

THE EVANGEL-APRIL 2022

FROM THE PASTOR



Blessings and Peace

Hello, and is it not amazing to live in the greatest country on earth! Just a heads up. I am not sure when you get this, but your taxes are due in just a couple of days. So many of us are afflicted by paying taxes every year. And if you are like me, it is not an easy check to write. But adulting is hard and that is why we all need

Jesus (that is one of my favorite shirts from Sonya). So, while I am truly thankful to be an American, I am first a Christian! What are the ways that I must contribute to the kingdom to make it work? While I don't believe Jesus needs anything from me, I do believe He wants me to **BELIEVE** in Jesus and tell others about Him. I have thought a lot about our churches and have asked God to narrow down what we can work on together. Here are the 3 places I believe we can grow this year:

1. Let's share our relationship with God with each other. I truly believe it is a lie that the devil has told us that our relationship with God is between me and God. We are called to **SHARE**. I think that is church!!!

2. Can we possibly pray together? Yes, we pray together each week with the call to worship and our offering thanksgiving prayer, and even our prayer of confession. But can we call on Jesus together with non-wrote prayers? I hope to begin the process of learning to **PRAY TOGETHER**.

3. Let's **HEAR TESTIMONY**. I would love to have MANY people come and tell us how Jesus changed their lives. I feel this is a great way to help us remember that Jesus is still healing and bringing the nearly dead back to life!

So happy Easter, He is Risen! And let's give God the glory, and for humanity's sake pay your taxes and tell someone about Jesus!!!

In Christ


Pastor Jason Collier

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HOLY WEEK PLANS

- April 10 – **Palm Sunday** Service, 10:30 AM, Ainsworth Community Church
- April 14 - **Maundy Thursday** Service, United Church of Crawfordsville, 7 PM;
- April 15 - **Good Friday** Service at Ainsworth Community Church, 7 PM;
- April 17 – **Easter Devotion**, UCC, 8 AM followed by Pancake Breakfast featuring 12 homemade fruit syrups; **Easter Sunday Worship** with Communion and Confirmation, 10:30 AM., Ainsworth Community Church.



PASTOR PHONE VISITS AND PRAYER LIST

Please let us know if you would like Pastor Jason to call on you or if you wish prayers from our Prayer Chain. 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**.



UMCOR - UKRAINE RESPONSE



United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries. Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made in the following ways:

- Online at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450>
- By toll-free telephone: 888-252-6174
- By check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with “**Advance #982450-Ukraine**” written on the memo line, either mailed and addressed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068 or given at or through any United Methodist church

One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause. The United Methodist community in Ukraine, though quite small, is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Global Ministries is in touch with the church’s leadership and church leaders in countries welcoming those who are fleeing from violence in Ukraine.

YOUTH TO BE CONFIRMED, SUNDAY, APRIL 17



Following two years of attending classes to learn more about the church, our beliefs, and faith in the Triune God, several youths will be confirmed on Sunday, April 17 during 10:30 AM worship: Jacob Hartzler, Jesse Thompson, and Elisabeth (Izzy) Collier. Please keep these youth in your prayers that they may continue to grow in their faith and relationship with Christ.

SACHA CLUB EASTER EGG HUNT, APRIL 16

Sacha Club will host an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16 at Marr Park from 9:30 to 10:30 AM. The event will be at Mary Marr Lodge at Marr Park. Youth ages PK to 5th grade are welcome. 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.



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 17**. Either mail to: Ainsworth Community Church, PO Box 40, Ainsworth, IA 52201; **OR** email to AinsworthChurch@gmail.com Recipients will be announced May 1 during Senior Sunday.

SENIOR SUNDAY – MAY 1

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. High school honorees will receive a gift from the church as they begin their life “after high school”.



GOLDEN CROSS SUNDAY – MAY 1

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 under the announcement bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary.



ACC PRAYER CHAIN



If you wish to become an "ACC Prayer Warrior" by participating in the Prayer Chain, please let Jan know (templejan@gmail.com or 319.330.6175). Your name will be added to her list of those to be contacted by email. The church does have a policy that the individual or their family must approve the request for prayers before the chain will be engaged. The focus of the chain is prayer.

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.



CROOKED CREEK CHRISTIAN CAMP



Crooked Creek Christian Camp is now **hiring for counselors, housekeeping and kitchen staff, and lifeguards**. FMI and to complete an application, go to this website

<http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/employment-opportunities.html>

For additional questions, contact Heather at heather@crookedcreekcamp.org

CELEBRATION OF LIFE, APRIL 2

There will be a Celebration of Life for Ron Hazen on Saturday, April 2 from 11 AM until 2 PM at the VFW in Riverside, Iowa. Family will be present to share memories with all who are able to attend.



CRAWFORDSVILLE FUND RAISERS:

APRIL 16, APRIL 24 AND APRIL 28 THRU 30



Firemen's Pancake Breakfast: Saturday, April 16, the Crawfordsville Fireman will host a Pancake Breakfast serving from 6 to 9 AM. Menu: Pancakes, whole hog sausage patties, scrambled eggs, hash browns, and sausage gravy. Free Will Offering

UCC Taco Bar Fundraiser on Sunday, April 24 serving from 4:30 pm to 7 PM. Choose from beef or chicken tacos. Free Will Offering. Funds support the church general fund.




UCC Rummage Sale – It will be held in the Fellowship Hall at UCC. Hours: Thursday, April 28 and Friday, April 29 – 8 AM to 6 PM; Saturday, April 30, 8 AM until Noon.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE FOR APRIL-MAY 2022

April 3	Jesus Condemned 5 th Sunday in Lent	John 19:1-16a; (Psalm 146) Jesus is condemned, they have no king but Caesar.
April 10	The Crucified Messiah Palm/Passion Sunday	John 19:16b-22; (Psalm 24) <i>Opt.: John 12:12-27, Triumphal Entry</i> Sign above the cross proclaims the crucified king.
April 14	Jesus' Last Words Maundy Thursday	John 19:23-30 (Psalm 26:3) Woman, behold your son; I thirst; It is finished.
April 15	Jesus the Passover Lamb Good Friday	John 19:31-42 (Psalm 31:9-18) Jesus' bones are not broken, water from his side, a royal burial.
April 17	Resurrection Resurrection of Our Lord	John 20:1-18 (Psalm 118:21-29) Empty tomb, Jesus calls Mary by name.
April 24	Thomas 2 nd Sunday of Easter	John 20:19-31; (Psalm 145:13-21) Jesus gives Spirit, appears to Thomas.
May 1	Paul's Conversion 3 rd Sunday of Easter	Acts 9:1-19a; (Matthew 6:24) Paul and Ananias, each called into Christ's service (locally and globally).

BUDGET REPORT – 2.28.22

	Income	\$4,972.19	Expenses	\$6,180.42
	General Fund	38,696.91	Building Fund	\$12,260.40
	Memorial Fund	\$35,867.43	Need/month for budget	\$7,948.88

2022 Combined Presbytery and Methodist dues/apportionments in ACC budget: \$7450.00

PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

An overview of reports and issues discussed at the March meeting



Committee Reports: **Worship:** Recruiting people to read liturgy during Lent. Bibles have been ordered for HS Seniors. These will be presented on May 1 at Senior Sunday. **Christian Education:** Plans for VBS are to be determined. **Mission:** – Distributed food the first weekend in March. Assisted 8 families representing 18 individuals this past month. They received a monetary donation from the local 4-H Club and a pledge that they will donate on a regular basis to the pantry. Hot dogs, bologna, milk and eggs were purchased at Walmart for to supplement food from HACAP. **Property:** A revised rental agreement was signed for the parsonage. The rent is paid through May 1. Jan and Colleen will work on completing a Renter Agreement with Alliant Energy – it is a system that simplifies switching the account from renter to landlord and back again. A new curtain and rod were hung at the bottom of the steps in the South Church – the trial run seemed to indicate it was helping to control the temperature. **Old Business:** • A Parsonage Subcommittee was appointed at the Feb. 24 special meeting. Members are Myron Rees, Dennis Bean and Colleen Bean. They are dealing with the legal issues of the property. The Property Committee will still be responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the property. • Youth Group has been meeting. Still trying to get the paperwork signed for the debit card. **New Business:** • Finalize T-shirt order is due March 24. • Jan asked if she should contact Daryl (Buzz) Chalupa to mow and care for the lawn this summer. Dennis moved and Kate seconded the motion to pay \$50 per mowing this year. Approved. **Next regular meeting:** The next regular meeting of the ACC Parish Council will be Monday, April 11 at 7 PM.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Joys: Welcome Home to our Returning ‘Snow Birds’! Our risen Savior!
Concerns: The family and friends of Ron Hazen and Helen Crawford (Pastor Jason’s grandmother); Jim and Penny McCreedy; Chris and Dick Sieren; those anticipating surgery or medical tests. Tornado victims; 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 people of Ukraine and 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



4) Amy Runge; 5) Dorothy Stout, Derek Stewart; Laurie Morrison;
6) *Larry & Kathy Bean; 8) Maggie Rees Altenhofen; Deb Chalupa; 10) Carson Bean, 11) Megan Edgar, Jacob Hartzler; 13) *Rich & Lois Riggan; 15) Jim Wilson; 16) Allison Barnes; 18) Gracyn Anderson, Dave Skubal; 20) Rachel Carstensen; *Dan & Stacy Klinzman; 21) Kate Hartzler; 23) Linda Wenger; 24) Myron Lacy; 25) Marissa Chalupa; *Eric & Deb Stewart; 26) Josh Sands; 30) Pat Jenkins, Joe Skubal

APRIL 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Friday, April 1: 4:15 to 6:30 PM ACC Food Pantry Open for Distribution

Saturday, April 2: Ron Hazen Celebration of Life, 11 AM to 2 PM, VFW, Riverside

Sunday, April 3: ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; Youth Group, 5:30 PM, North Church; Confirmation Class, 6:30 PM, North Church

Tuesday, April 5: The Chosen Bible Study, 7:30 PM, South Church

Sunday, April 10: Palm Sunday, ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; 4-H Club Fellowship Hall, 4 PM; North Church = Youth Group, 5:30 PM, Confirmation, 6:30 PM

Monday, April 11: ACC Parish Council, 7 PM via Zoom

Tuesday, April 12: The Chosen Bible Study, 7:30 PM, South Church

Thursday, April 14: Maundy Thursday, Worship Service at UCC, 7 PM

Friday, April 15: Good Friday, Worship Service at ACC, 7 PM

Saturday, April 16: Sacha Club Egg Hunt at Marr Park, 9:30 AM

Sunday, April 17: Easter Sunday, ACC Worship **WITH** Confirmation **AND** Holy Communion, 10:30 AM; Youth Group, 5:30 PM, North Church

Tuesday, April 19: Bible Study at ACC, 7:30 PM

Wednesday, April 20: Bible Study at UCC, 9 AM

Sunday, April 24: ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; Youth Group, 5:30 PM, North Church; Taco Bar Fund Raiser, UCC 4:30 to 7:30 PM

Monday, April 25: Sacha Club, Fellowship Hall, 6:30 PM

Tuesday, April 26: Staff Zoom Meeting, 10 AM; Bible Study at ACC, 7:30 PM

Wednesday, April 27: Bible Study at UCC, 9 AM

Thursday, April 28: UCC Rummage Sale, 8 AM to 6 PM

Friday, April 29: UCC Rummage Sale, 8 AM to 6 PM

Saturday, April 30: UCC Rummage Sale 8 AM until Noon

Sunday, May 1: ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; Golden Cross Sunday, Senior Sunday honoring graduates and presenting Colthurst Scholarship; Jason at Halcyon House, 2:30 PM; Youth Group, 5:30 PM, North Church

Tuesday, May 3: Bible Study, ACC, 7:30 PM

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WORSHIP TIME

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

GENERAL MINISTRY OF CONGREGATION

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Christina Collier, PO Box 40,
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MISSION COMMITTEE: Kathi: 319.461.1339; Brenda: 319.657.2387 or
319.461.1637; 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.