

THE EVANGEL – OCT.-NOV. 2018

FROM THE PASTOR

Fall seems to be upon us. I love the changing of the leaves and the harvest. The total beauty of the changing landscape is breathtaking. But while winter is beautiful sometimes as well, it is also cold and bare most of the time. I dislike the bare trees and when snow sits around and gets dirty. I dislike the need to bundle up to get from here to there. But, without this RESET where would our planting and harvest time be? There is a need for the cold and uncomfortable time of year.



Yes I want to work this into our lives with Christ, and many of you are already there. Paul says that, “we are to be transformed by the renewing of your minds”. I love that idea but dislike the winter it takes to sometimes allow that renewal to happen. Most people can point to their largest growth moments and they usually had a difficult time that led them there. This RESET, is healthy. Unless we stay in winter! If we never cycle out everything is left unused and unblessed in ministry. Our lives are designed to worship God and love others, PERIOD. This is the work God wants to do in you and me daily. So in your devotions this week, ask God to continue to bring you through the seasons of life in relationship with Jesus.

In Christ,


Pastor Jason Collier
563-343-3390

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE, OCT.-NOV. '18

Oct. 7	Covenant and Commandments 20th Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17 God brings Israel as on eagle's wings; Decalogue (<i>Matthew 5:17, Jesus came not to abolish the law and prophets but to fulfill them</i>)
Oct. 14	Joshua Renews the Covenant 21 st Sunday after Pentecost	Joshua 24:1-15 [16-26] Story of God's deliverance. Joshua says, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (<i>Matthew 4:8-10, Satan offers Jesus all kingdoms, but Jesus says "Worship God and serve him only."</i>)
Oct. 21	David and Bathsheba 22 nd Sunday after Pentecost	2 Samuel 11:1-5 26-27; 12:1-9; Psalm 51:1-9 Nathan's parable indicts David after his sin with Bathsheba. David is moved to repent. (<i>Matthew 21:33-41, Parable about the wicked tenants</i>)
Oct. 28	Solomon's Wisdom 23 rd Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 3:4-9, (10-15), 16-28 Solomon prays for wisdom; two women and a child (<i>Matthew 6:9-10, Pray in this way, "Our Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come . . ."</i>)

Nov 4	Elisha Heals Naaman 24 th Sunday after Pentecost	2 Kings 5:1-15a Elisha heals Naaman, a foreigner and leper (<i>Matthew 8:2-3, Jesus heals a leper, "I wil, be clean"</i>)
Nov 11	Micha 25 th Sunday after Pentecost	Micah [1:3-5]; 5:2-5a' 6"6-8 God promised a ruler from Bethlehem; desires justice, kindness, walking humbly with God (<i>Matthew 9:13, God wants mercy, not sacrifice</i>)
Nov 18	Swords into Plowshares 26 th Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20; 37:1-7; then 2:1-4 Assyria threatens Jerusalem and King Heseekiah despairs. Isaiah says the city will be saved and nations will beat swords into plowshares. (<i>Matthew 5:14, light of the world, city on a hill</i>)
Nov 25	Jeremiah's Temple Sermon Christ the King Sunday	Jeremiah 1:4-10; 7:1-11 Prophetic call as warning; temple as den of robbers (<i>Matthew 21:12-13, Jesus cleanses the temple, which has become a den of robbers</i>)
Dec 2	Faith as a Way of Life 1 st Sunday of Advent	Habakkuk 1:1-7; 2:1-4; 3:[3b-6], 17-19 The prophet, grieved by injustice/suffering, watches for God's reply. Faith is a way of life, not an answer. (<i>Matthew 26:36-38; In Gethsemane Jesus is grieved and asks disciples to watch with him</i>)

YOUTH GROUP

The Ainsworth –Crawfordsville Youth Group meets every Sunday at the North Church starting at 5:30 PM. The evening concludes by 7 PM. Nick Yoder and Juanita Dawley are giving leadership to the group along with Pastor Jason. Youth ages 6th through 12 grade are encouraged to participated.

FMI: [Nick Yoder: 319-325-8070; nickyoder97@yahoo.com](mailto:nickyoder97@yahoo.com)



ACC FOOD PANTRY OPEN OCT. 17, Nov. 14



The Ainsworth Community Church Food Pantry will open for participants Oct. 17 and Nov. 14, 3-6 PM. If you need to make other arrangements or have eligibility questions please call 319-657-2387 for confidential information.

VICTORY IN PUPPETS/PUPPET MINISTRY

If you are a youth in 7th 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. Rehearsals are tentatively set to begin on Sunday, October 28 at 9 AM in the South Church 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.

- **Men's Walk: Thursday, October 25 thru Sunday, October 28**
 - **Women's Walk: Thursday, November 8 thru Sunday, November 11**
- Both will be held at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca (Shueyville, IA).

UCC HARVEST SUPPER AND SALE – OCT. 20



The United Church of Crawfordsville is hosting a Harvest Supper and Sale on Saturday, October 20 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.

NEW TABLES & CHAIRS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Take a peek in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks to the William and Edith Trotter Trust, we now have new tables and chairs. The hope is that these will be lighter to handle and more comfortable for sitting. The 'old' tables & chairs will be used at the North Church.



UCC FALL SOUP SUPPER, SATURDAY, NOV. 3



The United Church of Crawfordsville Fall Soup Supper will be Saturday, November 3. They will serve chili, potato, and oyster soup from 4:30 to 7 PM. Free-will offering.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS, NOV. 4

Remember to turn your clocks back – Fall back.



CHURCH PLANNING MEETING NOV. 6; 6 PM

SET GOALS

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- 2.
- 3.



EVERYONE is welcome to join the Parish Council on TUESDAY, November 6 at 6 PM at the Thirsty Camel in Columbus Junction. Buy your own dinner while enjoying fellowship with our church family and then participate in discussion about the future goals of the church.

KIDS' CLUB HARVEST SUPPER, NOV. 7, 2018



The final Kids' Club meeting of the Fall Session is Wednesday, **November 7**. The evening begins with a Harvest Supper at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall of the South Church (this is for Kids' Club participants and families). Following supper, Pastor Jason will have a brief service in the sanctuary. The evening will conclude by 7:30 PM. All parents and siblings of Kids' Club participants are welcome.

ACCW – NOVEMBER 8, 10:30 AM, AT ACC

Ainsworth Community Church Women (ACCW) will hold their regular meeting the 2nd Thursday of November on the 8th. This is the Stone Soup-Thank Offering meeting that begins at 10:30 AM. Remember to bring a can of soup! Marcia Wilson will turn it into a feast for us! Following the lunch, fruit plates will be distributed. This will be the last meeting of the 2018 calendar year. Plans will be made for 2019.



PHOTOS PLEASE – VETERAN TRIBUTE, NOV. 11



During worship on Sunday, November 11 we wish to honor our veterans. Please provide Jan with the photo of any military veteran in our church family. These will be compiled into a power point. All photos will be returned. Thank you, Jan

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ACCW

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 and will prepare the lunch for the November and December meetings at Townview Village. Please plan to come and hear what the students share and enjoy a light lunch with the students and your neighbors. Through 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.**



November 14

December 12

MOM'S IN PRAYER GROUP



Christina Collier is leading a special group, "Mom's in Prayer". You do not have to be a mom. If you are a lady & interested in praying for students then join us. Also if you want to be added to the private FB group let me know. Thanks.
Christina Collier

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE AT UCC – Nov. 21

The United Church of Crawfordsville extends an invitation to Ainsworth Community Church to join them for a Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 21. It will begin at 7 PM.



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.

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.**



OCTOBER 2018 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Ushers	Greeters	Candles	Snacks	AV
7	Joe Skubal Nick Yoder	Jennifer & Marshall Crossett	Drew Diers	Janet Rees Molly Hartzler	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

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	Ushers	Greeters	Candles	Snacks	AV
4	Jim Hansen Wendell Arduser	Steve & Rita Anderson	Jacob Hartzler	Jan Temple Laura Temple	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

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.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS/*ANNIVERSARIES



1) Joe Dawley; 2) Mabel Wood; 3) *Rick & Betty Anders; 5) Betty Bean; 7) Juanita Dawley; 8) Dale Holmes; 10) Wilma Chalupa; Norma Paisley; 15) Angie Ornduff; 16) Brian Bean, Dave Kaufman, *John & Janice Skubal; 17) John Skubal, Michelle Castillo; 18) D. Donald; Jessup Collier; Neil Mills; 19) Judy Skubal; 21) Carrie Ornduff; 22) Shayln Kirk, Deb Gilchrist; 28) Karlton Skubal; 30) *Alan & Julie Edmondson.

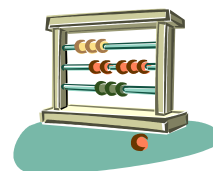
BUDGET REPORT – 9-30-18

	Income	\$6,380.53	Expenses	\$6,770.40
	General Fund	\$13,804.27	Building Fund	\$5,662.86
	Memorial Fund	\$29,417.19	Need/month for budget	\$8,427.46

2018 Combined Presbytery and Methodist dues/apportionments: \$10,819.00

AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE

Month	2015	2016	2017	2018
August	359	281	251	265
September	347	281	261	377



PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



Youth Group Report: Jason reported for the Youth group. Kristin Schell is no longer serving as one of the leaders, but Juanita Dawley is willing to fill the position so they have a team of two. The group is meeting each Sunday at 5:30 PM in the North Church when there isn't a special event planned.

Christian Education: Kids' Club has about 15-20 youth attending each week. The Harvest Meal will be November 7 and the Youth Christmas Program will be December 9 during 10:30 AM worship. **Membership/Nurture** – Janet has continued to send cards as needed. **Worship** – Plans for Advent and Veterans Day are in process. They are also working on a special Women's night out event that may be held quarterly. The Bethel Presbyterian Church north of town donated their communion service ware to us. **Property** – We will try to use just one internet source to serve both churches. Clifton reported a number of items on the committee 'to-do' list and encourages everyone to make the committee aware of any needs. The janitors are suggesting the purchase of a carpet shampooer to better maintain the carpet in the Fellowship Hall. **Mission** – In September, they served 13 Families at the Food Pantry. For a total of 50 individuals. In conjunction with ACCW, they organized the Highland Outreach meal in September and will in October. The Marvin Davis account will be eliminated from the Mission Committee account. If he decides to return, they can re-open it. Checks will be refunded to those who have paid until the end of the year. The committee is working on plans to offer the program, "Building Bridges Out of Poverty" in Washington County. **SPPRC** There was an ACC/UCC meeting establishing Pastor Jason's terms of assignment for 2019. **Nominating Committee** - presented their slate of officers. **Old Business:** The new tables and many of the new chairs have been delivered from Yotty's. These were purchased using monies from the Trotter Trust. The Council reviewed the reports required for Charge Conference. The Mission and Ministry Plan will be completed on Tuesday, November 6 when the group meets with other members of the congregation at the Thirsty Camel starting at 6 PM to evaluate progress toward last year's goals and set new goals for 2019. **New Business:** The Council acknowledges the receipt of a \$300 undesignated gift from Sarah Megchelsen. **Next meetings:** There will be a special planning meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 6 from 6-8 PM at the Thirsty Camel to complete forms for Charge Conference; Charge Conference will be Sunday, Nov. 25 at UCC beginning at 6:30 PM; next Regular meeting will be Monday, December 10.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Joys: Babies!! We have been blessed to have babies worshipping with us – such a joy!! Welcome Oliver Gerard Carstensen, son of Rachel and Zach (and big brother, Kase) born Sept. 29. We give thanks for those recovering from surgery and pray for improved health and a for speedy recovery! **Thanks:** I wish to express my thanks to the ACC Family for their support and understanding as I grieve my mother's passing (tardy newsletter –oops!). **Jan Temple Concerns:** Prayers for the many throughout our country recovering from hurricanes and other natural disasters. We pray for the 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

Sunday, October 14: Worship 10:30 AM, ACC, Pastor Appreciation Day; Highlanders 4-H Club, Fellowship Hall, 4:30 PM; Youth Group, 5:30 PM, North Church

Monday, Oct. 15: Pastor Jason Office hours at ACC, 1-3:30 PM

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

Saturday, October 20: Harvest Supper 4:30 PM; Auction 7 PM, UCC

Sunday, Oct. 21: Worship 10:30 AM; Lunch at Corners All welcome. Noon to 2 PM; Youth Group, 5:30 PM, North Church

Mon., Oct. 22: Pastor Jason ACC Office hours 1-3:30 PM; Hold Hall for Sacha Club

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

Thursday, October 25: Men's Walk to Emmaus #177 through **Sunday, October 28;** TKD, North Church Sanctuary, 6 PM

Sunday, Oct. 28: Worship at 10:30 AM, ACC; Youth Group, 5:30 PM, North Church

Monday, October 29: Pastor Jason Office hours at ACC, 1-3:30 PM

Wednesday, October 31: NO Kids' Club – enjoy a safe Happy Halloween!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Thursday, November 1: All Saints' Day; TKD, North Church Sanctuary, 6 PM

Saturday, Nov. 3: 39th Annual Ingathering, Mt. Pleasant; UCC Soup Supper, 4-7 PM

Sunday, November 4: Daylight Saving Time Ends; Communion Sunday; Jason at Halcyon House, 2:30 PM; Youth Group, 5:30 PM, North Church

Monday, November 5: Pastor Jason ACC Office hours 1-3:30 PM

Tuesday November 6: Goal meeting, Thirsty Camel, 6 PM; Buy own dinner.

EVERYONE!!! "Son" Seekers, Linda McNeil to host at ACC Fellowship Hall, 7 PM

Wednesday, Nov. 7: Kids' Club Harvest Meal & worship, South Church, 6:30-7:30 PM

Thursday, Nov. 8 through Sunday, November 11: Women's Walk to Emmaus #178

Thur., Nov. 8: ACCW, 10:30 AM, Fellowship Hall; TKD, North Church Sanctuary, 6 PM

Sunday, Nov. 11: Veterans Day, Present Charge Conference materials; Highlanders 4-H Club, 4:30 PM, South Church; Youth Group, 5:30 PM, North Church

Monday, November 12: Pastor Jason ACC Office hours 1-3:30 PM; Girl Scout Leader Meeting in Fellowship Hall, 4-6 PM

Wednesday, November 14: Highland Outreach at Townview Village, 11 AM to 1 PM; ACC Food Pantry Open, 3-6 PM

Thursday, November 15: TKD, North Church Sanctuary, 6 PM

Sat., Nov. 17: Youth Group fundraiser, 6 PM, Riverside. See Jason or Nick for details.

Sunday, November 18: Present Charge Conference materials; Lunch at the Corners – Everyone Welcome; Youth Group, 5:30 PM, North Church

Monday, November 19: Pastor Jason ACC Office hours 1-3:30 PM

Tuesday, November 20: "Card" Club, 5 PM, ACC; "Son" Seekers, Steele's, 7 PM

Wednesday, November 21: Thanksgiving Eve Service, UCC, 7 PM

Thursday, November 22: Happy Thanksgiving!!

Sunday, November 25: Worship, 10:30 AM; Youth Group, 5:30 PM; Annual Charge Conference at UCC, 6:30 PM

Monday, November 26: Pastor Jason ACC Office hours 1-3:30 PM;

Sunday, December 2: First Sunday of Advent; Worship 10:30 AM; Youth Group, 5:30 PM, North Church

Sunday, December 9: Youth Christmas Program during 10:30 AM Worship

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WORSHIP TIME

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