

# ***THE EVANGEL – NOVEMBER 2015***

## **FROM THE PASTOR**

### ***There Will Be a Day When You Feel Like You “Fit”***

Sometime after Adam and Eve committed their world-changing act of disobedience in Garden of Eden, I can imagine Adam walking with his young sons Cain and Abel. They happen to pass by the ruins of the Garden of Eden. One of the boys asked their father, “What’s that?” Adam replied, “Boys, that’s where your mother ate us out of house and home.”

A lot happens in Scripture following the time Adam and Eve took that bite of fruit that gave mankind perpetual indigestion. As a result, they attempted the first cover up. But since their leaf loincloths were not very practical, God sacrificed an animal to clothe them. The pair was banished from the Garden and began life anew as exiles away from their homeland. It wasn’t the only time God’s people lived as exiles. They spent a few summers in Egypt. Then more wandering in the wilderness of Sinai. Later, the Babylonians captured the nation of Judah and deported its people to captivity.

The first group deported included the young, elite men who would be trained as leaders. In that group were Daniel and his friends Hananiah, Shadrach, and Azariah. They were given the Babylonian names of Belteshazzar, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. (If you decide to give your child a Babylonian name, you might try “Intobedwego.”) While in exile these young men lived powerful, purposeful, prayer-filled lives.

They were bold to do what was right regardless of the obstacles placed in their path. And they made a difference. It may be difficult to put yourself in their shoes, but according to 1 Peter 2:11-12 those who follow God today are exiles too. Peter writes: “Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. Live such good lives among the Gentiles that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.”

You may have days when you just don’t seem to “fit” in this world and that’s a good thing. It’s simply because as a child of God you don’t. You were made to live with him. Until we are home in heaven, you and I are exiles. Until then, we have things to do. We can add some good to this life so that others can get a glimpse of God. We can make a difference. According to Peter there will be a day God will “visit” us. That’s when the exile will end. And that’s when you and I will “fit.”



  
Pastor Jason Collier

## **PASTOR VISITS AND PRAYER LIST**



If you have special needs or would like Pastor Jason to call on you, you may reach him on his cell phone at any time – 563-343-3390. If you would like to request prayers or join the prayer chain, contact Jan at 319-657-3020 or 319.330-6175 or [ainsworthchurch@gmail.com](mailto:ainsworthchurch@gmail.com)

## 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 Fellowship Hall will have several card-writing stations with specific instructions. Please stop by before and/or after worship to complete cards because we want to send as many as possible. 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

## MISSION COMMITTEE GARAGE SALE

The annual fall Mission Committee Garage Sale is ready for your business. It will be at the North Church in Ainsworth - Rain or Shine (it is all inside). All proceeds will support Missions and Youth Ministry. Here is a preview of what you will find:

Many racks of winter clothing (infant to adult) and footwear

Curtains, Tablecloths, Linens

Books, Games, Puzzles,

Wicker Baskets

Small Appliances

Dishes, Glassware, Silverware, Pots & Pans

Luggage

Entertainment Center

Duncan Fife Style Table

Knick Knacks

Christmas Décor

And MUCH, MUCH MORE!!



**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5: 1 TO 5 PM**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6: 9 AM TO 3 PM**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7: 9 AM TO NOON**

## THANK YOU BOY SCOUTS!

The Mission Committee wishes to thank Boy Scout Troop #242 for their work in organizing and implementing the food drive in Ainsworth. The food collected will benefit many Ainsworth families.



## KIDS' CLUB AND HARVEST SUPPER 2015



The final Kids' Club meeting of the Fall Session will be held on Wednesday, **November 11**. 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 20, 2016 and run through Wednesday, March 9, 2016.

## ACCW TO MEET FOR STONE SOUP LUNCH

Ainsworth Community Church Women (ACCW) will meet Thursday, **November 12** 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 2015. The next meeting will be Friday, March 4, 2016 in Crawfordsville for a joint celebration of 'World Day of Prayer'.



## UCC FALL SOUP SUPPER



The United Church of Crawfordsville Fall Soup Supper is scheduled for Saturday, November 14. They will serve chili, potato, and oyster soup from 4:30 to 7 PM. Free-will offering.

## FAMILY PORTRAIT/CHURCH DIRECTORY

Please remember to come for your scheduled portrait time. If you can't remember, call or email Jan. She will be glad to help you. Here are the times:

**Friday, November 6, 2-9 PM;**

**Saturday, November 7, 10 AM to 4 PM**

In Crawfordsville (for some those dates were more convenient):

**Tuesday, November 3. 2-9 PM and Wednesday, November 4, 2-9 PM**



## A BLUEGRASS NIGHT AT THE OPERA



You are invited to attend this special event on Saturday, November 7, 2015, beginning at 7 PM in the Ainsworth Opera House Community Center, 284 North Railroad Street in Ainsworth.. The cost is \$12 per person. Seating is limited so please call ahead for reservations – 319-657-3782.

## CHARGE CONFERENCE

The 2015 Charge Conference was held October 25 at the United Church of Crawfordsville. Eight persons from ACC in addition to Christina and Pastor Jason attended the meeting. The slate of officers, budget, and goals were approved as printed. Following is an overview.




**Officers:** Wayne Freyenberger, Wendell Arduser and someone yet to be named will replace Myron Rees, Liz Kaufman, and Dan Klinzman on Parish Council; Ann Freyenberger is replacing Stacy Klinzman on the Mission Committee; Andrea Ballard is joining the Christian Education Committee; Betty Bean is resigning from the Worship Committee; Dan Klinzman will serve as Annual Conference Delegate. **The 2016 budget** is for \$91,236 meaning we need income of \$7,603 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) Support Youth and Family Ministry expansion into the community; 2) Reorganize church committees to be more efficient and effective; 3) Incorporate more congregational involvement in weekly worship; 4) Continue being a missional church.

## BUDGET REPORT – 9-30-15

|   |               |             |                       |             |
|---|---------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
|  | Income        | \$7,380.30  | Expenses              | \$5,864.05  |
|   | General Fund  | \$10,134.65 | Building Fund         | \$12,701.98 |
|   | Memorial Fund | \$5,258.05  | Need/month for budget | \$7025.00   |

2015 Combined Presbytery and Methodist dues/apportionments: \$11,329.82. In August, 40% of our obligation was paid to each denomination. **We still owe \$6,797.89 by the end of 2015 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

# YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

Dear Church Family,

Greetings from your friend in Christ and youth and family ministry person! I thank God who through His love and mercy bought me and set me aside for His purpose. I praise Him who equips me daily with all that I need to serve Him. I adore the God who placed me in these two churches for this time in my life. I am so blessed to have so many wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ!



Since it is November, I'd like to share with you a few of the many blessings I am grateful for, like the students in our youth program. We have an eclectic group of caring, concerned and motivated servants of God in our youth group, and I am so blessed to be able to spend time with them each week.

I am grateful for the support of the parents of the students. Not only do they work together to make sure all students have a ride to wherever we're going; they make sure we have food to eat, donating and preparing it as well. In October, I was able to work side-by-side with more parents than ever. It was pure joy to laugh and labor together with these parents, who love their kids so much!! I am equally grateful for the extended family who is supporting youth ministry in the church. I know there are several grandparents who are always offering to help with anything we need!

I am thrilled to have a group of women to share daily life and struggles with. We gather each week to pray and encourage each other and discover how God has used our journeys to bring us to this place in time. We are growing together as a sisterhood, and this is incredible in today's busy world!

I love watching our church members step up and stand in the gap. Many of you have taken the time to show me the ropes around Crawfordsville especially, and I truly appreciate that. The building is new to me, and having the extra tips is like gold!

Several of my church friends have been wonderful guides and points of reference, offering their assistance and introducing me to others in the church. I can't tell you how awesome that is, because without you, I would not have been able to connect with so many wonderful people!!

I am grateful for those who have come to me whether in person, by cell phone, texting or email to let me know that they are willing to help in one way or another with all of the ministry in the church. I love it when someone asks what I need or what they can do to show support for the youth ministry or the family ministry. We are a connectional people, regardless of our affiliation. We need each other. One of my favorite things to remind people is that we are all interdependent, and I am so grateful, so abundantly blessed to have two churches who have given me a place to serve! I look forward to connecting with you, to growing with you, and to going into the world to make disciples of Christ!

God's blessings to you all!

*AmySara Richardson*  
*Youth and Family Ministry*

# PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



The following is a brief overview of the October 1, 2015 meeting.

**Christian Education** – About 50 youth are participating each week in Kids’ Club. On September 30, four 3<sup>rd</sup> grade youth were presented with Bibles. **Property – Outdoor maintenance**: Brian plans to complete bush removal around the South Church yet this fall and haul in rock. **Wi-Fi**: We now have internet at both buildings and the phone has been switched to a different provider. **Lightning Strike**: The South Church was struck by lightning on Thursday, September 17. It damaged the computers, camera, amplifiers, and sound mixer in the sanctuary, and the DVD player in the Fellowship Hall. Claim has been submitted to the insurance company. We have exceeded the \$500 deductible. **Mission** – November garage sale: 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>. Enough items were collected to assemble 12 each of Health Kits, Sewing Kits, Layettes, and School Kits. At a HACAP sponsored conference, our Mission Committee was recognized for distributing the most pounds of food in Washington County!! **SPPRC**: They recommended retaining Pastor Jason for another year and increasing his salary by the minimum amount (at his request). Also, we will discontinue providing family health insurance as of January 1 because the family will be cared for through Tina’s work. **Old Business**: Jason has installed motion activated lights and is getting mini blinds/roller shades to install in the parsonage. **New Business**: It was agreed to investigate installation of ‘whole building’ surge protectors for the North and South Church. As per the recommendation of the SPPRC, it was agreed to recommend to the Charge Conference that Pastor Jason be retained for 2016. **Charge Conference** – With minor modifications the reports may be shared with the congregation. **Baptism**: The baptism of Jessica, Ava, and Marvin Davis at a date to be determined was approved.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

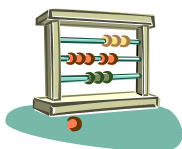
**Joys**: We are grateful for the bountiful harvest. We celebrate the healing of those recovering from surgery. We rejoice in the level of participation in the Fall Session of Kids’ Club and the time and devotion of many volunteers who make the program successful. We give thanks for all the young people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



**Concerns**: Special prayers are requested for Margene Erlenbush as she continues her battle against cancer; Kylene Anderson as she recovers from knee surgery; Jim Collier as he recovers from liver surgery. 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. Sharon & Lynn Fogleman as they work in the South Sudan (see letter on bulletin board).

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

## SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER ATTENDANCE



| Month     | 2014 | 2015 |
|-----------|------|------|
| September | 263  | 347  |
| October   | 282  | 337  |



## MAKE A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS NOISE!

We may have a leader willing to organize a choir for the 2015 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!



## MEDICAL FOSTER HOME

Medical Foster Homes (MFH) provide a safe, supportive, long-term care option for Veterans, and are an alternative to nursing home care. Caregivers provide: room; nutritious meals, laundry; transportation; medication management; 24-hour care and support. Caregivers are paid \$1500-\$3000/month. FMI: Angie Gerot 319-358-5974.



## LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE FOR NOVEMBER

### ALL SAINTS DAY

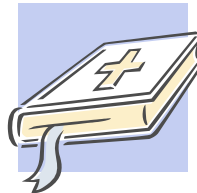
Isaiah 25:6-9  
Psalm 24 (UMH 755)  
Revelation 21:1-6a  
John 11:32-44

### NOVEMBER 1

(23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)  
Ruth 1:1-18  
Psalm 146 (UMH 858)  
Hebrews 9:11-14  
Mark 12:28-34

### NOVEMBER 8

(24th Sunday after Pentecost)  
Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17  
Psalm 127 or  
Psalm 42 (UMH 777)  
Hebrews 9:24-28  
Mark 12:38-44



### NOVEMBER 15

(25th Sunday after Pentecost)  
1 Samuel 1:4-20  
1 Samuel 2:1-10 or  
Psalm 113 (UMH 834)  
Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25  
Mark 13:1-8

### NOVEMBER 22

(Christ the King/Reign of Christ)  
2 Samuel 23:1-7  
Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18) (UMH 849)  
Revelation 1:4b-8  
John 18:33-37

### NOVEMBER 29

(First Sunday of Advent)  
Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Psalm 25:1-10 (UMH 756)  
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13  
Luke 21:25-36

## NOVEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

|               | <b>Ushers</b>                  | <b>Greeters</b>                | <b>Candles</b>          | <b>Liturgist</b> | <b>Refreshments</b>              | <b>AV</b>              |
|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Nov. 1</b> | Joe Skubal,<br>Rob Yoder       | Jim & Penny<br>McCreedy        | Kate Hartzler           | NA               | Judy Skubal,<br>Jenny Yoder      | Jan Temple or<br>Other |
| <b>8</b>      | Steve Anderson<br>Myron Rees   | Ruth Miller,<br>Angie Ornduff  | Lexi Collier            | NA               | Janet Rees<br>Molly Hartzler     | Jan Temple or<br>Other |
| <b>15</b>     | Jim Hansen,<br>Wendell Arduser | Carol Bean,<br>Nancy Stewart   | Gabby Dawley            | NA               | Wilma Chalupa,<br>Penny McCreedy | Jan Temple or<br>Other |
| <b>22</b>     | Dale Holmes,<br>Bill Wilson    | Marcia Wilson<br>Rita Anderson | Carson Bean             | NA               | Rita Anderson,<br>Betty Bean     | Jan Temple or<br>Other |
| <b>29</b>     | Dennis Bean<br>Dave Kaufman    | Joe & Judy<br>Skubal           | Gracyn Bean-<br>Humston | TBA              | Liz Kaufman,<br>Pat Jenkins      | Jan Temple<br>or Other |
| <b>Dec. 6</b> | Neil Mills<br>Neal Megchelsen  | Wilma & Darrell<br>Chalupa     | Molly<br>Klinzman       | TBA              | Jan Temple,<br>Laura Temple      | Jan Temple<br>or Other |

## 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; 19) Judy Skubal; 21) Carrie Ornduff; \*Carol & Richard Bean; 22) Shayln Kirk, Deb Gilchrist; 28) Karlton Skubal; 30) \*Alan & Julie Edmondson.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER



**Sunday, November 1: Daylight Saving Time Ends; All Saints' Day;** Bible Study, Ch. 17, 9:15 AM, Fellowship Hall; 10 AM; Worship "The Story" Ch. 17", 10:30 AM with Communion; CIA Youth Group, 4-5:30 PM, UCC

**Monday, November 2:** "The Story" Bible Study, Ch. 17 – "The Kingdoms' Fall", 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, November 3:** "Son" Seekers, Mike and Mary Lou Koehler, 7 PM

**Wednesday, November 4:** The Well Youth Gathering, ACC North Church, 2-4 PM; Kids' Club, 6:30 PM, South Church; Pick-up 7:30 PM North Church; Joint Worship Committee Meeting, 7:45 PM, Crawfordsville

**Thursday, November 5:** Women's Walk to Emmaus, #166 – November 5-8; Spirit Sister Prayer Group, Fellowship Hall, 9 AM; TKD, 6-7 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall; Mission Committee Garage Sale – 1-5 PM

**Friday, November 6: Lifetouch Portraits, Ainsworth Community Church, 2-9 PM;** Mission Committee Garage Sale – 9 AM to 3 PM

**Saturday, November 7: Lifetouch Portraits at Ainsworth Community Church, 10 AM to 4 PM;** Mission Committee Garage Sale – 9 AM to Noon

**Sunday, November 8:** "The Story" Bible Study, Ch. 18 – "Daniel in Exile", 9:15 AM, Fellowship Hall; Worship, 10:30 AM, "The Story", Ch. 18 – "Daniel in Exile", CIA Youth Group, 4-5:30 PM, UCC

**Monday, November 9:** "The Story" Bible Study, Ch. 18 – "Daniel in Exile", 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, November 11: Veterans Day;** The Well Youth Gathering, ACC North Church, 2-4 PM; Kids' Club Harvest Meal for participants and their family, 6:30 PM, South Church.

**Thursday, November 12:** Spirit Sister Prayer Group, Fellowship Hall, 9 AM; ACCW, Fellowship Hall, 1:30 PM; TKD, 6-7 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall; Parish Council, North Church, 7 PM.

**Saturday, November 14:** Men's Soup Supper, UCC

**Sunday, November 15:** "The Story" Bible Study, Ch. 19– "The Return Home", 9:15 AM, Fellowship Hall; Worship, 10:30 AM, "The Story", Ch. 19– "The Return Home", CIA Youth Group, 4-5:30 PM, UCC

**Monday, November 16:** "The Story" Bible Study, Ch. 19 – "The Return Home", 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, November 17:** "Card" Club, 5 PM, Fellowship Hall; "Son" Seekers, Wilma McAllister, 7 PM

**Wednesday, November 18:** The Well Youth Gathering, ACC North Church, 2-4 PM

**Thursday, November 19:** TKD, 6-7 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, November 22:** "The Story" Bible Study, Ch. 20– "The Queen of Beauty and Courage", 9:15 AM, Fellowship Hall; Worship, 10:30 AM, "The Story", Ch. 20– "The Queen of Beauty and Courage", CIA Youth Group, 4-5:30 PM, UCC

**Monday, November 23:** Sacha Club, Fellowship Hall, 6 PM; "The Story" Bible Study, Ch. 20 — "The Queen of Beauty and Courage", 6:30 PM, Sanctuary

**Wednesday, November 25:** NO WELL (Thanksgiving Holiday); Thanksgiving Eve Service, United Church of Crawfordsville, 7 PM – Bring a nonperishable food item for the HACAP food pantry

**Thursday, November 26: Happy Thanksgiving!** No TKD

**Sunday, November 29:** First Sunday of Advent; "The Story" will break for Advent and resume Jan. 3, 2016

**Monday, November 30:** Blood Drive hosted by Lions Club, United Church of Crawfordsville, 1:30-7 PM

**Tuesday, December 1:** "Son" Seekers, 7 PM

**Sunday, December 13:** Children's Christmas program during 10:30 AM worship

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WORSHIP TIME

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

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TREASURER: Rita Anderson

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And Stacy: 319.930.0291

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.