

THE EVANGEL: NOVEMBER 2022

FROM THE PASTOR



For ten years now I have been the full-time pastor at UCC (ACC was added in April, 2013). And as I take a minute to celebrate what God has done in the last 10 years, I am most thankful for my family and the relationships I have been able to develop. Each year I am grateful for how God allows me to live out my calling to love people and help them see and feel the amazing Jesus I see and feel. Just this week God has reminded me of myself getting in His way. I often can think that I am better than others or have a self-righteous attitude. And I am certain Jesus would not be proud of me. And as a person who has now been a full-time pastor for 10 years, I feel like I should be able to act right and not let my petty insecurities get the best of me. I do not need to be the best at everything and if I am the best at something I do not need to belittle others that are not. By now you may be wondering what I am talking about. I would love to simply celebrate the milestone, but I believe the Holy Spirit would rather I keep working on following Christ. And that means feeling as though there is always more I can do to further the kingdom. And when I am doing that, I love the moments that erupt that are “on earth as it is in Heaven”. So folks, as you prepare for November let God remind you that we can nearly always do better at loving each other and Christ. And Christ will always bring PEACE, and JOY.

Romans 15:13, ESV May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

In Christ

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

Pastor Jason Collier
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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



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 6



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

KIDS' CLUB WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM



Kids Club Fall Session meets on Wednesdays through November 9th. 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.

ACCW – NOVEMBER 10, 10:30 AM, AT ACC

Ainsworth Community Church Women (ACCW) will hold their regular meeting the 2nd Thursday of November on the 10th. This is the Stone Soup-Thank Offering meeting that begins at 10:30 AM. Remember to bring a can of soup! Marcia Wilson will turn it into a feast for us! This will be the last meeting of the 2022 calendar year. Plans will be made for 2023.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

YOUTH GROUP

Following prayerful consideration, the ACC Youth Group has decided to meet with the WACO Youth Group that gathers Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 PM at the Bethel Church. The meetings held on Sundays at the North Building of the Ainsworth Community Church are being discontinued. All youth 7th grade through high school all welcome to attend the meetings at Bethel Church, 3185

Wayland Rd, Wayland, IA 52654.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE – NOVEMBER 2022

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>)
Nov. 20	Swords into Plowshares Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday	Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20; 37:1-7; then 2:1-4 Assyria threatens Jerusalem and King Hezekiah despairs. Isaiah says the city will be saved and nations will beat swords into plowshares. (<i>Matt 5:14, light of the world, city on a hill</i>)
Nov. 27	Faith as a Way of Life 1 st Sunday of Advent	Habakkuk 1:1-7; 2:1-4; 3:[3b-6], 17-19 The prophet, grieved by injustice/suffering, watches for God's reply. Faith is a way of life, not an answer. (<i>Matt 26:36-38; In Gethsemane Jesus is grieved and asks disciples to watch with him</i>)
Dec. 4	Esther 2 nd Sunday of Advent	Esther 4:1-17 For such a time as this, Esther was made queen. (<i>Matt 5:13-16, Salt and light</i>)
Dec. 11	Light to the Nations 3 rd Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 42:1-9 Through the Spirit, God's servant will be a light to the nations, bringing release to prisoners. (<i>Matt 12:15-21, The ministry of Jesus</i>)
Dec. 18	Jesus as Immanuel 4 th Sunday of Advent	Matthew 1:18-25 Announcement of Jesus' birth to Joseph; Jesus will be Immanuel (<i>Psalms 23:1-4, or 23:4</i>)

CHARGE CONFERENCE – NOVEMBER 20, 6 PM



Charge Conference is scheduled for Sunday, November 20 at 6PM in Mt. Pleasant at the First United Methodist Church. The Congregation approved the materials (nominating report, budget, terms of assignment, church reports) for the Conference on Sunday, October 23. The November meeting is to share them with the Iowa Conference. Everyone is welcome to attend.

SOUTH CHURCH RENOVATION APPROVED

Following October 23, 2022 worship, the congregation remained to discuss and vote on the 3-part renovation plan at the South Church. The three parts were as follows:

Part 1: ADA Compliant Restroom on sanctuary level of South Church

Part 2: Concrete work to widen driveway; pave parking area; improve entrance through north doors of South Church

Part 3: Replace exterior Doors at South Church – north and south doors plus door at base of steps



All three plans were approved. The cost of the renovation is being paid for from Memorial and Building Funds. Work will begin after the first of the year. Details pending.

BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JASON ON THURSDAYS

Bible Study



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 are using “The Chosen” videos as the basis of their study. If you wish, you may come at 5:30 PM for a light supper. Volunteers to prepare and bring food for the supper are welcome. NOTE: NO meeting on Thanksgiving.

BLOOD DRIVE: DEC. 5, 2:30 TO 6:30 PM-UCC

The Crawfordsville Lion’s Club and the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center will hold a blood drive Monday, December 5, 2:30 to 6:30 PM at UCC. For an appointment call Dave Jewell: 319.931.2044. Last date to donate elsewhere: October 10, 2022. **Bring a photo ID with AND WEAR A MASK.**



BUDGET REPORT – 9-30-2022 \$\$\$

Income	\$ 5,914.98	Expenses	\$ 6,111.63
General Fund	\$ 44,699.11	Building Fund	\$13,525.47
Memorial Fund	\$ 40,956.77	Need/month for budget	\$ 7,948.88
2022 Combined Presbytery and Methodist dues/apportionments in ACC budget: \$7,450.00			

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Joys: A safe and bountiful harvest; the marriage of Dave and Rachel Garrison; a successful Kids’ Club Fall Session. The opportunity to gather together with family and friends and give thanks for our many blessings. **Concerns:** Continued prayers for Harper Rae Carroll (Betty and Jerry Bean’s great granddaughter) as she continues her journey to good health. Prayers of comfort and peace to Rita Edwards who is on hospice. The family of Gene Scott and Mike Gesling. Those suffering from weather related issues. **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 October 10 meeting:

Treasurer's Report: Colleen shared the Balance Sheet and Bills Submitted noting there are not current problems. The 'campership' line item is now 0 as that money has all been transferred to the Memorial Fund. Jason noted that he will be submitting bills for light bulbs and equipment to convert all florescent lights in both churches to LED fixtures. He and George Trotter are doing the work. Jason is also repairing the sink in the kitchen of the North Church and installing a



new small water heater. **Youth Group Report:** Jason shared that he had spoken with all families who had been participating in the ACC Youth Group. All families were agreeable to discontinuing the program at the North Church on Sundays and instead having the youth attend WACO Youth Group sponsored and held at Bethel Church in Wayland.

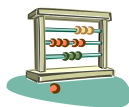
Pastor's Report: Men's Walk to Emmaus was cancelled so pulpit supply will not be needed in October. **Worship:** Worship assistants will be recruited to assist with Advent. **Christian**

Education: Kids' Club has met with about 12 youth participating. They are pleased with the new schedule that consists of youth reporting to their classroom upon arrival and then closing the evening as a group in the North Church sanctuary. This results in positive behaviors for Kids' Club youth while complimenting Jason's efforts to support teens attending Youth Group at WACO Youth Group and be back for closing event with Kids' Club. **Property:** Information on the renovation bid was included in the October newsletter. Bids were received for replacing the exterior doors at the South Church. While both bids seem really high, the committee is recommending the Doors, Inc. bid.

Parsonage Committee: Jo Trabert is now serving as property manager. She has worked with tenant to develop a new payment schedule. If payments are not received, she will follow up with the tenant. **Mission:** In September 11 households representing 38 individuals were served. October distribution was on Friday, October 7. **SPPRC** A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening to complete Form I. **Nominating Committee:** Their nominating slate was presented to the council and approve. **Old Business:** The council directed Jan to remove the name of the current youth group contact from publications and the website and promote attendance at WACO Youth Group in the newsletter. **New**

Business: Charge Conference Forms Approved. Proposed Budget: Approved. Renovation Plan: 3 parts – Bathroom; Concrete; Doors. The Council agreed to present the 3-part renovation plan to the congregation on October 16 and 23 with the vote being offered to the congregation on the 23rd of October. Approved. **Next regular meeting:** November 14, 2022, 7 PM.

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER ATTENDANCE



Month	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
September	281	261	377	296	Covid	132	171
October	371	317	274	246	158	124	206 (4 of 5)

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.



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 Sue 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2022

Tuesday, November 1: Sacha Club using Fellowship Hall - evening
Wed., Nov. 2: Kids' Club, 6:30 PM, North Church; Youth Group, WACO, 7-8:30 PM
Thursday, November 3: Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM
Saturday, November 5: Ingathering 2022; Sacha Club Craft Show, Highland Middle School, Riverside, 9AM to 2 PM; UCC Harvest Supper and Auction, Serving-4:30 to 6:30 PM; Auction-7 PM; all at UCC
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, 10:30 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, Nov. 20: ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; Charge Conference, Mt. Pleasant, 6-8 PM
Wednesday, November 23: NO Thanksgiving Eve Service
Thursday, November 24: Thanksgiving Day
Sun., Nov. 27: ACC Worship, 10:30 AM, Advent Begins; Halcyon House, 2:30 PM
Monday, November 28: Sacha Club, Fellowship Hall, 6:30 PM



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Advent

Thursday, December 1: Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM
Sunday, December 4: ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; 2nd Sunday of Advent
Monday, December 5 thru Saturday, December 10: Jason on Vacation
Sun., Dec. 11: ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; 3rd Sunday of Advent; 4-H Club, Fellowship Hall, 4 PM

Monday, December 12: ACC Parish Council, 7 PM via Zoom
Tuesday, December 13: County Line Club using Fellowship Hall – 9 AM to 4 PM
Thursday, December 15: Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM
Sunday, December 18: ACC Worship, 4th Sunday of Advent
Tuesday, December 20: "Card" Club with Brenda Bean, Fellowship Hall, 4:30 PM
Thursday, December 22: Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM
Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve Worship: ACC at 5:30 PM; UCC at 7 PM
Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day, ACC Worship, 10:30 AM
Thursday, December 29: Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM
Saturday, December 31: New Year's Eve

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WORSHIP TIME

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