

# ***THE EVANGEL—DEC. '21/JAN. '22***

## ***FROM THE PASTOR***



Christmas is coming!!! I am so thankful for the holidays and the opportunity to celebrate the birth of the Saviour. I am praying that all of us as we change and adapt for the Christmas season do not lose perspective. It is about the Saviour! It is about His love for us! It is about Emanuel God with us! In everything you do this Christmas season; do you and God time! Maybe it's a great devotional, or an incredible audio devotional. Perhaps it is

just time with a great friend, and you have deep and wonderful conversation about how much you love Jesus. Or better yet, you choose to focus on the Christ child by being present in worship and fellowship with your brothers and sisters. Just remember the holidays are for sharing God's love.

Can you believe we will ring in the new year and 2021 will be behind us? Step into the new year with a plan. Let's all be healthier both mentally and emotionally. The best way for this to happen is to renew our minds in Christ. To renew our relationship with Christ. To confess and rebuild our relationship with our Saviour who is the author of peace. The plan as a church this new year is to openly claim His peace. To be able to experience the peace of Christ in every place in our lives. We will focus on our relationship with our Creator which as promised (in Romans 5:1) will and does create Personal peace. When we have peace with God our whole lives become one with God and on earth as it is in heaven happens in our lives in small glimpses! Imagine seeing, hearing, feeling, and enjoying Peace with God!

May you have a wonderful Christmas and new year from my family to yours

Pastor Jason Collier

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

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**.

## ***CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AT ACC***

**Special Music Ministry:** The ACC Puppeteers will present a special number on December 5 and 12 during worship. Piano duets by Linda McNeil and Jenny Yoder will be shared on December 5, 12, and 19.

**Sunday, December 12:** The Youth Christmas Program will be held during 10:30 AM worship in the South Church Sanctuary.

**Friday, December 24:** Christmas Eve Candlelight worship (no communion) will be held at 5 PM at Ainsworth; 7 PM service at Crawfordsville.

**Tuesday, December 25:** No worship services on Christmas Day at ACC or UCC



## NARRATIVE LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE, DEC. 2021-JANUARY 2022

Dec. 5	<b>Ezekiel: Valley of Dry Bones</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	<b>Ezekiel 37:1-14;</b> ( <i>John 11:25-26</i> ) Ezekiel prophesies to the dry bones and they are raised to new life.
Dec. 12	<b>Word Accomplishes God's Purpose</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	<b>Isaiah 55:1-13;</b> ( <i>John 4:13-14</i> ) Anyone who is thirsty, come drink' the word accomplished God's purpose.
Dec. 19	<b>Word Made Flesh</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	<b>John 1:1-18</b> ( <i>Psalm 130:5-8</i> ) The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.
Dec. 24	<b>Birth of Jesus</b> Christmas Eve	<b>Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]</b> ( <i>Psalm 96:7-10</i> ) Birth of Jesus.
Dec. 25	<b>Shepherds Visit</b> Christmas Day	<b>Luke 2:8-20</b> ( <i>Psalm 123:1-2 or 123:2</i> ) Shepherds visit the infant.
Dec. 26	<b>A Voice in the Wilderness</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas	<b>John 1:19-34</b> ( <i>Psalm 32:1-2</i> ) John the Baptist questioned; says he is not the Christ or Elijah.
Jan. 2	<b>Jesus Says Come and See</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas	<b>John 1:35-51</b> ( <i>Psalm 66:1-5</i> ) Behold the Lamb of God, Call of disciples, "Come and see.
Jan. 9	<b>Wedding at Cana</b> Baptism of Our Lord	<b>John 2:1-11</b> ( <i>Psalm 104:14-16</i> ) Wedding at Cana, water into wine.
Jan. 16	<b>Jesus Cleanses the Temple</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	<b>John 2:13-25</b> ( <i>Psalm 127:1-2</i> ) Jesus cleanses the temple, signifying the destruction and raising of his body.
Jan. 23	<b>Nicodemus</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	<b>John 3:1-21</b> ( <i>Psalm 139:13-18</i> ) Jesus and Nicodemus, being born anew, God's love for the world.
Jan. 30	<b>The Woman at the Well</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	<b>John 4:1-42</b> ( <i>Psalm 42:1-3</i> ) Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at well, speaks of living water and true worship.
Feb. 6	<b>Healing Stories</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	<b>John 4:46-54 [5:1-18];</b> ( <i>Psalm 40:1-5</i> ) Healing official's son, faith in the word of promise; Jesus heals one who shows no faith

### 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 Brenda at 319.657.2387 or 319.461.1637 to make arrangements or receive answers to eligibility questions.

### MISSION COMMITTEE: HOLIDAY DONATIONS

The Mission Committee is getting ready for Christmas. If you are willing to donate a little extra to purchase food and gifts for these families, please contact Brenda: [beanbag@louisacomm.net](mailto:beanbag@louisacomm.net) or 319.461.1637. If you wish to mail a check, make it payable to ACC Mission Committee and send to: Ainsworth Community Church, PO Box 40, Ainsworth, IA 52201



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



The Crawfordsville Lion's Club and the Impact Life Regional Blood Center will hold a blood drive Monday, December 6, 1:30 to 6:30 PM at UCC. For an appointment call Dave Jewell: 319.931.2044. Last date to donate elsewhere: October 11, 2020. **Bring a photo ID with AND WEAR A MASK.**

## KIDS' CLUB SPRING SESSION – TBD

The Christian Education Committee is contemplating offering a Spring session of Kids' Club that would begin sometime in January. But no final decision has been reached. If you would be willing to be involved with teaching/assisting or have children interested in participating, please contact Pastor Jason at 563.343.3390 or Karen at 319.430.0496.



Information will be posted on the church Facebook page: Ainsworth Community Church.

## WE SAY "THANK YOU!"

*Thank You*

As 2021 comes to a close, we take time to reflect. Please join in thanking those who serve on the committees of our church:

Christian Education Programs: The Christmas Program, Puppet Ministry, and Vacation Bible School. Mission Committee Work: Monthly Food Pantry; Christmas Ministry; Special Donations; In-Gathering Kits, as well as emergency needs of families. Property Committee: For all their work maintaining our property. Remember we have 3+ buildings: South Church, North Church, parsonage, and old office/garage. A special shout out to Joe Skubal for his work with repairs to steps, hand rails, plumbing, seeking bids, and more. Worship Committee: Organizing special worship assistants during Lent and Advent, preparation of Communion elements; and distribution of Upper Room. Decorating the sanctuary: Linda McNeil does such an amazing job with the many lovely decorations placed so artfully about the church as well as all the beautiful music she plays (voluntarily) each Sunday! She also donated the gravel next to the south side of the North Church eliminating the need for weeding that space in the future. Membership/Nurture Committee: For their work organizing funeral dinners, sending cards and 'loving' on everyone. And a big "thank you" to those serving on the Nominating Committee, Parish Council, and Staff/Parish committees.

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS/\*ANNIVERSARIES



1) Wynne Steele; 2) Michelle Miller, Brittany Stewart Thompson, Darrin Richardson; 5) Kristi Bean; 6) Janice Skubal; 7) Janet Rees; Kevin McCreedy; Lily Carstensen; 10) Jesse Hahn; 12) Liz Kaufman; 16) Joel Hazelett; Joseph Collier; 20) Renee Megchelsen; Ariel Mills; 21) Neal Megchelsen, Sherry Lord; Joshua Blakley; 22) \*Ron & Angie Ornduff; 24) Julie Sue Edmondson; 26) Jared Hazelett; 27) \*Chris & Molly Hartzler; Anna Chalupa; Alexandria (Lexi) Collier; Owen Chalupa; 29) Dorothy Koehler; 30) Molly Hartzler, \*Dave & Liz Kaufman, Riley Thomann.



## BUDGET REPORT – 10-31-21

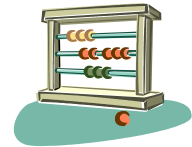


Income	\$5,607.86	Expenses	\$4,983.86
General Fund	\$23,684.98	Building Fund	\$16,775.27
Memorial Fund	\$34,572.94	Need/month for budget	\$7,638.25

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

# OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE

Month	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
October	337	371	317	274	246	158	124
November	479	354	301	261	256	119	144



## PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



Highlights of the November meeting: **Treasurer's Report:** Colleen provided the financial report and bills for approval. Since the last meeting, there has been nothing unusual regarding expenses or income. **Pastor's Report:** Jason shared written reports and is now caught up! **Worship:** They will seek liturgists, candle lighters, special music and children's sermon presenters for Advent and will plan to decorate the sanctuary. Thanksgiving Eve worship will be at UCC at 7 PM; Christmas Eve Worship will be at ACC at 5 PM. Special retirement service for Russel (Rusty) Jenkins, Dec. 4 at Conservation Center – Pastor Jason to participate. **Membership/Nurture:** Provided cookies for Marr Park Nature Walk and Ainsworth Fall Festival; sent numerous cards. **Christian Education:** Considering a Christmas Play tentatively on December 12 during worship. **Property:** Still working on a bid for the parsonage roof – highest priority. Myron, Joe, and Jason met to firm up a plan for the remodeling projects. Discussion about the various projects under consideration: handicapped entrance at north door; restroom on sanctuary level; dealing with old garage/office. Will continue to seek bids on all of these to assist in setting priorities. May add a lightweight door at bottom of stairwell by kitchen to reduce draft and thus help maintain temperature in the Fellowship Hall. Yoder Electric will be installing a heating system in the south entrance as time permits. **SPPRC:** Form I was submitted. **Nominating Committee:** Completed their report. **Mission:** – No changes at this time. **Old Business:** The new copier has been delivered. At that time, we learned that the 'new' company was purchased by our previous leasing company. Since our purchase happened prior to the final merger, we still must comply with old shipping agreement. **New Business:** Kate moved and Liz seconded the motion to approve the baptism of Maggie Edwards on November 28, 2021. Approved. Jason shared that the Methodist Church will vote in September 2022 about its future. **The next regular meeting** will be Monday, December 13. The meeting adjourned; Jason closed with prayer at 8:09 PM

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



**Joys:** We are grateful for the gift of our Savior. We celebrate the healing of those recovering from surgery and illness. **Concerns:** Prayers of healing and comfort for Kathi Bean, Eric Wenger, Carol Horning, Penny and Jim McCreedy, Dick and Chris Sieren, and Dave Gerot. Prayers for those suffering with poor health, limited resources, or family conflicts. **Serving Our Country:** We say "Thank You!" to members and their families serving our country. Special thanks and Congratulations to Rusty Jenkins as he retires following 35 years of service in the U.S. Air Force.





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2021

**Wednesday, December 1:** Bible Study at UCC, 9 AM

**Sunday, December 5:** Second Sunday of Advent; Children's Program Rehearsal, 9:30 AM, South Church; ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; Volunteers needed to Ring Bells for Salvation Army at Washington Walmart, 11 AM to 6 PM, Confirmation Class, 6:30 PM

**Monday, Dec. 6:** Lions Club Blood Drive, UCC, 1:30 to 6:30 PM

**Tuesday, December 7:** Bible Study at ACC North Church, 7:30 PM

**Wednesday, December 8:** Bible Study at UCC, 9 AM

**Sat., Dec. 11:** Fireman's Soup Supper & Live Displays, Ainsworth, 4:30 to 7:30 PM

**Sunday, Dec. 12:** 3rd Sunday of Advent; Rehearsal for Christmas Program, 9:30 AM, South Church; ACC Worship featuring **Children's Christmas Program**, 10:30 AM; 4-H Club Meeting, 4 to 8 PM; Volunteers needed to Ring Bells for Salvation Army at Washington Walmart, 11 AM to 6 PM; Confirmation Class, 6:30 PM

**Monday, Dec. 13:** ACC Parish Council, 7 PM via Zoom

**Tuesday, December 14:** Bible Study at ACC North Church, 7:30 PM

**Wednesday, December 15:** Bible Study at UCC, 9 AM

**Sunday, December 19:** Fourth Sunday of Advent; ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; Volunteers needed to Ring Bells for Salvation Army at Washington Walmart, 11 AM to 6 PM,

**Tuesday, December 21:** Bible Study at ACC North Church, 7:30 PM

**Wednesday, December 22:** Bible Study at UCC, 9 AM

**Friday, Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve Worship: Ainsworth 5 PM; Crawfordsville 7 PM.

**Saturday, December 25:** Christmas Day

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

**Friday, December 31:** New Year's Eve



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2022



**Saturday, January 1:** New Year's Day

**Sunday, January 2:** ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; Halcyon House Worship with Jason, 2:30 PM; Confirmation Class, 6:30 PM

**Tuesday, January 4:** Bible Study at ACC North Church, 7:30 PM

**Wednesday, January 5:** Bible Study at UCC, 9 AM'

**Thursday, January 6:** Epiphany

**Sunday, January 9:** ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; 4-H Club Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 4 PM; Confirmation Class, 6:30 PM

**Monday, January 10:** ACC Parish Council via Zoom, 7 PM

**Tuesday, January 11:** Bible Study at ACC North Church, 7:30 PM

**Wednesday, January 12:** Bible Study at UCC, 9 AM'

**Thursday, January 13:** Ainsworth Community Church Birthday – Happy Birthday, ACC!

**Sunday, January 16:** ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; Confirmation Class, 6:30 PM

**Tuesday, January 18:** "Card" Club, Fellowship Hall, 4:30 PM; ACC Bible Study, North Church, 7:30 PM

**Wednesday, January 19:** Bible Study at UCC, 9 AM;

**Sunday, January 23:** ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; Confirmation Class, 6:30 PM

**Tuesday, January 26:** Bible Study at ACC North Church, 7:30 PM

**Wednesday, January 27:** Bible Study at UCC, 9 AM

**Sunday, January 30:** ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; Confirmation Class, 6:30 PM

**Tuesday, February 1:** Staff Zoom Meeting; Bible Study at ACC North Church, 7:30 PM

**Wednesday, February 2:** Bible Study at UCC, 9 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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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.