

THE EVANGEL – MARCH 2018

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

What a great time to be alive! I truly believe we are blessed to know God and to be a part of a generation that can change the world. Is that the way most people around you feel? Wait, you are telling me that most people around us think there is something wrong with this generation. Ok what exactly is the problem? Cell phones, Facebook, and definitely Trumps Twitter account are to blame. Or is it the parenting, the selfish attitudes, or even the declining middle class. Well here is the TRUTH! My God is bigger than all of it and I know that He is able to take anything, and work it together for His good.



I just heard a devotional that said we can't store God's peace or blessings that they are designed to need Him constantly. It's a truth I would rather not know. That by fully relying on Him we are blessed and have peace, and when we don't we don't. Recent travels to Israel, Jamaica, and Grand Cayman Islands have really helped me see how great we have it here in Iowa. Very rarely do we encounter mean or evil people here. We are surrounded by people wanting to just get by and make a living. But I believe we are called to more. Our hope for more can be found in living a missional live and being questionable.

We will be working through Lent to find ways to expose questionable lives through the B.E.L.L.S. process. My prayer for our church is that we each BLESS three people per week. That we will EAT with 3 people per week. We should pray and LISTEN to where we are called to make a difference. We can take time to LEARN about Jesus and how His life is making a difference in this generation. And that we will journal and share about ways we are telling others about who God is by being SENT. This all sounds pretty simple so let's get started. When you come to church until Easter be ready to share briefly how you have followed through with B.E.L.L.S. in your lives and remember God has not forgot this generation. He is just getting started!

Your servant,

Pastor Jason Collier

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – MARCH 2

The United Church of Crawfordsville will host the Ainsworth Community Church for this year's World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 2 starting at 1:30 PM. The 2018 theme is, "All God's Creation is Very Good", hosted by Suriname.



LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE FOR MARCH



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.
March 11	Jesus and Pilot Fourth Sunday in Lent	John 18:28-40; (<i>Psalm 145:10-13</i>) My kingdom is not from this world.
March 18	Jesus Condemned Fifth Sunday in Lent	John 19:1-16a; (<i>Psalm 146</i>) Jesus is condemned; they have no king but Caesar.
March 25	The Crucified Messiah Palm/Passion Sunday	John 19:16b-22; Opt.: John 12:12-27, Triumphal Entry (<i>Psalm 24</i>) Sign above the cross proclaims the crucified king.
March 9	Jesus' Last Words Maundy Thursday	John 19:23-30; (<i>Psalm 26:3</i>) Woman, behold your son; I thirst; It is finished.
March 30	Jesus the Passover Lamb Good Friday	John 19:31-42; (<i>Psalm 31:9-18</i>) Jesus' bones are not broken, water from his side, a royal burial.
April 1	Resurrection Resurrection of Our Lord	John 20:1-18; (<i>Psalm 118:21-29</i>) Empty tomb, Jesus calls Mary by name.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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The CIA Youth Group meets every Sunday from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. During the month of March, meetings will be in Crawfordsville at the United Church of Crawfordsville. During April, all meetings will be in Ainsworth from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.

Nick and Sam are most grateful for the support of the church.

They do need to have an adult female chaperone/volunteer at each meeting to maintain our "Safe Sanctuary" policy. AND they need a meal each week. If you could serve as a chaperone or prepare a meal, please contact Sam or Nick.

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YOUTH LEADING WORSHIP - MARCH 11

The CIA Youth Group will be leading our worship service on Sunday, March 11 at 10:30 AM (they will led it in Crawfordsville at 9 AM). We hope that you will come and be supportive of them.



UMCOR SUNDAY MARCH 25

(FORMERLY ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING)



On Sunday, March 25 we will collect an offering for UMCOR – formerly known as "One Great Hour of Sharing." The monies provide major support for immediate assistance in the wake of natural and human-caused

disasters and helps support ongoing ministries of food, shelter, health and peace. UMCOR giving allows 100 percent of designated gifts to be used for the specified disaster response or other ministry. There will be a 'Donation' jar at the entrance to the sanctuary.

2018 COMMITTEE DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

You will find copies of the 2018 ACC Directory at both entrances to the sanctuary. The directory includes names and phone numbers of all the members of church committees. It also includes an overview of activities at ACC. Help yourself to a copy.



COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



SACHA CLUB EASTER EGG HUNT – SATURDAY, MARCH 31

The Ainsworth Sacha Club will host an Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 31 at Marr Park beginning at 9:30 AM sharp! Bring the kids and a bag/basket/bucket to hold the found eggs. You may also wish to bring a camera to get a photo with the Easter Bunny.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: Babies; Grandparents; Dedicated volunteers; Families helped through Mission and outreach; Salvation through our Lord and Savior; Spring in the near future; Safe return of Pastor Jason. **Concerns:** Praying for the safe return of our church family who have wintered in warmer states than Iowa. The family of the late Joyce Edmondson. Those awaiting diagnosis, recovering from or anticipating medical procedures: Chris Sieren, Penny McCreedy, Ken Kruse, AmySara Richardson, Georgina White (recovering from a fall that has resulted in a broken ankle and leg). Those experiencing challenges in their work and personal life. **Serving Our Country:** To all members and their families serving our country, we say “Thank You!” Special prayers for Lance Mills currently enlisted in Marine boot camp.



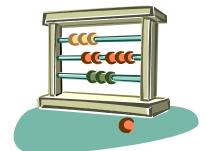
PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS




At the February meeting, these were the highlights: **Christian Education:** Kids’ Club is in session again with about 25 participants each week. The pancake supper was held on Feb. 14 to observe Ash Wednesday. Linda McNeil conducted worship as Jason was on study leave to the Holy Land. **Membership/Nurture** – Flowers were sent to Jim and Penny McCreedy, Wynne Steele and Bob Elliott’s. **Worship** – Pulpit Supply for the year is scheduled. Still seeking worship assistants for Lent. **Property** – New water meters were installed at both churches. Clifton will check on the spot light over the altar at the South church and the large wooden clock over the Northwest door. **Mission** – January 2018 – 15 families representing 43 people were provided food at the Food Pantry. **New Business:** 1) Statistical reports were submit 3)Discussion concerning how the PC can help the congregation live the BELLS mission. It was decided this, too, would be better to discuss with Pastor Jason’s input. 4) Jan is working to update a narrative history of the church. The next regular meeting will be Monday, March 12 at 7 PM in the North Church Office.

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE

Month	2016	2017	2018
January	348	301	236
February	327	253	??164??



BUDGET REPORT – 1-31-18

	Income	\$9,278.94	Expenses	\$6,393.35
	General Fund	\$49,234.36	Building Fund (Reported in General Fund)	
	Memorial Fund	\$8,197.32	Need/month for budget	\$8,427.50

2018 Combined Presbytery and Methodist dues/apportionments in ACC budget: \$8,204.00

MARCH BIRTHDAYS/*ANNIVERSARIES



1)Ellie Anderson; 2) Steve Anderson, Nancy Stewart; 3) Chris Richardson; 5) Molly Klinzman; 8) Stephanie Laverman; 9) *Dave & Karolyn Skubal; 17) Rita Anderson; Noah Hartzler; 19) Emma Beemblossom; Dawn Stewart; 21) Jonathan Kruse; Erin Mills; 24) Jason Collier; Janet Stafford; 26) Janene Kirk; 27) Ruth Miller, Dorothy Jacobs; 29) Elizabeth (Izzie) Collier; Kurt Stewart; 30) Rich Riggan; 31) Jim McCreedy



MARCH WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Ushers	Greeters	Candles	Snacks	AV
March 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	Gracyan Bean- Humston	Judy Skubal Jenny Yoder	Kyle Entsminger
25	Clifton Dawley Dave Kaufman	Wilma/Darrell Chalupa	Gabrielle Dawley	JoAnn Torpey Ann Freyenberger	Rob Yoder
April 1 Easter	Joe Skubal Rob Yoder	Jennifer& Mar- shall Crossett	Jacob Hartzler	Kathi Bean Brenda Bean	Dalton Diers

CONSIDER SENDING ENCOURAGEMENT TO THESE MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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Penny and Jim McCreedy
1002 N. Miller Street
West Liberty, IA 52776

MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Recurring Weekly Events:

- **Sunday**, Worship, 10:30 AM
- **Tuesdays**: Jason ACC Office Hours: 1-3; Jan at North Church, 2-4 PM
- **Thursdays**: Jan at North Church, 2-4 PM; TKD, North Church, Sanctuary, 6 PM

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



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

Wed., Mar. 7: Kids' Club, North Church, 6:30 PM – **FINAL Spring Class**

Sunday, March 11: Daylight Saving Time Begins; Youth Led Worship Service – 9 AM at UCC; 10:30 AM at ACC; 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

Wed., Mar. 21: Food Pantry, 3-6 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall, South Church;

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

Thursday, March 22: World Water Day

Sunday, March 25: Palm Sunday; UMCOR Collection (formerly known as One Great Hour of Sharing)

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

Saturday, March 31: Sacha Club Easter Egg Hunt, Marr Park, 9:30 AM

Sunday, April 1: Easter Sunday; Sunrise Service at United Church of Crawfordsville, 7 AM; Easter Sunday Worship, Ainsworth, 10:30 AM

APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Recurring Weekly Events:

- **Sunday,** Worship, 10:30 AM
 - **Tuesdays:** Jason ACC Office Hours: 1-3; Jan at North Church, 2-4 PM
 - **Thursdays:** Jan at North Church, 2-4 PM; TKD, North Church, Sanctuary, 6 PM
- Tues., Apr. 3:** "Son" Seekers, 7 PM; Jan Temple hostess at ACC Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, April 8:** Highlanders 4-H Meeting, 4:30 PM, Fellowship Hall
- Monday, April 9:** Ainsworth Parish Council, 7 PM, North Church
- Thursday, April 12:** ACCW, 1:30 PM, Fellowship Hall, Program - Marcia Wilson; Hostess: Wilma Chalupa
- Sunday, April 15:** Lunch at the Corners, Noon to 2 PM
- Tuesday, April 17:** "Card" Club, 5 PM, Fellowship Hall; "Son" Seekers, 7 PM, Herb and Dorothy Koehler
- Wednesday, April 18:** Food Pantry Open at ACC, 3-6 PM, Fellowship Hall
- Monday, April 23:** Sacha Club, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall
- Friday, April 26-28:** UCC Rummage Sale
- Sunday, April 29:** Final CIA meeting of 2017-18 school year

Life is like a pencil - Without Jesus there's no point.



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WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

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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.