

# THE EVANGEL: OCTOBER 2020

Hello brothers and sisters in Christ,



Wow! What a long summer! I bet you, like me, have never said that before! Summer usually goes by so quickly. This year was different for sure! I have great news: We will be re-opening our buildings for in-person and indoor worship. We will be **back in the building on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** at the normal time on Sundays: **9 AM at UCC and 10:30 AM at ACC** with **online live on Facebook also at 10:30 Sunday**. Much like most other

places, the new rules will be **masks, social distancing**, and the suggestion that you do not come if you are sick. Please help us make everyone feel welcome and let's enjoy worship together again. This first Sunday back in our building, things will look a little different, (extra signs, some pews closed off, and sanitizer available) but not too much. I am sure it will feel like the worship we all enjoy.

Thank you for your patience, flexibility, and for your trust in our church boards. Navigating these last several months have been difficult at best. Your leadership has been top notch, and they have been working really hard to make the right decisions for everyone. I am proud of their efforts and if you are too, please let them know.

Blessings and Hope for the future

Pastor Jason Collier

## LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE FOR OCTOBER 2020

Oct. 4	<b>The Promise of Passover</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	<b>Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8</b> (Luke 22:14-20) Passover: the blood of the lamb and unleavened bread signify God's sacrifice of the lamb of God's deliverance.
Oct. 11	<b>Golden Calf</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	<b>Exodus 32:1-14</b> (Luke 23:34) Golden calf shows unfaithfulness at Mt. Sinai. Moses intercedes, God forgives.
Oct. 18	<b>God Answers Hannah</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	<b>1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10</b> (Luke 1:46-55) Samuel is God's answer to Hannah, who sings of God's care for the needy.
Oct. 25	<b>God's Promise to David</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (or Reformation)	<b>2 Samuel 7:1-17</b> (Luke 1:30-33) God's promise to David concerning his heir, who will be God's Son and whose kingdom will endure forever.

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS, NOV. 1

Remember to turn your clocks back – Fall back. We will resume Standard Time on Sunday, November 1.



## PASTOR VISITS AND PRAYER LIST

Please let us know if you would like Pastor Jason to call on you or if you need to be on our prayer list. You may call **Pastor Jason's cell 563.343.3390** at any time; **church answering machine: 319-657-3020** or **Jan's cell 319.330-6175**.

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation will begin this week and Pastor Jason is working on a schedule. If you know someone 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up who has not been confirmed, please **Pastor Jason's cell 563.343.3390** to receive schedule details.



# SPECIAL OFFERINGS, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Sun., Oct. 4 we observe two programs – one from each denomination:

1) **World Communion Sunday** is a program of the **United Methodist Church**.

Your giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve.



2) **Presbyterian Peacemaking Program** helps transform lives through work for peace, with the tools God has given. In the Spirit of God, we work to break the power of hate, and heal the wounds of violence and division. Join in the Peace & Global Witness Offering because it is boundless peace God offers.



*The donation jar and envelopes will be at both doors of the sanctuary for **BOTH** programs.*

## YOUTH GROUP

Youth group will be starting soon at Ainsworth for grades 7-12. Please stay tuned FMI. If you know someone who wants to be a part of the group, please text information to Pastor Jason. **Jason's cell 563.343.3390**



## KIDS' CLUB



The Christian Education Committee will not be sponsoring Kids' Club classes this fall. They will reevaluate in late 2020 about resuming in 2021. Watch this newsletter for details.

## ACCW – NO MEETINGS OR ACTIVITIES TIL APRIL

ACCW will suspend meeting until spring 2021. There will be no meeting in October or November of 2020. They have also decided not to conduct a "Tea Bag Campaign" or attempt distribution of fruit plates in November.



## ACC FOOD PANTRY OPEN



The Ainsworth Community Church Food Pantry continues to serve families in need by contacting those who have previously participated. If you know someone in need of food, contact Kathi at 319.657.2387 or 319.461.1339 to make arrangements or receive confidential answers to eligibility questions.

## CHARGE CONFERENCE – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8



Charge Conference has been scheduled for Ainsworth and Crawfordsville on Sunday, November 8 at 2 PM via Zoom. Because of Covid-19, the Council has chosen to continue with the same goals and committee membership (**if you are on a committee now – you will be in 2021 – no changes**). The budget

will be reviewed and presented to the congregation after the October Council meeting.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for the prayers, calls, and all the wonderful food sent to our family during the passing of our mother. We are so blest to have a "church family" so caring and concerned.

God bless you all, Janet Rees and Family



## CARD SHOWER




Pastor Jason's parents, Jim and Carole Collier, will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on October 17th, 2020. Cards may be sent to "Jim and Carole Collier; 2314 Emerald Drive; Davenport, IA 52804"

# PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



**Treasurer's Report:** The council unanimously approved purchasing a new version of Quicken Software for Colleen to use for church financial record keeping. **Apportionments:** It was agreed to pay half of our apportionments to both denominations for a total expenditure of \$3724.00 (\$1862 to each). The balance will be considered closer to the end of the year. **Pastor Report:** Our ACC Mission Committee and UCC both agreed to donate \$500 to help cover expenses incurred when Jason and our local volunteers helped with derecho storm damage cleanup. Any additional funds donated to ACC to help with the effort will be distributed at the discretion of the ACC Mission Committee. **Property:** Repairs to gas pipes leading into our properties and steps to the North Church are underway. **Mission:** – Food distribution to families in need continues. **Nominating:** The nominating committee will begin compiling a slate for the November 8 Charge Conference. **Memorial:** The entire Council currently serves as the Memorial committee, but Erin volunteered to give leadership as needed. **New Business:** **Charge Conference:** It was agreed to adopt the same goals for 2021 as were stated for 2020. **Worship in the Sanctuary:** Consensus was to resume worship in the sanctuary beginning Sunday, October 4 at 10:30 AM at ACC. Masks will be required as well as social distancing. Hand sanitizer is to be available. The service will be streamed live on Facebook. **Funerals in the Sanctuary:** Were the situation to arise, it was agreed that funerals may now be conducted in the sanctuary. **Youth Group:** It was agreed that Nick Yoder may prepare a plan to resume Youth Group and present it to the Council at the October meeting. Demi and Kirby are no longer available to assist. **Confirmation Class:** It was agreed that Jason conduct a class for 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older youth wishing to join the church. **Bible Study:** Ramona Herman of Mt. Pleasant requested space on Saturday and Tuesday at 6 PM to hold a Bible Study for Spanish speaking persons in our community. Approved. The next regular meeting will be Monday, October 12 in the Fellowship Hall. The meeting will include Charge Conference preparations.

## BUDGET REPORT – 8-31-20

	Income	\$5,644.69	Expenses	\$12,024.92
	General Fund	\$23,103.52	Building Fund	\$15,823.02
	Memorial Fund	\$40,694.24	Need/month for budget	\$7,484.31

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

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



**Joys:** Resuming indoor worship in October. **Concerns:** The Virginia Hillyard Family (Janet Rees's mother); The Alice Droll Family; Bob Lynde's loss of his daughter, Carol; Clifton Dawley Family's loss of father and grandmother. Those dealing with Covid 19; students, parents, and teachers; those affected by hurricanes and fires as well as dealing with the derecho aftermath; all the frontline workers. **Thank You!** to members and their families serving our country.

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS/\*ANNIVERSARIES



1)\*Jeff & Bonnie Thomann, Cory Stewart; 2) Brenda Bean;  
 3) Colleen Bean; 4) Bob Lynde; 6) Rob Yoder; 7) Virginia Holmes; 8) Judy Stout;  
 10) Bonnie Thomann; 11) Pat Roberts, 12) Ron Ornduff; 15) Chelsea Anderson  
 Septer; Haili Hunter, 17) \*Josh & Christine Sands, \*John & Alison Barnes; 20) Brandyn  
 Beemblossm; Angela Hazelett; 21) Adam (A. J.) Voshell, Jr.; 23) Peg Hunter; Carol Horning;  
 24) Richard Lord; Wayne Freyenberger; 27) Geoff Stewart; 30) Tim Bean; 31) Joyce Janecek.

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WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM South Church – Corner of 4<sup>th</sup> & Washington

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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.