

THE EVANGEL – FEBRUARY 2022

WOMEN AT THE WELL UMC



Did you know the church is in prison? Women at the Well is our sister congregation, a United Methodist congregation within the walls of the women's correctional institution in Mitchellville, Iowa. The lead pastor involved in this ministry, Rev. Paul Witmer, will be with us on

Sunday, **February 20**, to share with us about the many years of weekly worship, supportive community, faith nurture groups, and aftercare we have offered to the women there. Maybe you'll find your own place in prison—in ministry with these women, our sisters in Christ.

Pastor Paul Witmer: Ordained in the United Church of Christ, Pastor Paul Witmer has served as a pastor for more than 30 years in rural and suburban settings, including a new church start in the 90s here in Iowa. He has extensive experience teaching contemplative practices, leading retreats, and working with folks in twelve-step recovery. A trained Spiritual Director, Paul also works with many in developing deep listening skills and growing on the spiritual journey. As an artist and musician, Paul is especially drawn to the arts as creative expression and experience of the Divine.

Paul has been working with Women at the Well, a prison congregation of the United Methodist Church at the Iowa women's prison in Mitchellville, Iowa since 2016. As of July 1, 2021, Paul has been appointed to serve as the lead pastor for the prison congregation. Paul is a graduate of Southwestern University (Georgetown, TX) and Eden Seminary (St. Louis, MO). He resides with his wife in Urbandale. Between them they have five grown children and three grandchildren.

Special Offering: We will collect a special offering during worship on Sunday, February 20 for Women at the Well. Please make checks payable to **ACC** with "Women at the Well" in the memo line, and we will forward the total that is given. If you are not prepared to make an offering that day, you are always welcome to make a gift later, either through ACC, PO Box 40, Ainsworth, IA 52201 noting "Women at the Well" in the memo line or donate directly to Women at the Well by mail or online at womenatthewellumc.org.

Becoming Connected to Women at the Well UMC

It easy for you to connect with Women at the Well:

- Stop by our Facebook page, Women at the Well UMC, and "like" us there, to receive our prayer requests and updates on our ministry. Here's the link: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Women-at-the-Well-UMC/137281882985818>
- Follow us on Twitter, @WomenatWellUMC! Here's that link: <https://twitter.com/WomenatWellUMC>
- Sign up for our e-newsletter. You can do this at our web page at womenatthewellumc.org, or click this link: <http://facebook.us2.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=e214613bdb00a78ae31b2bcc5&id=d6ebe30e65>
- Make a gift to support to our ministry. You can send a check the old-fashioned way, made payable to Women at the Well--IAC, and mail it to P.O. Box 33, Mitchellville, IA 50169. We also have online giving through our website, womenatthewellumc.org (click on "Support") or at this link: <https://iaumc-reg.brapp.com/watw>

An opportunity for Mission or a Ministry Guide

Women at the Well UMC is located within the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women in Mitchellville, Iowa. We are invited to support Women at the Well with prayer and financial assistance through our designated giving, as well as with special efforts and offerings throughout the year. Opportunities to volunteer with Women at the Well are available. Contact **Pastor Paul** at paulwitmer@msn.com or **515.240.1653** for more information.

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**.



BLOOD DRIVE – FEB. 14, 1:30-6:30 PM



The Ainsworth Community Church will host a blood drive in cooperation with Impact Life at the Ainsworth Church Fellowship Hall (corner of 4th and Washington) on Monday, February 14 from 1:30 to 6:30 PM. The last date you could give and donate now: **12.20.2021**. For an appointment contact Jan Temple at 319-330-

6175. **Bring a photo ID AND wear a mask, please.**

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE FOR FEBRUARY

February 6	Healing Stories 5 th Sunday after Epiphany	John 4:46-54 [5:1-18]; (Psalm 40:1-5) Healing official's son, faith in the word of promise; Jesus heals one who shows no faith
February 13	Bread of Life 6 th Sunday after Epiphany	John 6:35-59; (Psalm 34:1-10) Bread of Life from heaven
February 20	Living Water 7 th Sunday after Epiphany	John 7:37-52; (Psalm 147:1-11) Jesus' promise of the Spirit's living water
February 20	Women at the Well – Special Speaker: Pastor Paul Witmer	Luke 8:4-15 Hold it Fast in an Honest and Good Heart – Parable of the Sower
February 27	The Man Born Blind Transfiguration of Our Lord	John 9:1-41; (Psalm 27:1-4) Jesus is the light of the world – brings light to the eyes of a man born blind.
March 2	The Good Shepherd Ash Wednesday	John 10:1-10; (Psalm 23) Jesus as gate and good shepherd, who lays down his life.
March 6	Jesus Raises Lazarus 1 st Sunday in Lent	John 11:1-44; (Psalm 104:27-30) Raising Lazarus, Jesus as the resurrection and life.
March 13	Jesus Washes Feet 2 nd Sunday in Lent	John 13:1-17; (Psalm 51:7-12) Foot washing as a sign of Jesus' love and example.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, February 6 we will celebrate Holy Communion at ACC. Pastor regrets he was unable to serve communion in the month of January. Please join us at the 10:30 AM service if you wish to participate.



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YOUTH GROUP LAUNCH

The ACC Youth Group will start meeting on Sundays from 5:30 to 6:30 PM with the leadership of Allan Allsup and Crystal Boulton. **Sunday, February 6** you may meet them during **worship AND** visit even more with them at a **potluck, 5:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share; table service and beverage provided. If you know youth in the Ainsworth area who would be interested in the group, please contact Pastor Jason – 563.343.3390. Plans are to begin meeting Sunday, February 20.



ASH WEDNESDAY ASHES: MARCH 2



Pastor Jason will offer drive-up prayer and ashes Wednesday, March 2.

Crawfordsville: 6 to 7AM AND 5:30 to 6:30 PM at UCC.

Ainsworth: 7:30 to 8:30 AM AND 4 to 5 PM ACC (lower entrance to South Church). Pull up and stay in your car.

CRAWFORDSVILLE LIONS PANCAKE SUPPER

The Crawfordsville Lions Club is sponsoring a Pancake Supper on Saturday, February 19 from 4-7 PM. They are offering dine-in or carry-out. Menu includes: pancakes, sausage and eggs coffee and white or chocolate milk to drink Free Will Donation. Proceeds will go towards a WACO High School Scholarship Fund.




KCII RADIO DONATIONS TO FOOD PANTRY



The Committee wishes to express thanks to KCII Radio Food Pantry Drive donors. The radio station sponsored radio-call-a-thons in November and December of 2021. The ACC Mission Committee Food Pantry was the recipient of \$285.27 in total. Thank you, KCII and all those who so generously contributed. Every little bit helps us to provide for individuals and families in need within our Ainsworth community. We are most grateful for your support.

BUDGET REPORT – 12-31-21

	Income	\$ 8,337.48	Expenses	\$ 7,618.84
	General Fund	\$29,972.77	Building Fund	\$14,414.93
	Memorial Fund	\$35,865.90	Need/month for budget	\$18,895.52

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: We are grateful for the opportunity to worship in the sanctuary or online. Kathi Bean is home - in her own house! **Concerns:** The family of Kim and Jenny Yoder who lost his mother, Fern E. Yoder in January. The family of Audrey Finke, who also passed in January. Others still needing our prayers: Jim and Penny McCreedy and Bob Lynde as he transitions to a new living situation. Those anticipating tests and procedures or suffering from illness and loss. **Serving Our Country:** We say “Thank You!” to members and their families serving our country.



PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



The Parish Council met via Zoom January 10 Following is an overview of the meeting. **Treasurer's Report:** Colleen reported 75% of the amount budgeted for apportionments was paid. We closed the year with a positive balance.

Parish Council Officers:	Committee Liaisons
Chair: Myron Rees;	Christian Ed: Rachel Carstensen
Vice Chair: Dennis Bean;	Membership/Nurture: Erin Kaufman (& Memorial Point Person)
Secretary: Rachel Carstensen;	Mission=Dennis Bean
Treasurer: Colleen Bean.	Staff/Parish=Colleen (& Finance Point Person)
	Property=Myron
	Worship=Jan

Pastor's Report: Jason shared that he attended the Wesleyan Covenant Association (WCA) meeting. He also shared that he had been in quarantine twice in December.

Committee Reports - Worship: Wonderful attendance for the Youth Christmas Program. Upper Room was mailed to those not picking up at worship. Thanks to Linda and her committee for the wonderful Christmas decorations in the sanctuary. Special thanks to Myron and Janet for the manger scene. Linda would like the property committee to address two issues: 1) complete painting in the Fellowship Hall and make sure Kirby is reimbursed. 2) Review parking guidelines with the parsonage tenants. We may need to update the "Handicapped Parking" signs in the north lot next to the sidewalk on the north side of the South Church. **Christian Education:** Thanks to all who helped and participated in the Christmas Program. No current plans for Kids' Club. **Membership/Nurture:** Cards sent as needed. **Property:** Jason got our name on the list for the roof bid with Merle Dene Miller of Kalona. He also worked with the committee on replacing light switches in the sanctuary. Upper lights in the sanctuary chandelier are working again. Lights are also on Wi-Fi now. Two of the three furnaces in the South Church were repaired. They had issues with the circuit board and a 'gas media' device. New parts and 3 service calls later and the furnaces are working again. When the parsonage was inspected in December, they saw the dining room flooring that the renter had replaced. He did an excellent job. He offered to provide labor to use the same type of resilient flooring to replace the dated carpet in the master bedroom and living room. Cost of materials would be about \$1400.00. The parsonage must also have a new roof as soon as possible. **Mission:** – Received two donations from KCII Call-a-thon for food pantries. **Old Business:** (Includes December items): **Finance:** Apportionments were paid to each denomination; **Old Copier:** It is cheaper to purchase the old copier than to ship it – they gave us a special rate. The old copier will be used by the Mission Committee; **Charge Conference:** Myron, Jason and Jan attended Charge Conference and submitted the necessary materials to the Conference; **Baptism:** Maggie Edwards was baptized on Sunday, November 29, 2021. **New Business:** **Flooring in the parsonage:** It was agreed to purchase new flooring for the living room and master bedroom in the parsonage as long as the tenant has in installed by May 1, 2022. **Youth Group Leaders:** It was agreed to employ Allan Allsup and Crystal to provide leadership and guidance for the Ainsworth CC Youth Group for an honorarium of \$200 total each month. The program will be reviewed in 6 months to see if changes are needed. The program shall have an estimated start date of February 1, 2022. **Snow Removal:** Randy Arthur and John Ward will clear the parking area and sidewalks this winter. **Next regular meeting:** The next regular meeting of the ACC Parish Council will be Thursday, February 10 rather than the 14 as that is Valentine's Day. In March, the group will resume meeting the 2nd Monday of each month. Jason closed with prayer at 8:09 PM.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS/*ANNIVERSARIES



1) Robert McCreedy; 4) Diesel Freyenberger; 5) Rhonda Morrison; Drake Brezina; Henry John Altenhofen; 6) Jim Hansen; 9) Halle Hazelett; 11) Jan Temple; 13) Christine Sands; 14) Gabrielle Dawley, Stan McCreedy, *Kurt & Dawn Stewart; 16) *Jason & Kristen Anderson; 17) Kerra Longbine; 18) Elaine Nicholson; 19) Bruce Temple; 22) George Colthurst; Hannah Hartzler; 24) Dwight Miller; 27) Adam Rees.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS/*ANNIVERSARIES



1) Ellie Anderson; 2) Steve Anderson; 3) Chris Richardson; 5) Molly Klinzman; 8) Stephanie Laverman; 9) *Dave & Karolyn Skubal; 17) Rita Anderson; Noah Hartzler; 19) Emma Beemblossom; Dawn Stewart; 20) Noah Mills Entsminger; 21) Jonathan Kruse; Erin Mills; 24) Jason Collier; Janet White-Stafford; 26) Janene Kirk; 27) Ruth Miller, Dorothy Jacobs; 29) Elizabeth (Izie) Collier; Kurt Stewart; 30) Rich Riggan; 31) Jim McCreedy

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2022



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

Wednesday, February 2: Bible Study at UCC, 9 AM

Sunday, February 6: ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; Youth Group Potluck, 5:30 PM, Fellowship Hall; Confirmation Class, 6:30 PM

Tuesday, February 8: Bible Study at ACC North Church, 7:30 PM

Wednesday, February 9: Bible Study at UCC, 9 AM

Thursday, February 10: ACC Parish Council Meeting, 7 PM via Zoom

Saturday, February 12: Private Group using Fellowship Hall – Noon to 4:30 PM

Sunday, February 13: ACC Worship 10:30 AM; 4-H Club, Fellowship Hall, 4 PM; Confirmation Class, 6:30 PM

Monday, Feb. 14: Valentine's Day; Blood Drive at ACC Fellowship Hall, 1:30-6:30 PM

Tuesday, February 15: "Card" Club, Fellowship Hall, 4:30 PM; Bible Study at ACC North Church, 7:30 PM

Wednesday, February 16: Bible Study at UCC, 9 AM

Sunday, February 20: Guest in pulpit for ACC 10:30 AM Worship: Women at the Well, with Pastor Paul Witmer; Youth Group, North Church, 5:30 PM; Confirmation Class, 6:30 PM

Monday, February 21 through Saturday, February 26, 10 AM to Noon – Pastor Jason in Course of Study class

Tuesday, February 22: Bible Study at ACC North Church, 7:30 PM

Wednesday, February 23: Bible Study at UCC, 9 AM

Sunday, February 27: ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; Confirmation Class, 6:30 PM

Monday, February 28 through Saturday, March 5: 10 AM to Noon – Pastor Jason in Course of Study class

Tuesday, March 1: Bible Study at ACC North Church, 7:30 PM

Wednesday, March 2: Ash Wednesday – Drive Through Ashes: 6-7 AM at UCC; 7:30 to 8:30 AM at ACC; Bible Study at UCC, 9 AM; Drive Through Ashes: 4-5 PM at ACC; 5:30-6:30 PM at UCC

Sunday, March 6: First Sunday in Lent; ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; Jason at Halcyon House, 2:30 PM; Confirmation Class, 6:30 PM

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WORSHIP TIME

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