

## AINSWORTH COMMUNITY CHURCH, DECEMBER 27, 2015, 10:30 AM

WORD OF WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR JASON

PRELUDE AND CANDLE LIGHTING

LINDA MCNEIL AND KATE HARTZLER

**\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP: (CONGREGATION SPEAKS RESPONSES IN BOLD PRINT)**

We who knelt in the stable—

**Let us come and kneel in the temple!**

Let our hearts give thanks, and our hands rejoice!

**Let our spirits sing, and our bodies dance!**

O children, enter the house of the Lord!

**Enter God's presence, and be reborn!**

HYMN: "JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE"

BLUE HYMNAL #89

CHILDREN'S SERMON

BY KAREN MEGCHELSEN

CALL TO OFFERING\*\*\*\*SPECIAL MUSIC - ACC PUPPETS FEATURING COLTON BEAN

\*HYMN: "PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW"

BLUE HYMNAL #95

**\*\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

**Gracious God, we praise you for the greatest gift, salvation in your Son Jesus. In him, we find deep and abiding joy. As we dedicate our offerings, we devote ourselves to your service. Help us to live faithfully, growing in wisdom in the light of the miracle of Christmas. Thank you for giving us opportunities to bring tidings of joy to our neighbors through the ministries of this congregation. Amen**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

RESPONSE: "HOW GREAT THOU ART"

BLUE HYMNAL #77

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, it's only a few days after the Christmas celebration and we are exhausted. People have come and gone; gatherings are winding down; we are being reminded of the "normalcy" of life returning to us. We don't want to go there just yet. We want to linger in the warmth of the season. Forgive us when we don't seem to feel your warmth in our lives all the time. Forgive us when we assign warmth only to Christmas, and then to Easter and seem to dwell on the mundane the rest of the time. Give us courage to live as people of the Light, those who find your comforting, encouraging presence in our lives at all times. Strengthen us for joyful service in your name. AMEN.**

SILENT INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF ASSURANCE

People of God, feel the presence of God right now, in this place, warming your hearts, forgiving your fears and strife; preparing you for joyful service. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are beloved and forgiven. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 2: 11-12

RED BIBLE PAGE 2

MESSAGE: "A DIFFERENT KIND OF CHRISTMAS #6: BY A DIFFERENT ROAD"

PASTOR JASON COLLIER

BLUE HYMNAL PAGE 12

HOLY COMMUNION

CALL TO RESPONSE

**\*\*HYMN:** "LOVE CAME DOWN AT CHRISTMAS"

BLUE HYMNAL #242

(WHILE THIS IS SUNG, THE LIGHT FROM THE CANDLES IS CARRIED OUT INTO THE WORLD.)

**\*\*THE BENEDICTION**

**\*\*A REQUEST TO STAND, IF YOU ARE ABLE.**

\*\*\*\*\*If you are a new attendee please complete one of the orange "Connecting with ACC" cards in the pews. Place the completed card in the offering plate as it passes. We look forward to seeing you again! (Extra Orange Cards at Snack Table – leave completed card with Sound Booth Operator).

*Thank you, The ACC Worship and Membership Committees*

Restrooms, water fountain, nursery area, and baby changing table are all located in the Fellowship Hall which can be found downstairs through the front and back entryways.

For a hearing assistance device, check with persons in the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

Sources: Liturgy and prayers provided by website "Ministry Matters"

**PARISH COUNCIL FOR 2015:** Myron Rees; Liz Kaufman, Dan Klinzman, Dwight Miller, Jenny Yoder, Kris Anderson, and Laura Temple. Youth Representative: Kylen Anderson

**STAFF/PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS:** Steve Anderson, Dave Kaufman, Marg Colthurst.

**BIRTHDAYS/\*ANNIVERSARIES:** 27) \*Chris & Molly Hartzler; Anna Chalupa; Alexandria (Lexi) Collier; 29) Dorothy Koehler; 30) Molly Hartzler, \*Dave & Liz Kaufman, Riley Thomann; **January:** 2)Molly Edgar; 5) \*Jim & Sherrie Hazen-Hansen; 6) \*Jim & Penny McCreedy; \*Owen & Norma White, Diane Anding, Gary Stewart; Tammy Kruse

**SPECIAL GIVING** If you wish to donate to the special Advent Project this year (the Ainsworth Community Church Mission Committee), you may use the printed envelopes found about the sanctuary. Place the donation in the offering plate or the donation jar at the back of the church. The Mission Committee will use this to help local families. Thank you for your generosity during this season of giving.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

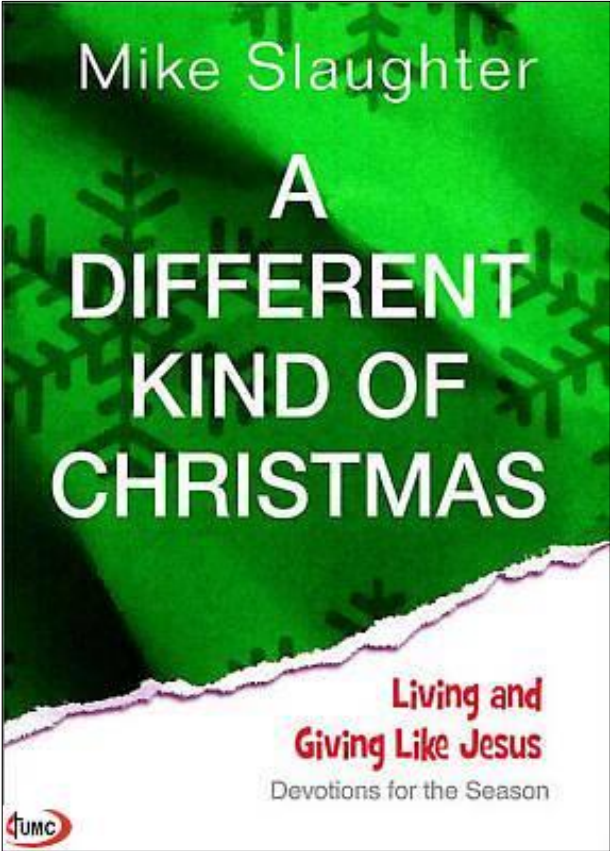
**Sunday, December 27:** Communion during 10:30 AM Worship  
**Saturday, January 2:** Praise Team Rehearsal, 5 PM  
**Sunday, January 3:** “The Story” Resumes, Chapter 20 – Bible Study, 9:15 AM, Fellowship Hall; Worship – The Story, Chapter 20, 10:30 AM, NO Communion  
**Monday, January 4:** “The Story” Bible Study, 6:30 PM, Fellowship hall  
**Thursday, January 7:** Spirit Sisters, 9 AM, Ainsworth; TKD, 6 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall  
**Friday, January 8:** Breakfast Club, 9 AM, Crawfordsville;  
**Friday, January 8 thru Sunday, January 10:** Youth Retreat at Crooked Creek Christian Camp  
**Saturday, January 9:** Praise Team Rehearsal, 5 PM, Ainsworth Church  
**Sunday, January 10:** The Story Bible Study, Chapter 21, 9:15 AM, Fellowship Hal; Pastor Jason Course of Study; 4-H Meets in Fellowship Hall, 5:30-7 PM  
**Monday, January 11:** Sisters Group, 6:30 PM, Crawfordsville; The Story Bible Study, 6:30 PM, ACC  
**Thursday, January 14:** Spirit Sisters, 9 AM, Ainsworth; TKD, 6 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall; Parish Council, 7 PM, North Church  
**Friday, January 15:** Breakfast Club, 9 AM, Crawfordsville  
**Saturday, January 16:** Praise Team Rehearsal, 5 PM, Ainsworth Church  
**Sunday, January 17:** The Story Bible Study – Chapter 22, 9:15 AM, Fellowship Hall; Worship 10:30 AM, The Story, Chapter 22; CIA Youth Group, 4 PM, Crawfordsville  
**Mon., Jan. 18:** Sisters Group, Crawfordsville, 6:30 PM; The Story Bible Study, Ch. 22, 6:30 PM, ACC  
**Tuesday, January 19:** “Card” Club, 5 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall  
**Wednesday, Jan. 20:** Bachelors Lunch, 11:30 AM, UCC; Kids’ Club resumes, North Church, 6:30 PM

Date	Ushers	Greeters	Candles	Snacks	AV
27	Steve Anderson Myron Rees	Carol Bean, Nancy Stewart	Kate Hartzler	Karen Megchelsen, Brenda Bean	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier
Jan. 3	Dale Holmes, Bill Wilson	Ruth Miller, Angie Ornduff	Ellie Anderson	Judy Skubal, Jenny Yoder	Dalton Diers, Joey Collier

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:30 AM  
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**AINSWORTH COMMUNITY CHURCH**

United Methodist & Presbyterian Church (USA)  
United together in fellowship, love, and service since 1973



**Our Mission is to share the saving love of Christ and to help persons grow as joyful disciples in ministry to all the world.**

**December 27, 2015  
10:30 AM**

**JASON W. COLLIER, PASTOR**