

THE EVANGEL—DEC. '22/JAN. '23

FROM THE PASTOR



Hello from your pastor and fellow servant. I was asked this week what I am most excited about, and I am struggling to find the right answer. I am most excited that Jesus, the king of kings, still calls me his child. I am excited about the fact that my future home will be better than any beach vacation, or backwoods getaway! I am excited that I still in this life get to have fellowship with others! I am excited that being with people

that are kind and love the Lord is an absolute blessing! And last but not least I am excited that "I've got the wonderful love of my blessed Redeemer Way down in the depths of my heart". Yes, I know what most of you want to ask, but you already know, **WHERE?** It is in the depths of my heart to **STAY!** That means that He loves me and there is nothing I can do about it. I am excited that perhaps you can understand that joy yourself and can help others who have not experienced it know what they are missing!

Just as a side note, our family tradition has been to get or make something for each family that comes to church at Christmas time. This year my wife and I bought a 15-passenger van to use (mainly for the youth group). So, we would like that to be our gift to all of you this year!

Merry Christmas everyone
From the Collier Family!

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: Linda McNeil and Jenny Yoder are planning some special piano duets to share with us during Advent. Their music is a beautiful gift to all of us that they are so generous to share with us on December 4, 11, and 18.

Sunday, December 18: The Youth Christmas Program will be held during 10:30 AM worship in the South Church Sanctuary. Youth wishing to participate in the program should contact Karen at 319.430.0496 or Jan at 319.330.6175 before December 10 if possible, but walk-ins welcome.



Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight worship (no communion) 5 PM at Ainsworth; 7 PM at Crawfordsville.

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day: Worship with United Church of Crawfordsville at 8 AM – NO services at ACC on Christmas Day.

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE, DEC. 2022-JANUARY 2023

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>(Psalm 23:1-4, or 23:4)</i>
Dec. 24	Birth of Jesus Christmas Eve	Luke 2:1-14 [15-20] <i>(Psalm 96:7-10)</i> Birth of Jesus.
Dec. 25	Shepherds Visit Christmas Day	Luke 2:8-20 <i>(Psalm 95:6-7)</i> Shepherds visit the infant Jesus.
Jan. 1	Genealogy of Jesus 1 st Sunday of Christmas	Matthew 1:1-17 <i>(Psalm 132:11-12)</i> The genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.
Jan. 8	Jesus' Baptism: Matthew 1 st Sunday after Epiphany	Matthew 3:1-17 <i>(Psalm 2:7-8)</i> John the Baptist, Jesus is baptized to fulfill all righteousness.
Jan. 15	Tempted in the Wilderness 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany	Matthew 4:1-17 <i>(Psalm 91:9-12)</i> Jesus tempted in the wilderness
Jan. 22	Beatitudes 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany	Matthew 5:1-20 <i>(Psalm 1:1-3)</i> Beatitudes, salt of the earth, let your light shine
Jan. 29	Treasure in Heaven 4 th Sunday after Epiphany	Matthew 6:7-21 [25-34] <i>(Psalm 20:7)</i> Lord's prayer, treasure in heaven and/or Matthew 6:25-34, Lilies of the field
Feb. 5	The Golden Rule 5 th Sunday after Epiphany	Matthew 7:1-14, 24-29 <i>(Psalm 37:16-18)</i> Speck in the eye, narrow gate, wise man builds house on rock

ACC FOOD PANTRY



The Ainsworth Community Church Food Pantry continues to serve families in need by contacting previous participants. If you know someone in need of food, contact Brenda at 319.461.1637 or Kathi at 319.461.1339 to make arrangements or receive answers to eligibility questions.

MISSION COMMITTEE: HOLIDAY DONATIONS

The Mission Committee is preparing for Christmas. If you are willing to donate a little extra to purchase food and gifts for families in need, please contact Brenda: beanbag@louisacomm.net or 319.461.1637. To mail a check, make payable to ACC Mission Committee; send to: Ainsworth Community Church, PO Box 40, Ainsworth, IA 52201



RING SALVATION ARMY BELLS: DEC. 4, 11 & 18



Our church has been assigned several dates in December to ring bells for the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign at the Walmart in Washington. The dates are Sunday the 4th, 11th and 18th from Noon to 5 PM. All volunteers must work in pairs of 2 or more. Shifts are one hour each. Youth must work with someone over the age of 18. A signup sheet will be at the back of the sanctuary or call Jan (319.330.6175) to volunteer. Note that all monies collected stay within Washington County. 'Thank You' volunteers for donating your time!

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.**

KIDS' CLUB SPRING SESSION – JANUARY 18

The Christian Education Committee will offer a Spring session of Kids' Club that will begin Wednesday, January 18 and run through March 8. Note: If school dismisses early for weather related issues, Kids' Club will not meet that evening. If you are willing to teach/assist or have children interested in participating, please contact Pastor Jason at 563.343.3390 or Karen at 319.430.0496.



WE SAY "THANK YOU!"



As 2022 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, Kids' Club, 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: South Church, North Church, parsonage, and old office/garage. A special thanks to our neighbor, George Trotter, for his assistance converting florescent fixtures to LED throughout our properties. 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! Membership/Nurture Committee: For their work organizing funeral dinners with the help of ACCW, 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.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS/*ANNIVERSARIES:

1) Jennifer Crossett; 2) Molly Edgar; 5) *Jim & Sherrie Hazen-Hansen; Lance Mills; 6) *Owen & Norma White, Diane Anding, Gary Stewart; Libby Berner; 7) *Jim & Betty Thompson; 9) Jim Thompson, Nick Yoder; 14) Sheri Bennett; 15) Kyle Entsminger; 17) Bev Holmes; 20) John Erlenbush; 21) Sherri Hazen-Hansen; 23) Kathi Bean; 24) Emily Stewart; 25) Alberta Miller; 26) Lois Riggan; 28) Ivan Lacy; 29) Betty Anders; 31) Mildred Wilson.



BUDGET REPORT – 10-31-22

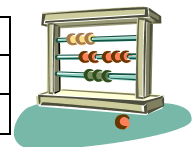


Income	\$6,901.95	Expenses	\$13,150.32
General Fund	\$38,775.74	Building Fund	\$14,025.47
Memorial Fund	\$40,973.40	Need/month for budget	\$7,948.88

2022 Combined Presbytery and Methodist dues/apportionments in ACC budget: \$7,450.00

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE

Month	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
October	337	371	317	274	246	158	124	252
November	479	354	301	261	256	119	144	189



OUR FUTURE WITH THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



There has been an extension to June 2023 granted to churches in the Iowa Conference of the United Methodist Church. Informational meetings will be held after the first of the year.

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 sympathy and comfort for the family of Rita Edwards; prayers of healing for Joyce Billups. 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.



PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



Highlights of the November meeting: **Treasurer’s Report:** Colleen noted that she had paid our annual insurance bill and the Mission Committee. **Youth Group:** Having the youth participate at Bethel Church is working quite well. The Council encouraged Jason to submit his mileage at the current rate of \$0.585 for transporting the youth. **Pastor’s Report:** In addition to regular meetings and conducting Sunday worship in September, he conducted memorial services as follows: Ron Robertson – 9.13; Karen Steep – 9.13; and Steve Woods – 9.14. He had his annual review on 9.15. No mileage to submit. **Committee Reports:** **Christian Education:** Kids’ Club has concluded the fall session. A harvest meal was celebrated with participants, volunteers and their families. **Membership/Nurture:** Served funeral dinner for Mike Gesling family and sent birthday flowers to Dale Holmes. **Property:** We are first on Greg Bruty’s spring schedule. These issues need attention: 1) Furnace – the Fellowship Hall furnace is not working properly. N&S has been contacted. 2) Toilets in the Fellowship Hall are plugging regularly. Jason will contact 4M. 3) Jenny noted that the fans and lights in the sanctuary could use a good cleaning. The Council

requests she hold off on the deep clean until renovation work is completed. **Parsonage Committee:** Jo, the property manager, is working with the tenant on a payment plan that is having positive results. **Mission:** In October, 10 households representing 37 individuals were served. Ingathering kits were prepared for November 5: 6 baby layette kits, 18 personal dignity kits, and 18 school kits – a total of 42 kits. **Old Business:** Three-part renovation proposal was approved by congregation vote on Sunday, October 23. Charge Conference reports/forms and budget were approved by congregation vote Sunday, October 23. **New Business:** Apportionments: It was agreed to table apportionments until the December meeting. Our future with the Iowa Conference of the United Methodist Church: December 23 is the deadline for making a decision. Jason is trying to organize informational meetings The next regular meeting is Monday, December 12, 2022, 7 PM via Zoom.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2022

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, 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, Dec. 18: ACC Worship: **Youth Christmas Program**, 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, Dec. 25: Christmas Day, UCC Worship, 8 AM, NO Service at ACC
Thursday, December 29: Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM
Saturday, December 31: New Year’s Eve



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2023



Sunday, January 1: ACC Worship with communion 10:30 AM
Wednesday, January 4: Youth Group at Bethel, 7 to 8:30 PM
Thursday, January 5: Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM
Sunday, Jan. 8: ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; 4-H, 4 PM Fellowship Hall
Monday, January 9: ACC Parish Council, 7 PM via Zoom
Wednesday, January 11: Youth Group at Bethel, 7 to 8:30 PM
Thursday, January 12: Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM
Friday, January 13: Happy 110th Birthday to the ACC South Church!!
Sunday, January 15: ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; Jason at Halcyon House, 2:30 PM
Tuesday, January 17: “Card” Club with Brenda Bean, 4:30 PM, Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, January 18: Youth Group at Bethel, 7 to 8:30 PM
Thursday, January 19: Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM
Sunday, January 22: ACC Worship, 10:30 AM
Monday, January 23: Sacha Club, Fellowship Hall, 6:30 PM
Wednesday, January 25: Youth Group at Bethel, 7 to 8:30 PM
Thursday, January 26: Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM
Sunday, January 29: ACC Worship, 10:30 AM
Wednesday, February 1: Youth Group at Bethel, 7 to 8:30 PM
Thursday, February 2: Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM
Sunday, February 5: ACC Worship, 10:30 AM

Monday, February 6: Blood Drive at ACC, 2 to 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.