

THE EVANGEL: OCTOBER 2022

FROM THE PASTOR



Hot cocoa, apple cider, chili, and bonfires are just a few things summer rarely has. But fall, it has them all! I often wish we could just jump over winter, but I know it's Iowa! So, I guess I should just enjoy what I have got. In the fall I find myself making a list of things to do over the winter. And making a mental list of what needs put away. So what season are we in, when we talk about our spiritual life? Most of us love to help others, but that season though fun can't be all we do. And if you are only focused on yourself and your relationship with God, well, you may be no good to anyone. But what if God allows us to move from one season to another? What if we are to lean in and lean out from time to time? What if we give ourselves a break knowing it is just a season we are in? And what if we remember that we are redeemed and that Jesus loves us? Come on church, let's learn more about our neighbor than our football idol, or favorite singer, and let's continue to change the world this fall!

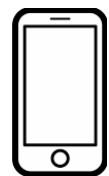
In Christ

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Pastor Jason Collier
563-343-3390

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 or to Jan: templejan@gmail.com



KIDS' CLUB WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM



Kids Club resumed meeting on Wednesdays starting September 28th. The Fall Session will run through November 9th. Each Wednesday the youth will meet from 6:30 to 7:30 pm, at the North Building of the Ainsworth Community Church, 318 N. 4th St. Preschool through 5th graders are encouraged to attend. Parents are welcome to stay. Registration: See our Facebook Page "Ainsworth Community Church"; forms also available at church and on site.

ACCW: OCTOBER 13 – BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY

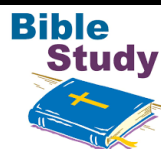
Plan to attend the October meeting of ACCW on Thursday, October 13. The meeting begins at 1:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Ann Freyenberger will share information about Bridges Out of Poverty. She is also hostess.



LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE – OCTOBER 2022

Oct. 2	Rescue at the Sea 17 th Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29 The sea parts at the exodus; God's deliverance <i>(Matt 2:13-15, Mary, Joseph, and Jesus in Egypt, out of Egypt have I called my son)</i>
Oct. 9	Covenant and Commandments 18 th Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17 God brings Israel as on eagle's wings; Decalogue <i>(Matt 5:17, Jesus came not to abolish the law and prophets but to fulfill them)</i>
Oct. 16	Joshua Renews the Covenant 19 th Sunday after Pentecost	Joshua 24:1-15 [16-26] Story of God's deliverance. Joshua says, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" <i>(Matt 4:8-10, Satan offers Jesus all kingdoms, but Jesus says "Worship God and serve only him")</i>
Oct. 23	David and Bathsheba 20 th Sunday after Pentecost	2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9; Psalm 51:1-9 Nathan's parable indicts David after his sin with Bathsheba. David is moved to repent. <i>(Matt 21:33-41, Parable about the wicked tenants)</i>
Oct. 30	Solomon's Wisdom 21 st Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 3:4-9, (10-15), 16-28 Solomon prays for wisdom; two women and a child <i>(Matt 6:9-10), Pray in this way, "Our Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. . .")</i>
Nov. 6	Elisha Heals Naaman 22 nd Sunday after Pentecost	2 Kings 5:1-15a Elisha heals Naaman, a foreigner and leper <i>(Matt 8:2-3, Jesus heals a leper, "I will, be clean")</i>
Nov. 13	Micah 23 rd Sunday after Pentecost	Micah [1:3-5]; 5:2-5a; 6:6-8 God promises a ruler from Bethlehem; desires justice, kindness, walking humbly with God <i>(Matt 9:13), God wants mercy, not sacrifice)</i>

BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JASON ON THURSDAYS



Bible Study with Pastor Jason has now moved to THURSDAY for ACC. Meetings will be held at the Light House (homeless shelter), 604 S. Iowa Ave., Washington, 7 PM. All are welcome to come and participate. This is a "Come-When-You-Can" informal Bible study led by Pastor Jason. They will use, "The Story" with accompanying videos as the basis of their study.

43ND ANNUAL MISSION INGATHERING: NOVEMBER 5

The 43nd Annual Mission **Ingathering** will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2022. Kathi and Brenda have already purchased all the supplies needed for the kits and assembled them. THANK YOU, to the Highlanders 4-H Club for helping sew the bags and Kathi and Brenda for organizing and assembling!!! To donate to this project, cash or check (payable to "ACC Mission Committee") may be given to Kathi or 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 6



Remember to turn your clocks back – Fall Back. We will resume Standard Time on **Sunday, November 6.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Joys: Birth of Brynn Rose Carstensen, daughter of Zach and Rachel; Anticipation of a safe and bountiful harvest. Celebrate resuming Kids' Club and pray for blessings as we reach out to youth and families in the community. **Concerns:** The family and friends of Steve Wood, George Colthurst, Pat Roberts, Chris Sieren, Jim McCreedy Roger Gillis, and Dennis Stout as they adjust to life on earth without their beloved family member, friend. Continued prayers for Harper Rae Carroll (Betty and Jerry Bean's great granddaughter) and Rose Jefferson (niece of Marshall Crossett) as they continue their long journey to good health. Those suffering from weather related issues – drought, fire, flooding, hurricane, and tornados. **Serving our Country:** Our sincere "Thank You!" to members and their families serving our country here and abroad.

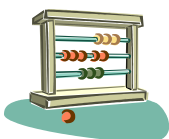


PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Here is an overview of topics and actions at the September 19 meeting:

Treasurer's Report: Colleen noted the property taxes have been paid. It was agreed to put the 'Campership Annuity" into the Memorial Fund. The current value was \$7339.75. **Youth Group Report:** Written report submitted by Crystal Boulton and Allan Allsup. They currently have 8 to 11 youth participating if everyone is in attendance. Every meeting includes: a game activity, Bible time, music, food and a lesson with response time. Youth leaders are covering favorite Biblical True-Life Stories... like Abraham & Sarah... and Saul who became Paul. Two more open gyms have occurred (which are open to all the church). Another is scheduled for October 9. **Pastor's Report:** No completed written report for this meeting. **Committee Reports - Worship:** Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, October 2 which is World Communion Sunday. **Christian Education:** Kids' Club will launch Sept. 28. The target audience is Pre-K through 6th grade. **Membership/Nurture:** Sent flowers to Steve Wood Family. **Property:** See Renovation vote information elsewhere in newsletter. **Parsonage Committee:** During the Council meeting, the members met via Zoom with Jo Trabert, Benchmark Real Estate. She is willing to be our new property manager starting immediately. She charges 5% of the monthly rental rate to be a full-time property manager (less than \$35 per month). **Mission:** – In August 11 families representing 38 people were served. Brenda has all items purchased for the Ingathering kits. She will sew the 12 sweaters and the 4-H girls will be sewing 12 bags for the school kits. **SPPRC** They will make plans to meet before October 10. **Memorial** The church has been the recipient of several special gifts recently. In addition to the \$7339.75 annuity, George Colthurst left \$10,000 to the church and Pat Roberts bequeathed \$1000. The church is certainly most grateful for these generous gifts in addition to being the recipient of memorial donations. **Nominating Committee:** Will meet on Thursday, September 22. **New Business:** Charge Conference Forms – Progress is being made on these. Proposed Budget: Line items were discussed and modified. Agreed to accept the Proposed Budget as modified. Proposal for restroom on sanctuary level. After reviewing and discussing bids, it was moved and seconded to accept the bid of Ossman Construction for the construction of the restroom; Yoder Electric for the electrical work; 4-M Plumbing and Heating for the plumbing. Bruty had already been approved for the concrete work. **Next regular meeting:** 10.10.22, 7PM.

AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE



Month	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
August	281	251	265	226	Covid	126	177
September	281	261	377	296	Covid	132	171

SOUTH CHURCH RENOVATION VOTE: OCTOBER 23

At the September 12 Parish Council meeting the following proposal for renovation to the South Church was provisionally approved. The plan includes constructing a handicapped compliant restroom in the southwest corner of the sanctuary (where the sound booth is now) and adding a coffee/snack area that would include a sink for making coffee. It also includes pouring a concrete parking slab just north of the South Church where there is currently only gravel for parking, widening the current driveway that goes between the parsonage and South Church north door, as well as modifying the concrete north entrance to make it easier to use for mobility purposes.

This plan will be voted upon by the congregation on Sunday, October 23. The Council will be prepared to respond to questions about these plans prior to the vote on the 23rd. The Council is also seeking bids to replace the north and south entrance doors to the South Church for the purpose of energy efficiency and ease of use.

Electrical by Kim Yoder	\$1,155.00
Plumbing by 4-M Plumbing & Heating	\$3,945.00
Materials to be purchased by congregation; installed by contractions: 2 Water heaters ~\$200 Cabinets - \$250 Flooring - \$300 Paint - \$80 Coffee sink/faucet - \$200	\$1030.00
Bathroom, Coffee nook, help move sound booth: Ossman Construction	\$5,916.00
Concrete bid from Bruty Construction	\$13,553.00
Grand total for bathroom, coffee nook; concrete	\$25,599.00

BUDGET REPORT – 8-31-2022 \$\$\$

Income	\$ 6,317.09	Expenses	\$ 7,389.84
General Fund	\$ 43,803.36	Building Fund	\$12,417.87
Memorial Fund	\$ 22,297.41	Need/month for budget	\$ 7,948.88
<i>2022 Combined Presbytery and Methodist dues/apportionments in ACC budget: \$7,450.00</i>			

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS/*ANNIVERSARIES



- 1) Cory Stewart; 2) Brenda Bean; 3) Colleen Bean;
4) Bob Lynde; 6) Rob Yoder; 7) Virginia Holmes; 8) Judy Stout; 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 Lord Janecek; Deb Freyenberger.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS/*ANNIVERSARIES



- 1) Joe Dawley; 3) *Rick & Betty Anders; 5) Betty Bean; 8) Dale Holmes, Wendell Arduser; 10) Norma Paisley; 13) Keegan Blakley; 15) Angie Ornduff; 16) Brian Bean, Dave Kaufman, *John & Janice Skubal; 17) John Skubal, 18) D. Donald; Jessup Collier; Neil Mills; 19) Judy Skubal; 21) Marshall Crossett; Carrie Ornduff; 22) Shayln Kirk, Deb Gilchrist; 28) Karlton Skubal; 30) *Alan & Julie Edmondson.



WALK TO EMMAUS



If you are interested in going to the Walk of Emmaus, please get in touch with Pastor Jason. The church pays your registration fee.

Men's Walk 185: Thursday, Oct. 13 thru Sunday, Oct. 16 - Cancelled

Women's Walk 186: Thursday, October 27 thru Sunday, October 30

It is held at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca (Shueyville, IA).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 2022

Sunday, Oct. 2: Worship, 10:30 AM; with Holy Communion; Celebrate Worldwide Communion & Peacemaking Offering with special offering. No Youth Group today.

Wednesday, October 5: Kids' Club, 6:30 PM, North Church

Thursday, October 6: Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM

Sunday, October 9: ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; 4-H Club, Fellowship Hall, 4 PM

Monday, Oct. 10: Blood Drive, UCC, 2:30 to 6PM; ACC Parish Council via Zoom, 7 PM

Wednesday, October 12: Kids' Club, 6:30 PM, North Church

Thursday, October 13: ACCW, 1:30 PM, Fellowship Hall, Program: "Out of Poverty" arranged by Ann Freyenberger; Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM

Sunday, October 16: ACC Worship, 10:30 AM

Tues., Oct. 18: "Card" Club with Brenda Bean, Fellowship Hall, 4:30 PM

Wednesday, October 19: Kids' Club, 6:30 PM, North Church

Thursday, October 20: Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM



Sunday, October 23: ACC Worship, 10:30 AM, ***Congregation vote on renovation project and Charge Conference Issues (Budget, Nominating Committee Report, Leadership/Programming Reports) following worship***

Monday, October 24: Sacha Club, Fellowship Hall, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, October 26: Kids' Club, 6:30 PM, North Church

Thursday, October 27: Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM

Friday, October 28 through Sunday, October 30: Women's Walk to Emmaus

Sunday, October 30: ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; Jason at Halcyon House, 2:30 PM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2022

November 2: Kids' Club, 6:30 PM, North Church

Thursday, November 3: Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM

Saturday, November 5: Ingathering 2022

Sunday, November 6: Daylight Saving Time Ends; ACC Worship, 10:30 AM

Wednesday, November 9: Kids' Club, 6:30 PM, North Church

Thursday, November 10: ACCW, 10 AM with Stone Soup Lunch, Fellowship Hall; Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM

Sunday, November 13: ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; 4-H Club, Fellowship Hall, 4 PM

Monday, November 14: ACC Parish Council via Zoom, 7 PM

Tuesday, November 15: "Card" Club with Brenda Bean, Fellowship Hall, 4:30 PM

Thursday, November 17: Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM

Sunday, November 20: ACC Worship, 10:30 AM

Thursday, November 24: Thanksgiving Day

Sunday, November 27: ACC Worship, 10:30 AM, First Sunday of Advent; Jason at Halcyon House, 2:30 PM

Monday, November 28: Sacha Club, Fellowship Hall, 6:30 PM



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WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM, South Church –
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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.