

# ***THE EVANGEL – MARCH 2023***

## ***FROM THE PASTOR***



Hey folks, we are on our way with our talks about human sexuality and our much publicized (in the UMC), disaffiliation possibility. Should we stay or should we go? If we go, are we staying? Where does God want us if there are God-fearing people on both sides of the issue we respect and love? Should we talk about it as a church? Should we keep quiet so no one gets hurt? Or does our silence hurt people? Well, many of us

have managed to have these conversations, but not together as a church. We are planning an **ACC March 5th pizza lunch** and **UCC March 12 potluck at 5:30** to do just that. And we want to hear your voice. Please help your church make the best choice and help us prayerfully consider what that is. Pray that God would allow us to move to a decision **TOGETHER**.

In the book, *Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership*, Ruth Haley Barton says these words in Chapter 12: Finding God's Will Together: *"Agree together: Once the leadership group has thoroughly explored the different options and dealt with questions and resistances that the group has raised, hopefully, clarity emerges and points to one of the options or a combination of them as particularly graced by God with wisdom and truth."*

As our churches have difficult conversations around tough issues ahead, I am thankful for the respect and the ability to have these conversations with each other! Each of us is caring around our reasons and our hurts. But only the compassionate among us can set them aside to listen to each other. Be reminded that this issue has not been decided and we have NOT made any decisions! May God allow us to not be driven by fear, but by his will! As we meet these next few months, may God be working in our hearts and may we LOVE each other. May we continue to be the church that God is calling us to be!

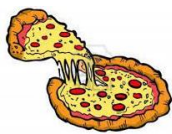
In Christ

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Pastor Jason Collier  
563.343.3390

## ***PLEASE COME!! PIZZA PARTY –***

## ***DENOMINATION STRAW POLL - SUNDAY, MARCH 5***



PLEASE join us in the Fellowship Hall following worship for a Pizza Party and discussion about our denomination affiliation on Sunday, March 5. We will outline our options, have discussion, and then a straw poll to determine additional questions, concerns, and potential direction of ACC.

Results shared with UCC. **Everyone is encouraged to participate in the discussion. TOGETHER!**

## ***KIDS' CLUB – MARCH 1 – LAST WINTER MEETING***

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME – MARCH 12

Remember to Spring Forward one hour on Sunday, March 12 as that is when Daylight Saving Time will begin.



## CRAWFORDSVILLE COMMUNITY CLUB – MARCH 11



The Crawfordsville Community Club will host a Spaghetti Supper at the Fire Station on Saturday, March 11 from 4 to 7 PM. Free Will Offering.

## SOUP SUPPER – UCC – MARCH 18

The United Church of Crawfordsville will host a Soup Supper on Saturday, March 18 from 4:30 to 7 PM. They will serve Chili, Oyster, and Potato Soup plus desserts. A free Will Offering will go to support the WACO Food Pantry.



## UMCOR/ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: MAR.26



SPECIAL OFFERINGS



On Sunday, March 26 we will collect an offering for UMCOR (Methodist term) and “One Great Hour of Sharing.” (Presbyterian term) The monies provide major support for immediate assistance in the wake of natural and human-caused disasters and helps support ongoing ministries of food, shelter, health and peace. **Any money collected will be evenly divided between the two denominations.** There will be a ‘Donation’ jar at the back of the sanctuary by the Announcement Board.

## LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE FOR MARCH 2023

March 5	<b>Laborers in the Vineyard</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent	<b>Matthew 20:1-16</b> ( <i>Psalm 16:5-8</i> ) Parable of laborers in vineyard
March 12	<b>Wedding Banquet</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent	<b>Matthew 22:1-14</b> ( <i>Psalm 45:6-7</i> ) Parable of wedding banquet
March 19	<b>Bridesmaids (or Talents)</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	<b>Matthew 25:1-13;</b> ( <i>Psalm 43:3-4</i> ) Parable of the bridesmaids and/or <b>Matthew 25:14-30</b> , Parable of the talents.
March 26	<b>Last Judgment</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	<b>Matthew 25:31-46;</b> ( <i>Psalm 98:7-9</i> ) Parable of the last judgment.
April 2	<b>Triumphal Entry</b> Palm Sunday	<b>Matthew 21:1-17;</b> ( <i>Psalm 118:25-29</i> ) Triumphal entry, cleansing the temple.
April 6	<b>Words of Institution</b> Maundy Thursday	<b>Matthew 26:17-30;</b> ( <i>Psalm 116:12-15</i> ) Preparing for the Last Supper, mention of betrayal, Words of Institution
April 7	<b>Crucifixion: Matthew</b> Good Friday	<b>Matthew 27:27-61</b> ( <i>Psalm 22:1-2, [14-18]</i> ) Crucifixion: “My God, my God why have you forsaken me?”
April 9	<b>Easter: Matthew</b> Easter	<b>Matthew 28:1-10;</b> ( <i>Psalm 118:19-24</i> ) <i>Resurrection, empty tomb, women encounter the risen Jesus</i>
April 16	<b>Great Commission</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	<b>Matthew 28:16-20;</b> ( <i>Psalm 40:9-10</i> ) Great commission, Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.

## 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**.



## WORSHIP GREETERS AT ACC



We are seeking volunteers to serve as greeters on Sunday morning before worship. This involves arriving at church a little before 10AM and being "at the ready" to assist worshippers into the church as well as welcoming them. We need one or two persons to be at each door. In addition to being a welcome and friendly gesture to visitors and usual attendees, it is of great assistance to those with mobility issues and persons with young children. The signup sheet is at the back of the sanctuary. Or, just call Jan and she will be happy to put your name on the list. You are welcome to volunteer several times a year! Jan – 319.330.6175.

## SNACK VOLUNTEERS, WATER DONORS NEEDED

Please check your calendar and consider volunteering. If you have worshipped with us, you may have enjoyed some snacks provided by others. Anyone may provide snacks at worship. Purchased or homemade – it's up to the volunteer. The signup sheet is at the back of the sanctuary.



## BLOOD DRIVE – THANK YOU!



Impact Life is grateful to all of the donors at the February 6 blood drive at the South Church in Ainsworth. They collected 29 units of whole blood plus 4 double reds. The coordinator and staff were delighted with the participation and enjoyed working with our donors. Special thanks to Kathi Bean and the Ainsworth Sacha Club for organizing the drive, contacting and reminding donors, and providing individually wrapped homemade treats!

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE 4.23.23

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 23**. Either mail to: Ainsworth Community Church, PO Box 40, Ainsworth, IA 52201; **OR** email to [AinsworthChurch@gmail.com](mailto:AinsworthChurch@gmail.com) Recipients will be announced May 7 during Senior Sunday.



## ACC FOOD PANTRY




Know someone in need of food? To contact the Ainsworth Community Church Food Pantry, call Kathi at 319.657.2387 or 319.461.1339 to make arrangements or receive confidential answers to eligibility questions.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY 2023

A 2023 ACC Directory is now available at the South Church. It includes names and phone numbers of all church leaders, officers, and committee members, as well as an overview of church activities, mission, goals.



# BUDGET REPORT – 01/31/2023

	Income	\$8,342.07	Expenses	\$5,727.58
	General Fund	\$40,623.31	Building Fund	\$15,288.86
	Memorial Fund	\$73,232.66	Need/month for budget	\$8,110.22

2023 Combined Presbytery and Methodist dues/apportionments in ACC budget: \$7,450.00

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Joys:** Babies! We welcome a new baby to the ACC family – congratulations to the Adam and Erin Kaufman Family AND the big sisters as well as grandparents and extended family! **Concerns:** Continued prayers for Kim Yoder and Dennis Bean as they continue to heal following their surgery and Jim Hansen following his knee replacement surgery. Prayers also for those preparing for tests or procedures and waiting for results and strength to deal with the information. Praying for the safe return of our church members who have ‘wintered’ in places warmer than Iowa. Those experiencing challenges in their work and personal life. Our church and church leaders as we make our denomination affiliation decision. **Serving Our Country:** We say “Thank You!” to members and their families serving our country.



## PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



The Parish Council did NOT meet in February 2023 as scheduled. We could not make quorum. The next meeting will be Monday, March 13 via Zoom. Happenings around the church: Construction of the restroom and coffee area in the sanctuary that is part of the renovation continued to move forward.

## 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) Erin Mills; 24) Jason Collier; Janet White-Stafford; 26) Janene Kirk; 27) Ruth Miller, Dorothy Jacobs; 29) Elizabeth (Izzy) Collier; Kurt Stewart; 30) Rich Riggan

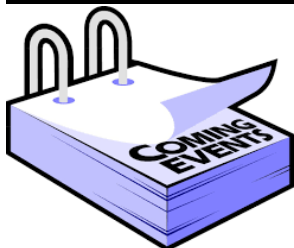
Happy Birthdays!

## 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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MARCH 2023



**Wed., Mar. 1:** Kids’ Club, 6:30 PM, North Church – Final session of the season; Youth Group at Bethel, 7-8:30 PM

**Thursday, March 2:** Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM

**Sunday, March 5:** ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; Following Worship - Pizza Party with explanation of options for our Denomination Affiliation followed by straw poll – Noon to 2 PM, Fellowship Hall – **EVERYONE in ACC Family is encouraged to participate.**

**Wed., Mar. 8:** Youth Group, Bethel, 7 - 8:30 PM  
**Thursday, March 9:** Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM  
**Saturday, March 11:** Private Group using Fellowship Hall, Noon to 4 PM;  
 Crawfordsville Community Club Spaghetti Supper, Fire Station, 4-7 PM  
**Sunday, March 12: Daylight Saving Time Begins;** ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; 4-H Club  
 4-8 PM, Fellowship Hall  
**Monday, March 13:** ACC Parish Council via Zoom, 7 PM  
**Wednesday, March 15:** Youth Group at Bethel, 7 to 8:30 PM  
**Thursday, March 16:** Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM  
**Friday, March 17:** St. Patrick's Day  
**Saturday, March 18:** UCC Soup Supper, 4:30 to 7 PM  
**Sunday, March 19:** ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; Jason at Halcyon House, 2:30 PM  
**Tuesday, March 21:** "Card" Club with Brenda Bean, Fellowship Hall, 4:30 PM;  
**Wednesday, March 22:** Youth Group at Bethel, 7 to 8:30 PM  
**Thursday, March 23:** Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM  
**Sunday, March 26:** ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; One Great Hour of Sharing/UMCOR  
 Sunday – Special Offering  
**Monday, March 27:** Sacha Club using Fellowship Hall, 6:30 to 9:30 PM  
**Wednesday, March 29:** Youth Group at Bethel, 7 to 8:30 PM  
**Thursday, March 30:** Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS – APRIL 2023

**Sunday, April 2: *Palm Sunday*;** ACC Worship, 10:30 AM  
**Wednesday, April 5:** Youth Group at Bethel, 7 to 8:30 PM  
**Thurs., April 6: *Maundy Thursday*;** Maundy Thursday Worship  
 Service, UCC, 7 PM  
**Friday, April 7: *Good Friday*;** Good Friday Worship Service, ACC, 7 PM  
**Saturday, April 8: *Holy Saturday***  
**Sunday, April 9: *Easter Sunday*;** ACC Worship, 10:30 AM;  
**Monday, April 10: *Easter Monday*;** ACC Parish Council, 7 PM via Zoom  
**Wednesday, April 12:** Youth Group at Bethel, 7 to 8:30 PM  
**Thursday, April 13:** Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM  
**Saturday, April 15:** Private Group using Fellowship Hall, 12:30 to 5 PM  
**Sunday, April 16:** ACC Worship, 10:30 AM  
**Tuesday, April 18:** "Card" Club with Brenda Bean Fellowship Hall, 4:30 to 10 PM  
**Wednesday, April 19:** Youth Group at Bethel, 7 to 8:30 PM  
**Thursday, April 20:** Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM  
**Sunday, April 23:** ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; **Colthurst Scholarship Application due  
 to church office by 5 PM**  
**Monday, April 24:** Sacha Club using Fellowship Hall, 6:30 to 9:30 PM  
**Wednesday, April 26:** Youth Group at Bethel, 7 to 8:30 PM  
**Thursday, April 27:** Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM  
**Thursday, April 27 through Saturday, April 29:** Spring Rummage Sale at UCC  
**Sunday, April 30:** ACC Worship, 10:30 AM



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WORSHIP TIME

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

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MISSION COMMITTEE: KATHI: 319.461.1339; BRENDA: 319.461.1637;

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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.