

THE EVANGEL – OCTOBER 2017

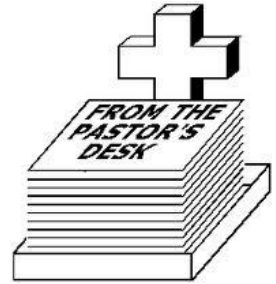
FROM THE PASTOR

Happy harvest month church,

What are your gifts that God has given you to do ministry (love on people) in your context of life? This question has been in the forefront of my mind now for a couple months. How can I, as a pastor, help others see their gifts? Truth is, we see so much negative on TV and are so good at pointing out the wrong in the world around us, we truly wire our brains to not encourage one another. We quit looking for the good in our neighbors. In the coming weeks we will be working together to love each other and help each other encourage and find our gifts.

Help me start this process by each of us complimenting 3 people each day this month. On October 1, let our churches work to lift up the people around us. Over 500 people will get this newsletter, and if only one person in each address reads it, that will equal 46,500 compliments in one month! Imagine how that would change the world around us. It feels great when someone points out the things you are good at! We all need a little (a lot) more encouraging and love from the people around us!

Have a blessed harvest month and may the turning of the leaves turn your heart towards God.



In Christ,

Pastor Jason Collier
563-343-3390

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE, OCTOBER '17

OCTOBER 1

Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17;
(John 8:58)

"God's Name Is Revealed"

OCTOBER 8

Exodus 16:1-18; (John 6:51)

"God Provides Manna"

OCTOBER 15

1 Samuel 3:1-21; (John 20:21-23)

"God Calls Samuel"



OCTOBER 22

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 51:10-14
(John 7:24)

"God Calls David"

OCTOBER 29

1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13; (John 2:19-21)

"Solomon's Temple"

NOVEMBER 5

1 KINGS 19:1-18; (John 12:27-28)

"God Speaks to Elijah"

CIA YOUTH GROUP!

This October is the beginning of a new year full of excitement. We want to welcome any student in 6th-12th grade to come and try our youth group. October events are as follows:

OCTOBER 1ST

NO CONFIRMATION

Meet at 5 PM at Dennis Bean's house (Text Carson, AmySara, or see private FB Group for address or info) for a Bonfire and Outdoor Movie - BRING A SNACK AND A DRINK!

OCTOBER 8TH



4 PM Confirmation at UCC

5:30 PM Meal provided by Duane and Ann Lewis; Walk around Crawfordsville to collect money for CROP.

OCTOBER 14TH

Students are welcome to attend the Family Fun Night at UCC. This is NOT a youth group event, but students are invited! It starts at 6 PM.

OCTOBER 15TH

Meet at 4 PM at HACAP in Washington to box food for the HACAP Pantry.

This changes the Confirmation time till 6 PM. NO MEAL

OCTOBER 21ST

6 PM Midwest Haunted Rails & Thrashers House of Terror

Cost: \$10 House of Terror; \$10 Haunted Rails & Wristband

No Supper - So bring extra money if you want to snack or eat at the venue.

RETURN BY MIDNIGHT



OCTOBER 22ND

4 PM Confirmation; NO MEAL

OCTOBER 28TH

6 PM Scream Acres; Leave ACC at 5 PM

Cost: \$20 for 2 Haunts; \$30 for 4 Haunts;

\$10 for Supper - Eat at Steak & Shake in Coralville

RETURN BY MIDNIGHT

OCTOBER 29TH

4 PM Confirmation; NO MEAL

Dear Church family,



We are in need of adult volunteers. We will need drivers for every event, and volunteers who are willing to come and cook a meal. This is an important part of our student ministry, and your generous assistance is greatly appreciated!



PERSONAL UPDATE: July 29th, I was stricken with an unexplained illness which mimics stroke. Currently, I use migraine abortive medications to keep the symptoms minimized, however, this medication is not always effective, and does not *prevent* the symptoms from happening. Testing is ongoing, and I still do not have a confirmed diagnosis. I now have some good days in each week, and I thank God for that. Your prayers, thoughts, calls, texts, cards and meals were imperative during the time I spent waiting for some sort of help. I cannot thank you effectively enough, but I can tell you that my heart is filled with gratitude for each of you!

Sincerely,

AmySara Richardson

FIRE PREVENTION AT KIDS' CLUB OCTOBER 11



The Wednesday, October 11 session of Kids' Club will offer something extra special. Instead of meeting at the North Church, the group will meet at the Ainsworth Fire Station from 6:30-7:30 PM. Join with the Firefighters that evening to learn about what they do, learn about fire prevention, AND enjoy free Hot Dogs! Prizes will be available for all youth. Also featured: "Operation EDITH". Practice your escape plan at home and at 8:30 PM that night, the fire trucks will drive through town with lights and sirens. When you hear them coming go outside turn on your porch light and wave to the Firefighters when they go by to show them you practiced your escape plan. Kids' Club Parents, please drop off your kids and pick them up at the Ainsworth Fire Station.

VICTORY IN PUPPETS/PUPPET MINISTRY

If you are a youth in 6th grade or older and interested in participating in the Puppet Ministry Program at ACC, please Call Janet Rees at 319-430-4730 or 319-657-2272. They will soon start rehearsals and you won't want to miss being a part of the fun!



HIGHLAND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Highland Community School District is sending students to the community once a month to share different school activities. The topics will be varied, but they are all our youth coming to share with our community. The ACCW agreed to support this effort in place of our Neighbor to Neighbor program for several sessions. With the Highland Community Outreach Program, you may get better acquainted with your neighbors AND learn more about what is happening at the Highland Community School District. The programs are the **2nd Wednesday of the month beginning at 11 AM**. So far, this is the schedule:

October 11, Town View Village
November 8
December 13

Each month, the students will arrive at 11 AM. The event includes a light lunch for everyone – students and community members. In October, November, and December, ACCW members will provide the food.

ACCW – MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11

Ainsworth Community Church Women (ACCW) is modifying its October schedule. They will be on **Wednesday, October 11 at 11 AM at Town View Village Community Center**. Following the program provided by the Highland elementary students and a light lunch provided by Marcia Wilson, Wilma Chalupa, Linda McNeil, and Kathi Bean, there will be a short business meeting. EVERYONE is welcome to attend.



KIDS' CLUB NEWS

Kids' Club is going strong with about 30 youth attending the kick off on September 13th at Marr Park. Kids' Club will meet each Wednesday night at 6:30 through November 8th. At the last Fall Session on the 8th everyone will share a harvest meal to praise God for our bountiful harvest. The students will share with their family what they have been learning while participating in the program. Further details will be sent home with the students.



UCC HARVEST SUPPER AND SALE – OCT. 28



The United Church of Crawfordsville is hosting a Harvest Supper and Sale on Saturday, October 28 between the hours of 4:30 and 6:45 PM. The sale/auction will begin at 7 PM. **Menu:** Creamed Chicken and Biscuits; Beef Burgers; Salads, and Pie. There will be a free will offering for the supper. Auction items will include cakes, pies, crafts, grain, canned goods, etc.

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.

- **Men's Walk: Thursday, October 20 thru Sunday, October 23**
 - **Women's Walk: Thursday, November 3 thru Sunday, November 6**
- Both will be held at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca (Shueyville, IA).

PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



Old Business: Old easel now hangs in the North Church entry to use as a message board; received a thank you note from the Wheeler girls for camp assistance; Charge Conference date has changed to Sunday, December 10.

New Business: 1) Approved Pastor Jason assisting with Walk to Emmaus October 19-22, 2017. This will be considered one of his education Sunday's. 2) Approved baptism of Kase Carstensen and accepted membership transfer of Zachary Carstensen. 3) Internet speed has been increased at each church because of changes at Windstream. 4) Jason is investigating a program that would meet needs of parents of students attending Kids' Club. It would be held simultaneously. 5) Parish Council is planning a working dinner with spouses in October. Purpose is to determine church goals for 2018. 6) Jason will be on vacation January 22-28; need pulpit supply January 28th. He will travel as a guest to visit the Holy Land February 11-23, 2018. It is a learning trip – not a vacation. 7) Discussion to have Council perform duties of the Finance Committee and the Memorial Committee was tabled until October. 8) Helping storm victims: Jason encourages us to support UMCORE. It was agreed to support the ACC Mission Committee as they reach out to sponsor a family impacted by natural disaster.

OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Ushers	Greeters	Candles	Refreshments	AV
Oct. 1	Myron Rees, Sam Kruse	Karen/Wendell Arduser	Drew Diers	Wynne Steele, Jessica Diers	Dalton Diers
8	Dennis Bean, Jason Anderson	Betty/Jerry Bean	Jacob Hartzler	Wilma Chalupa, Penny McCreedy	Rob Yoder Dalton Diers
15	Jim Hansen, Wendell Arduser	Jennifer/Marshall Crossett	Kate Hartzler	Ann Freyenberger JoAnn Torpey	Joey Collier
22	Carson Bean, Dennis Bean	Carol Bean Marcia Wilson	Molly Klinzman	Kathi Bean, Pat Jenkins	Kyle Entsminger
29	Dave Kaufman, Steve Anderson	Betty/Jerry Bean	Shalyn Kirk	Liz Kaufman, Rita Anderson	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
Nov. 5	Neil Mills Neal Megchelsen	Oscar & Wynne Steele	Drew Diers	Wynne Steele, Ann Freyenberger	Dalton Diers

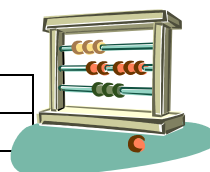
BUDGET REPORT – 8-31-17

	Income	\$6,346.93	Expenses	\$16,035.95
	General Fund	\$8,516.33	Building Fund	\$8,647.06
	Memorial Fund	\$7,936.43	Need/month for budget	\$7,718.00

2017 Combined Presbytery and Methodist dues/apportionments: \$10,819.00

AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE

Month	2015	2016	2017
August	359	281	251
September	347	281	261



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS/*ANNIVERSARIES



1)*Jeff & Bonnie Thomann, Cory Stewart; 2) Brenda Bean;3) Colleen Bean; 4) Bob Lynde; 6) Rob Yoder; 7) Virginia Holmes; 8) Judy Stout; 10) Bonnie Thomann; 11) Pat Roberts, 12) Ron Ornduff; 15) Chelsea Anderson Septer; 17) Haili Hunter, *Josh & Christine Sands, *John & Alison Barnes; 20) Brandyn Beemblossm; Angela Hazelett; 21) Adam (A. J.) Voshell, Jr.; 23) Peg Hunter; Carol Horning; 24) Richard Lord; Wayne Freyenberger; 26) Alice Droll; 27) Geoff Stewart; 29) *Ken & Tammy Kruse, Jr.; 30) Tim Bean; 31) Joyce Lord.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Joys: Several members of our church family have recently completed surgery to repair 'injured or worn body parts'. We give thanks for their improved health and best wishes for speedy recovery! We are grateful for the many students participating in Kids' Club and other Youth Ministry efforts. **Concerns:** Prayers for the many throughout our country recovering from natural disasters. Prayers for safety of our farmers and their families during harvest as well as 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR OCTOBER



Recurring Weekly Events: **Sunday,** Worship, 10:30 AM; Confirmation, 4-5:30 PM; Student Dinner, 5:30-6 PM; CIA Youth Group, 6-7 PM

October, December, February, and April at Ainsworth North Church LOFT. November, January and March at Crawfordsville.

- **Tuesdays:** Pastor Office Hours – ACC: 1-3 PM; Jan Office Hours, 2-4 PM
- **Wednesdays:** Kids' Club, 6:30-7:30 PM, North Church, October 4, 11, 18, and 25; and November 1. Harvest Meal, November 8, South Church, Fellowship Hall, for Kids' Club participants and their family. **Thursdays:** Jan Office Hours, 2-4 PM; TKD, North Church, Sanctuary, 6 PM

Sunday, October 1: Worldwide Communion and Peacemaking Sunday – special offering for each; Holy Communion celebrated

Tuesday, October 3: "Son" Seekers, Herb and Dorothy, 7PM

Monday, October 9: ACC Parish Council, 7 PM, North Church Office

Wednesday, October 11: Highland Community School Outreach, 11 AM, Town View Village. Program by Highland Elementary students; lunch by ACCW. Business meeting to follow program and lunch in the community room.

Tuesday, October 17: "Card" Club, Fellowship Hall, 5-10 PM; "Son" Seekers, Mike and Mary Lou Koehler's, 7 PM

Wednesday, October 18: ACC Food Pantry Open, 3-6 PM, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, October 19: Jason assisting with Walk to Emmaus, Thursday, October 19 through Sunday, October 22.

Saturday, October 28: UCC Harvest Supper and Auction

Monday, October 30: Hold Fellowship Hall for Sacha, 6-10 PM

Sunday, November 5: Daylight Saving Time Ends

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WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM South Church – Corner of 4th & Washington

GENERAL MINISTRY OF CONGREGATION

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ORGANIST: Linda McNeil; Jenny Yoder (substitute)

CUSTODIANS: Dick & Chris Sieren: 657-2222

TREASURER: Colleen Bean

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Karen Megchelsen, 3206 265th St.,
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MISSION COMMITTEE: Kathi/Brenda: 657.2387; and Ann: 319.330.0348

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.