

# ***THE EVANGEL-JUNE 2020***

## **WORSHIP: LIVE ON SATURDAY'S AT 10 AM**

Pastor Jason will conduct worship **live on Saturdays**. It will be posted online to view later.

To **WATCH** and participate in the worship, there are two options:



- a. You may **watch** on **Facebook**: "Ainsworth Community Church".
- b. You may **watch** on **Zoom**. Type: Zoom.com into your browser. On the Zoom page, click on the option listed near the top, "Join a Zoom Meeting". When asked for a **meeting ID, enter: 319.658.2366**. Then just keep clicking yes you want to participate with both audio and video. Jason will handle it from there.

You may **LISTEN** to worship using your telephone (does not need to be a cell phone or smart phone), follow these instructions:



1. Dial the number: **1.312.626.6799**

2. When asked for meeting ID – dial this number: **319.658.2366#**

## **PASTOR PHONE VISITS AND PRAYER LIST**

Please let the church know if you would like Pastor Jason to call you (until it is deemed safe for him to see you face to face) or if you need to be on our prayer list. You may call **Pastor Jason's cell 563.343.3390** at any time; or call **Jan's cell 319.330-6175**. Jan will be working from home as much as possible rather than at the office.



## **OFFERING/TITHING TO ACC**



Options for donating when we aren't meeting face-to-face include:

- Checks may be written **payable to "ACC"** and mailed to: **Ainsworth Community Church; PO Box 40, Ainsworth, IA 52201**
- Utilize Direct Debit (ACH transfer) – If you need a copy of the form, contact Jan at 319.330.6175 and she will send the information.

## **FOOD PANTRY APPOINTMENTS**

The Mission Committee Food Pantry will distribute food on Wednesday, June 3 from 3-6 PM for orders previously placed with Kathi. IF you need food, please call Kathi at 319-461-1339 to make special arrangements.



## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Joys:** Graduation; Christian Fellowship and concern for others. **Concerns:** Everyone as we continue to 'stand together' navigating our way through this Covid-19 pandemic; our church leaders as they make decisions regarding our worship; those on the 'front-line' working with the public; families with children as they adapt to a 'different' summer; educators, employers, and leaders as they make decisions about the future trying to balance safety and well-being. **Serving Our Country:** Our sincere "Thank You!" to members and their families serving our country here and abroad.



## **COLTHURST SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

The 2020 Colthurst Scholarship will be shared by five recipients: Dalton Diers, Gracyn Bean-Humston, Alexandria (Lexi), Shalyn Kirk, and Derick Sandburg. Congratulations to these recipients! Your ACC family will lift you in prayer as you pursue your education.



## INVITATION FROM SHALYN KIRK



Shalyn Kirk extends an invitation to the Ainsworth Community Church Family to join her for a graduation celebration on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> between 2 and 6 PM at the Washington County Conservation Center in Marr Park. She also wishes to express her gratefulness to our church family for your encouragement and prayers that have helped her reach this goal.

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS/\*ANNIVERSARIES

2) \*Dale & Virginia Holmes, Ken Kruse, Jr.; 4) Ann Freyenberger; 5) Kase Carstensen; 6) Laura Temple, Harold Nicholson, Emerson Berner; Kim Prier; 8) Herb Yoder, Mekenzie Edwards, 9) Penny McCreedy; 10) \*Jim & Linda Wenger; 13) Jeff & Kim Prier 14) \*Steve & Rita Anderson; \*Marshall & Jennifer Crossett; Rachel Longbine; 15) \*Bruce & Jan Temple; 16) Kim Stout; 18) Ben Bean, \*Myron & Janet Rees; 19) \*Joe & Judy Skubal; 20) \*Jerry & Betty Bean; 21) Jeff Freyenberger; 23) Trent Megchelsen, Jenna Sands, Teresa Hahn; 24) \*Dwight & Michelle Miller; Grant and Mekenzie Edwards; 25)\*Wayne & Ann Freyenberger; 26)\*Kevin & Peg Hunter; 27) Kylan Anderson; 28) \*Bob & Sue Frame; 30) \* Brandon & Dana Mikel;



## BUDGET REPORT – 4.30.20

	Offering Income	\$8,390.00	Expenses	\$6585.08
	General Fund	36,938.94*	Building Fund	\$14,264.10
	Memorial Fund	\$41,279.93	Need/month for budget	\$7,484.31

2020 Combined Presbytery and Methodist dues/apportionments in ACC budget: \$7448.00

\*This figure includes the Payroll Protection Program loan that is part of CARES

## PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

An overview of reports and issues discussed at the April meeting. **Treasurer's**

**Report:** Colleen is placing Alliant Energy, Windstream, and US Cellular bills on 'auto-pay'. We will still receive paper bills AND Alliant will alert us of any 'unusual' energy usage. **Pastor and Youth Group Report:** He has been broadcasting

worship via Zoom and Facebook. It is estimated we have over 100 views each week.

**Christian Education:** Five youth applied for the Colthurst Scholarship and all five will receive monies. **Membership/Nurture:** Care Team has been established and is functioning. Janet has sent numerous cards. **Worship** – Bibles were ordered for high school

seniors. We have had a request to 'broadcast' worship from the sanctuary. Jason will investigate options. **Property** – Renter requested to have a dog. With a rent increase of \$25 a month and damage clause being added to lease, recommended Council approval. Approved. **Mission** – Served 15 families/46 individuals in March. The Committee took 3 meals to the Lighthouse; received a \$500.00 grant from Jeff Bezos, CEO of Amazon.

They purchased a hand truck and additional food staples for the food pantry. River City Church donated 20 gallons of milk, eggs, hot dogs, bologna, fresh fruit, cleaning products and more. Received 26 cases of spicy chicken patties from Tyson in Columbus Junction. They shared with the Saturday Kitchen, Choices, HACAP, Lighthouse, and anyone

interested. **SPPRC; Nominating:** Another Set of Eyes report was be tabled. **New Business:** Resuming face to face worship: The Iowa Conference website: [www.iaumc.org/](http://www.iaumc.org/) Read 1-2-3 Simple Rules: Do no harm; Do good; and Stay in love with God. The Bishop will give an update in early June. Bottom line: there will be no worship in the sanctuary until the Council gives approval. **Next Meeting:** The next regular/Zoom meeting: Monday, June 8.



## **BULLETIN: JUNE 7, 2020 (LIVE ON SAT., JUNE 6 AT 10 AM)**

### **\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Lord has blessed us with all we have. **Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

The Lord will not abandon us. **Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

The Lord is present in all our struggles. **Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

### **\*\*HYMN "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"**

1 My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

**Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.**

2 When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. **[Refrain]**

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. **[Refrain]**

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,  
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. **[Refrain]**

### **\*\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**We have been richly blessed, O God. Remind us of your generosity and receive these gifts we offer as a tribute of love, that we might be a similar blessing to others, all the children of your kingdom. Amen.**

### **JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER (BELOW)**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

### **REFLECTION HYMN: "JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA"**

1 Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*We confess our sins before God and one another. Gracious God,*

**We are tempted to be thankful only when things are going well for us. We are tempted to take credit for all that is good in our lives. We conveniently forget that all things come from you. Forgive us for being shortsighted, arrogant and thoughtless. Cleanse our hearts and bring us back to your side, for you are all that we truly need. (Pause for silent prayer and reflection.)**

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

God hears our repentance and answers our request for forgiveness. Receive the assurance of your creator's mercy and return to the loving embrace of the one who made, loved, and redeemed you. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE: JOB 1:1-22**

**MESSAGE: "WE CAN TRUST GOD!," PASTOR JASON COLLIER**

### **\*\*HYMN: "STANDING ON THE PROMISES"**

1 Standing on the promises of Christ my king, through eternal ages let his praises ring;  
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

**Refrain: Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.**

2 Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. **[Refrain]**

3 Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,  
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God. **[Refrain]**

4 Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call,  
resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God. **[Refrain]**

### **\*\*THE BENEDICTION**

## **BULLETIN: JUNE 14, 2020 (LIVE ON SAT., JUNE 13 AT 10 AM)**

### **\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Our lives remain a mystery, **But God remains the same.**

We struggle hard to understand, **But God remains the same.**

When shifting sands displace our feet, **Our God remains the same.**

Praise God—despite everything, **You still remain the same.**

### **\*\*HYMN "WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS"**

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for  
my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down,  
sinking down; when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside  
his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to  
God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I  
will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing!

4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll  
sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll  
sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on!

### **\*\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**We are not always universally grateful for whatever comes our way, O Lord. And yet we can be faithful through our giving and service, knowing that you bless the offerings of our hearts and use them for your greater purpose, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

### **JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER (BELOW)**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

### **REFLECTION HYMN: "JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA"**

2 Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,  
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*We confess our sins before God and one another. Gracious God,*

**We are tempted to be thankful only when things are going well for us. We are tempted to take credit for all that is good in our lives. We conveniently forget that all things come from you. Forgive us for being shortsighted, arrogant and thoughtless. Cleanse our hearts and bring us back to your side, for you are all that we truly need. (Pause for silent prayer and reflection.)**

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

God hears our repentance and answers our request for forgiveness. Receive the assurance of your creator's mercy and return to the loving embrace of the one who made, loved, and redeemed you. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE:** JOB 3:1-10; 4:1-9; 7:11-21

**MESSAGE:** "DOES GOD PUNISH?" PASTOR JASON COLLIER

### **\*\*HYMN: "JESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES"**

Jesus, name above all names, Beautiful Saviour, Glorious Lord.

Emmanuel, God is with us, Blessed Redeemer, Living Word

### **\*\*THE BENEDICTION**

## **BULLETIN: JUNE 21, 2020 (LIVE ON SAT., JUNE 20 AT 10 AM)**

### **\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

If a tree is cut down, **It will sprout again.**

Though its root has grown old, **Still water can bring forth new branches.**

So shall it be for us **When our Lord calls us to our eternal home**

### **\*\*HYMN "O HOW HE LOVES YOU AND ME"**

Oh, how He loves you and me, Oh how He loves you and me. He gave his life, what more could he give?

Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how he loves me; Oh, how he loves you and me

### **\*\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**We answer when you call, O God, and all that we give is because you have first given to us. Bless these offerings to the work of your kingdom on earth, and may they benefit our sisters and brothers in all places. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

### **JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER (BELOW)**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

### **REFLECTION HYMN: "JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA"**

3 Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*We confess our sins before God and one another. Gracious God,*

**We are tempted to be thankful only when things are going well for us. We are tempted to take credit for all that is good in our lives. We conveniently forget that all things come from you. Forgive us for being shortsighted, arrogant and thoughtless. Cleanse our hearts and bring us back to your side, for you are all that we truly need. (Pause for silent prayer and reflection.)**

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

God hears our repentance and answers our request for forgiveness. Receive the assurance of your creator's mercy and return to the loving embrace of the one who made, loved, and redeemed you. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE: JOB 14:7-15; 19:23-27**

### **MESSAGE: "GOD IS WITH US EVEN," PASTOR JASON COLLIER**

### **\*\*HYMN: "WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN"**

1 Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, sing his mercy and his grace;  
in the mansions bright and blessed he'll prepare for us a place.

**Refrain: When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!  
When we all see Jesus we'll sing and shout the victory.**

2 While we walk the pilgrim pathway clouds will overspread the sky,  
but when traveling days are over, not a shadow, not a sigh. **[Refrain]**

3 Let us then be true and faithful, trusting, serving every day;  
just one glimpse of Him in glory will the toils of life repay. **[Refrain]**

### **\*\*THE BENEDICTION**

## **BULLETIN: JUNE 28, 2020 (LIVE ON SAT., JUNE 27 AT 10 AM)**

### **\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

The one who laid the earth's foundations: **The God who cares for us!**  
The one who made the stars and heavens: **The God who cares for us!**  
The one who poured and bound the seas: **The God who cares for us!**  
The maker of the world is still **The God who cares for us!**

### **\*\*HYMN "MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE"**

1 My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; for thee all the follies of sin I resign;  
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.  
2 I love thee because thou hast first loved me and purchased my pardon on Calvary's  
tree;  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.  
3 I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death, and praise thee as long as thou lendest  
me breath,  
and say when the deathdew lies cold on my brow: If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis  
now.  
4 In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow: If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

### **\*\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Our generosity is only a small reflection of your own, and yet we are compelled to give. Receive these offerings of our hands and hearts, and in your wisdom, O Lord, bless them for your greater purpose. In the name of Christ, Amen.**

### **JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER (BELOW)**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
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Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

### **REFLECTION HYMN: "JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA"**

4 Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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### **SCRIPTURE: JOB 31:35-37; 38:1-11 [25-27]**

**MESSAGE: "IS GOD RIGHT IN THERE WITH YOU?" PASTOR JASON COLLIER**

### **\*\*HYMN: "I LOVE YOU, LORD"**

1. I love you, Lord, And I lift my voice, To worship You, Oh, my soul rejoice  
2. Take joy, my King, In what You hear, Let it be a sweet, Sweet sound in Your ear

### **\*\*THE BENEDICTION**



From the Office of  
*Bishop Laurie Haller*



Beloved of God,

May 27, 2020

I greet you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. In just a few short days we will be celebrating Pentecost Sunday. The Greek word *pentecoste* means "fiftieth day" and marks the time when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles and others assembled in Jerusalem, marking the birth of the church. For many of us, the "fiftieth day" also marks our time away from in-person worship since the disruption in all areas of our lives caused by this global pandemic. Since March, the Iowa Crisis Response Team and the Appointive Cabinet have turned to specialists in the field of infectious disease to chart a course that privileges lives over every other consideration.

We used that measure as we weighed when to suspend work at the Conference Center, when to advise our congregations to refrain from in-person worship, and most recently in crafting the Reentry Plan for the Iowa Conference. The plan and additional resources can be found on the IAUMC Website, including Guidelines, Checklist for Re-entry, FAQ's, and more: <https://www.iaumc.org/123churchreentry>

I, along with the full Cabinet and Crisis Response Team, recommend that if you live in a county that continues to see an increase, is maintaining, or is just beginning to see a slight decrease in COVID-19 cases, the local churches in that county should continue to conduct virtual worship and refrain from in-person gathering until it is clearly safe to do so. Similarly, if you have very few cases with no recorded increase for two weeks, and if your leadership team has determined that it is ready to move forward into the Yellow Phase of Reentry, you may do so beginning June 1, 2020. We know that throughout Iowa we continue to see epicenters of new cases of the coronavirus. Therefore, please be adaptive and regularly reassess your reentry plans.

Since Polk County continues to see a rise in cases, the Conference Center will continue to be closed to the public until June 15, 2020. I invite you to join me in prayer for those who are most at risk as they care for the sick or work in essential locations, for those working to find a vaccine, and, most importantly, for those who are suffering from COVID-19 and who have lost friends and loved ones during these unprecedented times.

In Christ,

Bishop Laurie Haller

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WORSHIP TIME

Saturday Worship: 10 AM Online only via Zoom, Facebook

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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.