

THE EVANGEL-SEPTEMBER 2023

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Church,

I am writing to you after our disaffiliation vote at both churches. They both voted to leave the UMC, and not much has changed. We are doing church as we have always done it! I want to be very clear about one thing. We did not vote for or against LGBTQ... We simply decided to leave the UMC because we felt it was right for us. Yes, the vote reason "needed" to be that we did not agree with the way the UMC is and has handled this particular issue. But please know that we love everyone God loves and that means YOU! I hope and pray that if you are struggling with this and want to hear my heart and what I believe to be our church's heart or if you need someone to listen, please call me. We are all going through something! And adding other stuff onto that is hard. We are not moving or changing much at all! We just want to be the best church we can be. That means loving people the best way we can. We need these difficult conversations to maintain relationships. Sometimes, my wife and I will say things that hurt the other without ever meaning to. And because we love and care for each other we go back and have a conversation where we are vulnerable and loving to each other. Rarely does it not get better immediately.

Several people have asked how I am, and or if I feel we made the right choice and I feel 95% we made the right choice. And I am proud of our churches. I am planning to be a pastor in the Presbyterian connection now. That will be different, but I am looking forward to it. I have been in fellowship with them for 10 years now as your pastor. So we (YOU AND I) are praying God will bless our church and bless His people through all of this. And that He will be glorified! FYI this is not official until November 30, 2023.

If anyone is interested in Confirmation, (Grades 7-12), please contact Pastor Jason as we are working to put together a plan.



Jason Collier

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 or Jan: templejan@gmail.com



KIDS' CLUB FALL SESSION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 13



Kid's Club will begin its Fall Session on Wednesday, September 13. A special 'Kick-Off' event is planned at Marr Park beginning at 6 PM. A light supper will be served followed by a hay ride around the park. September 20 everyone is encouraged to support the Highland Huskies in their "Boom Night" Celebration. From Wednesday, September 27 through Wednesday November 1 all sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 PM at the North Church, 318 N. 4th St. 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

ACCW TEA BAG CAMPAIGN

The Tea Bag Campaign letters were distributed this summer. It's not too late to send your contribution to ACCW – (Ainsworth Community Church Women) – all women of the church are considered members. The monies are used to help support local needs in our community. Donations may be sent to: Norma White, 624 7th Street, Ainsworth, IA 52201



ACCW – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1:30 PM



Anne Freyenberber will be the hostess as well as presenting the program for the first meeting of ACCW after summer break on Thursday, September 14. It will begin at 1:30 PM in the South Church Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend - women, men, members, non-members - ALL!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – THANK YOU!

"THANK YOU" to the participants, parents, teachers, group leaders, snack providers/servers; coordinators and volunteers for your part in VBS 2023.

About 10 youth from ACC participated in the program held at the United Church of Crawfordsville August 1-4. The youth shared their experience with the congregation during worship on August 6. It was a very meaningful and fun event for our youth.



BLOOD DRIVE – THANK YOU!



Thank you! Ainsworth Community Church and surrounding community for supporting the July blood drive. We collected 26 whole blood donations and 2 double reds. The Center called it an "AWESOME" day!! Special thanks to Marcia Wilson and Janet Rees for serving on the calling committee; Liz Kaufman, Janet Rees, Kathi Bean, Ann Freyenberger, and JoAnn Torpey for their help providing and serving treats to the donors. The Next Drive: Monday, October 9 at the United Church of Crawfordsville.

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.



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.

WALK TO EMMAUS

If you are interested in going to the Walk of Emmaus, please get in touch with Pastor Jason. The church pays your registration fee. Women's Walk 187: Thursday, October 26 thru SUNDAY, October 29

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT AT ACC

SECRETARY/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT; START DATE BETWEEN NOW AND JANUARY 1, 2024

- FLEXIBLE WORK HOURS – 30 TO 40 HOURS PER MONTH
- PREPARE WEEKLY WORSHIP MATERIAL AND MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
- CHECK MAIL, EMAIL AND PHONE MESSAGES REGULARLY
- COORDINATE CALENDARS

KNOWLEDGE OF GOOGLE, EXCEL, POWER POINT, PUBLISHER, FACEBOOK, AND WORDPRESS HELPFUL INTERESTED? CALL ACC AT 319.657.3020 OR TALK TO JAN TEMPLE TO RECEIVE AN APPLICATION AND A MORE COMPLETE LIST OF DUTIES. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

NO CHARGE CONFERENCE, BUT WORK CONTINUES

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" that is usually held in October or November. BUT - we still need individuals to serve the church in a variety of ways. Our nominating committee will be working soon to generate a slate of volunteers for the 2024 calendar year and develop a budget. This is a wonderful way you may do the work of our Lord. We look forward to you accepting their nomination.



BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES



Bible Study 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 Jason (and Tina) would welcome help with the meal. All are welcome to the supper AND the Bible Study.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 5

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



FALL EVENTS AT CROOKED CREEK CHRISTIAN CAMP

1. We Sing for Sundaes - September 17 at 5:00 at Sunset Shelter. Join us for hymns and homemade ice cream
2. 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>
3. Craft Retreat – November 10-12 – Registration coming soon!
4. 4th Annual Online Auction – November 28-December 3

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

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE – SEPTEMBER 2023

SEPT. 3	“CREEDS: HOLY SPIRIT”	ACTS 2:1-18; MATTHEW 28:17-20 The “Spirit” figurehead of the Trinity speaks to God our Sanctifier.
SEPT. 10	GARDEN OF EDEN 15 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	GENESIS 2:4B-25; MARK 1:16-20 OR MARK 10:6-8 Human beings are to till the garden; man and woman in companionship
SEPT. 17	ISAAC BORN TO SARAH 16 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	GENESIS 18:1-15; 21:1-7; MARK 10:27 The promise of Isaac’s birth to an aged Sarah and Abraham brings laughter
SEPT. 24	JACOB WRESTLES GOD 17 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	GENESIS 32:[9-13] 22-30; MARK 14:32-36 Jacob wrestles with an angel. Receives the name Israel, for he strives with God
OCT. 1	MOSES AND GOD’S NAME 18 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	EXODUS 1:8-14 [1:-2:10]; 3:1-15; MARK 12:26-27A Israel is in slavery and calls for help. God calls Moses to bring release
OCT. 8	COVENANT AND COMMANDMENTS 19 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	DEUTERONOMY 5:1-21; 6:4-9; MARK 12:28-31 Ten Commandments; Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and might

ANNUAL MISSION INGATHERING: NOVEMBER 4

IOWA CONFERENCE of the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH




Ingathering



The 43rd Annual Mission Ingathering will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2023 in Mt. Pleasant. Kathi and Brenda have already purchased all the supplies needed for the kits and

they are assembled.. THANK YOU, Kathi and Brenda!!! Your help is still needed with all the **shipping costs** to actually get the kits to those needing them. To donate to this project, cash or check (payable to “ACC Mission Committee”) may be given to Kathi or Brenda Bean in person; put in the church offering; or mail to the church at PO Box 40, Ainsworth, IA 52201 and we will be sure it gets deposited in the correct account.

BUDGET REPORT – 7.31.23

	Income	\$5,254.897	Expenses	\$7,768.30
	General Fund	50,819.104	Building Fund	\$44,865.49
	Memorial Fund	\$42,402.88	Need/month for budget	\$8,110.22

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

SUMMER ATTENDANCE

Month	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
June	281	251	248	241	Covid	147	164	188
July	405	347	314	229	Covid	124	163	249
August	281	251	265	226	Covid	123	177	190



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS/*ANNIVERSARIES



1) Jeff Prier; 3) *Duane & Deb Chalupa; 4) Duane Chalupa, 5) Grant Edwards; Kitch Shatzer; 9) Eric Stewart; 11) Ellie Prier; 12) Reid Edwards; Ashley Stout; 15) Joy Powers; 16) Owen White; Courtney Chalupa; 18) Jim Wenger; Bob Frame; 21) Joe Rees; 22) Dana Skubal Mikel; 25) *Ted & Theresa Hahn; 26) Jason Longbine; Karen Arduser; 28) Deb Stewart; 29) Oliver Carstensen 30) Linda Lord, Trudy Buster.



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.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Joys: Weddings! Babies! Successful surgeries! **Concerns:** Prayers for Wendell and Karen Arduser and family because of the death of Wendell's sister, Reita Humphreys; prayers for Neil and Rebecca Mills because of the death of their brother-in-law, Orville Bultsma; and the family of Rev. Kelly Slagel. Prayers for comfort and healing to: Bryan Lasek; Tom Colthurst; Dale Torpey, Joe Skubal; Baby Harper; and Deidra Hall and her baby girl. Please include family members, medical teams, and support teams. **Serving Our Country:** Our sincere "Thank You!" to members and their families serving our country here and abroad.

PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



Following are highlights from the August 14 meeting:

Finance: Bills outside normal monthly billings: Paid for camp fees for 2 youth to attend Crooked Creek Camp; Paid for a sound system computer (paid from Memorial); South Church water bill higher than normal due to running toilet that has now been repaired; Paid Parsonage renter a portion of her water bill for watering grass due to construction. Paid insurance; Paid legal fees for consultation concerning church property; Paid registration fee for one person to attend "Walk to Emmaus." Balance sheet – July expenses more than income by \$2,513.41 but still ahead in income versus expenses. Update on Parsonage rent: Jo is extending the renter's deadline. **Committee Reports:** Christian Education: VBS was held August 1-4 with UCC in Crawfordsville. About 10 youth from ACC participated. Kids' Club will resume in September. Property: The railing by the North door of the South Church was painted and installed; An additional computer and keyboard were added to the South Church Sound booth in order to improve the ability to stream the service; Nick Yoder repaired the church office computer. Mission: – In June the Mission Committee served 9 families representing 28 individuals. In July the Mission committee served 11 families representing 36 people. **Old Business:** Disaffiliation: A letter was sent by June 30 to UMC indicating we wish to disaffiliate. Informational meeting was held with the new district superintendent in July. The UMC has now set August 20 at 3:30 PM as the date they will conduct our official vote to disaffiliate. **New Business:** Requests were received from the following to JOIN ACC: Jason Anderson, Deborah Chalupa, Marshall Crossett, Jennifer Crossett, and JoAnn Torpey All requests were granted. They will be presented to the congregation on Sunday, August 20, 2023. It was agreed that we will still need to have the same committees going forward as we have now as per our Bylaws. Jan will contact the nominating committee and make sure Colleen takes steps to prepare a budget. Jan is working to get everything ready for her retirement. She plans to forfeit her salary and begin training her replacement as soon as someone is identified. The goal would be to have them trained by the end of December 2023 so they are ready to go in January 2024. She will work with SPPRC. Following discussion, it was agreed she would suggest to them that the new secretary receive \$15/hour up to \$5000 per year. This is subject to adjustment as time goes forward. UCC may soon be adding a Christian Education position. Jason may approach us for partial reimbursement of his YouTube account. Next regular meeting: Monday, September 18, 2023, 7 PM via Zoom (note date change).

SEPTEMBER 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Saturday, September 2: ACC Food Pantry Distribution, South Church, 9 AM to Noon

Sunday, September 3: ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; Jason at UP Home, 6:30 PM

Monday, September 4: Labor Day

Wednesday, September 6: Youth Group, Bethel, 7-8:30 PM

Thursday, September 7: Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM

Sunday, Sept. 10: ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; 4-H Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 4PM

Monday, Sept. 11 - NOTE: Parish Council moved to September 18

Wednesday, September 13: Kids' Club Kick-off Event, Marr Park, 6 PM; Youth Group, Bethel, 7-8:30 PM
Thursday, September 14: ACCW, Fellowship Hall, 1:30 PM, Ann Freyenberger Hostess and Program; Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM
Sunday, September 17: ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; Jason at Halcyon, 2:30 PM; Clerk of Session Review Meeting, First Presbyterian Church, Muscatine, 2-5 PM
Monday, September 18: ACC Parish Council via Zoom, 7 PM
Tuesday, September 19: "Card" Club with Brenda Bean, Fellowship Hall, 4:30 to 8 PM
Wednesday, September 20: NO Kids' Club - support Highland Huskie Boom Night; Youth Group, Bethel, 7-8:30 PM
Thursday, September 21: Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM
Sunday, September 24: ACC Worship, 10:30 AM
Monday, September 25: Sacha Club, Fellowship Hall, 6:30 PM
Wednesday, September 27: Kids' Club, 6:30 PM, North Church; Youth Group, Bethel, 7-8:30 PM
Thursday, September 28: Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM
Saturday, September 30: Applications Due for ACC Church Secretary position

OCTOBER 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 1: ACC Worship with Communion, 10:30 AM
Wednesday, October 4: Kids' Club, 6:30 PM, 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, 4-8 PM
Monday, October 9: Blood Drive, United Church of Crawfordsville; ACC Parish Council, 7 PM via Zoom
Wednesday, October 11: Kids' Club, 6:30 PM, 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: Kids' Club, 6:30 PM, 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: Kids' Club, 6:30 PM, 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
Wednesday, November 1: Kids' Club, 6:30 PM, North Church; Youth Group, Bethel, 7-8:30 PM



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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.