

# ***THE EVANGEL-APRIL 2021***

## ***FROM THE PASTOR***



Do you ever wonder if you are making the right choices? Oh, I am always praying that I am making the right choices. I have always tried to do my best to make the right decisions, but I can do better because I know my family and my churches are counting on me. (No pressure, right!)

It is not always easy to hear God's voice in every small and large decision. And how many of our small decisions have had HUGE significance in our lives? So, one of the best things about being in the Bible regularly, is that it helps with our moral compass. The same can be said about being in church regularly. And lastly seeking counsel with people who love the Lord.

The last point here is to listen to the Holy Spirit. That part of you that often is speaking in the still small voice. If you are like me you are not often quiet enough to really listen. That practice takes many forms but one of them is meditation and prayer.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

Philippians 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Pastor Jason Collier

## ***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.



## ***UMCOR SUNDAY APRIL 4***

*(FORMERLY ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING)*



On April 4 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.

# BUNNY TRAIL – SATURDAY, APRIL 3

Follow Peter Cottontail down the Bunny Trail on Saturday, April 3, 2021 from 9:30 to 10:30 AM or while supplies last. The event will be at Marr Park. Start at Shelter 1. Youth ages PK to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome. You will collect goodies at stops along the Drive-Through-Bunny-Trail all from the comfort of your vehicle! The Easter Bunny will be in attendance for those who wish to take pictures. Please bring: a basket for your goodies and a camera or phone for pictures.



## LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE FOR APRIL-MAY 2021

<b>April 1</b>	<b>Last Supper</b> Maundy Thursday	<b>Luke 22:1-27; (Psalm 34:8-10)</b> Preparation for the Last Supper, Words of Institution, Jesus is one who serves.
<b>April 2</b>	<b>Crucifixion</b> Good Friday	<b>Luke 23:32-47; (Psalm 31:5-13)</b> Crucifixion, Father forgive them; today in Paradise; into your hands I commend my Spirit.
<b>April 4</b>	<b>Resurrection</b> Resurrection of Our Lord	<b>Luke 24:1-12 (Psalm 118:17,21-24)</b> Empty tomb, women perplexed, bring the message.
<b>April 11</b>	<b>Emmaus Road</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	<b>Luke 24:13-35 (Psalm 30)</b> “Our hearts burned along the road, as he opened to us the Scriptures.”
<b>April 18</b>	<b>Stephen’s Witness</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	<b>Act 6:1-7:2a, 44-60 (Luke 23:33-34a, 46)</b> Controversy in the early church; some set aside for service. Stephen forgives and is martyred.
<b>April 25</b>	<b>Ethiopian Eunuch Baptized</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	<b>Acts 8:26-39; (Luke 24:44-47)</b> Ethiopian reads the Scriptures, comes to believe and be baptized by Philip.
<b>May 2</b>	<b>Council at Jerusalem</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	<b>Acts 15:1-18; (Luke 2:29-32)</b> Council at Jerusalem, Faith gives identity to both Jews and Gentiles.
<b>May 9</b>	<b>Living by Faith</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	<b>Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21; (Luke 18:9-14)</b> Paul’s former life; conflict with Peter at Antioch; justification by faith.
<b>May 16</b>	<b>One in Christ</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	<b>Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29 (Luke 1:68-79)</b> Neither Jew or Greek, slave or free, male and female; one in Christ.
<b>May 23</b>	<b>Pentecost; Fruits of the Spirit</b> Day of Pentecost	<b>Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 4:1-7 [5:16-26] (Luke 11:11-13)</b> Pentecost; God pours the Spirit into our hearts so we can call on God as Father. Fruit of the Spirit.

## ACC PRAYER CHAIN

If you are interested in participating in the Prayer Chain, please let Jan know (319.330.6175 or [templejan@gmail.com](mailto:templejan@gmail.com)). She will add your name to her list of those to be contacted by email as “Prayer Warriors”. The church does have a policy that the individual or their family must approve the prayer request. The focus is on prayer.



# WASHINGTON AGAINST HUNGER – APRIL 11

Join with individuals from area churches and “Take Away Hunger” to package 18,000 meals. The program ships food all around the world, but this year, most of the food will be distributed here in the USA. It all happens at Washington First Assembly of God from 3-4PM OR 4-5PM on Sunday, April 11. For more information call Darryl Carr – 319.461.5895.



## COLTHURST SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DUE



Youth who have been active in the church by being involved in Kids’ Club, youth group, puppet ministry, and other church activities are eligible to apply for the Colthurst Scholarship. Write a letter (**there is not a form**) sharing an overview of your church, school, community, and family activities and responsibilities plus your future plans. Submit the letter by **Sunday, April 18**. Either mail to: Ainsworth Community Church, PO Box 40, Ainsworth, IA 52201; **OR** email to [AinsworthChurch@gmail.com](mailto:AinsworthChurch@gmail.com) Recipients will be announced May 2 during Senior Sunday.

## 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.



## SENIOR SUNDAY – MAY 2



Mark your calendar for May 2! We will honor high school graduates as well as college graduates. Recipient/s of the Colthurst Scholarship will be announced. Unfortunately, because of Covid-19 there will not be special treats, but the high school honorees will receive a gift from the church as they begin their life “after high school”.

## GOLDEN CROSS SUNDAY – MAY 2

Golden Cross Sunday is observed the first Sunday in May. The purpose is to celebrate health and welfare ministries and their role in spiritual wellbeing. 100 percent of the donations are retained by the Iowa Annual Conference to fund grants to local churches and community groups for health and welfare ministries. A donation jar and envelopes will be on the table at the back of the sanctuary.



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



**Joys:** Returning ‘Snow Birds’ – Welcome Home! Our risen Savior! The wonders of Spring! **Concerns:** The family and friends of Jim and Sherrie Hansen at the loss of Jim’s son, Jim Hansen Jr. Those anticipating surgery or medical tests. Area farmers as they begin working the fields and tending the birth of new animals. Those suffering with an illness; those dealing with difficult family situations. The leaders of our church, schools, and country.


**Serving Our Country:** “Thank You!” to members and their families serving our country here and abroad.

# APRIL BIRTHDAYS/\*ANNIVERSARIES

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| 4) Amy Runge;   |  | 11) Megan Edgar,                                 | 21) Kate Hartzler;                     |
| 5) Dorothy Stout,<br>Derek Stewart;<br>Laurie Morrison; |   | Jacob Hartzler;                                  | 23) Linda Wenger;                      |
| 6) *Larry & Kathy Bean;                                 |   | 13) *Rich & Lois Riggan;                         | 25) Marissa Chalupa;<br>Brian Koehler, |
| 8) Maggie Altenhofen;<br>Deb Chalupa;                   |   | 15) Jim Wilson;                                  | *Eric & Deb Stewart;                   |
| 10) Carson Bean,  |   | 16) Allison Barnes;                              | 26) Josh Sands;                        |
|   |   | 18) Gracyn Anderson,<br>Dave Skubal;             | 30) Pat Jenkins,<br>Joe Skubal         |
|   |   | 20) Rachel Carstensen;<br>*Dan & Stacy Klinzman; |  |



## BUDGET REPORT – 2.28.21

	Income	\$3,456.54	Expenses	\$4,934.45
	General Fund	25,137.26	Building Fund	\$14,578.14
	Memorial Fund	\$39,716.24	Need/month for budget	\$7,638.25

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

## PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



An overview of reports and issues discussed at the March meeting

**Pastor's Jason shared** that the Havel family has requested Axyl's baptism be held on Saturday, March 20 starting at 4 PM in the sanctuary. Jason is trying some equipment he received for free from the Guide One insurance company that is to assist with safety in the sanctuary. Jason requested vacation April 10 through 17. He has already arranged for Scott Johnson to serve as pulpit supply. His renewal-leave plans have been submitted for approval. The dates would be July 12 through August 21. **Worship:** Good Friday worship will be at ACC, 7 PM; Maundy Thursday Worship at UCC, 7 PM. No sunrise service at either church. Linda and Jan will work to get substitute/s for Jenny the weekends she is out of town in the coming months. **Property:** Lights in sanctuary – Kim Yoder is working on this. It gets complicated with the best method to control the lights remotely and have them be LED and dimmable. Joe is working on a replacement for the garage/shed; he is also working on the vent pipe on the north side of the South Church that was damaged by weather this winter. Myron will work with the property committee to develop a worksheet of maintenance tasks. Examples – checking furnace filters. **Membership/Nurture:** Janet has sent cards this past month and coordinated lunch for the Megchelsen family. **Mission:** – Erin had no report from Kathi, but Jan had a request from Brenda for approval to submit a grant to replace a refrigerator in the kitchen. The Council approved the grant submission. **SPPRC:** Work needs to begin on the Second Set of Eyes report that is due by May 1. **Old Business:** With the help of Neal Megchelsen, Jason has installed a 65" TV and new camera to use during worship. Jan provided copies of the statistical reports for the council to review. **New Business:** Sherrie Hansen completed and submitted the Fund Balance report. Sherrie commented on what a great job Colleen did with organizing the books for her review. The Council expressed their gratitude to both Sherrie and Colleen. Jason purchased a 'shot gun microphone' for \$180.00 to use during worship. It was recommended by colleagues to remedy the problem of not hearing music during worship when participating remotely. Kim Yoder is working with Jason and the property committee to modify heating in the south church entry. The previous heater is no longer functioning. Everyone congratulated Kate for becoming a member of National Honor

Society. **Next regular meeting:** The next regular meeting will be Monday, April 19. The meeting adjourned at 8 PM. Jason closed with prayer.

## APRIL 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**Thursday, April 1:** Maundy Thursday, Worship Service at United Church of Crawfordsville, 7 PM

**Friday, April 2:** Good Friday, Worship Service at Ainsworth Community Church, 7 PM

**Saturday, April 3:** Holy Saturday

**Sunday, April 4:** Easter Sunday, Worship at UCC-9 AM; Worship at AC C – 10:30 AM

**Monday, April 5:** Easter Monday

**Saturday, April 10 to Saturday, April 17:** Pastor Jason on Vacation.

**Sunday, April 11:** Worship at 10:30 AM with Scott Johnson Pulpit Supply; Washington Against Hunger, Washington First Assembly, 3-5 PM

**Sunday, April 18:** Worship at 10:30 AM; Colthurst Scholarship Application due to church office by 5 PM; Confirmation Class at Ainsworth, 4 PM;

**Monday, April 19:** ACC Parish Council, 7 PM

**Sunday, April 25:** Worship at 10:30 AM; Confirmation Class at Ainsworth, 4 PM

## MAY 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**Sunday, May 2:** Golden Cross Offering; Senior Sunday, Worship at 10:30 AM; Worship by Pastor Jason at Halcyon House; Confirmation Class at Crawfordsville, 4 PM

**Sunday, May 9:** Mother's Day; Worship at 10:30 AM; Confirmation Class at Crawfordsville, 4 PM

**Monday, May 10:** ACC Parish Council, 7 PM

**Sunday, May 16:** Worship at 10:30 AM; Fogelman Offering; Highland CSD Graduation; Confirmation Class at Crawfordsville, 4 PM

**Sunday, May 23:** Pentecost; Worship at 10:30 AM; WACO and Washington High School Graduation; Confirmation Class at Crawfordsville, 4 PM

**Sunday, May 30:** Worship at 10:30 AM

*Alleluia*  
He is  
Risen

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WORSHIP TIME

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

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MISSION COMMITTEE: Kathi/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.