

# ***THE EVANGEL-OCT.-NOV. 2023***

## ***FROM THE PASTOR***

I NEED ANSWERS!



That is a phrase I hear often and even tell myself. The other day as I was listening to the radio I heard the host say, "But every time I get an answer I have more questions." What does it mean to need answers from God, but every time we get an answer we don't trust or every time we get an answer we don't trust Him or we continue to ask for more? So today as I think about all the uncertainty in the world, I wonder why, and Lord could I please have an answer? But then I wonder if one

answer will be enough and I am reminded to just depend on God. The scripture I learned as a young boy says, Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.... Proverbs 3:5-6

But God gave me intellect and understanding for a reason. OK here is the thing I trust Him but I really want to trust Him! What I can trust are His promises. And those promises tell me He is with me. And He will never leave me. And lastly, I know eternity is mine because I ask His forgiveness and make Him Lord of my life (as often as possible). Trusting in God is the core of Christianity and the cornerstone of the faith. Religion is head knowledge but trusting is relationship. And if you have experienced life you know that relationships take work. Our relationship with Jesus is no different but the benefits of having a friend in Jesus are so amazing there are millions of songs about it!

Be blessed and safe as we move through the fall season, and trust in God!  
In Christ

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

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 wish our Prayer Warriors to include you in their prayers. 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 email the church: [ainsworthchurch@gmail.com](mailto:ainsworthchurch@gmail.com) or Jan: [templejan@gmail.com](mailto:templejan@gmail.com)



## ***DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 5***



Remember to turn your clocks back – Fall Back. We will resume Standard Time on Sunday, November 7.

## KIDS' CLUB FALL SESSION - WEDNESDAYS 6PM



Kid's Club has started its Fall Session. They meet on Wednesdays, **6 to 7PM in the North Church 318 North 4th Street, Ainsworth**. NOTE: This is a change in time - it used to be 6:30 PM. Meetings will be held through Wednesday November 1. Preschool through 5th graders are encouraged to attend. Parents are welcome to stay. The Fall Session will

conclude on Wednesday, November 8 with the "Harvest Meal" for participants and their family in the South Church.

## SPECIAL OFFERINGS, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Sun., Oct. 1 we observe two programs – one from each denomination:

1) **World Communion Sunday** is a program of the United Methodist Church. Your giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve.



2) **Presbyterian Peacemaking Program**, helps transform lives through work for peace, with the tools God has given. Together, in the Spirit of God, we work to break the power of hate, and heal the wounds of violence and division. Join in the Peace & Global Witness Offering because it is boundless peace God offers.

We will have a special offering for each of these programs on Sunday, October 1. The Donation jar and brown envelopes will be on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

## COMMUNITY TRAINING FOR PATHWAYS - RSVP OCT. 7



On Saturday, October 14 from 9 AM to 4 PM gain a community approach to poverty, learn about accurate models of poverty and how we can build long term support in this FREE training session. Featured speaker: Kim Charlier. Check In begins at 8:30 AM



at the Washington United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 206 W. 2nd Street, Washington, IA. To register, click on this scan code or see Ann: 319.330.0348. Free lunch provided.

## BLOOD DRIVE – MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 AT UCC



Monday, October 9, Impact Life will hold a blood drive at the United Church of Crawfordsville from 3:30 to 6:30 PM. The next drive will be Monday, December 4 from 1:30 to 6:30 PM in Crawfordsville.

## ACCW – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1:30 PM

Carol Bean will be the hostess as well as present the program for ACCW on Thursday, October 12. It will begin at 1:30 PM in the South Church Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend - women, men, members, non-members - ALL!



## DECEMBER 3 ACC ANNUAL MEETING SET

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

As a result of the September 20 vote to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church, we will no longer participate in the annual "Charge Conference". But, we still need to carry out the business of the church: approving a budget, officers and committee members, and Jason's 'term of assignment.' The Council has set Sunday, December 3 for our ACC Annual Meeting. It will be held following worship. Our nominating committee is working to generate a slate of volunteers for the 2024 calendar year. This is a wonderful way you may do the work of our Lord. We look forward to you accepting their nomination.

### ACC FOOD PANTRY

The Ainsworth Community Church Food Pantry Distribution is generally the first weekend of EACH month. If someone needs food or more information, contact Kathi at 319.657.2387 or 319.461.1339 OR Brenda at 319.461.1637.



### BUDGET REQUESTS FOR 2024 DUE NOVEMBER 5



Please submit all budget requests for 2024 to Colleen Bean by Sunday, November 5. This means each of our committees: Christian Education, Worship, Mission, Property, Membership/Nurture and Memorial should be putting their thinking caps on to estimate programming costs for next year. Congregation: If there are projects or programs you wish to include at ACC next year, please share these with the committees. There are yellow brochures by each door at the South Church listing all committee members and their contact information. Thank you for taking time to dream!

### BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES

Bible study continues to meet on Thursdays at 7 PM at the Light House, 604 S. Iowa Ave., Washington. They begin at 5:30 PM with a light supper. Pastor Jan (and Tina) would welcome help with the meal. All are welcome to the supper AND the Bible Study.



### FALL EVENTS AT CROOKED CREEK CHRISTIAN CAMP

1. Lunch and Lecture (formerly Senior Day) – October 5 at 9:30 am at the Retreat Lodge. Dean Rhodes will be sharing about "The People I've Met Along the Way". A soup lunch will be served. For more information and to RSVP visit our website: <http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/lunch-and-lecture.html>

2. Craft Retreat – November 10-12 – Registration coming soon!

3. 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Online Auction – November 28-December 3. We are currently taking items (baked goods, meals in homes, handmade items, themed gift baskets). Contact Heather, [heather@crookedcreekcamp.org](mailto:heather@crookedcreekcamp.org) or Amanda, [amanda@crookedcreekcamp.org](mailto:amanda@crookedcreekcamp.org) if you have items to donate.

For more information: Heather Bender, Executive Director, Crooked Creek Christian Camp, 319-653-3611, <http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/>



# SAMARITAN'S PURSE: OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Faith Baptist Church has notified us that they will be a drop-off location for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes again this year. Here is the website link:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Cardboard

packing boxes are provided free of charge by calling Paula Brinning 319.461.4714. Take completed boxes to Faith Baptist Church, 1220 West Madison, Washington, IA at any of the following times: Nov. 13, 9-Noon; Nov. 14, 9-Noon and 6-8PM; Nov. 15., 9-Noon; Nov. 16, 9-Noon; Nov. 17. 9-Noon; Nov. 18, 9 AM to 2 PM; Nov. 19. 2-5 PM; and Nov. 20, 9-Noon.




## LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE – OCTOBER 2023

OCT. 1	<b>MOSES AND GOD'S NAME</b> 18 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	<b>EXODUS 1:8-14 [1:-2:10]; 3:1-15;</b> <i>MARK 12:26-27A</i> Israel is in slavery and calls for help. God calls Moses to bring release
OCT. 8	<b>HEAR O ISRAEL</b> 19 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	<b>DEUTERONOMY 5:1-21; 6:4-9;</b> <i>MARK 12:28-31</i> Ten Commandments; Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and might
OCT. 15	<b>RUTH</b> 20 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	<b>RUTH 1:1-17 [4:13-17];</b> <i>MARK 3:33-35</i> Ruth is a foreigner who finds belonging among God's people. "Where you go I will go, your people will be my people, your God will be my God."
OCT. 22	<b>DAVID ANOINTED</b> 21 <sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	<b>2 SAMUEL 5:1-5; 6:1-5;</b> <b>PSALM 150;</b> <i>MARK 11:8-10</i> David becomes king over all Israel. Brings the Ark of the covenant to Jerusalem with song making Jerusalem a place of worship.
OCT. 29	<b>KINGDOM DIVIDED</b> 22 <sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	<b>1 KINGS 12:1-17, 25-29;</b> <i>MARK 10:42-45</i> Rehoboam and the need for servant leadership; the kingdom is divided.
NOV. 5	<b>ELIJAH AT MOUNT CARMEL</b> 23 <sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	<b>1 KINGS 18:[17-19] 20-39;</b> <i>MARK 9:2-4</i> Elijah calls fire from heaven on Mount Carmel to reveal God's presence
NOV. 12	<b>HOSEA</b> 24 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	<b>HOSEA 11:1-9;</b> <i>MARK 10:13-14</i> God's passionate love for his children; despite their disobedience he cannot give them up.
NOV. 19	<b>ISAIAH'S VINEYARD SONG</b> 25 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	<b>ISAIAH 5:1-7; 11:1-5;</b> <i>MARK 12:1-3</i> Israel is pictured as a vineyard. God looks for the fruit of righteousness but finds only injustice. God promises a faithful king who will judge with righteousness.
NOV. 26	<b>JOSIAH'S REFORM</b> CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY	<b>2 KINGS 22:1-10 [11-20]; 23:1-3</b> <i>LUKE 24:30-32</i> Josiah's recovery of Scripture, reform and renewal
DEC. 3	<b>PROMISE OF THE MESSIAH</b> 1 <sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT	<b>JEREMIAH 33:[10-11], 14-18;</b> <i>MARK 8:27-29</i> Promise of the Messiah



## BUDGET REPORT – 8.31.23

	Income	\$7,279.89	Expenses	\$7,840.69
	General Fund	50,384.86	Building Fund	\$41,858.93
	Memorial Fund	\$43,234.68	Need/month for budget	\$8,110.22

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

## AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE

Month	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
August	281	251	265	226	Covid	123	177	190
September	281	261	377	296	Covid	132	171	244



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



**Joys:** Babies! Successful surgeries! Special thanks to Bob Lynde for the special scrapbook. Happy October birthday, Bob - we miss you! **Concerns:** Our farmers during harvest. Prayers for comfort and continued healing to: Bryan Lasek; Tom Colthurst - back in Iowa after successful surgery and rehabilitation; and Dale Torpey. The family of Ann Lewis of Crawfordsville. Those in our country and world suffering from natural and man-made disasters. **Serving Our Country:** Our sincere "Thank You!" to members and their families serving our country here and abroad.

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS/\*ANNIVERSARIES

1) Cory Stewart; 2) Brenda Bean; 3) Colleen Bean; 4) Bob Lynde; 6) Rob Yoder; 7) Virginia Holmes; 8) Judy Stout; 10) Bonnie Thomann; 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; Marcia Wilson; 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.

## PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



Following are highlights from the September 18:

Finance: Nothing unusual. Committee Reports: Worship: As per requirements of the Presbytery that the Communion Schedule must be approved by the Council, a Quarterly schedule was approved: January, April, July, and October - the first Sunday of those months. **Christian Education:** Kids' Club kicked off on Wednesday, September 13 at Marr Park; about 25 adults and youth attended. This year, the time of Kids' Club will be 6 to 7 PM. Jason will be moving the TV from the loft of the North

Church to the stage for use during Kids' Club. If that one isn't large enough, we may need to purchase a different one. We should consider a bulletin insert about Kids' Club to share with UCC. In the future, we may wish to consider alternating the location of Kids' Club with UCC by holding Fall Session at one church and Spring Session at the other. **Membership/Nurture:** Jan now has the entire membership book since 1973 (when the church became the Ainsworth Community Church) including Pastors, Elders, Members, Baptisms, Death, and Marriages in Excel format and saved on a thumb drive. **Property:** *Insurance bid:* Jason and Jan met with a representative from Brother's Mutual - they will be giving a bid on property insurance. *Theatre Ministry:* Jason met with Allan Allsup about equipment/supplies in the North Building. It was agreed to send a certified letter to Allan Allsup expressing thanks for his efforts to establish a Theatre Ministry within our community. However, we do not wish to accept responsibility or liability for his property and request him to remove all of his property from the North Church by December 1, 2023. ACC is willing to help him move. Erin will write the letter. Jason is seeking a mailing address. **Mission:** - *In August* the Mission Committee served 11 families representing 18 individuals. Three freezers were defrosted and cleaned. **SPPRC:** They met August 29 to review the position announcement for the secretary vacancy and make plans. Kris and Jason are taking the lead on reviewing candidates. During the meeting they also reviewed Jason's salary and benefits for 2024. It was agreed to keep it the same as 2023. **Nominating Committee:** They will be working to present a report to be reviewed at the November Council meeting.



**Old Business:** *New Members:* During worship on August 20, 2023, 5 persons were welcomed to membership in the Ainsworth Community Church: Jason Anderson, Deborah Chalupa, Jennifer Crossett, Marshall Crossett, and JoAnn Torpey. *Disaffiliation:* Sunday, August 20, 2023 at 3:30 PM, 35 members of the Ainsworth Community Church (all over the age of 18) met to vote on disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church. There were 32 yes and 3 no votes to proceed with disaffiliation. Motion carried. **New Business:** We received written notification from the UMC that to meet our requirements for disaffiliation, we must pay: Unfunded Pension Liability – \$6,494; Apportionments – \$9,668\* Which is a total of \$16,162 by November 30, 2023. Following discussion, it was agreed to wait a little longer to pay this amount until more of the paperwork is completed. *Annual Meeting:* The following schedule was agreeable to the Council for an ACC Annual Meeting where items such as 2024 budget, slate of committee members and Terms of assignment for Pastor Jason: December 3, 2023. The congregation will review the material on November 19 and 26 after Council reviews all on November 13. *Goals:* Next month, we may wish to set a date for a dinner meeting to set goals for 2024. *Budget Plans:* Colleen welcomes input from all the committees as to budget requests they will have in 2024. She will need these by November 5. *Doors:* Following discussion, it was agreed that Jason will resume work to replace the exterior doors at the South Church. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, October 9 via Zoom.



## OCTOBER 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, October 1:** ACC Worship with Communion, 10:30 AM

**Wednesday, October 4:** Weekly Men's Prayer Lunch at UCC, Noon to 2 PM; Kids' Club, 6PM, North Church; Youth Group, Bethel, 7-8:30 PM

**Thursday, October 5:** Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM

**Sunday, October 8:** ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; 4-H Club Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 4 PM

**Monday, October 9:** Blood Drive, United Church of Crawfordsville, 3:30 to 6:30 PM; ACC Parish Council, 7 PM via Zoom





**Wednesday, October 11:** Weekly Men's Prayer Lunch at UCC, Noon to 2 PM; Kids' Club, 6PM, North Church; Youth Group, Bethel, 7-8:30 PM

**Thursday, October 12:** ACCW, 1:30 PM, Fellowship Hall, Carol Bean - Hostess and Program; Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM

**Sunday, October 15:** ACC Worship, 10:30 AM

**Tuesday, October 17:** "Card" Club with Brenda Bean, Fellowship Hall, 4:30 to 8 PM

**Wednesday, October 18:** Weekly Men's Prayer Lunch at UCC, Noon to 2 PM; Kids' Club, 6PM, North Church; Youth Group, Bethel, 7-8:30 PM

**Thursday, October 19:** Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM

**Sunday, October 22:** ACC Worship, 10:30 AM

**Monday, October 23:** Sacha Club, Fellowship Hall, 6:30 PM

**Wednesday, October 25:** Weekly Men's Prayer Lunch at UCC, Noon to 2 PM; Kids' Club, 6PM, North Church; Youth Group, Bethel, 7-8:30 PM

**Thursday, October 26:** Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM

**Thursday, October 26 through Sunday, October 29:** Women's Walk to Emmaus

**Sunday, October 29:** ACC Worship 10:30 AM

## *NOVEMBER 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

**Wednesday, November 1:** Weekly Men's Prayer Lunch at UCC, Noon to 2 PM; Kids' Club, 6PM, North Church; Youth Group, Bethel, 7-8:30 PM

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

**Saturday, November 4:** Harvest Supper, UCC; In-Gathering, Mt. Pleasant, 8 to 11 AM

**Sunday, November 5:** Daylight Saving Time Ends; ACC Worship 10:30 AM; Evensong at United Presbyterian Home, 6:30 PM

**Wednesday, November 8:** Weekly Men's Prayer Lunch at UCC, Noon to 2 PM; Kids' Club Harvest Meal, South Church, 6PM; Youth Group, Bethel, 7-8:30PM

**Thursday, November 9:** ACCW Stone Soup Lunch, 10:30 AM (last meeting of 2023); Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7PM

**Saturday, November 11:** Veterans Day

**Sunday, November 12:** ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; 4-H Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 4PM

**Monday, November 13:** ACC Parish Council via Zoom

**Wednesday, November 15:** Weekly Men's Prayer Lunch at UCC, Noon to 2 PM; Youth Group, Bethel, 7-8:30PM

**Thursday, November 16:** Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7PM

**Sunday, November 19:** ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; Jason at Halcyon, 2:30 PM

**Tuesday, November 21:** "Card" Club with Brenda Bean, Fellowship Hall, 4:30 to 8 PM

**Wednesday, November 22:** Weekly Men's Prayer Lunch at UCC, Noon to 2 PM; Thanksgiving Eve Service, United Church of Crawfordsville, 7PM

**Thursday, November 23:** Thanksgiving Day

**Sunday, November 26:** ACC Worship, 10:30 AM, Scott Johnson, Pulpit Supply; Pastor Jason on vacation November 26 through December 1

**Monday, November 27:** Sacha Club, Fellowship Hall, 6:30 PM

**Wednesday, November 29:** Weekly Men's Prayer Lunch at UCC, Noon to 2 PM; Youth Group, Bethel, 7-8:30PM

**Thursday, November 30:** Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7PM

**Sunday, December 3:** First Sunday of Advent, ACC Worship, 10:30 AM

**Monday, December 4:** Blood Drive, UCC



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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.