

THE EVANGEL-JULY/AUGUST 2017

FROM THE PASTOR



I love listening to people tell their story; and oftentimes, I notice similarities in the way people tell their stories. For instance, someone once mentioned a vacation they took with their family, and the most vivid memory of their trip was an accident that had happened. Now this wasn't a family road trip to the fair. This was an amazing family vacation - one like the family had never taken before. They had traveled a great distance, had seen breathtaking sights, and experienced wonders of our natural landscape; and what they wanted to tell me about first was this accident that occurred. Of course, by the time they were relaying the story, it was a laughable moment, but still; after they had shared more details about the trip, I was thinking how I had to dig through all the information about this wild thing that happened to get to the beautiful part of their experience. When I ask, "How was your vacation?" often I'm met with something like, "Well, we got stuck in a thunderstorm while waiting in the longest line ever to board the ferry that took us to an uninhabited island. We saw the most beautiful wild horses on that island, but in all of our pictures that day look like a bunch of drowned rats!" I didn't hear about the breathtaking views or the accommodations, or how amazing it was to ride a ferry for the first time, or what a rare privilege it was to visit an uninhabited island. The thing that was most remembered was the struggle to be in line in a downpour and the effect that downpour had on their day. What is it that we remember in our faith walk? Has there been a struggle in your life that has brought you closer to God? Made you strain a little to see him in the middle of the downpour? Each time I meet with a group of Christians, I often ask the same question, "Where have you seen Christ?" The answers almost always have to do with someone's experience of hardship and healing. Each time I experience a phenomenon like this pattern of speaking of our trials more vividly than our blessings; it causes me to pause and reflect. Then, I go to Scripture to find out what the God who created us has to say about it.

"Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2, NLT)

Who, but God could create us to join together in times of struggle, even when we experience things so differently? Who, but God allows us to help each other during difficult times? God created us to be in community, and to listen to each other and hear our own stories. It is in the shared struggle, the listening and the helping others that we receive our greatest joy - the joy of obedience to Christ's will. If you're wondering whether what God says is true; I encourage you to ask five friends what they remember most about their favorite or most recent vacation experience. I would expect 4 out of 5 times you will hear a story about a struggle that happened during that time. If you are in a time of waiting in line and the sky unleashes a monsoon, don't be afraid to share that story with someone today. They may be waiting to hear from you!

Bless you and may you continue to unlock the secrets of our human world with God's Word.

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." (Psalm 46:1)


Pastor Jason Collier

DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL GIFTS – JULY 9

During worship July 9 we will formally dedicate several memorial gifts to the church.



Two wooden benches assembled by Dalton Diers as part of a Scouting project and made possible by the **Margene Erlenbush Memorial** and the **John Frame Memorial** will be dedicated. A new sign, landscaping, and concrete work completed by Brian Bean and made possible by the **Leon McNeil Memorial** will also be dedicated. Please join us as these gifts at the south church entrance are formally acknowledged.

ACC FOOD PANTRY OPEN JULY 19

The Ainsworth Community Church Food Pantry will be open for participants on the third Wednesday of the month – July 19 from 1:30-3 PM and 5-6 PM. If you need to make other arrangements or have questions concerning eligibility, please call 319-657-2387 for confidential information.



CAMP REECE NIGHT: THURSDAY, JULY 27

(Religious Experience for Exceptional Citizens in a Camping Environment.)



Thursday is dance night! The campers love to dance and move to the music. We need **5-6 people** to come and enjoy the dance with the campers at the Lake Darling Youth Camp on Thursday, July 27 from 6-8 PM. **NOTE:** We also need **6 dozen cookies** to take for snacks. See the signup sheet at the back of the church; check the church Facebook page for more details; contact Jason: jwcyouth@gmail.com or 563.343.3390.

BLOOD DRIVE – AUGUST 21, 2 TO 7 PM

The Ainsworth Community Church will hold a blood drive on Monday, August 21 from 2-7 PM in the Fellowship Hall of the South Church at the corner of 4th and Washington. You must be at least 110 pounds and in good health the day of the donations. The last date you could give and still donate now was June 26, 2017. Please eat a full meal within 4 hours of donating, avoiding fried, fatty foods and whole dairy products. For an appointment contact Jan Temple at 319-330-6175 or 319-657-2291. **Bring a photo ID with you.**



KIDS' CLUB KICK-OFF – SEPTEMBER 13



Kid's Club will begin the Fall Session on Wednesday, September 13 with the traditional Kick-Off in Marr Park, 6 PM. It will continue EACH Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 PM at the North Church (Nothing will be at the South Church this year). There will NOT be a session during the week of Highland's Homecoming. Final Fall session date will be November 8, 2017.

ACCW – RESUMES SEPTEMBER 14

The next ACCW meeting will be Thursday, September 14 in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 1:30 PM. Program: Marge Lasek; Hostess: Linda McNeil.



SUMMER BREAK FOR "THE EVANGEL"



This newsletter includes information for **July AND August**. There will NOT be a separate newsletter mailed to you for the month of August. But DO continue to check our website: ainsworthchurch.org and Facebook: Ainsworth Community Church for updates and last minute changes.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – THANK YOU!

“THANK YOU” to the participants, parents, teachers, group leaders, snack providers/servers; coordinators and volunteers for your part in VBS 2017. About 20 youth participated each evening to experience a Bible lesson, a hands-on activity; a game, snacks, and music.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE




Joys: Freedom; Families; Babies; Weddings; Good health; Birthdays; Healing; Anniversaries; Camps; Vacation. **Concerns:** Those facing surgery and recovery; Victims of storms; Those traveling for work as well as pleasure; Persons experiencing personal crisis or abuse. Special prayers of healing and continued recovery are requested for: Kevin Lange, Jimmy Graves, Pat Redlinger, Jim McCreedy, Marg Colthurst, and D. Donald. **Serving Our Country:** “Thank you” to members and their families serving our country.

PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Committee Reports from the June 12 Parish Council meeting: **Christian Education:** VBS was held June 5-8 with about 20 youth and 10 or more volunteers. **Membership/Nurture:** Organized and held a Social Hour/Appreciation for current and retired teachers and staff at Ainsworth Elementary. Pastor Jason served as Master of Ceremonies for the event asking attendees to share their memories. Judy Skubal made favors and door prizes for all 30+ persons attending. **Worship** – Working on “Worship in the Park” on Father’s Day in Conservation Center at Marr Park – June 18. Worship at 10:30 AM with both ACC and UCC. Potluck will follow worship. Arranged for gift certificates for small cones from Dairy Mart as gifts at Mother’s Day and Father’s Day. Plans are underway to dedicate the benches and new landscaping in front of the South Church that were made possible through Memorial Money. **Property** – Brian has added dirt and seeded grass seed in front of the South Church. In July they will clean the black off the foundation of the South Church – Clifton has the needed equipment and will donate his labor. **Mission** – May 10th through June 5th the Mission Committee served 15 families (one served twice), a total of 46 people. Kathi made arrangements for a Kim Getty to come to Town View Village to give seniors a gift certificate for \$30.00 to be used at the farmers market anytime through the summer or fall. She took cupcakes to the TKD class. **SPPRC:** Minutes from March meeting were approved. **Memorial** – Youth Group received \$500 from the George Lord Memorial and the General Fund received an addition \$1085 from the George Lord Memorial. The benches are finished for in front of the South Church. Linda is working on having nameplates printed to attach to them. **Finance** – We have information from Guide One and Jester Insurance that the committee should review as their prepare budget for 2018. **Nominating** – No report. **Old Business:** Jason and Clifton shared experiences about the Chicago conference. Both felt it was most valuable and will be working to share what they learned with all. **New Business:** Financial Assistance for youth to attend a local church day camp was approved. Responsibility for setting a date for dedication of Memorial items was delegated to the Worship and Memorial Committees. Approved the purchase of support materials for sermons going from now through the end of 2018. The cost will be shared equally with UCC. It was agreed to skip the July and August Parish Council meetings. Colleen was directed to pay the “usual” bills; unusual expenses are to be brought to PC via email discussion. The next stated meeting of the Ainsworth Parish Council will be September 11, 2017.



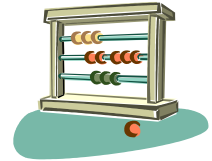
BUDGET REPORT – 5-31-17

	Income	\$6,003.00	Expenses	\$5,414.11
	General Fund	\$16,802.41	Building Fund	\$7,414.06
	Memorial Fund	\$7,497.64	Need/month for budget	\$7,718.00

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

MAY AND JUNE ATTENDANCE

Month	2015	2016	2017
May	412	405	305
June	307	302	274



JULY 2017 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Ushers	Greeters	Candles	Snacks	AV
July 2	Jim Hansen, Wendell Arduser	Joe & Judy Skubal	Ellie Anderson	Judy Skubal, Jenny Yoder	Dalton Diers Joey Collier
9	Dennis Bean, Jason Anderson	Drew Diers Steve Miller	Lexi Collier	Jan Temple Laura Temple	Dalton Diers Joey Collier
16	Myron Rees Dale Holmes	Carol Bean Marcia Wilson	Kate Hartzler	Karen Arduser Wilma Chalupa	Dalton Diers Joey Collier
23	Dave Kaufman Steve Anderson	Dan & Stacy Klinzman	Molly Klinzman	Liz Kaufman Rita Anderson	Dalton Diers Joey Collier
30	Joe Skubal Wayne Freyenberger	Betty & Jerry Bean	Shalyn Kirk	Betty Bean Marcia Wilson	Dalton Diers Joey Collier

AUGUST 2017 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Ushers	Greeters	Candles	Snacks	AV
Aug. 6	Neil Mills Neil Megchelsen	Steve & Rita Anderson	Jacob Hartzler	Jessica Diers Pat Jenkins	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
13	Joe Skubal, Rob Yoder	Wendell & Karen Arduser	Lexi Collier	Janet Rees, Molly Hartzler	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
20	Jim Hansen, Wendell Arduser	Dan & Stacy Klinzman	Molly Klinzman	Sherri Hansen Chris Sieren	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
27	Dennis Bean, Jason Anderson	Drew Diers Steve Miller	Kate Hartzler	Wynne Steele JoAnn Torpey	Dalton Diers, Rob Yoder
Sept. 3	Myron Rees Dale Holmes	Carol Bean Marcia Wilson	Jacob Hartzler	Brenda Bean Kathi Bean	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
Sept. 10	Dave Kaufman Steve Anderson	Carol Bean Marcia Wilson	Shalyn Kirk	Liz Kaufman Rita Anderson	Dalton Diers, Rob Yoder

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE JULY-AUGUST

• 7/2/2017: Psalm 30 (John 6:67-69)	• 8/6/2017: Ephesians 6:10-20 (Matt 10:28-31)
• 7/9/2017: Psalm 150 (John 4:24-26)	• 8/13/2017: [Baptism] Psalm 46; Acts 2:37-42
• 7/16/2017: Ephesians 1:1-14 (John 14:25-27)	• 8/20/2017: [Baptism] Psalm 84; Romans 6:1-11
• 7/23/2017: Ephesians 2:11-22 (Matt 28:16-20)	• 8/27/2017: [Lord's Supper] Psalm 65; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34
• 7/30/2017: Ephesians 4:1-16 (John 15:1-4)	• 9/3/2017: [Lord's Supper] 1 Sam 21:1-9; Matthew 12:1-8 or Mark 14:12-25

ORGANIZATIONS/INDIVIDUALS ON BREAK

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish Council next meeting: September 11 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jason will not have office hours July 4 or 18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Son" Seekers will not meet during the month of July; Meeting resume Aug. 1. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan's only official office hours during July will be on the 11th; August: NOT in the office on the 10, 15, and 17

JULY BIRTHDAYS/*ANNIVERSARIES

1) Juanita & Clifton Dawley; 4) Norma White; 6) Kevin Ornduff; 7) Marg Colthurst; 11) Brad Skubal; 12) *George & Linda Lord; Alan Temple; 13) *Neal & Karen Megchelsen; 14) Alexa Miller; Jason Anderson; 15) Kerm Jenkins; 16) Josh Stout; 17) *Brian & Anna Chalupa; 17) Caroline Richardson; 21) Alec Ornduff; 22) Sabrina Castillo Goodwin; 23) Oscar Steele; 24) Alan Edmondson, Jenny Yoder, Mitch Edgar; *Joel & Angela Hazelett; 28) *Oscar & Wynne Steele; 30) Betty Thompson, Jim Smith, AmySara Richardson; 31) Dan Klinzman.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS/*ANNIVERSARIES



2) *Harold & Elaine Nicholson; 3) *Larry & Deb Gilchrist; 4) Baily Anderson, Dorothy White; 5) Bill Stout; 6) Samuel Kruse; 7) Steve Augustine; 8) Jared Bean, Anita Rabenold, Samantha Castillo, *Bill & Dorothy Stout; Clifton Dawley; 9) Larry Bean, Jerry Bean; Dennis Bean; 10) Luke Koehler; 11) Linda Dunbar; 13) Brenna Hazelett; 14) Colton Bean; 17) Karen Megchelsen, *Neil & Rebecca Mills; 18) Karolyn Skubal, 19) Clifton Dawley, Nicole Miller; 20) Carol Bean; 21) Kevin Hunter; 22) Ginny Klopfenstein; 23) Marsha Thompson, *Jason & Stephanie Laverman; 28) Sandy Stout; Christina Collier; 29) Courtney Hahn; 31) Edie Trotter.

2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JULY

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



- Monday thru Friday, 5-6 AM:** Fitness Walking
- Tuesdays:** Pastor at ACC: 1-3 PM; Jan at North Church, 2-4 PM
- Thursdays:** Jan at North Church, 2-4 PM; TKD, North Church, 6 PM

Tuesday, July 4: Independence Day; Private group in Fellowship Hall all day

Sunday, July 9: Family Reunion in Fellowship Hall, 11:30 AM to 4 PM; Highlanders 4-H Club, Fellowship Hall, 4:30 PM

Monday, July 10: NO Parish Council – Next meeting Sept. 11, 2017

Saturday, July 15 through July 21: Washington County Fair Week

Sunday, July 16 through Saturday, July 22: Pastor Jason COS, Chicago

Tuesday, July 18: "Card" Club, 5 PM, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 19: Food Pantry Open, 1:30-3 PM and 5-6 PM; Fellowship Hall

Thursday, July 27: Camp REECE dance night – Volunteers and Cookies needed



2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR AUGUST

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



- Monday thru Friday, 5-6 AM:** Fitness Walking
- Tuesdays:** Pastor at ACC: 1-3 PM; Jan at North Church, 2-4 PM
- Thursdays:** Jan at North Church, 2-4 PM; TKD, North Church, 6 PM

Tuesday, August 1: "Son" Seekers, Linda McNeil, 7 PM

Sunday, August 6: Family Reunion, Fellowship Hall, Noon to 5 PM



Tuesday, August 15: "Card" Club, 5 PM, Fellowship Hall; "Son" Seekers, Oscar & Wynne Steele, 7 PM

Wednesday, Aug. 16: Food Pantry open, 1:30-3 PM and 5-6 PM, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 20: Lunch at the Four Corners, Noon to 2 PM

Monday, August 21: Church hosting Blood Drive, 2-7 PM, Fellowship Hall

Thurs., Aug. 31 thru Sat., Sept. 2: Rummage Sale at United Church of Crawfordsville

2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

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



- **Monday thru Friday, 5-6 AM:** Fitness Walking
- **Tuesdays:** Pastor at ACC: 1-3 PM; Jan at North Church, 2-4 PM
- **Thursdays:** Jan at North Church, 2-4 PM; TKD, North Church, 6 PM

Monday, September 4: Labor Day Observed

Tuesday, September 5: "Son" Seekers, Gene & Pat Miller, UCC, 7 PM

Sunday, September 10: Highlanders 4-H Club Meeting, 4:30-6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 11: Parish Council, 7 PM, North Church Office

Wednesday, September 13: Tentative – Kids' Club Kick-off at Marr Park, 6 PM

Thursday, September 14: ACCW, Fellowship Hall, 1:30 PM, Program - Marge Lasek; Hostess - Linda McNeil

Sunday, September 17: Lunch at the Four Corners, Noon to 2 PM

Tuesday, September 19: "Card" Club, 5 PM, Fellowship Hall; "Son" Seekers, Jan Temple to host, 7 PM

Wednesday, September 20: Food Pantry open, 1:30-3 PM and 5-6 PM, Fellowship Hall; Kids' Club, North Church, 6:30-7:30 PM

Monday, September 25: Hold Fellowship Hall for Sacha Club, 6 PM

Wednesday, September 27: Kids' Club, 6:30-7:30 PM, North Church



PRESBYTERY NEWS - RE: SCOTT NESBITT

Following is a letter from Jim Claypool, Moderator of the Presbytery of East Iowa:
Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

It is with great sadness that I write to you with disturbing news about Rev. Scott Nesbitt, who for 20 years served as a minister to your congregations. He was a member of The Presbytery of East Iowa from 1995 until 2015, when he transferred to John Knox Presbytery in Wisconsin.

On June 10th, Nesbitt was arrested by Racine County Sheriff's Investigators and charged with Attempted Sexual Assault of a Child, Use of a Computer to Facilitate a Child Sex Crime, and Possession of Child Pornography, all felonies. Believing he was chatting online with a 15-year-old girl since April, Nesbitt was in fact chatting with a Sheriff's Investigator. On June 10th, Nesbitt attempted to meet his 15-year-old victim for sex. He was arrested at the McDonald's restaurant where he had arranged to meet his intended child victim. In his online chats with the Sheriff's Investigator who posed as his intended child victim, Nesbitt described his attraction to middle-school-age girls.

The Racine County Sheriff continues to investigate this matter. The possibility of real victims and additional charges has not been ruled out. The news of Nesbitt's arrest in Wisconsin raises the possibility that he may have victimized the

vulnerable while a member of The Presbytery of East Iowa. It is therefore prudent for our Presbytery to also investigate whether anyone here in Iowa might have fallen victim.

With this in mind, it is prudent for you to share this disturbing news with your congregations. In particular, you should attempt to notify those who were middle-school-aged girls when Nesbitt was serving your congregations. Should you discover victims, please encourage them to contact the appropriate law enforcement authorities. Please also encourage them to contact me, as Moderator of the Presbytery, and assure them that their identity will be kept in strict confidence. Offer your assistance in making these contacts. Our focus must be on extending comfort and the peace of Christ to victims.

It is my sincere hope that Nesbitt was caught before he was able to victimize anyone in Wisconsin or Iowa. However, should we discover that not to be the case, the resources of The Presbytery of East Iowa are available to assist and comfort. Please pray for all those who, alone and in silence, may suffer the lingering pain of sexual abuse. May God help us comfort them. Amen.

Peace be with you,

James E. Claypool, Moderator, The Presbytery of East Iowa
505 Court Street, P.O. Box 8, Williamsburg, Iowa 52361
Tel. (319) 668-1170

A summary of action taken by Jason, AmySara, and Jan since receiving the letter:

- Shared the letter with members of the ACC Parish Council.
- Contacted teens and parents of teens during the time of Scott's ministry here to make them aware and encourage them to report if there had been any misconduct.
- Held a meeting following worship on Sunday, June 25 to inform the congregation. Jim Claypool of the Presbytery and Lilian Gallo Seagren, Superintendent SE Iowa Conference, attended this meeting to listen and support our church. During this meeting, points that were made:
 - 1) Contact potential victims letting them know that this is still an on-going investigation and they are encouraged to report to authorities;
 - 2) Provided time for members of the congregation to process this information.
 - 3) Answers to questions that surfaced at Sunday's meeting:
 - The Presbytery is reaching out to Stephanie to assist her in this difficult time.
 - Scott remains in jail at this time.
 - Scott was not currently serving a congregation as their minister.
 - Anyone who was baptized, confirmed, married, etc. - those are still valid as God was a part of the service.
 - The letter from the Presbytery should be shared with the congregation (those who have provided the office with an email) and posted on the message board.
 - Information for victims should be included in the next church newsletter.
 - If anyone does need to report a situation they experienced with Scott, they are encouraged to call the Washington Safety Center to report the crime -319- 653-2107. The dates he served ACC were: Sept. 13, 1998 through July 8, 2007.
 - The Presbytery is committed to helping anyone who was a victim or needs help processing this situation. They have trained professionals available to help. Jim will facilitate this - Tel.(319) 668-1170
 - Of course, Pastor Jason and AmySara are available to meet with any of us.

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WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM South Church – Corner of 4th and Washington

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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.