

THE EVANGEL – NOVEMBER 2017

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Church,

I have a question for you. Please read each question with a large pause between reading the next. What was the greatest day of your life? No really, what was the greatest moment. Did you laugh, cry, celebrate, or even mess up? Did you do something out of your comfort zone? Was it a moment you shared your life with someone, or gave something away? Could it have been a moment new life started, or even the moment something in you was born? Has there been a moment in your life that continues to shape who you are? Did you prepare before that moment for what was going to happen? How did that moment affect the rest of your life? What was God's role in this moment in your life? Have you truly thanked him for the incredible series of events that made each little thing work to make this happen? Or, did you take all the credit? Do you tell the story by saying (I did...)? One of the verses I struggle with is Jeremiah 9:23-24. Instructions definitely meant for me. Often I forget to give God the praise and recognize the justice and Righteousness on earth and give God credit. This month as we give thanks let us boast in God and all the ways He has loved us!



Jeremiah 9:23-24 (NLT)

23 This is what the Lord says: “Don’t let the wise boast in their wisdom, or the powerful boast in their power, or the rich boast in their riches. **24** But those who wish to boast should boast in this alone: that they truly know me and understand that I am the Lord who demonstrates unfailing love and who brings justice and righteousness to the earth, and that I delight in these things. I, the Lord, have spoken!

Your servant in Christ!

Handwritten signature of the pastor.

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE, NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 5

1 KINGS 19:1-18; (JOHN 12:27-28)

“God Speaks to Elijah”

NOVEMBER 12

Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24;

(John 7:37-38)

“Amos: Justice Rolls Down”

NOVEMBER 19

Isaiah 9:1-7; (John 8:12)

“Isaiah: A Child Is Born”

NOVEMBER 26

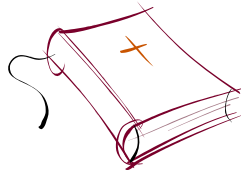
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14; (John 14:27)

“Jeremiah’s Letter to Exiles”

DECEMBER 3

Daniel 3:1, [2-7]; 8-30; (John 18:36-37)

“Daniel: The Fiery Furnace”



Note: **No** Thanksgiving Eve Services in 2017 at Ainsworth or Crawfordsville Churches.



FROM THE YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

Warm, Harvest Greetings to our church family!

First things first, I want to welcome Sam Kruse and Nick Yoder formally as leaders in Student Ministry. If you don't know either Nick or Sam, you will soon! They are two men of God who have been serving in the Ainsworth Church for a while, and have accepted the invitation into the student ministry. Sam is the son of Kenny and Tammy, and you may recognize him as the "guitar man" who has played beautiful music during worship. Nick is the son of Kim and Jennifer Yoder, and while he has had a more low-key role in church, Nick has worked for Camp Wyoming. Both men are full of the Holy Spirit and bring FUN and new life to our student ministry. I am so excited and blessed to be part of their team! Having said that, I must add that I, (AmySara) am cutting back on my hours and will focus on helping Sam and Nick launch their ministry. As you probably know, my health has been quite challenging as of late; and this is the main reason that I am cutting back. I'm not going anywhere though - you'll still see me in the pew and hanging out with students. I'll still minister wherever God chooses to use me - it will just look a little different.

I thank you, church family, for your support, encouragement and especially prayers during my time as youth leader and family ministry person. I ask you to transfer all of that amazing goodness now, to Nick and Sam as they begin this new journey. As always, please engage in student ministry. There are plenty of ways to raise up new believers and to feed the sheep in your flock! I pray God's blessing on Nick and Sam as they take the helm now, and God's mercies on me as I learn a new way.

Peace be with you!

The Confirmation class and CIA Youth group will be meeting at the Crawfordsville church starting at 4:00 during the months of November, January and March and at Ainsworth the months of December, February and April.

CHRIST IS ALIVE YOUTH GROUP: NOVEMBER

Date	Event	Time	Details	HELP!!!!
Saturday November 4	Ingathering: Iowa Wesleyan, Mt. Pleasant	8am	Load trucks FMI: Pastor Jason	
Sunday November 5	Paintball	Leave ACC at Noon Return to ACC by 4pm	NO MEAL; Cost: \$35 Text RSVP to AmySara	
Sunday November 12	Youth Group at UCC	5:30 Supper	6pm: Secret Santa Exchange Youth Led Worship Prep	NEED MEAL PROVIDER
Monday November 13	Genesis Movie Coral Ridge Mall		Cost: \$12.50 Preregistration Required!	NEED DRIVERS
Sunday, November 19	YOUTH LED WORSHIP at both UCC & ACC	Arrive at UCC at 9am	Finish with meal after ACC Church -Location TBD	
Sunday, November 26	NO YOUTH GROUP		Thanksgiving Break	

STUDENTS LEAD WORSHIP – NOVEMBER 19



The Students of ACC and UCC will lead worship at BOTH churches on Sunday, November 19th. 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. 19: 9 AM at UCC; 10:30 AM at ACC.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE OUR LOVE!

Once again we will be writing Christmas cards to military men and women who are hospitalized in our Iowa VA Centers. This is our chance to thank them for their service in a special way. Jan will include cards for everyone to use in the November 12 bulletin as well as instructions. Plus, there will be cards available to use in the back of the sanctuary as well as the Fellowship Hall each Sunday in November. Thank you for your support of this project. FMI: see Jan – 319-330-6175.



KIDS' CLUB AND HARVEST SUPPER 2017



The final Kids' Club meeting of the Fall Session will be held on Wednesday, **November 8**. 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, Pastor Jason will have a brief service in the sanctuary. The evening will conclude by 7:30 PM. All parents and siblings of Kids' Club participants are welcome.

ACCW TO MEET FOR STONE SOUP LUNCH

Ainsworth Community Church Women (ACCW) will meet Thursday, **November 9** in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 AM (note time change). Marcia Wilson is 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 2017. The next meeting: Friday, March 2, 2018 in Crawfordsville for a joint celebration of 'World Day of Prayer' with the United Church of Crawfordsville.



UCC FALL SOUP SUPPER: NOV. 11



The United Church of Crawfordsville Fall Soup Supper will be Saturday, November 11. They will serve chili, potato, and oyster soup from 4:30 to 7 PM. Free-will offering.

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY OUTREACH: NOV. 15

On Wednesday, November 15, come support our Highland Students as they share their activities/projects/talents. The event will be held in the Community Room of Townview Village on the southwest corner of Ainsworth. The program will begin at 11 AM followed by lunch provided by ACCW.



BLOOD DRIVE, DECEMBER 4



The Crawfordsville Lions Club in conjunction with the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive on Monday, December 4 at the church in Crawfordsville. They are seeking donors between the hours of 2:30 to 7 PM. Larry Fletcher is the contact person: 319-461-1568.

MISSION COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP

This time of year adds more stress to already tight household budgets. If you know of any local families in need of assistance with food, clothing, and gifts for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, please refer them to our Ainsworth Mission Committee. Our local committee strives to help families within our community and let them know that the ACC Family cares about them. Please contact Kathi or Brenda: 657-2387 or Ann at 330-0348.



MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

The Mission Committee is pleased to report the In-Gathering Kits have been sent to Mt. Pleasant. They wish to express special thanks to Mildred Wilson for taking them for us.

RING SALVATION ARMY BELLS: DEC. 10, 17, 24

Our church has been assigned several Sunday's in December to ring bells for the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign at the Walmart in Washington. The three Sunday's are the 10th, 17th, and 24th from 11 AM to 5 PM. All volunteers must work in pairs of 2 or more. Shifts are one hour each. Youth must work with someone over the age of 18. A signup sheet will be at the back of the sanctuary or call Jan (319.330.6175) to volunteer. Note that all monies collected stay within Washington County. 'Thank You' to our volunteers for donating their time!



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

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AT ACC

Sunday, December 3, 10, 17 and 24: The ACC Puppeteers will present a special number as the prelude on these Sundays. Other members of the congregation will share special music during the offertory.

Sunday, December 17: The Youth Christmas Program will be held during 10:30 AM worship in the South Church Sanctuary.

Sunday, December 24: Sunday Worship at 10:30 AM; Christmas Eve Candlelight worship (no communion) will be held at 5 PM at ACC. Note there will be a 7 PM service at the United Church of Crawfordsville.

Monday, December 25: No worship services on Christmas Day at ACC or UCC.




CHARGE CONFERENCE



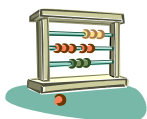
The 2017 Charge Conference is now scheduled for Sunday, December 10 at 2:30 PM at the Washington United Methodist Church. Following the November Parish Council meeting, information will be shared with the congregation for review. There will be time following worship for the congregation to ask questions about the information

BUDGET REPORT – 9-30-17

	Income	\$6,875.52	Expenses	\$9,513.79
	General Fund	\$6,262.40	Building Fund	\$8,371.48
	Memorial Fund	\$8,096.43	Need/month for budget	\$7,603.00

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

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER ATTENDANCE



Month	2015	2016	2017
September	347	281	261
October	337	371	317

PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



The following is a brief overview of the October 9, 2017 meeting.

Christian Education: Kids' Club is in progress. They are trying something different October 11– they will all go to the Ainsworth Fire Station for Fire Prevention Week. They will enjoy a light supper and program. **Property** – The gutters will be cleaned yet this fall and the west side of the South Church outer wall will be 'cleaned'. A different painter has been approached to complete the trim on the North Church as Randy Fink is so far behind. **Mission** – In September the Mission Committee Food Pantry served 14 families. They also served lunch at Town View Village for 12 senior citizens, 6 Highland High School Chorus members who had won at competitions, and 3 from the church congregation attended: Wilma Chalupa, AmySara Richardson, and Kathi Bean. **SPPRC** – They met with UCC at UCC on October 8, 2017. AmySara wishes to decrease her hours to only 5 per week divided between the two churches. Nick Yoder and Sam Kruse will be employed for 5 hours each on a weekly basis by the two churches (pending UCC approval) to supplement the Youth Ministry. It was noted that there will always need to be an adult female at all Youth Group functions so as to not violate our Safe Sanctuary policy. They also set Pastor Jason's salary, family health insurance, and vacation allowance for 2018. All the figures will be in the Charge Conference materials. **Finance** – The committee met and made several decisions about the 2018 budget. After committees meet they will finalize a budget for Charge Conference. **Nominating** – They are working on a slate for 2018. **Old Business:** It was decided that the Finance Committee duties become the responsibility of the Parish Council. The Parish Council will also assume the duties of the Memorial Committee making sure someone on the Council serves as a clerk. Beginning in 2018, SPPRC will consist of only 3 members and one of those must be currently serving on the Parish Council. Jason is to visit with the Property Committee and the Worship Committee to seek recommendations for any changes in size of their committees. Currently, no family has been identified as a victim of a storm/natural disaster that needs the sponsorship or support of our church. Jason advertised for a Wednesday evening program for parents of students attending Kids' Club and others. Only one parent was able to attend. He is tabling the idea for now. **New Business:** 2018 goals will be discussed at the October 24 Council dinner. A joint "Committee Program Planning" meeting was scheduled.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: We are grateful for the bountiful harvest. We celebrate the healing of those recovering from surgery and illness. We are grateful for this season of thanksgiving. **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.



ADVENT SEASON WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



During Advent (begins Dec. 3), 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! I'd be delighted." Thank you!

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

NOVEMBER 2017 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Ushers	Greeters	Candles	Snacks	AV
Nov 5	Neil Mills Neal Megchelsen	Oscar & Wynne Steele	Gracyn Bean-Humston	Wynne Steele, Ann Freyenberger	Dalton Diers
12	Myron Rees, Wendell Arduser	Clifton/Juanita Dawley	Lexi Collier	Laura Temple, Jan Temple	Rob Yoder Dalton Diers
19	Jim Hansen, Dale Holmes	Jennifer and Marshall Crossett	Jacob Hartzler	Sherri Hazen, Chris Sieren	Joey Collier
26	Jason Anderson Sam Kruse	Jessica Diers; Steve Miller	Ellie Anderson	Kathi Bean, Brenda Bean	Kyle Entsminger

DECEMBER 2017 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Ushers	Greeters	Advent/Candles	Snacks	AV
Dec. 3	Joe Skubal, Rob Yoder	Judy Skubal; Jan Temple	TBD	Jessica Diers Pat Jenkins	Dalton Diers
10	Dennis Bean Dave Kaufman	Karen/Wendell Arduser	TBD	Liz Kaufman Rita Anderson	Rob Yoder Dalton Diers
17	Myron Rees Neil Mills	Carol Bean Bertie Miller	TBD	Judy Skubal, Jenny Yoder	Joey Collier
24	Neal Megchelsen Steve Anderson	Wilma/Darrell Chalupa	TBD	Wilma Chalupa Karen Arduser	Kyle Entsminger
24-Eve	Myron Rees Janet Rees	Jan Temple Linda McNeil	TBD	NA	Dalton Diers
31	Jim Hansen, Wendell Arduser	Sherrie Hansen; Karen Arduser	Lexi Collier	Karen Megchelsen Jessica Diers	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
Jan. 7	Nick Yoder, Sam Kruse	Steve/Rita Anderson	Jacob Hartzler	Janet Rees, Molly Hartzler	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier

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

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

- **Tues.:** Pastor Office Hours – UCC: 10 –Noon; ACC: 1-3 PM; Jan at Office, 2-4 PM

- **Thurs:** Jan at Office, 2-4 PM; TKD, North Church, Sanctuary, 6 PM

Wednesday, Nov. 1: Kids' Club, North Church, 6:30 PM

Saturday, Nov. 4: In-Gathering, Iowa Wesleyan University

Sunday, Nov. 5: Daylight Saving Time Ends; Confirmation, 4 PM in Crawfordsville; Student Dinner, 5:30 PM, Crawfordsville; CIA Youth Group, Crawfordsville, 6 PM

Tuesday, November 7: "Son" Seekers, Oscar and Wynne Steele to host, 7 PM

Wednesday, November 8: Harvest Meal for Kids' Club participants and families, 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall.

Thurs, Nov. 9: ACCW, 10:30 AM, Fellowship Hall, Bring can of soup and Thank offering.



Friday, Nov. 10: Veterans Day observed

Saturday, November 11: Veterans Day; Fall Soup Supper, UCC, 4:30-7 PM



Sunday, November 12: Confirmation, 4 PM in Crawfordsville; Highlanders 4-H Meeting, 4:30 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall; Student Dinner, 5:30 PM, Crawfordsville; , CIA Youth Group – Secret Santa Exchange, Crawfordsville, 6 PM

Monday, November 13: ACC Parish Council, 7 PM, North Church Office

Wednesday, November 15: Highland Outreach at Town View Village, 11 AM; ACC Food Pantry, Fellowship Hall, 3-6 PM

Sunday, November 19: Youth Led Worship – 9 AM at UCC; 10:30 AM at ACC; Lunch at Corners – everyone welcome – Noon; 4 PM in Confirmation in Crawfordsville

Tuesday, November 21: “Card” Club, Fellowship Hall, 5 PM; “Son” Seekers, 7 PM, Wilma McAllister hostess

Thursday, November 23: Thanksgiving Day

Sunday, November 26: Baptism at ACC; 4 PM Confirmation in Crawfordsville; No CIA – Thanksgiving Break

Monday, Nov. 27: Tentative-Sacha Club, Fellowship hall, 6-10 PM

Sunday, December 3: First Sunday of Advent; Confirmation, 4 PM, Ainsworth; Student Dinner, 5:30 PM, Ainsworth; CIA Wrap Gifts for Christmas, 6 PM, Ainsworth

Monday, Dec. 4: Lions Club Blood Drive, United Church of Crawfordsville, 2:30-7 PM

Tuesday, December 5: “Son” Seekers, 7 PM

Sunday, December 10: Bell Ringing for Salvation Army, 11 AM to 5 PM, Walmart in Washington; Charge Conference, Washington UMC, 2:30 PM; Confirmation 4 PM, Ainsworth, Student Dinner, 5:30 PM, Ainsworth; CIA Wrap Gifts for Christmas, Ainsworth

Monday, December 11: ACC Parish Council, North Church, 7 PM

Sunday, December 17: Youth Christmas Program during morning worship, 10:30 AM; Bell Ringing for Salvation Army at Walmart in Washington, 11 AM to 5 PM; Lunch at the Corners; Confirmation, 4 PM, Ainsworth; Student Dinner, 5:30 PM Ainsworth; CIA Holiday Party, 6 PM, Ainsworth

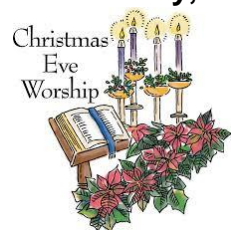
Tuesday, December 19: “Card” Club, Fellowship Hall, 5 PM; “Son” Seekers, 7 PM

Wednesday, December 20: ACC Food Pantry Open, 3-6 PM, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 24: Sunday Worship 10:30 AM; Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5 PM, South Church Sanctuary; No Confirmation or CIA

Monday, December 25: Merry Christmas!

Sunday, December 31: New Year’s Eve; No CIA – New Year’s Eve Break



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WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

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ORGANIST: Linda McNeil; Jenny Yoder (substitute)

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TREASURER: Colleen Bean

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Karen Megchelsen, 3206 265th Street,
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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.