly seek the advancement of God's Kingdom at home and around the world.

**Youth Bible study will be every Wednesday from 6-7:30PM in Ainsworth**

## SISTERS IN SPIRIT small group will begin a new study on

Monday, September 19th at 6:30 PM. in the Crawfordsville Fellowship hall. "When God Doesn't Fix It" is a study for women in which recording artist Laura Story examines the brokenness of some of the heroes of our faith –men like Abraham, Joseph, David and Paul and shows how, despite their flawed stories, God used them in extraordinary ways. All women are welcome to attend, please call, email, or text AmySara to order your study guide. The Sisters group is open to all women who seek to grow closer in a personal relationship with Jesus, while encouraging other women to do the same.



## SCHOOL FOR LAY MINISTRY



The purpose of the school is to prepare people to follow in Jesus' footsteps by serving. The program provides supplemental leadership training to facilitate ministry in Iowa United Methodist Churches. We can be the best servants when we are trained, informed and well prepared. The school offers 12 weekends over a three year period covering 12 carefully selected ministry areas. Classes, held on Saturday and Sunday, are scheduled to begin this fall. AmySara Richardson will be attending the School for Lay Ministry at Mt. Vernon the weekend of October 15th and November 12th. If you would like to know more about the class, please don't hesitate to ask!



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## UCC RUMMAGE SALE – SEPTEMBER 1-3



THURSDAY, SEPT. 1, 8 AM – 6 PM

FRIDAY, SEPT. 2, 8 AM – 6 PM

SATURDAY, SEPT. 3, 8 AM – NOON

Free Will Donation  
United Church of Crawfordsville  
105 N. Chestnut, Crawfordsville

## ACCW - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1:30 PM

ACCW will meet on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> in the South Church Fellowship Hall. Regular attendees are encouraged to bring a guest. Marcia Wilson will present the program; Sandy Stout is the hostess.



## FALL FESTIVAL: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11



Join us for a celebration of new beginnings as we kick-off both familiar and new programs at Ainsworth Community Church on Sunday, September 11. *Read the flier printed on orange paper attached to this newsletter for program details.* The celebration begins at 11:30 AM with a free lunch (burgers, dogs, chips, cookies, drink) served in the

Fellowship Hall until 12:15 PM. Then the games and fun will begin. Outside there will be a bouncy house, photo booth, face painting, relay games, prize walk and more! Inside there will be bingo and story sharing. EVERYONE is invited! There is no charge; everything is free. The event concludes at 1:30 PM.

## KIDS' CLUB FALL SESSION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 14

Kids' Club will begin its Fall Session on Wednesday, September 14. A special "Kick-Off" event is planned at Marr Park beginning at 6 PM. A light supper will be served followed by a hay ride around the park. Following the Kick-off, sessions will be held Wednesdays- 6:30 to 7:30PM. Begin at the South Church; pick-up at the North Church.



## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2PM: SELAH



On Sunday, September 11, join us at the Ainsworth Church for the Fall Festival from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Then head on down to the Opera House, 284 Railroad Street at 2 PM for 2 hours of tunes and treats! Winfield's Selah is a vocal women's sextet that originated in 1982 at the First Presbyterian Church of Winfield. The group's focus is to praise the Lord—through music and scripture, sometimes giving personal testimonials. Current members of the group, who represent surrounding communities/churches, are Mandi Mullin, Debbie Lowe, Barb

Phelps, Linda Haight, Kim Davis, Sara Schurr, and Accompanist Mary Kilpatrick. A freewill donation will be accepted to support Selah and the Ainsworth Opera House. FMI: Sherrie Hazen at 319-657-3782 or [sherrie@iowatelecom.net](mailto:sherrie@iowatelecom.net)

## CONFIRMATION CLASS TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 18

Sunday, Sept. 18 will be the first of a new Confirmation Class Series. The target audience for this series is youth in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and above. Sessions will meet from 6 to 7:30 PM. Parents are encouraged to attend the first session with their student/s on the 18th at the Ainsworth Community Church.



## CHARGE CONFERENCE, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

Charge Conference will be Sunday, October 2, 2 PM at the Kalona UMC, Kalona. All committees will need to be taking action in preparation for that event. All reports will need to be prepared by Thursday, September 8 for review by Parish Council. The congregation will have two Sundays to review the information and ask questions before it is taken to Charge Conference.



## ACC GARAGE SALE: OCTOBER 8



The next ACC Mission Committee and Youth Group Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 8 from 9AM to Noon at the North Church, corner of Lincoln and Washington in Ainsworth. Winter clothing items available.

## WALK TO EMMAUS: OCT. 20-23 & NOV. 3-6



If you wish to participate in a Walk to Emmaus, please get in touch with Pastor Jason. Note that the church will pay for your registration fee for the weekend. All you need do is pack your bag and prepare to be pampered and eat very well for the entire weekend. Both will be held at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca (Shueyville, IA).

- **Men's Walk: Thursday, Oct. 20 thru Sunday, Oct. 23**
- **Women's Walk: Thursday, Nov. 3 thru Sunday, Nov. 6**

## 2016 RELAY FOR LIFE GLOW WALK: OCTOBER 22

On Saturday, October 22, from 6-8 PM at Marr Park, the Washington County Relay for Life will host their 1st annual Glow Walk. You may register on line at [main.acsevents.org/washingtonglowwalk](http://main.acsevents.org/washingtonglowwalk). Your registration fee will get you a glow pack of glow sticks, glow bracelets, a glow necklace and a set of glow fangs! There will be a mummy wrapping station and apple bobbing as well as a costume contest for kids and adults! **NOTE: You can register using this website until Wednesday 19 October. After that you will need to just register at the event.**



## DALE AND BONNIE BUCK SAY "THANK YOU"



Dale and Bonnie Buck (our neighbors) wish to express their sincere thanks to the Ainsworth Community Church Family for our prayers, good wishes, cards, food, and friendship shared with them following their accident. They are both most appreciative of our concern and support.

## RAGBRAI RESULTS



A BIG **THANK YOU!!!** to the Ainsworth Community Church Family (and UCC, too) for your generous support of this fund raising effort. It was a new, big project, but with everyone's cheerful support, we made it – and it was most successful!! Both Ainsworth and Crawfordsville received \$2174.10 after expenses. We all owe MANY thanks to the **Dairy Mart of Ainsworth** for donating the ice cream and to **Art Domestique** for allowing us to use their air conditioned store for our sales location. We had a few brownies left, but otherwise most ALL of this was sold before we closed at 10 PM on Friday. Amazing!

Food Donations	United Church of Crawfordsville	Ainsworth Community Church	Totals
Pies	20	64	84
Crisp/Cobbler	13	19	32
Brownies	22 dozen	23 dozen	45
Ice Cream Sandwiches	Baked 1000 cookies	Filled 500 sandwiches	500
Volunteer Workers	15	30	45

## AUGUST BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS

Thank you to all who worked and baked cookies for the blood drive sponsored by the Ainsworth Church with MVRBC on August 22. Our representative reports that 41 units of blood were collected that day – enough to help 164 patients and their families both in Washington County and the surrounding region!



# FLOODING IN LOUISIANA



Recently Louisiana got 25-30 inches of rain in two days. It caused catastrophic flooding. As of Tuesday, August 23, 2016 it was estimated that over 100,000 people have been displaced by the flooding. Thanks to the efforts of **Chris Hartzler, Kathi Bean, and many volunteers**, summer clothing from the ACC Mission Garage Sale was bagged and readied for transport to Louisiana. THANK YOU! UMCOR (The United Methodist Committee On Relief) is also organizing efforts to help. One of their major efforts is Cleaning Buckets. Directions for making a Cleaning Bucket can be found on the UMCOR website, <http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies/Relief-Supply-Kits/Cleaning> Other things **you can do:** **Pray** for our Brothers and Sisters in Louisiana and those who are in leadership responding to this disaster. Pray every day. **Donate** funds to help in recovery either to the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church (www.umcor.org) or to UMCOR (www.la-umc.org). FMI: Catie & John Newman, Iowa Annual Conference, Disaster Response Coordinators Disaster.response@iaumc.org 712.899.4067; call/text

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Joys:** Babies – Congratulations to Lance and Maria on the birth of Lillian Marie! Birthdays, the new school year for students and teachers; new neighbors, our community, our country and our freedom; good health, and family time.



**Concerns:** Sarah Miller; those suffering from weather related issues – drought, fire, flooding; those suffering with physical and mental health issues. **Thank You!** to members and their families serving our country.

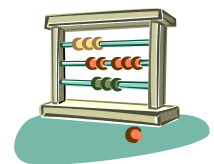
## BUDGET REPORT – 7-31-16

	Income	\$5,833.14	Expenses	\$5,517.39
	General Fund	\$17,730.94	Building Fund	\$12,786.56
	Memorial Fund	\$6,093.46	Need/month for budget	\$7603.00

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

## JULY AND AUGUST ATTENDANCE

Month	2015	2016
July	291	405
August	359	281



## LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE FOR SEPTEMBER

### WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4

(16th Sunday after Pentecost)  
 Jeremiah 18:1-11  
 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (UMH 854)  
 Philemon 1:1-21  
 Luke 14:25-33

### WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11

(17th Sunday after Pentecost)  
 Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28  
 Psalm 14 (UMH 746)  
 1 Timothy 1:12-17  
 Luke 15:1-10



### WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18

(18th Sunday after Pentecost)  
 Jeremiah 8:18-9:1  
 Psalm 79:1-9 or Psalm 4 (UMH 741)  
 1 Timothy 2:1-7  
 Luke 16:1-13

### WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25

(19th Sunday after Pentecost)  
 Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15  
 Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 (UMH 810)  
 1 Timothy 6:6-19  
 Luke 16:19-31

# AUGUST 2016 PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



**Property** –We have new renters in the parsonage – a family with 3 young children. Property committee will meet on Wednesdays from 6-8 PM each week to work on minor repairs at ACC. Pending action from the Parish Council, they will begin seeking bids to apply for funds from the WCRF (July 24, 2016 approved seeking funds from the Riverboat Foundation). **SPPRC:**

They recommended paying Pastor Jason the suggested minimum salary increase – per Jason’s request. They also reviewed AmySara’s position. Here is the excerpt from the minutes: *Recommend that AmySara continue at \$10 per hour for 22 hours each week, be relieved of Pulpit Supply responsibilities except in dire emergency situation and receive up to \$3000 in mileage reimbursement for the coming year.* **Old Business:** Two additional small fire extinguishers were installed at North Church. **New Business:** Property Committee recommends tearing down the old office/garage and consideration of the following for inclusion in a grant: Add Air conditioning to main floor of North Church plus possibly add ceiling fans; Paint trim around top of North building near roof line; Update Electric at North Church including adding Surge Protector; Replace AC at South Church; Round Tables and Chairs for North church; Replace carpet in South Church; Wi-Fi based electronic thermostats for both churches. It was approved to establish a Youth Board at ACC. AmySara will supply a description of the committee and role of committee members to include with Charge Conference materials. AmySara requested support to attend School for Lay Ministry. The cost will be \$330/church/year for 3 years with there being four classes per year. (Cost of each class is \$165 x4=\$660÷2=\$330).The weekend of October 15, 2016 is the beginning of the Class of 2019. This would need to be added to the 2017 budget. It was approved to pay AmySara’s tuition to participate in the School for Lay Ministry. Next meeting: Thursday, September 8 at 7 PM.

## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Candles</b>	<b>Refreshments</b>	<b>AV</b>
Sept. 4	Carson Bean, Dennis Bean	Ruth Miller, Angie Ornduff	Ellie Anderson	Judy Skubal, Jenny Yoder	Dalton Diers, Rob Yoder
11	Myron Rees, Jason Anderson	Carol Bean, Nancy Stewart	Lexi Collier	Wilma Chalupa, Penny McCreedy	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
18	Neil Mills Neal Megchelsen	Wilma & Darrell Chalupa	Kate Hartzler	Karen Megchelsen, Brenda Bean	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
25	Dale Holmes, Kenneth Kruse	Steve/Rita Anderson	Molly Klinzman	Betty Bean, Marcia Wilson	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
Oct. 2	Myron Rees, Sam Kruse	Karen/Wendell Arduser	Ellie Anderson	Wynne Steele, Jessica Diers	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS/\*ANNIVERSARIES



1) Marge Lasek; Jeff Prier; 3) \*Duane & Deb Chalupa; 4) Duane Chalupa, \*George & Margaret Colthurst; 5) Kitch Shatzer; 7) \*Sabrina & Dylan Goodwin; 9) Eric Stewart; 11) Ellie Prier; 12) Ashley Stout; Rigo Castillo; 14) \*Bob & Dorothy Jacobs; 15) Joy Powers; 16) Owen White; Courtney Chalupa; 18) Jim Wenger; Bob Frame; 21) Joe Rees; 22) Dana Skubal; 25) Mary Stephens, \*Ted & Theresa Hahn; \*Rio & Michelle Castillo; 26) Jason Longbine; Karen Arduser; 28) Deb Stewart; 30) Linda Lord, Trudy Buster.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

**Thursday, September 1:** Rummage Sale, 8 AM to 6 PM, Crawfordsville, TKD, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall; Landscaping Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, South Church

**Friday, September 2:** Rummage Sale, 8 AM to 6 PM, Crawfordsville,

**Saturday, September 3:** Rummage Sale, 8 AM to Noon, Crawfordsville,

**Sunday, September 4:** "Imagine Heaven": Judgement & Rewards, Part 1

**Monday, September 5:** Labor Day Observed

**Tuesday, September 6:** "Son" Seekers, Gene & Pat Miller, UCC, 7 PM

**Wednesday, September 7:** Property Committee Work Session, 6-8 PM, ACC

**Thurs., September 8:** ACCW, Fellowship Hall, 1:30 PM; TKD, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall; Parish Council, North Church, 7 PM

**Sunday, September 11:** "Imagine Heaven": Judgement & Rewards, Part 2;

**ACC Fall Festival after worship, 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM** – Fellowship Hall and Church lawn; Selah at Opera House, 2 PM

**Wednesday, September 14:** Food Pantry Open with Recipe Samples, 1:30-3 PM; Kids' Club Kick-off Event, 6 PM, Marr Park; Property Committee Work Session, 6-8 PM

**Thursday, September 15:** TKD, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, September 18:** Worship 10:30 AM; CIA Youth Group OP Swap, 4-5:30 PM; Confirmation Class with Parents at Ainsworth, 6-7:30 PM

**Monday, September 19:** Sisters Bible Study, Crawfordsville, 6:30-8 PM

**Tuesday, September 20:** "Card" Club, ACC, 5 PM; "Son" Seekers, 7 PM, Jan Temple

**Wednesday, September 21:** Staff Meeting, 8:30 AM, UCC; Bachelor's Lunch, 11:30 AM; Kids' Club, 6:30-7:30 PM, start at South Church, Pick up at North Church

**Thursday, September 22:** TKD, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall

**Friday, September 23:** Breakfast Club, 9 AM, UCC

**Sunday, September 25:** Worship, 10:30 AM; CIA Fun Run, Marr Park, 4-5:30 PM; Confirmation Class, 6-7:30 PM,

**Monday, September 26:** Sacha Club, 6-10 PM; Sisters Group, Crawfordsville, 6:30 PM

**Wednesday, September 28:** CIA Bible Study, 6-7:30 PM, Fellowship Hall; Kids' Club 6:30-7:30 PM, start at South Church, Pick up at North Church

**Sunday, October 2:** World Communion Sunday – Offering and Communion; Charge Conference at Kalona UMC, Kalona, 2-5 PM; CIA Dodgeball, WACO Elementary, 4-5:30 PM; Confirmation Class, 6-7:30 PM, Crawfordsville

**Monday, October 3:** Sisters Group, Crawfordsville, 6:30 PM

**Tuesday, October 4:** "Son" Seekers, Herb and Dorothy, 7 PM

**Wednesday, October 5:** CIA Bible Study, Fellowship Hall, 6-7:30 PM; Kids' Club, 6:30-7 PM, begin at South Church, Pick up at North Church.

**Thursday, October 6:** Neighbor to Neighbor, 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM, Fellowship Hall; TKD, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall

**Friday, October 7:** Breakfast Club, United Church of Crawfordsville, 9 AM; Parent's Night Out, 6-8 PM, Fellowship Hall, Call Ann: 319.325.9684 for reservations

**Saturday, October 8:** Ainsworth Community Church Garage Sale, 9-Noon

**Sunday, October 9:** Worship, 10:30 AM; CIA Paintball, Jokers Wild Paintball, Burlington, 3 PM; Confirmation Class, UCC, 6-7:30 PM

**Monday, October 10:** Sisters Group, Crawfordsville, 6:30 PM

**Wednesday, October 12:** CIA Bible Study, Fellowship Hall, 6-7:30 PM; Kids' Club, 6:30-7 PM, begin at South Church, Pick up at North Church.

**Thursday, October 13:** ACCW, 1:30 PM, Fellowship Hall; TKD, 6 PM Fellowship Hall; Parish Council, North Church, 7 PM



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WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM South Church – Corner of 4<sup>th</sup> & Washington

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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.