

# ***THE EVANGEL-MAY 2021***

## ***FROM THE PASTOR***

I had a very wise pastor friend of mine tell me today that she feels her church aged like 5 years last year. Wow, that was worth the phone call. That is how many of us feel. It's like we're all struggling with the lack of movement from this last year. As soon as she said it, I knew the feeling was true. We have ALL been through something, that is for sure! And the question we need to ask ourselves is have we or can we be transformed by the renewing of our minds? I know lots of things have changed, but did we or can we use it for God's glory?



How is it even possible to go through something and come out the other side renewed? I think a plan is needed and to be intentional about it. This year while planning my renewal leave, I tried to be intentional and create a plan. It is something I really have never even thought about before. So to start with, I hired a spiritual consultant. Someone to help me stay on track and be intentional about finding and planning time for God during my time off. At this time, we have a plan that is coming together and I feel Christ is in it. I, like so many others, feel I have aged but not necessarily matured this last year. So, I want to encourage you to be intentional about finding room to be intentional about Christ.

Romans 12:2: *“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”*

Philippians 4:8: *“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.”*

Romans 12:1-2: *“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”*

2 Corinthians 4:16: *“So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.”*

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Collier".

Pastor, Jason Collier

## PASTOR PHONE VISITS AND PRAYER LIST

Please let the church 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; leave a message on the **church answering machine: 319-657-3020** or call **Jan's cell 319.330-6175**. You may also send an email to the church: [ainsworthchurch@gmail.com](mailto:ainsworthchurch@gmail.com) or to Jan: [templejan@gmail.com](mailto:templejan@gmail.com)



## WORSHIP: ALWAYS ON FACEBOOK



You may **watch** our worship services on **Facebook** at: "Ainsworth Community Church". You may watch this live or any time that is convenient for you. You may even go back to previous services. Call Jan or Jason if you have any problems finding it.

To view the sanctuary screen PLUS watch Jason, try using ZOOM. Here are instructions:



1. In your browser, type: zoom.us
2. Select "Join a Meeting"
3. Our meeting ID is **319.658.2366**

Your patience is appreciated as we continue to maneuver the technology.

## 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.



## BLOOD DRIVE: JUNE 7, 2:30 TO 7:30 PM-UCC



The Crawfordsville Lion's Club in conjunction with the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center will hold a blood drive on Monday, June 7 from 2:30 to 7:30 PM at the United Church of Crawfordsville. Please eat a full meal within 4 hours of donating, avoiding fried, fatty foods and whole dairy products. **Bring a photo ID with you.**

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Joys:** Graduates! The wonders of Spring! Christian Fellowship and concern for others. **Concerns:** Prayers for healing and comfort to Chris Sieren, Pat Roberts, and Jim McCreedy. Please include their family and support team. **Serving Our Country:** Our sincere "Thank You!" to members and their families serving our country here and abroad.

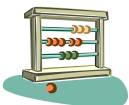


# MAY BIRTHDAYS/\*ANNIVERSARIES

1) \*Jason & Christina Collier, 2) Kim Yoder, 3) Dylan Goodwin; 7) Myron Rees, Kristen Anderson, Ted Hahn; 8) Chris Hartzler; 9) Stacy Klinzman; 10) Rebecca Mills; 11) Brian Chalupa; 12) Dakota Longbine; 18) \*Brian & Colleen Bean; LilyAnn Ward 19) Sue Frame; 20) James Beemblossom, Craig Edmondson; Maya Lord; 21) \*Wendell & Karen Arduser; 23) Bill Wilson; Jeremy Collier; 25) Brady Hahn; Marissa Chalupa; \*Jason & Rachel Longbine; 27) \*Kim & Jenny Yoder, Kelly Caltvedt ; 28) Jesse Thompson; 30) Brittany Anderson, Linda McNeil, Mindy Wilson.



# MARCH AND APRIL ATTENDANCE



Month	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
March	391	320	284	321	112 going online	109
April	271	462	413	375	Covid-19	114 (3 of 4 wks.)

# BUDGET REPORT – 3.31.21



Offering Income	\$9,448.90	Expenses	\$6,025.09
General Fund	\$29,821.52	Building Fund	\$13,894.51
Memorial Fund	\$38,958.95	Need/month for budget	\$7,638.25

2021 Combined Presbytery and Methodist dues/apportionments in ACC budget: \$7448.00

# LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE FOR MAY 2021

<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]</b> (Luke 11:11-13) Pentecost; God pours the Spirit into our hearts so we can call on God as Father. Fruit of the Spirit.

# LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE SUMMER 2021

- 5/30/2021: Psalm 1 (John 14:1-6)
- 6/6/2021: Psalm 100 (John 1:14-17)
- 6/13/2021: Psalm 13 (John 6:35-40)
- 6/20/2021: Psalm 23 (John 10:1-4)
- 6/27/2021: Psalm 30 (John 6:67-69)
- 7/4/2021: Psalm 150 (John 4:24-26)

## PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

An overview of reports and issues discussed at the March meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Colleen noted the payment to Armstrong Heating for gas line repairs and paying the property taxes. Everything is on track with the budget.

**Pastor Report:** Jason shared more details about the free monitoring equipment provided by Guide One Insurance Company. There are three components – a freezing temperature monitor; a water leak monitor, and an armed intruder monitor. He has installed them at just the south building. He asked for feedback concerning serving communion on Easter Sunday. He had no mileage to report. He thanked Rachel Carstensen and Brenda Bean for being witnesses to the Axyl Havel baptism.



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Jason's plan for Renewal Leave July 12 through August 21:

- 5 weeks to be spent in the Washington State area. One week in Guatemala at Bethel ministry helping with handicap accessibility.
- He will camp with his family out on the Puget sound on family beach property.
- Each week he will read a book and report to a Clearance Committee. This committee consists of 4 pastor friends who he meets with regularly and his spiritual director.

**Worship:** Senior Sunday will be May 2. Seven seniors to be presented Bibles: Charlie Aicher, Ellie Anderson, Isaac Black, Caedon Harbison, Jenna Sands, Gabrielle Dawley, and Areil Mills. While Pastor Jason is on Renewal Leave, Scott Johnson has agreed to serve as Pulpit Supply on July 18, 25, August 8 and 15. Parnell Davis may be filling in on August 1. **Property:** Myron had nothing in particular to share from the Property Committee.

**Membership/Nurture and Christian Education:** No report. **SPPRC:** Work needs to begin on Second Set of Eyes report due by May 1. Jason will be contacting members of the committee. **Mission: – February 2021** – The committee served 15 families (47 individuals) during February. They provided a few supplies for the monthly meal at Town View Village. They received a \$250 donation from an Ainsworth area family who wrote, "We've been fortunate this year to have our jobs and everything, so we felt this money could go to someone in need." They said to spend it or sent it where we thought it would help someone. We decided to purchase non-food items that are often requested at the food pantry such as toilet tissue, laundry soap, dish soap, shampoo, etc. **March 2021** – The committee served 13 families (31 individuals) in March. **Old Business:** Jason is still fine-tuning the camera for sanctuary worship and the 'shotgun' microphone. **New Business:** **Lawn care:** Darrel (Buzz) Chalupa is willing to continue doing lawn care for us using his own equipment. He mows, trims, sprays around buildings and picks up sticks, etc. It was agreed to pay him \$50 per mowing. **Masks:** Following discussion, it was agreed to have Jan put a reminder in the power point and bulletin requesting worshipers to wear their mask during worship out of consideration for others. **UMC Split:** Jason shared information about a potential split in the United Methodist Church. The two options are Progressive and Conservative. At the moment this is just information – no action needed. **Technology Booth** – We are seeking additional persons to operate the technology booth during worship on Sundays. Nick Yoder is no longer available and Jason's children are doing it for us, but they are going to want some time off this summer. Following discussion, it was decided to start paying youth \$30 per worship time. (divide \$30 between the number working). Parish Council may need to fill in until we find replacements. Jan and Jason will reach out to some people. **Next regular meeting:** The next regular meeting will be Monday, May 10.

# MAY-JUNE 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**Sunday, May 2:** Golden Cross Offering; Senior Sunday, Colthurst Scholarship Announcement, 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 via Zoom

**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

**Sunday, June 6:** Worship at 10:30 AM

**Monday, June 7:** Blood Drive at Crawfordsville Church, 2:30-7:30 PM

**Sunday, June 13:** Worship at 10:30 AM

**Monday, June 14:** ACC Parish Council, 7 PM

**Sunday, June 20:** Worship at 10:30 AM; Worship at Halcyon House by Pastor Jason; Father's Day

**Sunday, June 27:** Worship at 10:30 AM

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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.