

THE EVANGEL—NOVEMBER 2020

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear church, when a child is afraid of the boogeyman or the dark it's considered perceived fear. Their heart rate changes and they have all the actual effects of someone who is really afraid of something even though the boogeyman is fake. We currently have lots of people who believe that Covid is fake and are treating everyone else who is afraid as if their fear cannot be real. We also have a lot of people were scared to death that all their rights are being systematically removed and are afraid their freedom will be taken away!



Dear friends, it doesn't matter whether it's real or not the fear is! If you love your neighbors and your family please wear a mask when in public or close by. We would never shame a child for being afraid of the boogeyman we would simply over time listen, accommodate, and lovingly explain the truth. A night light, a door left open, or any other ways of showing that we care is responsible adulting and **perfect love**. The truth is that many of us don't know how we feel about the pandemic but many are afraid.

I simply hope that this idea of perceived fear helps some people understand that even if in your eyes it's irrational that the fear itself is a reaction that is real. It's very disappointing that fear is the hottest selling commodity in many of our major news networks. My prayer is that it ends. God bless each of you as you discern your course during this time. And please remember as children of God we are still called to love each other! *John 4:18 – “There is no fear in love; but **perfect love** casteth out fear.”*

On another note **Confirmation Classes** will start Nov. 1st from 4-6. Each week I will need a second adult parent to join us and bring snacks. I will have a sign up available that first week. We will meet November in Crawfordsville and December in Ainsworth, January in Crawfordsville, and so on... 6th grade and up are welcome to attend. Please sign your child up by sending the code @accucc to the number **81010**. When you do that it will ask for your name.... You can sign up with more than one phone so youth and parents get reminders. *All parents are requested to please attend the first 20 minutes of the first Sunday of each month.*

God Bless

Jason Collier

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**.

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE, NOVEMBER '20

Nov 1	God's Care for the Widow 22 nd Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 17:1-16 [17-24]; (Luke 4:24-26) Elijah and the widow; God's care for those on the margin.
8	Jonah and God's Mercy 23 rd Sunday after Pentecost	Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10 [4:1-11]; (Luke 18:13) Jonah's attempted escape from God, God's mercy on the people of Nineveh.
15	God Calls Isaiah 24 th Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 6:1-8; (Luke 5:8-10) Call of Isaiah: Holy, holy, holy is God' the prophet's sin, cleansing, and sending.
22	God Promises a New Covenant Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday	Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; then 31:31-34; (Luke 22:19-20) Jeremiah's scroll calls for repentance, but the king burns it. The prophet promises a new covenant, written on the heart.
29	Daniel's Hope in God 1 st Sunday of Advent	Daniel 6:6-27 2 Kings 22:1-10 [11-20]; 23:1-3; (Luke 23:1-5) Daniel in the lions' den; deliverance; God's kingdom shall never be destroyed.
Dec 6	Joel: God's Promised Spirit 2ND Sunday of Advent	Joel 2:12-13, 28-29; (Luke 11:13) Turn to a merciful God, promise of the Spirit.

CHARGE CONFERENCE – NOVEMBER 8, 2 PM



Charge Conference is scheduled for Sunday, November 8 at 2 PM via Zoom. Parish Council has reviewed the reports and budget. The congregation may review the materials and ask questions on Sunday, November 1 and 8. Please let Jason or Jan know if you want computer meeting link information.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all the Ainsworth Church members for cards, letters, and calls received after the death of my daughter. It has been a hard time but with all of the church help I have felt a lot of comfort. I also would like to thank Jason for being there for me and my family at this time. I have really appreciated all of my church family.



Sincerely, Robert Lynde.

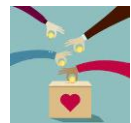
ACC FOOD PANTRY



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.

MISSION COMMITTEE: HOLIDAY DONATIONS

The Mission Committee is getting ready for Thanksgiving and Christmas. If you are willing to donate a little extra to purchase food and gifts for these families, Kathi will have information at church or you may call her – 319.657.2387 or 319.461.1339.



BLOOD DRIVE: DEC. 7, 1:30 TO 6:30 PM-UCC




The Crawfordsville Lion's Club and the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center will hold a blood drive Monday, December 7, 1:30 to 6:30 PM at UCC. For an appointment call Larry Fletcher: 319-461-1564. Last date to donate elsewhere: October 5, 2020. **Bring a photo ID with AND WEAR A MASK.**

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS/*ANNIVERSARIES



1) Joe Dawley; 3) *Rick & Betty Anders; 5) Betty Bean; 8) Dale Holmes; Wendell Arduser; 10) Norma Paisley; 13) Keegan Blakley; 15) Angie Ornduff; 16) Brian Bean, Dave Kaufman, *John & Janice Skubal; 17) John Skubal, Michelle Castillo; 18) D. Donald; Jessup Collier; Neil Mills; 19) Judy Skubal; 21) Marshall Crossett; Carrie Ornduff; 22) Shayln Kirk, Deb Gilchrist; 28) Karlton Skubal; 30) *Alan & Julie Edmondson.

BUDGET REPORT – 9-30-20

	Income	\$6,224.56	Expenses	\$5,668.09
	General Fund	\$20,615.35	Building Fund	\$15,454.02
	Memorial Fund	\$40,698.92	Need/month for budget	\$9,081.73

2020 Combined Presbytery and Methodist dues/apportionments: \$7,484.31

PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



Highlights of the October meeting: **Treasurer's Report:** Paid half of our apportionments. PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) Loan forgiveness paperwork has been completed. **Pastor Report:** Jason made 21 trips to Cedar Rapids assisting with Derecho cleanup. The week of October 19 he will return again with a lift truck. He will begin Confirmation Class in November. Youth Group is ready to resume once a female volunteer is found to assist Nick. **Membership/Nurture:** Food was provided for the Alice Droll funeral; the deaths of Clifton Dawley's father and grandmother were acknowledged. **Worship:** Resumed indoor worship services on October 4. Scott Johnson to fill Pulpit Supply on December 6. **Property:** Carson Plumbing and Heating replaced underground pipe on the north side of the North Church. No further work is needed at the North Church. They will now work on the South Church and pursue repairs to the steps leading into the North Church. **Mission:** – July 2020: Served 8 families totaling 31 individuals. Derecho – sent sacks of shampoo, conditioner and hand lotion (sample sizes). Provided \$500 to help Derecho clean-up. Provided food to serve 7 individuals at Townview Village. August 2020: Served 13 families totaling 43 individuals plus 7 people at one meal served at Townview Village. September 2020: Served 12 families with 41 individuals. Provided some food for 15 people at Townview Village. **New Business:** Request outside groups to sanitize door handles, light switches and bathrooms as they leave the building/s. The copier lease agreement will expire in November. Access Systems submitted a bid. Jan and Jason will seek additional information before making a final recommendation. **Charge Conference** – All the necessary forms were reviewed and modified as needed. **Next regular meeting:** The next regular stated meeting will be Monday, December 14.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Joys: We give thanks for our many blessings that God has bestowed upon us. **Concerns:** Prayers for Janene Kirk as she recovers from a stroke; Jim Hansen as he recovers from surgery; Payton Schultz as he continues his daily health battle; others undergoing tests, treatments and procedures. Prayers for those throughout our country recovering from fires and other natural disasters. Prayers for those suffering with poor health, limited resources, or family conflicts. We continue to pray for a speedy end to the Coronavirus Pandemic. **Serving Our Country:** We say "Thank You!" to members and their families serving our country.

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WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM South Church – Corner of 4th & Washington

GENERAL MINISTRY OF CONGREGATION

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ORGANIST: Linda McNeil; Jenny Yoder (substitute)

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TREASURER: Colleen Bean

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Christina Collier, PO Box 40,

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MISSION COMMITTEE: Kathi: 319.461.1339; 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.