

# ***THE EVANGEL: SEPT.-OCT. 2021***

## ***FROM THE PASTOR***



This is the day I fly to Guatemala for mission work. I am trying to contain my excitement. I have found I don't sleep well the night before a big trip, and I have learned something important. You **MUST** bring your passport. DUH! So, I am at home finishing some last-minute stuff I did not have time for earlier, (since my flight is now at 3:25PM).

I wonder how I am to cope with this personal disappointment? You all know what I am talking about. Have you ever spent a lot of time working on something and then forget something very important? I have! If Jesus came to earth and took on humanity, is it possible his answer to that is the same as mine? But was he perfect or human? Is it possible to be both (only if you are GOD)? Is this not just the way God made me? And I have heard that He "don't make no junk", right?

Well, I got to see my kids off to their first day of school and will get to have a nice lunch with my wife before I leave. All that is a bonus to my day. Wait. Did Jesus experience any bonuses?

You see, what I am curious about right now is, was He human enough to really feel my hodge-podge of emotions and disappointments? What do you think? The next time we see each other, tell me what you think about this. Share your thoughts and help me understand why you feel that way. Oh, and please remember I may not remember I wrote this!

Blessings and hope from the pastor who missed his plane!

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Jason Collier

## ***3 WAYS TO WORSHIP: PHONE, FACEBOOK, FACE TO FACE***

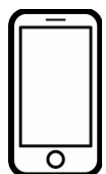


We invite you to continue being a part of our Church Family by using whichever of these methods is best for you:

1. Use your **phone to listen** to our Sunday morning worship. Dial 312.626.6799 and enter the meeting ID 319.658.2366.
2. Use your **Facebook** app to **watch** on your computer or smartphone. It will be found at "Ainsworth Community Church". Watch live or at your convenience.
3. Join us **Face to Face** in the sanctuary at 10:30 AM. The Iowa Conference is encouraging mask use and observance of CDC guidance.

## ***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)



## LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE – SEPT.-OCT. 2021

Sept. 5	<b>“Mutual Consolation of the Saints</b>	Matthew 18:15-20
Sept. 12	<b>Creation by the Word</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	<b>Genesis 1:1-2:4a</b> Creation by word; light, life; it was good. <i>(John 1:1-5)</i>
Sept. 19	<b>Binding of Isaac</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	<b>Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14</b> God gives Abraham and Sarah a son in their old age. Abraham is told to sacrifice his son, but God provides the ram. <i>(John 1:29)</i>
Sept. 26	<b>Jacob’s Dream</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	<b>Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17</b> Jacob gets a blessing by trickery, flees, dreams of a ladder with angels ascending and descending. Receives God’s promise. <i>(John 1:50-51)</i>
Oct. 3	<b>God’s Name is Revealed</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	<b>Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17</b> God’s name is revealed: “I Am.” Moses is a reluctant messenger, but God uses him to deliver Israel. <i>(John 8:58)</i>
Oct. 10	<b>God Provides Manna</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	<b>Exodus 16:1-18</b> People complain, God provides manna. Manna requires faith in What God gives. <i>(John 6:51)</i>
Oct. 17	<b>God Calls Samuel</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	<b>1 Samuel 3:1-21</b> God calls Samuel in the night. He says, Speak Lord for your servant is listening. Told to warn other of sin in Israel. <i>(John 20:21-23)</i>
Oct. 24	<b>God Calls David</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	<b>1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 51:10-14</b> God does not look on outward appearance but in the heart; create in me a clean heart. <i>(John 7:24)</i>
Oct. 31	<b>Solomon’s Temple</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Reformation Sunday)	<b>1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13</b> Solomon’s temple – a place of sacrifice and divine presence. <i>(John 2:19-21)</i>
Nov. 7	<b>God Speaks to Elijah</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (All Saints Sunday)	<b>1 Kings 19:1-18</b> Elijah at Horeb; The prophet in despair, God speaks in the silence. <i>(John 12:27-28)</i>
Nov. 14	<b>Amos: Justice Rolls Down</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	<b>Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24</b> Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. <i>(John 7:37-38)</i>

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – THANK YOU!



“THANK YOU!” to the participants, parents, teachers, group leaders, food and snack providers and servers; coordinators, and volunteers in your part of VBS 2021 held in Crawfordsville. It was a very meaningful and fun event for our youth.

## BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JASON ON TUESDAYS

### Bible Study



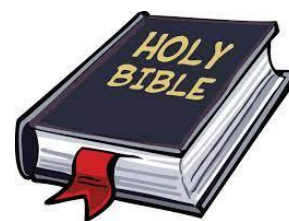
Starting **Tuesday, Sept 7** join Pastor Jason for a Bible Study. Here are your options:

- At **8 AM** in-person at the United Church of Crawfordsville Fellowship Hall **OR**
- At **7:30 PM** in Ainsworth at the North Church Office (318 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street). **OR**
- Via zoom by texting the code **@biblezip** to the phone number **81010**. Answer a few questions and “Wa-La” your signed up! Or you can simply call Pastor Jason's cell phone.

This is a “Come-When-You-Can” informal Bible study led by Pastor Jason. We will be working through 1st John to see God's love and connect with each other. Bring your favorite Bible. Again, this will be very informal and relaxed, and we will no doubt connect in multiple ways. We will plan to meet on most Tuesdays.

## 2021 IOWA BIBLE READING MARATHON SEPT. 7+

The Ainsworth Community Church has been requested to join this group to read the Bible aloud. (We have done it in the past). They prefer the dates of September 7 and 8<sup>th</sup>. If we need more time, we could also read on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. We have been assigned 20 – 30-minute readings. It is OK to read more than one. AND, all 20 readings could be happening simultaneously or separately. Bottom line – we just need to read aloud. So, if we could get 10 people to read for one hour each – DONE!! (Fine to have more people and only read for 30 minutes).



As I write this, Jason is in Guatemala so I am trying to get this organized in his absence. Suggestion: If you plan to participate in the Bible Study on Sept. 7, please consider coming early and taking 1 or 2 readings; or stay after for 1 or 2 readings OR one before and one after? Or anytime on the 7<sup>th</sup>!! Whatever isn't completed on the 7<sup>th</sup>, I will take names of those willing to sit in the church yard anytime on the 8<sup>th</sup>. I will put the list of readings below. Please let Jan know by phone, text, or email which readings you are willing to cover for us and let's get this done. NOTE: I have gift cards for Dairy Mart ice cream cones. You may have one coupon per completed reading!! **Contact Jan: 319.330.6175; [templejan@gmail.com](mailto:templejan@gmail.com)**

Job 1-10	Jeremiah 1-5	Jeremiah 32-39	John 13-19
Job 11-20	Jeremiah 6-11	Jeremiah 40-48	John 20-Acts 5
Job 21-30	Jeremiah 12-18	Luke 22-John 2	Hebrews 1-10
Job 31-36	Jeremiah 19-25	John 3-7	Hebrews 11-James 5
Job 37-42	Jeremiah 26-31	John 8-12	1 & 2 Peter

## UCC FALL RUMMAGE SALE SEPTEMBER 1-4

The United Church of Crawfordsville ladies are planning to have the Fall Rummage Sale in the church fellowship hall. Here are the times they will be open. Free Will Donation.



Wednesday, September 1: 8 AM to 6 PM  
 Thursday, September 2: 8 AM to 6 PM  
 Friday, September 3: 8 AM to 6 PM  
 Saturday, September 4: 8 AM to Noon

# SPECIAL OFFERINGS, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

Sunday, October 3 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 who 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 and Global Witness Offering because it is boundless peace God offers.



The donation jar and envelopes will be at the back of the sanctuary for BOTH programs.

## 42ND ANNUAL MISSION INGATHERING: NOVEMBER 6

IOWA CONFERENCE of the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



The 42nd Annual Mission **Ingathering** will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2021. Kathi and Brenda have already purchased all the supplies needed for the kits and

assembled them. THANK YOU, Kathi and Brenda!!! If you wish to donate to this project (cash or check to “ACC Mission Committee”). Either give it to Brenda Bean in person, put in the church offering, or mail to the church at PO Box 40, Ainsworth, IA 52201 and we will be sure it gets deposited in the correct account.

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 7

Remember to turn your clocks back – Fall Back. We will resume Standard Time on **Sunday, November 7.**



## BLOOD DRIVE – THANK YOU!



Thank you! Ainsworth Community Church and surrounding community for supporting the August blood drive. We collected **31 whole blood donations and 8 double reds.** The Center called it an “AWESOME” day!! Special thanks to **JoAnn Torpey** and **Marcia Wilson** for serving on the calling committee. **Next Drive: Monday, October 11, 3-6 PM at UCC**

## BUDGET REPORT – 7-31-2021

Income	\$ 3,781.92	Expenses	\$ 7,762.75
General Fund	\$ 27,553.36	Building Fund	\$13,922.24
Memorial Fund	\$ 38,101.22	Need/month for budget	\$ 7,638.25



2021 Combined Presbytery and Methodist dues/apportionments in ACC budget: \$7,448.00

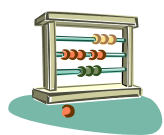
## PARISH COUNCIL/PROPERTY HIGHLIGHTS

There has been no meeting since June, but the Council has given input on the following:

- Get bids to improve handicapped accessibility of South Church; repair parsonage roof
- Thank Joe Skubal for painting the handrails and sealing the steps.
- Thank Linda McNeil for serving as the custodial substitute while Jenny was on vacation. Thank you also for the ‘deep’ cleaning at both churches!



## SUMMER ATTENDANCE



Month	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
June	281	251	248	241	Covid	147
July	405	347	314	229	Covid	124
August	281	251	265	226	Covid	TBD

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



**Joys:** Memories of weddings, graduations, birthdays, summer vacations and reunions, as well as family time. Anticipation for the new school year and a bountiful harvest. **Concerns:** Rita Anderson and family upon the passing of her mother; JoAnn Torpey and family upon the death of her brother; students, parents, teachers and staff at the start the school year. Those suffering from weather related issues – drought, fire, flooding, hurricane, and tornados. Those dealing with health issues could use our special prayers: Pat Roberts, Ruth Miller, Bertie Miller, Margie Lasek, Tom Colthurst, and Jim McCreedy. Please keep Kathi Bean's back surgery and recovery in your prayers. **Prayers of Thanks:** Myron and Janet Rees are grateful for our prayers for healing and recovery. **Serving our Country:** Our sincere "Thank You!" to members and their families serving our country here and abroad.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS/\*ANNIVERSARIES



1) Marge Lasek; Jeff Prier; 3) \*Duane & Deb Chalupa; 4) Duane Chalupa, 5) Kitch Shatzer; 9) Eric Stewart; 11) Ellie Prier; 12) Ashley Stout; 15) Joy Powers; 16) Owen White; Courtney Chalupa; 18) Jim Wenger; Bob Frame; 21) Joe Rees; 22) Dana Skubal Mikel; \*Ted & Theresa Hahn; 26) Jason Longbine; Karen Arduser; 28) Deb Stewart; 30) Linda Lord, Trudy Buster.

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS/\*ANNIVERSARIES

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

**Wednesday Sept. 1 thru Saturday, Sept. 4** – Rummage Sale at UCC

**Sunday, September 5:** Worship at ACC, 10:30 AM; Lily Carstensen baptism

**Tues., Sept. 7:** Bible Study: UCC, 8 AM; ACC, 7:30 PM or Zoom; Bible Reading Marathon

**Sunday, September 12:** Worship at ACC 10:30 AM

**Monday, September 13:** Methodist Circuit meeting using ACC Fellowship Hall, 4-9 PM; ACC Parish Council, 7 PM via Zoom

**Tuesday, September 14:** Bible Study: UCC – 8AM; ACC – 7:30 PM or via Zoom

**Thursday, September 16 thru Thursday, September 23:** Pastor Jason on vacation

**Sunday, September 19:** ACC Worship, 10:30 AM Pulpit Supply TBD

**Tuesday, September 21:** "Card" Club, 4:30 PM to 9:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, September 26:** ACC Worship, 10:30 AM

**Tuesday, September 28:** Bible Study: UCC – 8AM; ACC – 7:30 PM or via Zoom

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 2021

**Sunday, Oct. 3:** Worship, 10:30 AM; Worldwide Communion & Peacemaking Offering

**Tuesday, October 5, 12, 19, 26:** Bible Study: UCC – 8AM; ACC – 7:30 PM or via Zoom

**Sunday, October 10, 17, 24, and 31:** ACC Worship, 10:30 AM

**Monday, October 11:** Blood Drive at UCC, 3-6 PM; ACC Parish Council, 7 PM

**Saturday, November 6:** UMC Ingathering, Mt. Pleasant

**Sunday, November 7:** Daylight Saving Time Ends; ACC Worship, 10:30 AM

**Monday, November 8:** ACC Parish Council, 7 PM

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WORSHIP TIME

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

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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.