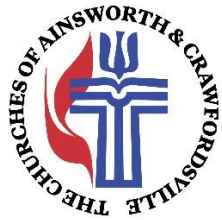


THE EVANGEL-JULY 2020

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Have you ever tried to be a leader when no one knew what to do? As a matter of fact, it's quite the opposite. Everyone thinks they know what to do and it is the opposite idea for everyone.

I am so glad my identity is in Christ because the world around us looks like shifting sand. Just this week I put up a post asking for prayer requests on my personal FB page and several people asked for prayers. What a treat to pray for people far and near. Some known and some unknown. It is like at that moment I found solid rock again. As I sing to myself, "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand"..... I realize again I have something the world needs! And so do all of us. Our love for Christ and others is solid rock! And when the world around us is sinking sand we need each other!

During this time, I am short on answers and sometimes I don't even know what to do next. But we learned from Job that my Redeemer lives. And so, I will lean on him for support and in the process be the rock to the world around us. God Bless you as you seek His heart.

Pastor Jason Collier

PARKING LOT WORSHIP OFFERED

Once each month, each church (Ainsworth and Crawfordsville) will host an outdoor worship in the parking lot. Crawfordsville will host the next outdoor worship on June 28. Following is the worship location schedule for July and early August.

Saturday, July 4 - Zoom and Facebook Live	Saturday, July 25: Zoom and Facebook Live
Sunday, July 5 – Facebook only	Sunday, July 26: Crawfordsville Church Parking Lot and Lawn
Saturday, July 11 – Zoom and Facebook Live	Saturday, August 1 - Zoom and Facebook Live
Sunday, July 12 – Ainsworth Church Parking Lot and Lawn	Sunday, August 2 – Facebook only
Saturday, July 18 - Zoom and Facebook Live	Saturday, Aug. 8 – Zoom and Facebook Live
Sunday, July 19 – Facebook only	Sunday, August 9 – Ainsworth Church Parking Lot and Lawn

WORSHIP: HOW TO ACCESS ZOOM AND FACEBOOK

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** and visit with Jason and other participants before and after service by using **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 AND PICK-UP

The Mission Committee Food Pantry will distribute food on the first Wednesday of the month for the foreseeable future. Here is the schedule:



Order Deadline Date	Pick up Date
Sunday, June 28	Wednesday, July 1
Friday, July 31	Wednesday, August 5

To receive food, you must place your order with Kathi **BEFORE** stopping to pick it up. When you call, you will determine your order pickup time. IF you need food and these dates aren't workable, please call Kathi at 319-461-1339 to make special arrangements.

BLOOD DRIVE – AUGUST 17, 2 TO 7 PM-ACC

We all need to be very careful during the Covid -19 Pandemic. At the same time, there is a great shortage of blood. The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center assures us they are using extreme caution to protect donors as well as their staff during community blood drives.



Therefore, the Ainsworth Community Church will hold a blood drive on Monday, August 17 from 2-7 PM in the Fellowship Hall of the South Church at the corner of 4th and Washington. You must be at least 110 pounds and in good health the day of the donations. The last date you could give and still donate now was **June 22, 2020**. Please eat a full meal within 4 hours of donating, avoiding fried, fatty foods and whole dairy products. For an appointment contact Jan Temple at 319-330-6175 or 319-657-2291. **Bring a photo ID with you AND wear a mask, please. We will do our best to socially distance. Also note: because of the pandemic we regret we will not have our homemade treats for you this time. No sandwiches or homemade cookies. But, we will have a smile behind our masks and many words of thanks!!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: Christian Fellowship and concern for others; safely gathering outdoors with family and friends. **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.



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 1st 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.


JULY BIRTHDAYS/*ANNIVERSARIES



4) Norma White; 6) Kevin Ornduff; 11) Brad Skubal; 12) Alan Temple; 13) *Neal & Karen Megchelsen; 14) Alexa Miller; Jason Anderson; 17) *Brian & Anna Chalupa; 17) Caroline Richardson; 21) Alec Ornduff; 22) Sabrina Castillo Goodwin; 23) Oscar Steele; 24) Alan Edmondson, Jenny Yoder, Mitch Edgar; *Joel & Angela Hazelett; 28) *Oscar & Wynne Steele; 30) Betty Thompson, Jim Smith, AmySara Richardson; 31) Dan Klinzman.



BUDGET REPORT – 5.31.20

	Offering Income	\$ 5,975.00	Expenses	\$ 4,796.82
	General Fund	\$16,897.33	Building Fund	\$21,912.10
	Memorial Fund	\$41,286.95	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 June 8 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Colleen shared that the Payroll Protection Plan loan is inflating some of the figures; rules governing those monies are continuing to evolve. The Council thanked her for her skills in guiding us through the process/program.

Pastor and Youth Group Report: He has no mileage or vacation to report. **Christian Education:** No report. **Membership/Nurture:** Care Team continues with calls. **Worship** –

Bibles have been delivered to high school seniors. **Property:** No report. **Mission** – The Food Pantry is having families place orders and drive by to pick it up. Food and fund drive were put on hold for now. **SPPRC; Nominating:** We need to find another youth/s for Parish Council as Shalyn graduated. The names of several youth were suggested. Jan will contact the nominating committee. The Council wished to express their gratitude to Shalyn for her dedication to the Council noting how engaged she had been – not just attending meetings but also actively participating. **Old Business:** Scholarship recipients announced; Bibles delivered. **New Business: Security cameras:** Jason has had time to explore the purchase of security cameras for both buildings. The Council had previously approved the purchase and consensus was that he should proceed to 'make it happen'.

Parking lot worship: Jason has purchased an FM receiver so parishioners may remain in their car and hear the service over the radio. After some discussion it was decided to try holding outdoor worship on two Sunday's in June – once at each church. Congregation may remain in car or bring lawn chair and socially distance in lawn. Buildings will be open only for access to bathrooms. Worship will still be offered on Saturdays via Zoom and Facebook. Because worship at each building will have so many days in between, it was also agreed that only bathrooms, door handles, light switches, etc. would need to be sanitized – but not the entire building and its contents. **Re-entry into sanctuary for worship:** Jan volunteered to develop a proposal to share at the July meeting based upon church and CDC guidelines. **Next Meeting:** The next regular/Zoom meeting: Monday, July 13.



SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2020 (LIVE ON SAT., JULY 4 AT 10 AM)
NO PARKING LOT WORSHIP THIS WEEK

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

God sees and knows all things, **And cannot be stopped.**
We speak out of ignorance **The things we don't know.**
Praise God, who still loves us **The God of our wisdom!**

****HYMN: "MY COUNTRY, 'TIS OF THEE"**

My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountainside let freedom ring!

****PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

You do not require burnt offerings, O Lord, but you delight in the gifts your people bring you. Bless these offerings and use them for your purposes in the world, through the power of your Holy Spirit, 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: "PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND"

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand.
I am tired, I'm weak, I am worn, through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home

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 41:1-8; 42:1-17

MESSAGE: "HOW CAN YOUR FAITH BE STRENGTHENED?" Last Job sermon for a while!

PASTOR JASON COLLIER

****HYMN: "GOD BLESS AMERICA"**

God bless America, land that I love;
Stand beside her and guide her;
Through the night with the light from above
From the mountains to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam
God bless America, my home sweet home;
God bless America, my home sweet home

****THE BENEDICTION**

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2020, PARKING LOT AT ACC, 10 AM
(ZOOM ON SAT., JULY 11 AT 10 AM)

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Blessed be God! **Who carries our griefs.**

Blessed be God! **Who lightens our burdens.**

Blessed be God! **Who gifts us with peace.**

****HYMN "STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS"**

1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus ye soldiers of the cross; Lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss: From vict'ry unto vict'ry his army he shall lead, 'til ev'ry foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long; This day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song: To him that overcometh a crown of life shall be; He with the King of glory shall reign eternally.

****PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Bless these gifts which we now bring to your altar, O Lord, and may they be blessings for the community of your people worldwide, wherever there is need. In Jesus' holy name we pray, 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: "PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND"

When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near,

When my life is almost gone, Hear my cry, hear my call,

Hold my hand lest I fall: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess our sins before God and one another. Loving God,

When our path becomes difficult, we do not always turn to you. We look for an easy way out. We escape in avoidance and addiction. We forget your promises and seek what does not satisfy. Forgive us and bring us back into the strength of your Spirit. (Pause for silent prayer and reflection.)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is generous and loving and forgiving. Hear and believe that your sins are washed away and that new life is yours through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE: 2 CORINTHIANS 1:1-11

MESSAGE: "CONSOLATION" PASTOR JASON COLLIER

****HYMN: "THE OLD RUGGED CROSS"**

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed, be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.

2 Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands; could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling; naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyes shall close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

****THE BENEDICTION**

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2020 (LIVE ON SAT., JULY 18 AT 10 AM)
NO PARKING LOT WORSHIP THIS WEEK

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

God has forgiven us, **And so shall we forgive.**

God has shown mercy to us, **And so shall we show mercy.**

God has loved us, **And so shall we love.**

****HYMN "O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING"**

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

2 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro' all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

3 Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

4 He breaks the power of cancelled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.

5 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

****PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We offer these gifts not out of guilt for our misdeeds, but out of generosity towards the children whom you love. Accept and bless them in the spirit by which they are given, moving us to focus more on others than ourselves, for the sake of your kingdom on earth, 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: "PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND"

When the darkness appears and the night draws near, and the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand;

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess our sins before God and one another. Loving God,

When our path becomes difficult, we do not always turn to you. We look for an easy way out. We escape in avoidance and addiction. We forget your promises and seek what does not satisfy. Forgive us and bring us back into the strength of your Spirit. (Pause for silent prayer and reflection.)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is generous and loving and forgiving. Hear and believe that your sins are washed away and that new life is yours through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE: 2 CORINTHIANS 2:1-10

MESSAGE: "FORGIVENESS", Pastor Jason Collier

****HYMN: "THE OLD RUGGED CROSS"**

1 On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.

***Refrain: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.***

2 O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above to bear it to dark Calvary. **[Refrain]**

3 In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, a wondrous beauty I see,
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died, to pardon and sanctify me. **[Refrain]**

4 To that old rugged cross I will ever be true, its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to my home far away, where his glory forever I'll share. **[Refrain]**

****THE BENEDICTION**

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2020, PARKING LOT AT UCC, 10 AM
(ZOOM ON SAT., JULY 25 AT 10 AM)

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

God's mercy is ours, **So we do not lose heart.**
God's light shines out of darkness, **And into our hearts.**
Even though we are frail, **God's Spirit works in us.**

****HYMN "TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS"**

1 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise, and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
Refrain: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!
2 O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;
and in simple faith to plunge me neath the healing, cleansing flood! **[Refrain]**
3 Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. **[Refrain]**

****PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Accept and bless the gifts which your children present to you in gratitude for the blessings which you have also given us. May our time on this earth be spent in service to your world in need, and in glory to you, O God. 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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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is generous and loving and forgiving. Hear and believe that your sins are washed away and that new life is yours through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:1-18

MESSAGE: "TREASURE IN CLAY JARS" PASTOR JASON COLLIER

****HYMN: "JESUS SAVES"**

1 We have heard the joyful sound: Jesus saves!
Spread the tidings all around: Jesus saves!
Bear the news to every land, climb the steeps and cross the waves;
onward! 'tis our Lord's command: Jesus saves!
2 Sing above the battle strife: Jesus saves!
By His death and endless life, Jesus saves!
Sing it softly through the gloom, when the heart for mercy craves;
sing in triumph o'er the tomb: Jesus saves!
3 Give the winds a mighty voice: Jesus saves!
Let the nations now rejoice: Jesus saves!
Shout salvation full and free; highest hills and deepest caves;
this our song of victory: Jesus saves!

****THE BENEDICTION**

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WORSHIP TIME

Saturday Worship: 10 AM Online only via Zoom, Facebook
Sunday Worship in Church Parking Lot: July 12: Ainsworth
Sunday Worship in Church Parking Lot: July 26: Crawfordsville

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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.