

THE EVANGEL – FEBRUARY 2018

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK




Greetings in the name of Jesus,
 As you receive this letter I am probably out of country. I am so thankful for the opportunities being a pastor has provided and the ways God continually blesses our lives. To begin the month, Tina, Joseph and I will be checking out Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. Then I have the opportunity to participate in the trip of a lifetime to the Holy Land. The trip is sponsored by the Knights Templar. This is a pastor training trip only. We will be seeing Joppa, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Tabor (transfiguration), where Jesus was born and many more places.

Throughout this time our church will continue the important work of starting our year off as a missional church. Scott Johnson will guide us through B.E.L.L.S. This will encourage us all to **B**less others, **E**at with at least 3 people, **L**isten to God, **L**earn about Christ, and **S**end and be **s**ent into the world to love others and tell them about Christ. This is going to be a great year for our churches. I look forward to seeing what God will be doing with us all in 2018

God Bless,

Pastor Jason Collier

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE FOR FEBRUARY

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| February 4 | The Woman at the Well 5 th Sunday after Epiphany | John 4:1-42; (<i>Psalm 42:1-3</i>) Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at well, speaks of living water and true worship. |
| February 11 | The Man Born Blind Transfiguration of Our Lord | John 9:1-41; (<i>Psalm 27:1-4</i>) Jesus is the light of the world – brings light to the eyes of a man born blind.  |
| February 14 | The Good Shepherd Ash Wednesday | John 10:1-18; (<i>Psalm 23</i>) Jesus as gate and good shepherd, who lays down his life. |
| February 18 | Jesus Raises Lazarus First Sunday in Lent | John 11:1-44; (<i>Psalm 104:27-30</i>) Raising Lazarus, Jesus as the resurrection and life. |
| February 25 | Jesus Washes Feet Second Sunday in Lent | John 13:1-17; (<i>Psalm 51:7-12</i>) Foot washing as a sign of Jesus' love and example. |
| March 4 | Peter's Denial Third Sunday in Lent | John 18:12-27; (<i>Psalm 17:1-7</i>) Jesus' trial before Annas, Peter's denial. |

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Nick Yoder and Sam Kruse are now leading the Christ Is Alive Youth Group for students 6th grade and older. The group includes those in the both the Ainsworth and Crawfordsville area. Nick and Sam are working with the youth to plan fun and fellowship. To follow their schedule and get information on the activities, please contact Nick or Sam to be added to the closed social media page. Here is their contact information:

YOUTH GROUP LEADERS: [Nick Yoder: 319-325-8070; nickyoder97@yahoo.com](mailto:nickyoder97@yahoo.com)
[Sam Kruse: 319-471-1894; samguitarkruse@gmail.com](mailto:samguitarkruse@gmail.com)

YOUTH GROUP

MISSION TRIP TO DES MOINES



A 3-day mission trip to Des Moines is currently being planned for a group of 15 person ages 13 and older. A work session/planning meeting is set for Thursday, February 8 at the United Church of Crawfordsville beginning at 7 PM. FML: Jennie Gerot.

ASH WEDNESDAY: PANCAKES & WORSHIP

Ash Wednesday is February 14. **Everyone** (all Kids' Club participants and families, ACC, and UCC Church Family) is invited to the ACC Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM for a pancake supper. At 7 PM, everyone is invited to the ACC Sanctuary for the Ash Wednesday Worship service conducted by Pastor Jason. We usually adjourn by 7:30 PM.



KIDS' CLUB



Kids' Club is meeting at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays at the North Church. Exception: February 14 we will meet in the South Church for Ash Wednesday pancake supper and worship. The final meeting of the spring session will be held Wednesday, March 7th.

CRAWFORDSVILLE LIONS PANCAKE SUPPER

The Crawfordsville Lions Club is sponsoring a Pancake Supper on Saturday, February 17 from 4-7 PM at the Crawfordsville Elementary School. Proceeds will go towards a WACO High School Scholarship Fund.



BLOOD DRIVE – FEB. 19, 2-7 PM



The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center, in conjunction with the Ainsworth Sacha Club, will hold a blood drive on Monday, February 19th from 2-7 PM at the Fellowship Hall of the Ainsworth Community Church. You must be 17 years of age to donate or 16 years with a signed consent form from your parents. You must be at least 110 pounds and in good health the day of the donations. You need to eat a full meal within 4 hours of donating, avoiding fried, fatty foods and whole dairy products. For more information, call Kathi Bean at 319-657-2387 or 319-461-1339.

"SON" SEEKERS RESUMES FEB. 20

"Son" Seekers resumes Tuesday, February 20 at 7 PM. This group is for those who have participated in the Walk to Emmaus.

February 20: Oscar & Wynne Steele at their home

March 6: Linda McNeil – Fellowship Hall at ACC

March 20: Gene & Pat Miller at UCC

April 3: Jan Temple – Fellowship Hall at ACC

April 17: Herb & Dorothy – at their home



WOMEN'S CROSSROADS RETREAT, FEB 23-25



The conference includes worship, Bible Study, some special fun workshops and laughter, as well as time for quiet reflection. This is a time to walk with God as we hear His voice say, "This is the way, walk in it." It is held at the Crooked Creek Christian Camp, south of Washington, and offers a choice of packages (all pkgs. include three Saturday meals): Full retreat \$95 (2 nights); Two days & one night \$70; Two days only (no nights) \$45; Saturday (day only) \$40. Full and partial scholarships are available, as well as gift certificates. FMI call any of the following: Denise Chalupa 319.653.6482; Ilene Schnicker 319.653.7959; Lisa Horn 319.653.1086

JOB OPENING CROOKED CREEK CAMP

Do you know of someone who would like a part-time job? Crooked Creek Christian Camp has a position available for a lead housekeeper. This is a flexible position (except for Mondays which are required) and would work well for someone who cleans and is looking to add some hours or for anyone looking for part-time income. We seek someone who can run the show when it comes to housekeeping and can oversee a small staff and volunteers to get the job done. It is a beautiful setting and a true family environment with a passionate team. Occasional weekends may be needed, but only for a couple of hours. For more information, please contact Jill jill@crookedcreekcamp.org or call [319-653-3611](tel:319-653-3611). Position is only available due to a retirement after 17 years!



VOLUNTEER AT HALCYON HOUSE



The Halcyon House Activities Department would like to ask if anyone is interested in volunteering in the new households an hour a week, an hour a month or visit once a year to provide a friendly smile, play a game of checkers, play the piano or share any special talent you may possess. If you are interested, please contact Carole Martins (Lifestyle Director) at 319.653.8317.

STAY INFORMED!

If you would like faith-based information about such topics as:

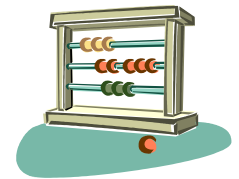
- water quality in the state
- Opioid addiction
- Immigration policy
- Medicaid and mental health services
- State taxes?




The Iowa Conference Legislative Advocacy Team tracks these issues, and more, in order to inform state legislators about positions the UMC has officially taken regarding them. You may get action alert emails by sending an email to Brian Carter (briancar@dwx.com). By signing up for email alerts, you will know What issues are being considered, Why they are important to UMC, and Who you should contact to make the most impact.

DECEMBER 2017 & JANUARY '18 ATTENDANCE

| Month | Last Year | Present |
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| December | 312 (only 2 Sundays plus Christmas Eve) | 390(4 Sundays plus Christmas Eve) |
| January | 312 | 236 |



BUDGET REPORT – 12-31-17

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|  | Income | \$10,934.75 | Expenses | \$6,806.10 |
| | General Fund | \$35,960.36 | Building Fund | \$15,120.10 |
| | Memorial Fund | \$8,096.56 | Need/month for budget | \$9,769.93 |

PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

At the January 8 Parish Council meeting, officers were elected:

Chair: Myron Rees; Vice Chair: Wendell Arduser; Secretary: Rachel Carstensen.

Liaisons with the various committees of the church:

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| Christian Ed. –Rachel Carstensen | Worship – Jan Temple |
| Membership/Nurture: Janene Kirk | Mission – Colleen Bean |
| Property – Clifton Dawley | Youth Group – Carson Bean |
| Staff/Parish – Wayne Freyenberger | |



Christian Education: The Youth Christmas Program was held Sunday, December 17. Kids' Club Spring session will begin Wednesday, January 17 at 6:30 PM in the North Church. **Membership/Nurture** – Flowers were sent to Wilma Chalupa on the death of her brother. **Worship** – Busy seeking Pulpit Supply for February. Christmas decorations have been put away for another year. Thanks to all who helped with worship during Advent. **Property** – We did receive the grant extension so the painting may be completed using money from the Foundation Grant. BUT, it MUST be completed by July 1. **Mission** – During November they served 62 people from 20 families through the food pantry. They all received either a turkey or a ham for Thanksgiving. Ann and Wayne Freyenberger and Larry and Kathi Bean helped clean and organize the mission room in the North Church getting ready for Christmas Giving. Kathi took cookies and a thank you to TKD. In December, the Mission Committee served 18 families (51 people). For Christmas giving there were 12 families (43 people) who received food, clothing, and gifts. Small gifts were supplied to 18 people at Townview Village, plus small gifts to 5 or 6 other adults who came to the community room to see a 2nd grade class from

Highland perform. Small gifts were also given to the 22 Highland students. This helped to clean out the odds and ends from the mission room.

Old Business: Congregation vote to eliminate the Memorial and Finance Committees was approved. All reports and information in the Charge Conference packet was approved by the congregation and accepted at the December 10 Charge Conference. Jan has signed documents to be the second signature if needed. AmySara's employment ended December 31, 2017. Nick and Sam have been working since September and they will receive mileage.

New Business: New officers and committee liaisons were determined. It was agreed to continue meeting the 2nd Monday of the month at 7 PM.

FEBRUARY/MARCH (LENT) WORSHIP HELPERS

| Feb. '18 | Ushers | Greeters | Candles | Snacks | Liturgist | Children's Sermon | Special Music | AV |
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| 4 | Joe Skubal Rob Yoder | Jennifer & Marshall Crossett | Lexi Collier | Jessica Diers Pat Jenkins | X | X | | Dalton Diers |
| 11 | Dennis Bean Carson Bean | Karen & Wendell Arduser | Jacob Hartzler | Liz Kaufman Rita Anderson | X | X | | Joey Collier |
| 18 | Myron Rees Neil Mills | Joe & Judy Skubal | Drew Diers | Jan Temple Laura Temple | | | | Kyle Entsminger |
| 25 | Neal Megchelsen Steve Anderson | Carol Bean Bertie Miller | Ellie Anderson | Wilma Chalupa Karen Arduser | | | | Rob Yoder |

| Mar. '18 | Ushers | Greeters | Candles | Snacks | Liturgist | Children's Sermon | Special Music | AV |
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| 4 | Jim Hansen Wendell Arduser | Steve Miller Drew Diers | Kate Hartzler | Karen Megchelsen Wynne Steele | | | | Dalton Diers |
| 11 | Nick Yoder Sam Kruse | Steve & Rita Anderson | Shalyn Kirk | Janet Rees Molly Hartzler | | | | Joey Collier |
| 18 | Ken Kruse Jason Anderson | Oscar & Wynne Steele | Gracyn Bean- Humston | Judy Skubal Jenny Yoder | | | | Kyle Entsminger |
| 25 Palm Sunday | Clifton Dawley Dave Kaufman | Wilma & Darrell Chalupa | Gabrielle Dawley | JoAnn Torpey Ann Freyenberger | | | | Rob Yoder |
| April 1 Easter | Joe Skubal Rob Yoder | Jennifer & Marshall Crossett | Jacob Hartzler | Kathi Bean Brenda Bean | | | | Dalton Diers |

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS/*ANNIVERSARIES



1) Robert McCreedy; 5) Rhonda Morrison; Drake Brezina;
6) Jim Hansen; 9) Halle Hazelett; 11) Jan Temple;
13) Christine Sands; 14) Gabrielle Dawley, Stan McCreedy, *Kurt
& Dawn Stewart; *Herb Yoder & Dorothy Koehler; 16) *Jason &
Kristen Anderson; 17) Kerra Longbine; 18) Elaine Nicholson;
19) Bruce Temple; 21) Michael Castillo; 22) George Colthurst;
Hannah Mae Hartzler; 24) Dwight Miller; 26) Molly Koehler; 27) Adam Rees.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Joys: We are grateful to have Wynne Steele on the “getting healthier” list. **Concerns:** Healing thoughts to Penny and Jim McCreedy, Kevin Lange, Chris Sieren, Marge Lasek, Theresa, and others as they undergo treatments, recovering from recent surgery; those who are learning of their own illness or of a loved one. Prayers of sympathy are extended to the Clifton Dawley Family upon the loss of a very close friend as well as others who are adjusting to the loss of a loved one. Prayers of patience and strength are requested for those experiencing challenges in their work and personal life. **Serving Our Country:** We say “Thank You!” to members and their families serving our country. A very special “Thank You” to Lance Mills as he enters the Marine Corps.

***The Prayers of “Christian Friends” Can Be
A “Powerful Healing Force”.***

FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Recurring Weekly Events:

- **Sunday,** Worship, 10:30 AM; Christ Is Alive Youth Group, 6 PM
- **Tuesdays:** Pastor Office Hours at ACC: 1-3, (Not February 13 or 20); Jan at North Church, 2-4 PM
- **Wednesdays:**; Kids’ Club, North Church, 6:30-7:30 PM;
- **Thursdays:** Jan at North Church, 2-4 PM; TKD, North Church, 6 PM



Monday, January 29 through Tuesday, February 5: Jason, Tina, & Joey Vacation

Sunday, February 4: Pulpit Supply – Scott Johnson; CIA, 6-7 PM

Wednesday, February 7: Kids’ Club, 6:30-7:30 PM, North Church

Thursday, February 8: Mission Trip Meeting at United Church of Crawfordsville, 7 PM

Saturday, February 10-February 22: Pastor Training Holy Land Trip

Sunday, February 11: Pulpit Supply – Scott Johnson; Highlanders 4-H Meeting, 4:30-6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 12: ACC Parish Council, 7 PM, North Church



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Wednesday, February 14: Ash Wednesday; Valentine’s Day; Food Pantry Open, 3-6 PM, Fellowship Hall; Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper for Kids’ Club families and all Ainsworth Church and Crawfordsville Church, 6:30 PM; Fellowship Hall; Ash Wednesday worship 7 PM, South Church Sanctuary.

Sunday, Feb. 18: Pulpit Supply – Scott Johnson; CIA Youth Group, 6 PM

Monday, February 19: Blood Drive at Ainsworth Community Church hosted by Sacha Club, 2-7 PM, Call Kathi Bean to schedule a time: 319-657-2387 or 461-1339

Tuesday, February 20: “Card” Club, ACC Fellowship Hall, 5 PM; “Son” Seekers, 7 PM, Oscar and Wynne Steele

Sunday, Feb. 25: Jason is back in the pulpit; Confirmation, 4 PM, Ainsworth; Student Dinner, 5:30 PM, Ainsworth; CIA Youth Group, 6 PM, Ainsworth

Monday, February 26: Sacha Club, Fellowship Hall, 6 PM

Wednesday, February 28: Kids' Club, North Church, 6:30 PM

MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, March 2: World Day of Prayer, United Church of Crawfordsville to host Ainsworth Community Church Women, 1:30 PM, UCC

Sunday, March 4: Communion Sunday, Halcyon House Worship Service, 2:30 PM; Confirmation, 4 PM at Crawfordsville; Student Dinner, 5:30 PM at Crawfordsville; CIA Youth Group, 6 PM at Crawfordsville

Tues., Mar. 6: "Son" Seekers, Linda McNeil hosts at ACC Fellowship Hall, 7 PM

Wednesday, March 7: Kids' Club, North Church, 6:30 PM – **FINAL Class of Spring Session**

Sunday, March 11: Daylight Saving Time Begins; Highlanders 4-H Club, 4:30 PM, ACC

Monday, March 12: Ainsworth Parish Council, 7 PM, North Church

Sunday, March 18: Lunch at the Corners, Noon to 2 PM; Following Youth Programs ALL held in Crawfordsville: Confirmation, 4 PM; Student Dinner, 5:30 PM; CIA Youth Group, 6 PM

Tuesday, March 20: "Card" Club, ACC Fellowship Hall, 5 PM; "Son" Seekers, 7 PM, Gene and Pat Miller hosts at United Church of Crawfordsville

Wednesday, March 21: Food Pantry, 3-6 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall Food Pantry, South Church;

Wednesday, March 21 through Saturday, March 24: Jason and Tina Trip

Sunday, March 25: Palm Sunday

Monday, March 26: Sacha Club, Fellowship Hall, 6 PM

Thursday, March 29: Maundy Thursday; Worship Service for Crawfordsville and Ainsworth Community Church at United Church of Crawfordsville, 7 PM

Friday, March 30: Good Friday; Worship Service for Crawfordsville and Ainsworth at Ainsworth Community Church, 7 PM

Sunday, April 1: Easter Sunday



Holy Week

Ainsworth Community Church
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Ainsworth, IA

Change Service Requested

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM; Wednesdays: Kids' Club 6:30-7:30 PM

GENERAL MINISTRY OF CONGREGATION

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SECRETARY: Jan Temple 657.2291; Cell: 319.330.6175;

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ORGANIST: Linda McNeil; Jenny Yoder (substitute)

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TREASURER: Colleen Bean

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Karen Megchelsen, 3206 265th Street,
Ainsworth, IA 52201

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.