

# ***THE EVANGEL – OCTOBER 2014***

## **FROM THE PASTOR**

Fall is quite possibly in the air. This is one of my favorite times of year. Because fall is the best time to fly kites. My family and I love to fly kites. Every winter I look and try to find them on sale. I buy cheap ones and big ones, shiny ones and the strange shaped ones. I really do like to try to fly all of them. I even have one that takes 2 strings.



The conditions for flying a kite require a very light breeze at ground level and a much more significant breeze at the treetop level. And the trick is to get that kite past the treetops where the air is really moving. Once you've done that it just takes a few tugs on the string and it really is smooth sailing. I always think it's incredible to be connected by a string to something so far away and so beautiful. When that kite is up there doing its own thing without a struggle or care in the world, it is just a great feeling to know all the hard work paid off.

I always think about God being the great kite maker. God makes all shapes and sizes. God takes each one of us and can give us purpose and direction. Christ shapes our lives and gives us the best opportunity to fly above the treetops. The creator and builder of your life then gives us the instructions for our highflying wonderful life. The kind of life that people look up to, the kind of life that often times seems effortless and incredible. That's the kind of life Jesus designed for you and me. And all he asks is that we have a relationship with him.

You see the God who created you knows you to every detail. He who created you even from a molecular level, knows more about you than all the doctors combined. God says let's fly your life. The Creator says love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your mind and with all your soul, and love your neighbor as yourself!

  
Jason Collier  
563-343-3390

## **PASTOR VISITS AND PRAYER LIST**



For those who are church family or friends of the church, 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. Unless Pastor Jason hears from you, and you explain it is a special prayer request, he has no way of knowing of your needs.

You may call Pastor Jason's cell 563.343.3390 at any time. You may also leave a message on the church answering machine: 319-657-3020 or call Jan's cell 319.330-6175.

# PEACEMAKING OFFERING/WORLDWIDE

## COMMUNION SUNDAY – OCTOBER 5



We live in a world that is filled with conflict and strife. Every level of society is affected. In the midst of such incessant discord, God calls people to be peacemakers. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God.”

Each of us who follow Christ is called to be peacemakers. But what can we do to bring peace? Each of us can prayerfully seek God’s wisdom and serve as peacemakers in our homes, our congregations, our communities, and our world. The Season of Peace culminates in the receiving of the Peacemaking Offering, traditionally taken on Worldwide Communion Sunday, October 5. The Offering gives us a concrete way to contribute locally and nationally. To make a contribution on the 5<sup>th</sup> you will find envelopes next to the “Donation” jar on the table by the South doors into the sanctuary.

## YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

Ainsworth Community Church will have its own youth group beginning in October for youth in 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The first activity, Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> is the Disciple & Project 86 Concert in Washington at ONEighty Ministries (formerly Hamakua Place). Participants will gather at the Ainsworth Community Church, departing at 6 PM for the 7 PM concert. Transportation to and from Washington will be provided. Please contact Linda McNeil: [ljmcn@iowatelecom.net](mailto:ljmcn@iowatelecom.net) or Karen Megchelsen: [ksmegchelesn@iowatelecom.net](mailto:ksmegchelesn@iowatelecom.net) to make your reservation for ticket and transportation. Deadline: Thursday, October 2.



The newly restructured group is still in the organizational stages, but hopes to sponsor fun, weekly activities for the youth in the Ainsworth community under the direction of members of the ACC Christian Education and Worship Committees. To stay informed, please ‘Like’ Ainsworth Community Church on Facebook – you will receive all web page posts OR go directly to the ACC website at: [AinsworthChurch.org](http://AinsworthChurch.org)

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES



Confirmation Class is back in full swing now. If you know of a youth in 6<sup>th</sup> grade who is interested, please have them contact Pastor Jason. The group meets at UCC at 6:30 PM every other Sunday. In October the dates are the 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

## ACCW NEWS

Ainsworth Community Church Women (ACCW) is scheduled to meet Thursday, October 9, 1:30 PM in the home of Marge Lasek, Washington, IA. Marge will also present the program.



EVERYONE is welcome to attend. Call Jan at 319-657-2291 or 319-330-6175 if you need a ride.

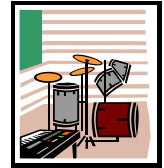
# CROP WALK 2014 – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12



CROP Hunger Walks help children and families worldwide – and right here in the U.S. – to have food for today, while building for a better tomorrow. The **Washington CROP Hunger Walk 2014** will be held on Sunday, October 12. Registration begins at 2:30 PM and the walk starts at 3 PM. It starts and ends at St. James Church. At 4 PM there will be a Kids Against Hunger event to help pack bags of food. Donations and participants are appreciated.

## PRAISE BAND

If you would like to be a part of the Praise Band, please come join us at our practices on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at UCC beginning at 6:30 PM. The Praise Band will play one Sunday a month at UCC for half an hour before worship. Practice in October: 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.



## KIDS' CLUB NEWS



Kids Club is going strong with about 40 youth attending the kick off on September 17<sup>th</sup> at Marr Park. Kids' Club will be meeting each Wednesday night at 6:30 through November 12<sup>th</sup>. At the last Fall Session on the 12<sup>th</sup> everyone will share a harvest meal to praise God for our bountiful harvest. The students will share with their family what they have been learning while participating in the program. Further details will be sent home with the students.

## CHARGE CONFERENCE

Charge Conference is a really big deal! At this meeting the budget is voted upon and leaders of our local church are selected. The actual Charge Conference is scheduled for Sunday, October 19 at 2:30 PM at the UMC in Washington. Any member of the Ainsworth Community Church is welcome to attend. To assist you in preparing for that meeting, a written report containing all items to be voted upon from ACC will be available at worship on Sunday, October 5. Parish Council will be seeking input between the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup> if you feel any changes should be made. Thank you for taking time to view this report and sharing your thoughts with Parish Council.



## UCC HARVEST SUPPER AND SALE



The United Church of Crawfordsville is hosting a Harvest Supper and Sale on Saturday, October 25 between the hours of 4:30 and 6:45 PM. The sale/auction will begin at 7 PM. **Menu:** Creamed Chicken and Biscuits; Beef Burgers; Salads, and Pie. There will be a free will offering for the supper. Auction items will include cakes, pies, crafts, grain, etc. David Erwin will be the auctioneer.

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

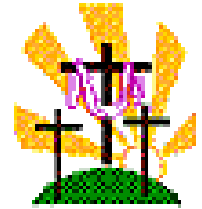
Men's Bible Study will resume following harvest. NO October SESSIONS!



## WALK TO EMMAUS

If you are interested in going to the Walk of 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.

- **Men's Walk: Thursday, October 16 thru Sunday, October 19**
  - **Women's Walk: Thursday, November 6 thru Sunday, November 9**
- Both of these will be held at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca which is near Solon, Iowa.



## MISSION COMMITTEE NEEDS



The Mission Committee would like to say “**Thank You**” you to all of you who have donated food or money to the food pantry. A special thanks to the Boy Scout Troop 242 for donating some of their collection of canned goods. Thank you to Dwight Miller for donating two hogs to the Food Pantry. Donations to help pay for processing the hogs are being accepted. In general, it costs \$150 to \$200 per hog for processing. The next major events for the Mission Committee will be assisting families with Thanksgiving and Christmas. They would especially appreciate help with gifts for Jr high and older boys and girls.



Your Mission Committee,  
Kathi, Judy, Stacy and Brenda

## AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR – OCT. 24, 7 PM



The internationally acclaimed African Children's Choir will be performing at Ainsworth Elementary Center, 835 Park St, Ainsworth IA on Friday, October 24 from 7-8:30 PM. Students from the Highland and Waco Elementary schools will be singing with the choir. Chairs as well as bleacher seating will be available; handicap parking is available.

The African Children's Choir melts the hearts of audiences with their charming smiles, beautiful voices and lively African songs and dances. The program features well-loved children's songs, traditional Spirituals and Gospel favorites. Concerts are free and open to all. A free-will offering is taken at the performance to support African Children's Choir programs, such as education, care and relief and development programs.

Music for Life (The parent organization for The African Children's Choir) works in seven African countries such as, Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, Sudan, Nigeria, Ghana and South Africa. MFL has educated over 52,000 children and impacted the lives of over 100,000 people through its relief and development programs during its history. MFL's purpose is to help create new leadership for tomorrow's Africa, by focusing on education.

Promotional support of this community concert is greatly appreciated. The African Children's Choir is a nonprofit humanitarian and relief organization dedicated to helping Africa's most vulnerable children today so they can help Africa tomorrow.

## FALL FORECAST FROM THE DISASTER COMMITTEE

While we can't possibly "be prepared" for everything that might eventually happen to us, around us or near us. We can take some simple steps in order that we are able to take care of ourselves and our family in case "something" does.

The weather pattern is changing. Forecasters are predicting that we will have lots of heavy snow and wind. As we head into fall and winter, it's time to "get prepared" for cold weather storms. There are many resources available on the internet, Your District Disaster Response Coordinator, the American Red Cross or Salvation Army are at "<http://www.ready.gov/>"



Here are some simple tips for things that you can do to "get prepared".

1. Set aside some "emergency water" in case the water in your home is not working or contaminated. A good rule of thumb to follow is to have 1 gallon of water per day for each person and animal that lives in your home. You can purchase water OR fill, rinsed 1 gallon juice containers. (Milk containers have a film that cannot be rinsed away)
2. Have a plan for how you will keep warm if the power is out: Blankets; An alternative heat source; Go stay with someone with power. We have in the last several years had communities in Iowa with no power for up to a week.
3. Have some food that you can eat without heating or preparing stored away. Nuts, granola bars, dried fruit, canned ready to eat soup or stew. (Don't forget a hand operated can opener)
4. Keep your cell phone charged. An extra Battery (charged) is also a good idea
5. Have all your prescriptions filled regularly, so you are never caught without.

Disaster Response Coordinators

Southeast – Arden and Karen Hughes, 319-621-3872, akhughs@gmail.com

Catie and John Newman, IAUMC Disaster Response Coordinators,

disaster.response@iaumc.org; 712-899-4067 (phone or text)

## THESE ARE JUST PENCILS

A pencil maker told the pencil 5 important lessons just before putting it in the box:



- 1.) Everything you do will always leave a mark.
- 2.) You can always correct the mistakes you make.
- 3.) What is important is what is inside of you.
- 4.) In life, you will undergo painful sharpening which will only make you better.
- 5.) To be the best pencil, you must allow yourself to be held and guided by the hand that holds you.


We all need to be constantly sharpened. This parable may encourage you to know that you are a special person, with unique God-given talents and abilities. Only you can fulfill the purpose which you were born to accomplish. Never allow yourself to get discouraged and think that your life is insignificant and cannot be changed and, like the pencil, always remember that the most important part of who you are is what's inside of you and then allow yourself to be guided by the hand of God.

# PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



- Denomination Apportionments/Per Member payments were discussed. (See 'Budget Report' elsewhere in this newsletter) It was agreed to pay half to each denomination now and pray that our church family will help us meet the balance of our financial obligation. **We still owe \$5,525.59 by the end of 2014.**
- Wendell and Karen Arduser were welcomed as members of ACC on Sunday, September 7. Jim Hansen is transferring his membership to ACC also.
- Pastor reported that a Praise Band is being organized (see article in this newsletter for more details). He conducted 3 in-home or nursing visits the month of August; 1 hospital visit; 1 funeral, 1 wedding and is working with 3 couples in pre-marital counseling.
- Christian Ed reported that they will still give Bibles to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students participating in Kids' Club, but they are changing to a more student friendly version. This allows Bibles to be given as gifts to our youth that are more age appropriate at 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, Confirmation, and HS Graduation. They also recommended that *"Effective October 1, 2014, Amber Davis no longer serve as youth minister for ACC. Members of the ACC Christian Education Committee will serve as leaders of ACC Youth Group on a temporary basis."* PC accepted this recommendation.
- Membership Committee met to review the list of members and made recommendations to PC. Consensus of PC was they preferred to keep people on the roll until they request transfer or removal.
- Worship Committee may organize *"The 5 Love Languages of Children"* study group.
- Property Committee: They will strive to make temporary adjustments to the carpet in the sanctuary until monies allow for a more complete renovation.
- Agreed that UCC may host the Thanksgiving Eve service this year.
- Charge Conference reports were reviewed. Jan should have copies of these available for Congregation review on October 5.
- Next meeting: Oct. 16, 7 PM in the North Church, lower level.

## BUDGET REPORT – 8-31-14

	Income	\$5,660.94	Expenses <sup>1</sup>	\$9,778.57
	General Fund	\$11,675.80	Building Fund	\$7,253.94
	Memorial Fund	\$5,220.00	Need/month for budget	\$6,923.42

2014 Combined Presbytery and Methodist dues/apportionments: \$12,299.42  
 As you review the above financial information, note that PC voted to pay half of our annual dues/apportionment this month (currently there is not enough money in our General Fund to meet the full \$12,299.42 obligation). **We still owe \$5,525.59 by the end of 2014.** We pray that you will assist your community church to meet our financial obligation. Thank you, ACC Parish Council and Finance Committee

<sup>1</sup> This month our annual building/liability insurance of almost \$4500 was paid.

# SANCTUARY CARPET FUND DRIVE

In addition to needing money to meet our denomination appropriations, we are also interested in replacing the carpet in the South Church Sanctuary. We have received bids that put the price between \$10-15,000. Note that as you do 'end of year financial planning' this project may be something to consider. If you wish to make a donation to this fund, just make a notation in the memo section of your check. More details will be coming in the months ahead, but if you want to get a jump start/tax credit – here is your chance.

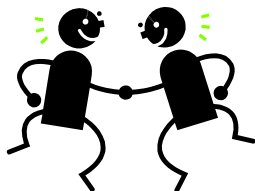


## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED



We need more people willing to assist with worship duties. PLEASE let Jan Temple ([templejan@gmail.com](mailto:templejan@gmail.com) or 319-330-6175) know if you would be willing to have your name added to the list to help with any of these. Note – more hands lighten the load for all. Thank you!

- **Ushers:** Arrive about 10 AM to distribute bulletins before worship; collect the offering during worship.
- **Liturgist:** Lead the congregation in the 'Call to Worship' and 'Call to Confession'. Bulletin is sent to you prior to worship for your review.
- **Greeter:** Arrive about 10 AM to stand at sanctuary doors greeting persons as they arrive to help the worshipers feel welcome and at home at ACC.
- **Refreshments:** Coffee is already made for you. Put the coffee in the insulated containers and take to the sanctuary; following worship rinse containers and coffee pot. Bring some type of snack to share – purchased or homemade.
- **AV:** Some computer knowledge is helpful, but training will be provided; typed direction in the AV booth to refresh your memory.



## OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Candles</b>	<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>Refreshments</b>	<b>AV</b>
<b>Oct 5</b>	Dale Holmes, Bill Wilson	Marcia Wilson; Janene Kirk	Shalyn Kirk	Jan Temple	Judy Skubal, Jenny Yoder	Jan Temple
<b>12</b>	Colton Bean, Dennis Bean	Joe & Judy Skubal	Molly Klinzman	Wynne Steele	Liz Kaufman, Betty Bean	Dan Klinzman
<b>19</b>	Myron Rees, Nick Yoder	Betty & Jerry Bean	Graycn Anderson	Betty Bean	Jan Temple, Laura Temple	Jan Temple
<b>26</b>	Jason Anderson, Neal Megchelsen	Carol Bean; Nancy Stewart	Carson Bean	Sherrie Hazen	Sherri Hazen, Chris Sieren	Nick Yoder
<b>Nov. 2</b>	Joe Skubal, Dave Kaufman	Wilma & Darrell Chalupa	Shalyn Kirk	Rosemary Harris	Janet Rees, Molly Hartzler	Jan Temple

## WHEN IS YOUR BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY?

Jan is updating records so we may wish our ACC family members 'Happy Birthday' and 'Happy Anniversary'. Please let Jan ([templejan@gmail.com](mailto:templejan@gmail.com) or 319-330-6175) know of your special dates so they may be included in this section of our newsletter and bulletin. Note that sharing of the year is up to you (that is NEVER published) just the month and date. Thank you!



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS/\*ANNIVERSARIES



1) Cory Stewart; 2) Brenda Bean; 3) Colleen Bean; 4) Bob Lynde; 6) Mary Slemmons, Rob Yoder; 7) Virginia Holmes; 8) Judy Stout; 11) Pat Roberts, 12) Ron Ornduff; 15) Chelsea Anderson Setter; 17) Haili Hunter, \*Josh & Christine Sands, \*John & Alison Barnes; 20) Brandyn Beemblossm; Angela Hazelett; 21) Margene Erlenbush, Adam (A. J.) Voshell Jr.; 23) Peg Hunter; 24) Richard Lord, Wayne Freyenberger; 26) Alice Droll; 27) Geoff Stewart; 29) \*Ken & Tammy Kruse, Jr.; 30) Tim Bean; 31) Joyce Lord.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Joys:** Congratulations to Maggie Rees (daughter of Myron and Janet) and Schylor Altenhofen who will be joined in marriage October 4.



Several members of our church family have recently completed successful surgery to repair 'worn body parts'. We give thanks for their improved health and best wishes for speedy recovery!

We are grateful for the many students participating in Kids' Club this Fall.

**Concerns:** The Jim Clegg, Jim Leyden, Lila Megchelsen, and Phyllis Lopshire families; Safety of our farmers and their families during harvest; Those suffering with poor health, limited resources, or family conflicts.

**Serving Our Country:** We say "Thank You!" to members and their families serving our country.

## LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE FOR OCTOBER

### OCTOBER 5

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalms 19

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

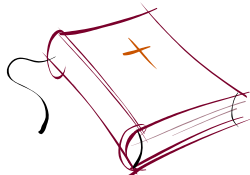
### OCTOBER 12

Exodus 32:1-14

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14



### OCTOBER 19

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalms 99

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

### OCTOBER 26

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - OCTOBER

**Wednesday, October 1:** NO Kids' Club – Highland Homecoming Activities

**Thursday, October. 2:** TKD, 6 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall; Deadline to request tickets to Disciple & Project 86 Concert (see Youth Group Article in newsletter).

**Sunday, October 5:** World Communion Sunday with Peacemaking Offering & Communion; Action on Charge Conference business; Youth Group and Confirmation Class attending Disciple & Project 86 Concert in Washington at ONEighty Ministries. Meet at ACC to depart at 6 PM for the 7 PM concert.

**Monday, October 6:** Young Adult Volleyball, 6:30-8 PM, Oak Park, Ainsworth

**Tuesday, October 7:** Presbytery Meeting, Washington, 4-9 PM; "Son" Seekers, Marcus/Heather Fedler, 7 PM

**Wednesday, October 8:** Kids' Club, 6:30 PM, So. Church; Pick-up 7:30 PM No. Church

**Thursday, October 9:** ACCW, Marge Lasek home, 1:30 PM; TKD, 6 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, October 12:** Youth Group and anyone from the congregation is invited to participate in CROP Walk, 2:30 PM registration, Walk at 3; Kids Against Hunger - 4 PM – all at St. James, Washington, IA

**Monday, October 13:** Young Adult Volleyball, 6:30-8 PM, Oak Park, Ainsworth

**Tuesday, October 14:** Praise Band Rehearsal, 6:30 PM, UCC

**Wednesday, Oct, 15:** Kids' Club, 6:30 PM, So. Church; Pick-up 7:30 PM No. Church

**Thursday, October 16 thru Sunday, October 19:** Men's Walk to Emmaus

**Thursday, October 16:** TKD, 6 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall; Parish Council, 7 PM, North Church, Lower Level.

**Sunday, October 19:** Charge Conference, 2:30 PM, Washington UMC; ACC Youth Group, 4 to 5:30 PM; Confirmation Class, 6:30 PM, UCC

**Monday, October 20:** Young Adult Volleyball, 6:30-8 PM, Oak Park, Ainsworth

**Tuesday, Oct. 21:** "Card" Club, ACC; "Son" Seekers, 7 PM, Mike & Mary Lou Koehler

**Wednesday, Oct. 22:** Kids' Club, 6:30 PM, So. Church; Pick-up 7:30 PM No. Church

**Friday, October 24:** African Children's Choir performing at Ainsworth Elementary, 7 PM

**Saturday, October 25:** Harvest Supper and Sale at UCC, Supper served between 4:30 and 6:45 PM. The sale will begin at 7 PM

**Sunday, October 26:** ACC Youth Group, 4 to 5:30 PM

**Monday, October 27:** Young Adult Volleyball, 6:30-8 PM, Oak Park, Ainsworth

**Tuesday, October 28:** Praise Band Rehearsal, 6:30 PM, UCC

**Wednesday, October 29:** Jason meets with District Supt., 9:30 AM; Kids' Club, 6:30 PM, South Church; Pick-up 7:30 PM North Church

**Thursday, October 30:** TKD, 6 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, November 1:** All Saints' Day; Set your clock back ONE hour!

**Sunday, November 2: Daylight Saving Time ENDS;** All Souls' Day; Communion

**Monday, November 3:** Young Adult Volleyball, 6:30-8 PM, Oak Park, Ainsworth

**Tuesday, November 4:** "Son" Seekers, 7 PM, Betty and Jerry Bean

**Wednesday, Nov 5:** Kids' Club, 6:30 PM, South Church; Pick-up 7:30 PM North Church

**Thursday, November 6 thru Sunday, November 9;** Women's Walk to Emmaus

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

**Wednesday, Nov. 12:** Kid's Club, FINAL FALL SESSION; Harvest Meal, South Church

**Thursday, November 13:** ACCW, Fellowship Hall, **10 AM** followed by **lunch at Noon;** Hostess: Marcia Wilson; Distribute Fruit Plates; Bring Your Thank Offering AND a can of soup for a Stone Soup Lunch

**Tuesday, November 18:** "Son" Seekers, 7 PM, Ruth Miller



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**Change Service Requested**

WORSHIP: Sundays – 10:30 AM  
KID'S CLUB: Wednesday's 6:30-7:30 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.