

# ***THE EVANGEL – SEPTEMBER 2018***

## ***FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK***



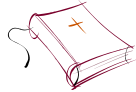
I woke up singing the song, “If You Love My Lord.” If you know the words, they tell you to stand up and shout it if you love my Jesus.... And sit down and whisper if you love my Lord. This simple song from my childhood got me thinking. Which am I? Am I a “Stand Up and Shout It”? Or am I a “Sit Down and Whisper”? Most of the time, I think I am a “Stand Up and Shout It”. But is there value in being a sit down and whisper kind of person? Well of course there is! And what a shock if someone said the “Stand Up and Shout It” Christians are doing it all wrong.

Can you imagine loving God and people in lots of different ways, but all of us doing it the way God designed us? That is the key to being a Christian follower who is at peace with his relationship with God and others. We are all different people, and we all need each other. That is the church in action. So, the next time you see someone going about it a little different than you would, step back and ask yourself, “Are they using the gifts God blessed them with to make a difference?” And if so, come along side and encourage them.

Servant of God,

Jason Collier

## ***LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE FOR SEPTEMBER 2018***

Sept. 2	<b>Stewardship</b>	<b>Luke 12:13-34</b>	
Sept. 9	<b>Flood and Promise</b> 16th Sunday after Pentecost	<b>Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17</b> Noah, the flood, and the promise of the rainbow (Matthew 8:24-27, Jesus calms the storm)	
Sept. 16	<b>Call of Abraham</b> 17th Sunday after Pentecost	<b>Genesis 12:1-9</b> Call of Abraham, promise of land, descendants, blessing to the nations (Matthew 28:19-20, Go therefore and make disciples of all nations)	
Sept. 23	<b>Joseph in Prison</b> 18th Sunday after Pentecost	<b>Genesis 39:1-23</b> Joseph is unjustly put in prison; yet God is present with him there (Matthew 5:11-12, Blessed are you when people revile you)	
Sept. 30	<b>Rescue at the Sea</b> 19th Sunday after Pentecost	<b>Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29</b> The sea parts at the exodus; God's deliverance (Matthew 2:13-15, Mary, Joseph, and Jesus in Egypt, out of Egypt have I called my son)	
Oct. 7	<b>Covenant and Commandments</b> 20th Sunday after Pentecost	<b>Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17</b> God brings Israel as on eagle's wings; Decalogue (Matthew 5:17, Jesus came not to abolish the law and prophets but to fulfill them)	

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

### **YOUTH GROUP**

The Youth Group will Kick-Off the 2018-19 Year on Sunday, September 30. Check for details via text and the Youth Group Facebook page. The group is welcoming Kristin Schell as a new leader in addition to Nick Yoder. She is filling Sam Kruse's vacancy. We wish Sam well in his new Music Director position with City Point in Washington. Stay tuned!

### **JOB OPPORTUNITY – APPLY BY SEP. 21**

Applications are being taken for Executive Director of Crooked Creek Christian Camp until September 21. FMI: [www.crookedcreekcamp.org](http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org).



### **ACC POTLUCK SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**



With the hectic pace of summer activities concluded, enjoy great food and the fellowship of your church family at a Potluck Lunch on Sunday September 16 following worship. Drink and table service will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass.

### **KIDS' CLUB FALL SESSION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12**

Kids' Club (target audience is Pre-school through 6<sup>th</sup> grade) will begin its Fall Session on Wednesday, September 12. A special "Kick-Off" event is planned at Marr Park, Shelter 1 (first shelter on the right as you enter the park from Hwy. 92) beginning at 6 PM. A light supper will be served followed by a hay ride around the park. Following the Kick-off, sessions will be held Wednesdays- 6:30 to 7:30PM at the North Church. Please call Karen if you could help with the Kick-off or any portion of the Fall Session – 319-430-0496. PS – Youth may register on line. Check the Ainsworth Community Church Facebook page or website at: [ainsworthchurch.org](http://ainsworthchurch.org) to find the link.



### **MISSION COMMITTEE: IN-GATHERING KITS**

The Mission Committee is again getting ready for the In-Gathering Kits to be sent in early November. Kathi has purchased all of the items needed and will request the help of ACCW at their September meeting to assemble the kits.

### **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 the community. Donations may be sent to: *Norma White, 624 7th Street, Ainsworth, IA 52201*

### **ACCW - THURSDAY, SEPT. 13, 1:30 PM**

ACCW will meet on Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> in the South Church Fellowship Hall. Regular attendees are encouraged to bring a guest. Kathi Bean will present the program; Linda McNeil is hostess.



### **ACC FOOD PANTRY OPEN SEPT. 19**



The Ainsworth Community Church Food Pantry will open for participants Sept. 19, 3-6 PM. If you need to make other arrangements or have eligibility questions please call 319-657-2387 for confidential information.

## 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 2018. About 25 youth and 20 volunteers participated each evening to experience a Bible lesson, a hands-on activity; a game, snacks, and music.



## WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S – SEPT. 16



On September 16, I am planning to join my family and friends in participating in the Iowa City "Walk to End Alzheimer's". Our team is "Kermit's Krew"; captain is Tara Jenkins. We welcome anyone who wants to join us to walk at the Iowa City Park. Prior to, and during the Walk, we are accepting tax-deductible donations for the ALZ.org. If you wish to be part of the fundraising to find a cure for this tragic disease, I will be happy to accept and forward checks made out to **ALZ.org**.  
Thank you, *Pat Jenkins*

## SPECIAL OFFERINGS, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

**Sun., Oct. 7 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. The donation jar and envelopes will be at the back of the sanctuary.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

## WALK TO EMMAUS: OCT. 25-28 & NOV. 8-11

If you wish to participate in a Walk to Emmaus, please get in touch with Pastor Jason. Note that the church will pay for your registration fee for the weekend. All you need do is pack your bag and prepare to be pampered and eat very well for the entire weekend. Both will be held at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca (Shueyville, IA).



- **Men's Walk: Thursday, Oct. 25 thru Sunday, Oct. 28**
- **Women's Walk: Thursday, Nov. 8 thru Sunday, Nov. 11**

## CHARGE CONFERENCE – NOVEMBER 25, 6:30 PM



Charge Conference is scheduled for Sunday, November 25 at 6:30 PM at the United Church of Crawfordsville. All committees will need to be taking action in preparation for that event. All reports are due by Monday, November 5 for review by Parish Council at a special meeting that evening. The congregation may review the materials from Sunday, Nov. 11 to 18 to ask questions before all is submitted one week before our Charge Conference.

## BLOOD DRIVE – THANK YOU!!

Thank you! Ainsworth Community Church Family for supporting the August blood drive.. We collected 35 units that may help the lives of up to 140 patients and their families. **Thank you** to the snack/kitchen crew: JoAnn Torpey, Marcia Wilson, Ann Freyenberger, and Kathi Bean; and the callers: JoAnn Torpey, Marcia Wilson, and Kathi Bean. The Blood Center and donors were most appreciative!



# WASHINGTON COUNTY RIVERBOAT FOUNDATION



It is finished!! It took a while to get all the components completed, but we are now benefitting from all 6 components of the \$32,319 grant received through the Washington County Riverboat Foundation: 1) Updated electricity service in the North Building; 2) New furnace and air conditioning in the church office at the North Church; 3) New air conditioning in the South Church; 4) Six new Wi-Fi capable thermostats between the two churches; 5) Repainted roof trip at the North Church, and 6) New carpet in the South Church sanctuary. Through the Building Fund, we did contribute 20 percent of the total cost of these updates from our own treasury. It would have taken us much longer to have compiled this much money for the total project on our own. Thank you to those compiling information for the grant and overseeing the project.



## PASTOR VISITS AND PRAYER LIST

Please let us know if you would like Pastor Jason to call on you or if you need to be on our prayer list. 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**.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



**Joys:** Memories of family summer vacations and reunions, family time; and good health. **Concerns:** Our students, parents, and teachers as they start the new school year. Those suffering from weather related issues in our nation and abroad – drought, fire, flooding, hurricane, and tornadoes. Those dealing with health issues: Darrell and Wilma Chalupa, Jim and Penny McCreedy; and Teresa Rameres. Those recovering from joint replacement surgery: Sandy Stout and Jerry Bean; cataract surgery: Linda McNeil. **Thank You!** to members and their families serving our country.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS/\*ANNIVERSARIES



1) Marge Lasek; Jeff Prier; 3) \*Duane & Deb Chalupa; 4) Duane Chalupa, \*George & Margaret Colthurst; 5) Kitch Shatzer; 7) \*Sabrina & Dylan Goodwin; 9) Eric Stewart; 11) Ellie Prier; 12) Ashley Stout; 15) Joy Powers; 16) Owen White; Courtney Chalupa; 18) Jim Wenger; Bob Frame; 21) Joe Rees; 22) Dana Skubal Mikel; 25) Mary Stephens, \*Ted & Theresa Hahn; 26) Jason Longbine; Karen Arduser; 28) Deb Stewart; 30) Linda Lord, Trudy Buster.



## SEPTEMBER 2018 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Ushers	Greeters	Candles	Snacks	AV
2	Myron Rees Neil Mills	Carol Bean Bertie Miller	Ellie Anderson	Janet Rees Molly Hartzler	Nick Yoder
9	Neal Megchelsen Steve Anderson	Steve Miller Drew Diers	Kate Hartzler	Wilma Chalupa Karen Arduser	Dalton Diers
16	Jim Hansen Wendell Arduser	Steve & Rita Anderson	Shalyn Kirk	Karen Megchelsen Wynne Steele	Nick Yoder
23	Roger Boyer Jason Anderson	Marcia Wilson JoAnn Torpey	Gabrielle Dawley	JoAnn Torpey Ann Freyenberger	Dalton Diers
30	Clifton Dawley Dave Kaufman	Betty & Jerry Bean	Jacob Hartzler	Betty Bean Marcia Wilson	Nick Yoder



## OCTOBER 2018 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Ushers	Greeters	Candles	Snacks	AV
7	Joe Skubal Nick Yoder	Jennifer & Marshall Crossett	Drew Diers	Jan Temple Laura Temple	Dalton Diers
14	Dennis Bean Carson Bean	Karen & Wendell Arduser	Ellie Anderson	Kathi Bean Brenda Bean	Nick Yoder
21	Myron Rees Neil Mills	Carol Bean Bertie Miller	Kate Hartzler	Jessica Diers Pat Jenkins	Dalton Diers
28	Neal Megchelsen Steve Anderson	Steve Miller Drew Diers	Gabrielle Dawley	Liz Kaufman Rita Anderson	Nick Yoder

## NOVEMBER 2018 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Ushers	Greeters	Candles	Snacks	AV
4	Jim Hansen Wendell Arduser	Steve & Rita Anderson	Jacob Hartzler	Janet Rees Molly Hartzler	Dalton Diers
11	Roger Boyer Jason Anderson	Marcia Wilson JoAnn Torpey	Drew Diers	Wilma Chalupa Karen Arduser	Nick Yoder
18	Clifton Dawley Dave Kaufman	Betty & Jerry Bean	Ellie Anderson	Karen Megchelsen Wynne Steele	Dalton Diers
25	Joe Skubal Nick Yoder	Jennifer & Marshall Crossett	Kate Hartzler	JoAnn Torpey Ann Freyenberger	Nick Yoder

## DECEMBER 2018 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Ushers	Greeters	Advent Candles	Snacks	AV
2	Dennis Bean Carson Bean	Karen & Wendell Arduser	TBD	Judy Skubal Jenny Yoder	Dalton Diers
9	Myron Rees Neil Mills	Carol Bean Bertie Miller	TBD	Jan Temple Laura Temple	Nick Yoder
16	Neal Megchelsen Dave Kaufman	Steve Miller Drew Diers	TBD	Kathi Bean Brenda Bean	Nick Yoder
23	Jim Hansen Wendell Arduser	Jennifer & Marshall Crossett	TBD	Jessica Diers Pat Jenkins	Nick Yoder
24- Eve	Roger Boyer Jason Anderson		TBD		Nick Yoder
30	Clifton Dawley Dave Kaufman	Carol Bean Bertie Miller	Lexi Collier	Liz Kaufman Rita Anderson	Nick Yoder

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

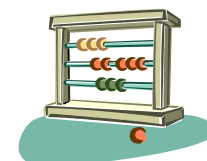


Note the **same names, over and over and over again!!!** My list of volunteers is getting short – especially when our ‘Snow Birds’ fly away for the winter. **PLEASE let me know when YOU would be willing to Usher, Greet, Light**

**Candles, Provide Snacks or work with AV.** Thank you! Jan

## SUMMER ATTENDANCE

Month	2016	2017	2018
June	281	251	248
July	405	347	314
August	281	251	265




# SUMMER 2018 PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



**The June meeting was abbreviated because of a pending storm; no meeting in July because of summer vacations. This information is a summary of the August meeting.** **Youth Group:** As of June 15, Sam Kruse resigned from his Youth Group Leader position with ACC/UCC and accepted employment with City Point as their music leader. The Council recommended to SPPRC that Kristin Schell be employed as a Youth Group Leader working with Nick Yoder. Nick shared that the credit earned for "Coins for Camping" will be used next summer. The Mission Trip to Des Moines was a great learning experience for all. Youth Group will begin on September 30 with a kick-off event. **Christian Education:** About 25 youth and 20 volunteers were involved with VBS. Kids' Club Kickoff will be Wednesday, September 12 at 6 PM at Marr Park. **Property – Parsonage:** Property manager Tim Elliott has a new family living in the parsonage. Updates completed between renters included: new vinyl flooring in the entry, bath and kitchen; new carpet in the dining room, living room and study; carpet going up the stairs and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor was professionally cleaned. Professional cleaners cleaned the entire house. **Fellowship Hall:** Carpet was cleaned; broken water heater in kitchen replaced; Memorial Monies were used to replace kitchen sink faucets. **Garage/Old Office:** Still plans to tear it down. We will save \$150/year in insurance costs once removed. **The Renovation and Update Project** is now complete thanks to monies from the Washington County Riverboat Foundation. **South Church:** New security lights installed. **North Church:** Drinking fountain at the bottom of the stairs was removed because of a leaking issue that was not cost effective to repair. **Mission – In June,** they served 16 families through the food pantry representing 43 persons. **In July,** 11 families were served representing a total of 36 persons. Leftover food from the pantry was taken to the garden at the school. Mission Committee would like to sponsor the "Building Bridges" program at our church in 2019. The Mission Committee also shared a draft of a proposal outlining their Mission and "Guidelines for Assistance". Regarding **Financial Needs**, the guidelines specify a dollar amount to help a family within one year with items such as utilities, rent, repairs, medication, diapers, etc. Monies would be paid to the vendor – not the family. Also, a **gas allowance** is addressed stating up to \$25 would be paid to Stewarts or the Four Corners – no cash will be handed to an individual. **Food Pantry:** the pantry will continue to be open once a month and in the case of emergencies. At least 2 adults from the church must be present when assisting emergency food needs unless the person making the request is familiar to the committee members. **Resources:** Persons requesting assistance will also be made aware of all services available in Washington County. Parish Council commended the Mission Committee for developing the guidelines and gives full support. **Old Business:** A subcommittee of Wayne, Wendell, and Jason will develop a plan for replacing tables, chairs, and storage units/carts for the North and South churches. **New Business:** Permission was granted to baptize the Davis Family on Sept. 16 at Marr Park following worship. Permission was also granted to marry Erin Mills and Kyle Entsminger on August 24, 2019. **The next regular meeting** will be Monday, September 10.

## BUDGET REPORT – 7-31-18

	Income	\$6,040.00	Expenses	\$15,703.53
	General Fund	\$13,124.09	Building Fund	\$6,129.04
	Memorial Fund	\$29,901.23	Need/month for budget	\$8,427.46

*2018 Combined Presbytery and Methodist dues/apportionments: \$8,204.00*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

**Sunday, September 2:** Communion Sunday; Halcyon House Worship, 2:30 PM

**Thursday, September 6:** TKD, North Church, Sanctuary, 6 PM

**Sunday, September 9:** Worship, 10:30 AM; Christian Education Sunday, Highlanders 4-H, 4:30-6:30 PM

**Monday, September 10:** ACC Parish Council, 7 PM, North Church Office

**Wednesday, September 12:** Kids' Club Kick-off, Marr Park, Shelter 1, 6-7:30 PM

**Thursday, September 13:** ACCW, Fellowship Hall, 1:30 PM, Program – Kathi Bean; Hostess – Linda McNeil; TKD, North Church Sanctuary, 6 PM

**Sunday, September 16:** Worship, 10:30 AM; Baptism at Marr Park following worship; All-church potluck at noon in Fellowship Hall. Table service & beverage furnished. Bring a dish to pass.

**Tues., Sept. 18:** "Card" Club, ACC, 5 PM; "Son" Seekers, Dorothy & Herb Yoder, 7 PM

**Wednesday, Sept. 19:** Food Pantry, 3-6 PM; Kids' Club, 6:30 PM, North Church

**Thursday, September 20:** TKD, North Church Sanctuary, 6 PM

**Sunday, September 23:** Worship at 10:30 AM, ACC; Christmas Card Class with Brenda Bean, Fellowship Hall, Following worship at 12:30 PM

**Monday, September 24:** Hold Fellowship Hall for Sacha Club 6-10 PM

**Wednesday, September 26:** Kids' Club, North Church, 6:30-7:30 PM

**Thursday, September 27:** TKD, North Church Sanctuary, 6 PM

**Sunday, September 30:** Worship at 10:30 AM, ACC; Youth Group Kick-off, location and time TBD; for youth 6<sup>th</sup> through HS graduation

**Tuesday, October 2:** Son" Seekers, 7 PM, Location TBD

**Wednesday, October 3:** Kids' Club, North Church, 6:30-7:30 PM

**Thursday, October 4:** TKD, North Church Sanctuary, 6 PM

**Sunday, October 7:** Worship at 10:30 AM; Special Offerings during 10:30 worship at ACC: Worldwide Communion and Peace/Global Witness; Communion Sunday

**Monday, October 8:** ACC Parish Council, 7 PM, North Church Office

**Wednesday, October 10:** Kids' Club, North Church, 6:30-7:30 PM

**Thursday, October 11:** ACCW, 1:30 PM at the home of Marge Lasek; Program by Marge; Hostess: Kathi Bean. TKD, North Church Sanctuary, 6 PM

**Sunday, October 14:** Worship at 10:30 AM, ACC

**Tues., Oct. 16:** "Card" Club, ACC, 5 PM; "Son" Seekers, Betty & Jerry Bean, 7 PM

**Wednesday, October 17:** Food Pantry, 3-6 PM; Kids' Club, 6:30 PM, North Church

**Thursday, October 18:** TKD, North Church Sanctuary, 6 PM

**Sunday, October 21:** Worship at 10:30 AM, ACC; Lunch at Corners with the Church – All welcome. Noon to 2 PM

**Monday, October 22:** Hold Fellowship Hall for Sacha Club 6-10 PM

**Wednesday, October 24:** Kids' Club, North Church, 6:30-7:30 PM

**Thursday, October 25:** TKD, North Church Sanctuary, 6 PM

**Sunday, October 28:** Worship at 10:30 AM, ACC

**Wednesday, October 31:** Happy Halloween



**Teacher: Why did Jesus know the Scriptures so well?**

**Student: Oh, that's easy. His Daddy wrote them**

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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.