

THE EVANGEL – SEPTEMBER 2017



From the Office of
Bishop Laurie Haller



A PASTORAL MESSAGE FROM BISHOP LAURIE

Our collective hearts are heavy as we watch the news about the devastating impact of Hurricane Harvey on Texas and parts of Louisiana. There are two things we can do: 1) Pray and 2) Act. I invite you to use this prayer that Bishop Scott Jones of the Texas Annual Conference has shared.

Oh God, we need your help. We need the rain to end, the floodwaters to recede, the damaging winds to stop. We need fortitude to cope with this disaster. We need love to share with our neighbors. We need strength to endure. Lord, we know that storms come in our world, and we are asking for your help in getting through it, repairing the damage and rebuilding our lives. We pray for ourselves, our friends and all those affected by Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath. Give us the willingness and strength to be your agents in responding to this disaster.

I also invite you to support **UMCOR: United Methodist Committee On Relief**.

These suggestions come from the UMCOR website.

As **The United Methodist Church** conferences from across the country offer support and await an invitation to assist the Early Response Teams and disaster coordinators in Harvey clean up and recovery, here are 5 Things You Can Do:

1. Please continue to pray for those whose lives have been impacted by hurricane/tropical storm Harvey. Please also pray for the Early Response Teams, disaster coordinators, and many volunteers in **The Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church**, **Louisiana Conference of The United Methodist Church**, **Río Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church** and **Central Texas Conference** who are working tirelessly to provide relief after Harvey.
2. Make relief kits: **<http://www.umcor.org/.../Relief-S.../Relief-Supply-Kits/Cleaning>**
3. Give to UMCOR's relief and recovery efforts: **https://secure3.convio.net/.../SPageNaviga.../umcor_donate.html...**
4. Donate only those items requested.
5. Please wait for an invitation to volunteer.

Thank you for your prayers for our brothers and sisters in harm's way from Hurricane Harvey. The Iowa Conference website will be providing frequent updates and opportunities for you to offer your support.

Blessings,

Bishop Laurie

THE PRESBYTERY 'HARVEY' RESPONSE – G.A.P.

The Presbytery is encouraging you to Give. Act. Pray. Give via credit card by visiting **presbyterianmission.org/GIVE-HARVEY** or by phone at **800-872-3283**; ACT – go to **pda.pcusa.org/page/kits/**; Pray: God, our Shelter, Be a strong presence in the lives of neighbors who, having survived the winds and rains of Harvey, now face grief, uncertainty and weary days. May our generosity in prayer and in tangible signs of support overflow more than floodwaters, to sustain your work of healing and rebuilding and to bring comfort and strength to those who suffer, Amen. For more information, visit: **pda.pcusa.org**

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Thank you to all the adults that ventured out on the Kalahari trip with the students on August 26th! More details will be out in the October newsletter to tell all about the adventure day that 15 brave souls experienced! The trip would NOT have been possible without Christina Collier, Sam Kruse, Neil Mills and Nick Yoder. These amazing adults were in charge of the show and made sure everyone had a FUN time!!



Watch in church – we have some short videos of the students that will play before church each Sunday as “teasers” to tell everyone about our adventures and remind students to join in the fun! CIA – **Christ Is Alive Youth Group is open to ANY 6th-12th Grade Student!**

CONFIRMATION begins at **4:00PM** on **Sunday, September 24th** at **Crawfordsville!** Jason will need adult volunteers to assist with Confirmation each week. Please see the sign up form on the church websites to sign up to help. This will ensure that we are consistent in our endeavors to follow our Safe Sanctuary Policy. **Weekly meeting times will be from 4-5:30PM and location will rotate each month. Same as CIA schedule. September, November, January and March at Crawfordsville and October, December, February, and April at Ainsworth North Church LOFT.**



CIA - CHRIST IS ALIVE YOUTH GROUP will Kick Off the 2017-2018 Year with a Pizza Party on **Sunday, September 24th at 6:00PM at Crawfordsville.** Parents are encouraged to attend this first meeting to find out what’s happening; sign new waivers; get to know the youth ministry team; and volunteer if they would like! CIA is going into its third year, and we are growing STRONG! Come check it out! Plans for the year include Paintballing, Retreat, Missions, and MORE!! **Weekly Times: 6-7:30PM and location will rotate each month. September, November, January, and March at Crawfordsville and October, December, February, and April at Ainsworth North Church LOFT.**



STUDENT BIBLE STUDIES will begin again on **October 4th at 6:45PM** in the **LOFT at Ainsworth North Church.** If you want to dig deeper into God’s word and develop stronger relationships with other Christians your age, come and hang out with us! **Weekly Times: 6:45-7:30PM ALWAYS at Ainsworth North Church LOFT.**



YOUTH COUNCIL: The Youth Council is a group of students who meet to plan events, weekly topics and share thoughts and ideas for our youth group! Your Youth Council Members are: **Carson Bean**, President; **Nadiyah Brown**, Vice President; **Sierra Gillis**, Secretary; **Areil Mills**, Treasurer; **Shalyn Kirk**, Fundraising; **Joey Collier**, Volunteers; and **Lexi Collier**, Fundraising and Volunteers. If you are a student who would like to have more responsibility and voice in student ministry, please text or call AmySara or one of the Youth Council Members to get involved today!



FUNDRAISING: Plan to see the **Money Wall Back out in the church in October!**



We're excited to get back into fundraising and make sure our student ministry is well supported! Please feel free to donate ANY time, but especially when we have our special fundraisers. The students work hard to come up with new and fun ways to raise money for our events, retreats, weekly meals and outreach. Your generous contributions are greatly appreciated!

A Personal Note from the Youth and Family minister:

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, words of encouragement and comfort during my health episode in August. During a very dark time, you truly shined the light of Jesus into my life. Thank you, church family, for being the heart and hands and feet! - Sincerely, AmySara

UCC RUMMAGE SALE – AUGUST 31-SEPT. 2



THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 8 AM – 6 PM

Free Will Donation

FRIDAY, SEPT. 1, 8 AM – 6 PM

United Church of Crawfordsville

SATURDAY, SEPT. 2, 8 AM – NOON

105 N. Chestnut, Crawfordsville

KIDS' CLUB FALL SESSION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 13

Kids' Club will begin its Fall Session on Wednesday, September 13. 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 at the North Church. Please call Karen if you could help with the Kick-off or any portion of the Fall Session – 319-430-0496.



STAY TUNED: On September 13 we *may* announce plans for a new "Adult 'Opportunity'" to be held simultaneously as Kids' Club. Details and final plans are still evolving, but we are working on it and will update you that evening. You won't want to miss it!

ACCW - THURSDAY, SEPT. 14, 1:30 PM

ACCW will meet on Thursday, September 14th in the South Church Fellowship Hall. Regular attendees are encouraged to bring a guest. Marg Lasek will present the program; Jan Temple is the hostess.



SOUTHEAST DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



The Southeast District of the Iowa Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church is searching for an experienced administrative professional. The office is located in Mount Pleasant. Qualified candidates must possess a working knowledge of the Microsoft Office

Suite, familiarity with general accounting practices, and have experience with dissemination of information through various media including print pieces, email, and Facebook. The position requires a self-starter who is organized, flexible, and able to maintain a high level of professionalism. Excellent oral and written communication skills required. Competitive wages and benefits are offered. **Please submit your resume and job application by September 15, 2017, to:**

Iowa Annual Conference – HR/Benefits
2301 Rittenhouse Street
Des Moines, IA 50321

OR jeni.mardesen@iaumc.org

WORLDWIDE COMMUNION, PEACEMAKING SUNDAY



On **World Communion Sunday, October 1, 2017**, your giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve. This is a program of the United Methodist Church.

The **Presbyterian Peacemaking Program**, a mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and a program of Compassion, Peace and Justice Ministries, in urgent response to the overwhelming culture of violence in our world is working toward transforming cultures of violence into communities of peace. They are responding with the community to: inspire new approaches to active peacemaking; equip God's people to be compassionate and prophetic peacemakers; and connect communities of peace to learn from each other in shared accompaniment and take action together for the transformation of the world. We will have a special offering for each of these programs on **Sunday, October 1**. The Donation jar and brown envelopes will be on the table at the back of the sanctuary.



NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR – ON HOLD



Several scheduling conflicts have led to our decision to put the Neighbor to Neighbor program on hold for the month of October. Please watch the October newsletter for further information. Your patience and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

WALK TO EMMAUS: OCT. 19-22 & NOV. 9-12

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. 19 thru Sunday, Oct. 22**
- **Women's Walk: Thursday, Nov. 9 thru Sunday, Nov. 12**

CHARGE CONFERENCE – DECEMBER 10, 2:30 PM



Charge Conference date for ACC has now been changed to Sunday, December 10 at 2:30 PM at the Washington United Methodist Church. All committees will need to be taking action in preparation for that event. All reports will need to be prepared by Monday, November 13 for review by Parish Council. The congregation must have a minimum of two Sundays to review the information and ask questions before it is taken to Charge Conference.

BLOOD DRIVE – THANK YOU!!

A big thank you to the Ainsworth Community Church Family for your support of the August blood drive. Our goal was 37 units and we facilitated the collection of 44 units that will have the ability to help the lives of up to 176 patients and their families. **Thank you** to the cookie bakers: JoAnn Torpey, Liz Kaufman, Ann Freyenberger, Karen Megchelsen, Pat Roberts, Linda McNeil, Kathi Bean, and Jan; sandwich makers: Wayne Freyenberger and Jan; and callers: JoAnn Torpey, Kathi Bean, and Jan. And thank you to Kathi Bean for putting up all the posters and for recruiting helpers. The Blood Center and donors were most appreciative!



MISSION COMMITTEE: IN-GATHERING KITS

The Mission Committee is again getting ready for the In-Gathering Kits to be sent in early November. We have already purchased all of the items we need because we were able to buy most of them on sale. We know that some of you like to donate to this charity. If you are one of those people this is the time. We will have a display at the back of the church so you can see what goes into every kit and this report shows how much we have spent this year. We prepared 12 of each kit for a grand total of **\$792.96 paid by ACC Mission Committee.**


Health Kit		Sewing Kit		School Kit		Layettes	
1 new hand towel	\$1.81	3 yards fabric	\$9.00	3 notebooks	\$.75	6 cloth diapers	\$7.69
1 new washrag	1.14	1 spool thread	2.27	1 30 cm metric ruler	.25	2 gowns or sleepers	6.00
1 bar soap	.50	5-8 matching buttons	????	1 box of 24 crayons	.50	2 diaper pins	.50
1 toothbrush	.94	1 sewing scissor	7.47	1 2.5" eraser	.25	2 receiving blankets	3.50
1 sturdy comb	1.57	Hand sewing needles	1.47	1 blunt end scissor	1.47	2 undershirts or onesies	4.54
6 band aids	????	Shipping	2.00	1 hand pencil sharpener	.94	2 baby washcloths	.60
1 nail clipper	1.24	Total	22.21	6 unsharpened pencils	.97	1 sweater or jacket	5.00
Shipping	2.00			Shipping	2.00	Shipping	2.00
Total	\$9.23			Total	6.82	Total	27.82
12 Health Kits	\$110.96	12 Sewing Kits	\$266.52	12 School Kits	\$81.84	12 Layettes	\$333.84

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: Babies – Congratulations to Zachary and Rachel Carstensen on the birth of Case and to Adam and Erin Kaufman on the birth of Carley. Memories of family summer vacations and reunions, family time; and good health. **Concerns:** The families of Edie Trotter and Bob Jacobs as well as others losing family members. Our students, parents, and teachers as they start the new school year. The many suffering from weather related issues – drought, fire, flooding, hurricane, and tornadoes. Those suffering and recovering from physical or mental health issues. **Thank You!** to members and their families serving our country.



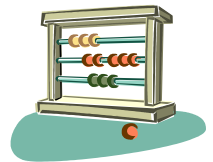
BUDGET REPORT – 7-31-17

	Income	\$6,917	Expenses	\$6,060.55
	General Fund	\$17,805.14	Building Fund	\$8,836.06
	Memorial Fund	\$7,497.64	Need/month for budget	\$7,718.00

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

SUMMER ATTENDANCE

Month	2015	2016	2017
June	307	281	251
July	291	405	347
August	359	281	251



SUMMER 2017 PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



The ACC Parish Council has not held a formal meeting since June 12. The next meeting will be Monday, September 11. Committees will need to meet soon to make plans for 2018 and budget requests to the Parish Council for inclusion in the 2018 budget.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3

Lord's Supper

(13th Sunday after Pentecost)

1 Samuel 21:1-9;

Matthew 12:1-8 or Mark 14:12-25

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10

Creation by the Word

(14th Sunday after Pentecost)

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

Creation by word; light, life; it was good.

(John 1:1-5)

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17

Binding of Isaac

(15th Sunday after Pentecost)

Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14

God gives Abraham and Sarah a son in their old age. Abraham is told to sacrifice his son, but God provides the ram.

(John 1:29)

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24

Jacob's Dream

(16th Sunday after Pentecost)

Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17

Jacob gets a blessing by trickery, flees, dreams of a ladder with angels ascending and descending. Receives God's promise.

(John 1:50-51)

WEEK OF OCTOBER 1

God's Name Is Revealed

(17th Sunday after Pentecost)

Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17

God's name is revealed: "I Am." Moses is a reluctant messenger, but God uses him to deliver Israel.

(John 8:58)



SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Ushers	Greeters	Candles	Snacks	AV
Sept. 3	Myron Rees Dale Holmes	Carol Bean Marcia Wilson	Jacob Hartzler	Janet Rees, Molly Hartzler	Dalton Diers
10	Dave Kaufman Steve Anderson	Jan Temple TBD	ShayIn Kirk	Liz Kaufman Rita Anderson	Rob Yoder Dalton Diers
17	Neil Mills Neal Megchelsen	Wilma & Darrell Chalupa	Kate Hartzler	Jan Temple Laura Temple	Joey Collier
24	Jim Hansen, Wendell Arduser	Steve/Rita Anderson	Lexi Collier	Judy Skubal, Jenny Yoder	Kyle Entsminger
Oct. 1	Myron Rees, Sam Kruse	Karen/Wendell Arduser	Drew Diers	Wynne Steele, Jessica Diers	Dalton Diers
8	Dennis Bean, Jason Anderson	Betty/Jerry Bean	Jacob Hartzler	Wilma Chalupa, Penny McCreedy	Rob Yoder Dalton Diers

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; 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; *Rigo & Michelle Castillo; 26) Jason Longbine; Karen Arduser; 28) Deb Stewart; 30) Linda Lord, Trudy Buster.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Recurring Weekly Events: Sunday, Worship, 10:30 AM; Starting September 24: Confirmation, 4-5:30 PM; Student Dinner, 5:30-6 PM; CIA Youth Group, 6-7 PM

September, November, January and March at Crawfordsville and October, December, February, and April at Ainsworth North Church LOFT.

- **Tuesdays:** Pastor Office Hours – UCC: 10 –Noon; ACC: 1-3 PM; Jan Office Hours, 2-4 PM
- **Wednesdays:** Kids' Club, 6:30-7:30 PM, North Church, September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, and 25. Exception: Week of Highland Homecoming Kids' Club will NOT meet.
- **Thursdays:** Jan Office Hours, 2-4 PM; TKD, North Church, Sanctuary, 6 PM



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

Monday, September 4: Labor Day Observed

Tuesday, Sept. 5: "Son" Seekers, Jan Temple hostess, 7 PM **Fellowship Hall**

Sunday, Sept. 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: Kids' Club Kick-off at Marr Park, 6-7:30 PM

Thursday, September 14: ACCW, Fellowship Hall, 1:30 PM, Program - Marge Lasek; Hostess – Jan Temple

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

Tuesday, September 19: "Card" Club, 5 PM, Fellowship Hall; "Son" Seekers, Gene and Pat Miller to host, 7 PM, UCC Fellowship Hall

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

Monday, September 25: Hold Fellowship Hall for Sacha Club, 6-10 PM

Sunday, October 1: Worldwide Communion and Peacemaking Sunday – special offering for each; Holy Communion celebrated

Tuesday, October 3: "Son" Seekers, Herb and Dorothy, 7PM

Monday, October 9: ACC Parish Council, 7 PM, North Church Office

Thursday, October 12: ACCW, Fellowship Hall, 1:30 PM, Program: Marcia Wilson; Hostess: Linda McNeil

Tuesday, October 17: "Card" Club, Fellowship Hall, 5-10 PM; "Son" Seekers, Mike and Mary Lou Koehler's, 7 PM

Wednesday, October 18: ACC Food Pantry Open, 3-6 PM, Fellowship Hall

Tentative: Jason assisting with Walk to Emmaus, Thursday, October 19 through Sunday, October 22.

Monday, October 23: Hold Fellowship Hall for Sacha, 6-10 PM

Saturday, October 28: UCC Harvest Supper and Auction

Sunday, November 5: Daylight Saving Time Ends

7 days without prayer makes 1 weak

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WORSHIP TIME

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

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OR EMAIL: templejan@gmail.com

ORGANIST: Linda McNeil; Jenny Yoder (substitute)

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TREASURER: Rita Anderson

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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.