

# THE EVANGEL-APRIL-MAY 2023

## FROM THE PASTOR



What a great season of Lent! I am so blessed and thankful for our churches. We have been meeting at the altar, and God is so good. This week the song "Love Lifted Me" continues to play in my head. I am reminded that we need to allow his love to go ahead of us. As spring waltzes in and we are working the ground all around us, may we continue to work the ground in our hearts as well. Easter is coming and with it the beautiful green of the grass and the pastels of the season. And for many of us, we will be reminded that "*when nothing else could help, "Love lifted me"*". So, let's celebrate Jesus together, and give ourselves to His guidance in our hearts!

### Love Lifted Me

1 I was sinking deep in sin,  
Far from the peaceful shore,  
Very deeply stained within,  
Sinking to rise no more;  
But the Master of the sea  
Heard my despairing cry,  
From the waters lifted me—  
Now safe am I.

#### Refrain:

Love lifted me,  
Love lifted me,  
When nothing else could help,  
Love lifted me;  
Love lifted me,  
Love lifted me,  
When nothing else could help,  
Love lifted me.

2 All my heart to Him I give,  
Ever to Him I'll cling,  
In His blessed presence live,  
Ever His praises sing.  
Love so mighty and so true  
Merits my soul's best songs;  
Faithful, loving service, too,  
To Him belongs. **[Refrain]**

3 Souls in danger, look above,  
Jesus completely saves;  
He will lift you by His love  
Out of the angry waves.  
He's the Master of the sea,  
Billows His will obey;  
He your Savior wants to be—  
Be saved today. **[Refrain]**

In Christ

  
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## HOLY WEEK PLANS

- April 2 – **Palm Sunday** Service, 10:30 AM, Ainsworth Community Church
- April 6 - **Maundy Thursday** Service, United Church of Crawfordsville, 7 PM;
- April 7 - **Good Friday** Service at Ainsworth Community Church, 7 PM;
- April 9 – **Easter Devotion**, UCC, 8 AM followed by Pancake Breakfast;  
**Easter Sunday Worship** with Communion, 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**.



## SUNDAY APRIL 2 – FOLLOWING WORSHIP –

### DISAFFILIATION MEETING #, 2 –



### PIZZA FOR LUNCH IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please plan to join us as we continue the discussion concerning disaffiliation with the United Methodist Church.

The United Church of Crawfordsville has met. We are also



learning more about what happens to the Presbyterian side of our yoked affiliation. Bottom line – it could get complicated. Please plan to join us as we determine what additional information, if any, you need to make a decision about our future.

## HAPPY 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY, PASTOR JASON



The first Sunday in April will mark the 10<sup>th</sup> year we have been blessed to call Jason W. Collier, "Our Pastor". Through his ministry, our ACC Family has grown and continues to grow. Thank you for a decade of guidance. We are most grateful you came into our lives!

## SACHA CLUB EASTER EGG HUNT, APRIL 8

Sacha Club will host an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8 at Marr Park from 9:30 to 10:30 AM. **Hint:** it is recommended to arrive no later than 9:15 AM. The event will be at Mary Marr Lodge at Marr Park. Youth ages PK to 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



## ACCW MEETINGS RESUME – APRIL 13, MAY 11



The first meeting in 2023 for ACCW will be held on Thursday, April 13 at 1:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Linda McNeil will serve as hostess and present the program. ACCW is open to ALL women of the Ainsworth Community Church family. The May meeting will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> at the Fellowship Hall with Norma White presenting the program and serving as hostess.

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DUE – APRIL 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.

# PATHWAYS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY



Pathways of Washington County is excited to announce “Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin’-By World.”

This Building Bridges initiative class allows 12 investigators to learn about and explore resources that can help them live in a more prosperous and effective way. Their hard work benefits

themselves, their families, and their entire communities.

Classes will begin soon with a meal at the United Methodist Church at 206 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Washington, Iowa. Free childcare and transportation are available if needed. Each investigator will also receive a \$20 stipend for their time in class.

If you are interested in being a part of this class or know someone who may benefit from it, please request an application from here: [buildingbridgeswashington@gmail.com](mailto:buildingbridgeswashington@gmail.com)

## 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.



## SENIOR SUNDAY – MAY 7



Mark your calendar for May 7! 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 7

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.



## WORSHIP GREETERS AT ACC



greeters

We are seeking volunteers to serve as greeters on Sunday morning before worship. Please arrive at church a little before 10AM to assist worshippers into the church (persons with young children or mobility issues) as well as welcoming them. We need one or two persons to be at each door. 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 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.



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## HOSPICE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY:

### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



Hospice of  
Washington  
County

A new Grief Support Group will be held at the Hospice Office – 948 E. 11<sup>th</sup> St. Washington, from 5:30 to 7 PM on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Their goal is to provide participants with the reinforcement tools, support, and safe place to talk

about the tough questions. It is an opportunity to share and listen to others going through a similar experience. HWC's Bereavement Services are free and open to anyone who has lost a loved one. FMI: Jina at 319.653.7321 or [jina@hospicewc.com](mailto:jina@hospicewc.com)

### CRAWFORDSVILLE FUND RAISERS:

Pancake  
Breakfast



## APRIL 8, AND APRIL 27 THRU 29

**Firemen's Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt:** Saturday, April 8, the Crawfordsville Fireman will host a Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt from 7 to 10 AM. Free Will Offering

**UCC Rummage Sale** – It will be held in the Fellowship Hall at UCC. Hours: Thursday, April 27 and Friday, April 28 – 8 AM to 6 PM; Saturday, April 29, 8 AM until Noon.



### 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](mailto: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.

### 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

### MAY BIRTHDAYS/\*ANNIVERSARIES



1) \*Jason & Christina Collier, 2) Kim Yoder, 3) \*Steve & Sallie Graves; Dylan Goodwin; 7) Myron Rees, Kristen Anderson, Ted Hahn; 8) Chris Hartzler; 9) Stacy Klinzman; 10) Rebecca Mills; 11) Brian Chalupa; 12) Dakota Longbine; 17) Olivia Kaufman; 18) \*Brian & Colleen Bean; 19) Sue Frame; 20) James Beemblossom, Craig Edmondson; Maya Lord; 21) \*Wendell & Karen Arduser; 23) Bill Wilson; Jeremy Collier; 25) Brady Hahn; \*Jason & Rachel Longbine; Marissa Chalupa; 27) \*Kim & Jenny Yoder, Kelly Caltvedt ; 28) Jesse Thompson; 30) Brittany Anderson, Linda McNeil, Mindy Wilson.

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



**Joys:** Our risen Savior! Babies! **Concerns:** Those in hospice – Alice Trees; in need of healing: Darryl (Buzz) Chalupa, Dale Torpey, Richard Paris, Hannah Raney; the Paul and Brenda Miller family upon the loss of his mother. Those suffering with an illness, anticipating surgery or medical tests. Victims of weather; area farmers as they begin working the fields and tending the birth of new animals. Those dealing with difficult family situations. The leaders of our church, schools, and country. **Serving Our Country:** “Thank You!” to members and their families serving our country here and abroad.


## PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

An overview of reports and issues discussed at the March meeting



**Treasurer’s Report:** Items of note: 1) Jason was reimbursed for bathroom and iPad expenses; 2) Painting labor for Fellowship Hall paid; 3) Paid Linda McNeil for painting supplies; 4) received more rent money; still behind, but making positive progress; 6) Furnace repairs were paid; 7) More renovation expenses were paid. **Worship:** Supervised completion of painting the interior of the Fellowship Hall. Still need volunteers to greet at each door on Sunday mornings. Also need a few more snack volunteers. Plans are to have Senior Sunday on May 7. Colthurst Scholarship applications are due by 5 PM, Sunday, April 23. Jan will contact Tom Colthurst about presenting on Sunday, May 7. **Christian Education:** Kids’ Club has concluded for Spring session on March 1. About 12 youth were participating each week. On Ash Wednesday, there was a pancake supper prior to Services for all Kids’ Club families and the Ainsworth/Crawfordsville community. Consensus was to continue partnering with UCC for Vacation Bible School. Jason indicated the van could transport youth from Ainsworth to Crawfordsville and back again. **Membership/Nurture:** Sent flowers for birthdays and get-well cards sent. **Property:** The restroom and coffee nook are almost complete, but usable. Still need to install a grab bar; Painting in the Fellowship Hall completed; Donation from Bob Quinn to be used for the South Church - doors have been earmarked - \$25,000. Furnaces – N&H recommended replacing all 3 furnaces at the South Church. Committee may contact N&H as well as 4-M for estimates to repair vs replace. **Mission:** – In January, the Mission Committee served 8 families representing 27 individuals. In February the pantry served 8 households representing 28 individuals. **Nominating and Memorial Committee:** No Report; **SPPRC:** A new janitor has been hired: Abigail Drost of Washington. Following discussion regarding salary in this economy, it was agreed to pay Abigail \$15 per hour. Approved. It was then agreed to increase secretary salary to \$15 per hour. **Old Business:** - Decision to replace toilets in the Fellowship Hall will be placed on Property Committee agenda. **New Business:** Agreed to replace TV broken during installation following renovation. Many thanks to Adam and Erin Kaufman for assisting with installation of the replacement. Two requests for baptism – 1) Maverick Jaxon Havel and 2) Rose Carstensen. Approved. Next steps: It was agreed to get copies of the deed from the courthouse and review for additional information. Jan will send Articles of Incorporation to Council. The date for a 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting will be Sunday, April 2 (Palm Sunday) following worship. **Next regular meeting:** Monday, April 10 at 7 PM.

## BUDGET REPORT – 2.28.23

	Income	\$6,018.23	Expenses	\$5,733.22
	General Fund	42,135.75\$	Building Fund	\$41,354.40
	Memorial Fund	\$61,852.28	Need/month for budget	\$8,110.22

2023 Combined Presbytery and Methodist dues/apportionments in ACC budget: \$7450.00

## LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE FOR APRIL-MAY 2023

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.
April 23	<b>Peter's Vision</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	<b>Acts 10:1-17, 34-48;</b> ( <i>Matt 9:36-37</i> ) Peter's vision shows how God cleanses people of every nation.
April 30	<b>Paul's Mission</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	<b>Acts 13:1-3; 14:8-18;</b> ( <i>Matt 10:40-42</i> ) Beginning of Paul's mission. Healing at Lystra, gospel to the Gentile world.
May 7	<b>Gospel as Salvation</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	<b>Romans 1:1-17;</b> ( <i>Matt 9:10-13</i> ) Gospel as power of God for salvation to all, both Jews and Greeks
May 14	<b>God's Love Poured Out</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	<b>Romans [3:28-30] 5:1-11;</b> ( <i>Matt 11:28-30</i> ) God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit; Christ died for the ungodly
May 21	<b>Hope of Resurrection</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	<b>Romans 6:1-14;</b> ( <i>Matt 6:24</i> ) We were buried with him by baptism into death, so that we might walk in newness of life. Hope of resurrection.
May 28	<b>Nothing Can Separate Us</b> Pentecost	<b>Acts 2:1-4</b> Pentecost <b>Romans 8:14-39;</b> ( <i>Matt 28:16-20</i> ) The groaning of creation, Spirit helps us in our weakness, nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus

## APRIL 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**Sunday, April 2: Palm Sunday;** ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; Disaffiliation Meeting #2 following worship, Fellowship Hall; Pizza served – All are welcome.

**Wed., April 5:** Men's Prayer Lunch, Noon-2 PM, UCC;

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:** Sacha Club Easter Egg Hunt, Marr Park, 9:30 AM (recommend 9:15 AM arrival)

**Sun., Apr. 9: *Easter***; Pancakes & devotion, UCC, 8 AM; ACC Worship, 10:30 AM;

**Monday, April 10: *Easter Monday***; ACC Parish Council, 7 PM via Zoom

**Wednesday, April 12:** Men's Prayer Lunch, Noon-2 PM, UCC; Youth Group at Bethel, 7 to 8:30 PM

**Thursday, April 13:** ACCW, Fellowship Hall, 1:30 PM, Linda McNeil Hostess/Program; Bible Study, 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:** Men's Prayer Lunch, Noon-2 PM, UCC; 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:** Men's Prayer Lunch, Noon-2 PM, UCC; 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

**Saturday, April 29:** Private Group in Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, April 30:** ACC Worship, 10:30 AM



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## MAY 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**Wed, May 3:** Men's Prayer Lunch, 12-2 PM, UCC; Youth Group at Bethel, 7 to 8:30 PM

**Thursday, May 4:** Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM

**Sunday, May 7:** ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; Senior Sunday including announcement of Colthurst Scholarship Recipients; Golden Cross Sunday Offering

**Monday, May 8:** ACC Parish Council, 7 PM via Zoom

**Wed, May 10:** Men's Prayer Lunch, 12-2 PM, UCC; Youth Group at Bethel, 7 to 8:30 PM

**Thursday, May 11:** Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM

**Sunday, May 14:** Mother's Day; ACC Worship 10:30 AM; 4-Club Meeting, 4 PM, Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, May 16:** "Card Club" with Brenda Bean, Fellowship Hall, 4:30 to 10 PM

**Wed, May 17:** Men's Prayer Lunch, 12-2 PM, UCC; Youth Group at Bethel, 7 to 8:30 PM

**Thursday, May 18:** Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM

**Sunday, May 21:** ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; Fogleman Offering; Jason to Halcyon House, 2:30 PM

**Monday, May 22:** Sacha Club using Fellowship Hall, 6:30 to 9:30 PM

**Wed, May 24:** Men's Prayer Lunch, 12-2 PM, UCC; Youth Group at Bethel, 7 to 8:30 PM

**Thursday, May 25:** Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary reserved for Collier-Yoder Wedding; Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM

**Friday, May 26 and Saturday, May 27:** Both North and South Church, Fellowship Hall reserved for Collier-Yoder Wedding

**Sunday, May 28:** ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; Pulpit Supply TBD; Pentecost Sunday

**Monday, May 29:** Memorial Day

**Wed, May 31:** Men's Prayer Lunch, 12-2 PM, UCC; Youth Group at Bethel, 7 to 8:30 PM

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WORSHIP TIME

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