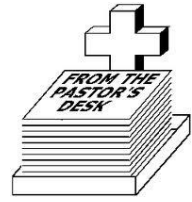


THE EVANGEL – DEC. '18/JAN. '19

FROM THE PASTOR

I like Christmas.

That's how every newsletter should start in December. You know the lights, gifts, Christmas caroling, gifts, food, and family. Did I mention the gifts? If you think back, what was your favorite gift?



Mine was a slot car track back in about '86. That thing was so amazing! The more you pulled your finger the faster the car went. And pull it too far it would go right of the corner. It was so fun racing dad and even mom. Now, I had to work to come up with that memory. But I remember very well the Christmas I had extreme stomach pain. That was in 1994. I hurt so much it really took the fun out of the gifts. With that being said, I have never considered my health a gift as I do this year.

Each year we give each other gifts and we give Jesus his time by telling the Story. But do we spend time recognizing the gifts he continues to give us? It's like working backwards. We can ask ourselves what it would be like if we did not have something. And then we most definitely can come up with gifts Jesus continues to give us.

This holiday season, give a gift to your children and families by being thankful for everything. Let gratefulness fill your homes and lives. And remember, grateful people live longer and happier lives. See if being grateful would make a great new year's resolution. Oh, and the Bible also recommends it.

1 Chronicles 16:8 "Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!"

In Christ,

Pastor Jason Collier

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AT ACC

Sunday, December 2, 9, 16 and 23: The ACC Puppeteers will present a special number as the prelude on these Sundays. Other members of the congregation will share special music during the offertory.

Sunday, December 9: The Youth Christmas Program will be held during 10:30 AM worship in the South Church Sanctuary.

Sunday, December 23: Sunday Worship at 10:30 AM;

Monday, December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight worship (no communion) will be held at 5 PM at Ainsworth; 7 PM service at Crawfordsville.

Tuesday, December 25: No worship services on Christmas Day at ACC or UCC.



PASTOR VISITS AND PRAYER LIST



If you have special needs or would like Pastor Jason to call on you, you may reach him on his cell phone at any time – 563-343-3390. If you would like to request prayers or join the prayer chain, contact Jan at 319-657-3020 or 319.330-6175 or ainsworthchurch@gmail.com

RING SALVATION ARMY BELLS: DEC. 9, 16, AND 23

Our church has been assigned several Sunday's in December to ring bells for the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign at the Walmart in Washington. The three Sunday's are the 9th, 16th, and the 23rd from 1 PM to 6 PM. All volunteers must work in pairs of 2 or more. Shifts are one hour each. Youth must work with someone over the age of 18. A signup sheet will be at the back of the sanctuary or call Jan (319.330.6175) to volunteer. Note that all monies collected stay within Washington County. 'Thank You' to our volunteers for donating their time!



CHARGE CONFERENCE 2018-RESCHEDULED



The Charge Conference was postponed because of weather. It will now be held on **Sunday, December 16 at 7 PM** at the United Church of Crawfordsville. Budget plans, leadership positions, and church goals/direction will be approved. Jan will be updating the annual church directory brochure to reflect the changes.

KIDS' CLUB SPRING SESSION - JANUARY 16

The Ainsworth Community Church Kids' Club will resume on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 and run through Wednesday, March 13, 2019 (if we need a snow date). Each session begins at 6:30 PM and will conclude by 7:30 PM at the North Church Building. All youth aged 3 years through 6th grade are welcome for the 8 week session.



BLOOD DRIVE: DEC. 3, 1:30 TO 6:30 PM-UCC

The Crawfordsville Lion's Club in conjunction with the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center will hold a blood drive on Monday, December 3 from 1:30 to 6:30 PM at the United Church of Crawfordsville. Please eat a full meal within 4 hours of donating, avoiding fried, fatty foods and whole dairy products.



For an appointment contact David Jewell at 319-658-2711. **Bring a photo ID with you.**

HIGHLAND OUTREACH DEC. 12, 10 AM AT ACC



On Wednesday, December 12 the Ainsworth Community Church will host 23 Highland Elementary students in the Fellowship Hall starting at 10 AM. The students will share several songs with those in attendance. This month because of the number of students, they will NOT share at Town View Village. It will be at the church. Following the presentation, everyone will enjoy snacks before the students return to school.

HIGHLAND OUTREACH JANUARY 9

On Wednesday, January 9, students from Highland will be sharing with the Ainsworth Community. We have no details at this time, but plan to hear the latest about a school project/event/organization starting at 11 AM in the community room at Town View Village. For more information, contact Kathi Bean – 319-657-2387.



ACC FOOD PANTRY DECEMBER 12 & JANUARY 9



The Ainsworth Community Church Mission Committee Food Pantry will be open for business on Wednesday, December 12 AND Wednesday, January 9 from 3 to 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. If you are unable to come at these times, contact Kathi Bean 319-657-2387 to make other arrangements.

PARISH COUNCIL

There is no December Parish Council meeting. The next meeting will be Monday, January 14, 7 PM, North Church Office. Our new student member, Gracyn Bean-Humston, will be installed Sunday, Jan. 13th during worship.



LUNCH AT THE CORNERS: DEC. 16 AND JAN. 18




Pastor Jason invites the Ainsworth and Crawfordsville Church Family to eat Sunday Dinner at the Ainsworth 4 Corners on December 16 and January 18 (the 3rd Sunday of the month) from Noon to 2 PM. Each person/family purchases their own meal.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

The ACC Mission Committee Food Pantry wishes to express thanks to Scout Troop and Pack 242. Through their "Scouting for Food" project, we received **901.4 pounds** of food donations. It was delivered to the church November 5.



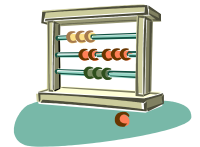
BUDGET REPORT – 10-31-18

	Income	\$6,290.00	Expenses	\$5,940.31
	General Fund	\$13,518.27	Building Fund	\$5,948.86
	Memorial Fund	\$29,462.19	Need/month for budget	\$8,427.46

2018 Combined Presbytery and Methodist dues/apportionments: \$8,204.00; So far have paid \$4,102.00; In November will pay \$2000 leaving unpaid balance \$2,204.00

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE

Month	2015	2016	2017	2018
October	337	371	317	274
November	479	354	301	193 (3 of 4)



WE SAY "THANK YOU!"

Thank You

As 2018 comes to a close, we take time to reflect on the many activities and projects of the church. Please join in thanking those who serve on the committees of our church:

Christian Education Programs: The Christmas Program, Puppet Ministry, Kids' Club, Camping Scholarships and Vacation Bible School. Mission Committee Work: Monthly Food Pantry; Highland Outreach Coordination, Christmas Ministry; Special Donations; In-Gathering Kits, as well as emergency needs of families. Property Committee: For all their work maintaining our property – all the things that break down and need repair. Worship Committee: Organizing special worship assistants during Lent and Advent plans, preparation of Communion elements; organizing church dinners; responding to Pastor Jason's ideas as needed. Decorating the sanctuary: Linda McNeil does such an amazing job with the many lovely decorations placed so artfully about the church as well as all the beautiful music she plays (voluntarily) each Sunday! Membership/Nurture Committee: For their work organizing funeral dinners, sending cards and 'loving' on everyone. And a big "thank you" to those serving on the Nominating Committee, Parish Council, and Staff/Parish committees.

TABLES AND CHAIRS FOR LOAN

If you need to borrow tables and chairs for a get together, the church has tables and chairs available for loan. Call Jan at 319.330.6175 for more information.

NIGHT TO SHINE



The Washington United Methodist Church (UMC) is proud to be an official host church with support from area churches for the 2019 Night to Shine, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation. Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs, ages 14 and older. The event will be hosted by an estimated 700 churches around the world simultaneously on Friday, February 8, 2019, 6-9 PM.

*FMI or to refer a Guest: Ann C. Williams (319) 461-2511 or Ann.C.Williams@fbfs.com

*To volunteer: Kara Williams at (319) 458-9427 or KKWilliams2006@hotmail.com

*To donate: Washington UMC, 206 W 2nd St, Washington, IA 52353 or contact Ann

*To learn more about this worldwide movement: www.timtebowfoundation.org

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Joys: We are grateful for the gift of our Savior. We celebrate the healing of those recovering from surgery and illness. **Concerns**: The Wilma Chalupa Family; The Mabel Wood Family; The Kerm Jenkins Family; The Kevin Lange Family (Kathi Bean's brother); Theresa Rameres – Tina's sister; Praying for safe travel for all those traveling during the holiday season. 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.

PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



The following is a brief overview of the November 11, 2018 meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Instead of quarterly instalments, we will pay the \$3000 balance owed on insurance for the 2018-19 year and \$1000 more of our apportionment to each denomination with the understanding that in late December it would be determined if any more would be paid on apportionments.

Youth Group Report: The group reviewed the report prepared by Nick. Jason reported that 6-10 youth are participating. **Christian Education**: Kids' Club concluded for fall session. The Harvest Meal was held Nov. 7 with about 4 families participating; Wilma Chalupa's passing was noted. The Youth Christmas Program will be Dec. 9 during 10:30 worship. **Membership/Nurture** – Funeral dinners were organized for Mabel Wood at Opera House on Nov. 4 and Wilma Chalupa at ACC on Nov. 5. Cards sent. **Worship** – Banners and postcards for Advent have been ordered. Worship assistants being recruited. Sanctuary will be decorated for Christmas soon after Thanksgiving. **Property** – Using monies from the Trotter Trust, we have purchased 8 new rectangle tables for the Fellowship Hall and 128 chairs. Big thanks to Clifton Dawley, Marshall and Jennifer Crossett, Jim Hansen, Karen and Neal Megchelsen, Jason and Tina Collier, and Dennis Bean for their help in moving the old tables and chairs from the south church to the north church. Wilson's had to repair the flushing mechanism in the men's urinal in the South Church again. Clifton plans to clear the parking lot and sidewalks of ice and snow this winter. It was suggested that the sound system be upgraded in the sanctuary so more of the service is really shared during live-streaming.

Mission – In October, they served 13 Families with a total of 61 individuals at the Food Pantry. In conjunction with ACCW, they organized the Highland Outreach meal in October and November. In December, the school is requesting snacks only. **SPPRC** - Jason submitted a report that was due to the District Office. **Nominating** – The report has been amended to remove Wilma Chalupa's name from the Membership/Nurture Committee. **Old Business**: We need to switch some of the tables in the classrooms in the North Church to ones that had been in the South Church. **New Business**: Officers for

Parish Council 2019 were determined: Myron Rees, Chair; Clifton Dawley, Vice Chair; Rachel Carstensen, Secretary. Meetings will continue to be held the 2nd Monday of each month as needed. Bulk Mail: Jan is going to use a small business tool through the PO. It is to be cheaper. Marvin Davis – There is still \$1400 in the account that was supporting him to attend the Challenge Program. It was decided to give money from one donor (per their request) to the Davis Family; The remaining \$700 should be used for another program as none of the donors wanted their money refunded. Marvin is currently training in Cedar Rapids as an over the road truck driver with CRST. The \$700 will help purchase a car so he can visit his family while training. He and his family will soon be moving to Illinois. Safe Sanctuary: Jason will train Jan to conduct the background checks that the Iowa Conference is now requiring of all volunteers doing anything associated with children as part of the Safe Sanctuary Policy. This includes, teaching, driving, providing and serving snacks, etc. **Next meetings**: NO Dec. meeting. Next regular Meeting: Jan. 14, 2019, 7 PM.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS/*ANNIVERSARIES

December: 1) Wynne Steele; 2) Michelle Miller, Brittany Stewart Thompson, Darrin Richardson; 5) Kristi Bean; 6) Janice Skubal; 7) Janet Rees; Kevin McCreedy; 10) Jesse Hahn; 12) Liz Kaufman; 16) Joel Hazelett; Joseph Collier; 20) Renee Megchelsen; Ariel Mills; 21) Neal Megchelsen, Sherry Lord, Joshua Blakley; 22) *Ron & Angie Ornduff; 24) Julie Sue Edmondson; 26) Jared Hazelett; 27) *Chris & Molly Hartzler; Anna Chalupa; Lexi Collier, Owen Chalupa; 29) Dorothy Koehler; 30) Molly Hartzler, *Dave & Liz Kaufman; Riley Thomann.



DECEMBER 2018 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Ushers	Greeters	Advent Candles	Snacks	AV
2	Dennis Bean Carson Bean	Karen & Wendell Arduser	Adam/Erin Kaufman Family	Jan Temple Ann Freyenberger	Dalton Diers
9	Myron Rees Neil Mills	Carol Bean Bertie Miller	Jeff/Kim Prier Family	Judy Skubal Jenny Yoder	Nick Yoder
16	Neal Megchelsen Dave Kaufman	Steve Miller Drew Diers	Brian/Anna Chalupa Family	Kathi Bean Brenda Bean	Nick Yoder
23	Karen Arduser Wendell Arduser	Jennifer & Marshall Crossett	Chris/Molly Hartzler Family	Jessica Diers Pat Jenkins	Nick Yoder
24- Eve	Roger Boyer Jason Anderson		Jeremie/Renae Thompson Family	NA	Nick Yoder
30	Clifton Dawley Dave Kaufman	Carol Bean Bertie Miller	Lexi Collier	Liz Kaufman Rita Anderson	Nick Yoder

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE: DEC. 2018

December 2	Faith as a Way of Life 1st 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>
December 9	Esther 2nd Sunday of Advent	Esther 4:1-17 For such a time as this, Esther was made queen. <i>(Matthew 5:13-16, Salt and light)</i>
December 16	Light to the Nations 3 rd Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 42:1-9 Through the Spirit, God's servant will be a light to the nations, bringing release to prisoners. <i>(Matthew 12:15-21, The ministry of Jesus)</i>

December 23	Jesus as Immanuel 4 th Sunday of Advent	Matthew 1:18-25 Announcement of Jesus' birth to Joseph; Jesus will be Immanuel (Psalm 23:1-4, 23:4)
December 24; 5 PM Worship	Birth of Jesus Christmas Eve	Luke 2:1-14 [15-20] Birth of Jesus (Psalm 96:10-13)
December 25	Shepherds Visit Christmas Day	Luke 2:8-20 Shepherds visit the infant Jesus. (Psalm 95:6-7)
December 30	Genealogy of Jesus 1 st Sunday of Christmas	Matthew 1:1-17 The genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham (Psalm 132:11-12)

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS/*ANNIVERSARIES

January: 1) Jennifer Crossett; +2) Molly Edgar; 5) *Jim & Sherrie Hazen-Hansen; Lance Mills; 6) *Jim & Penny McCreedy; *Owen & Norma White, Diane Anding, Gary Stewart, Tammy Kruse, Libby Berner; 7) *Jim & Betty Thompson; 9) Jim Thompson, Nick Yoder; 10) Liam Goodwin; 14) Sheri Bennett; 15) Kyle Entsminger; 17) Bev Holmes; 20) John Erlenbush; 21) Sherri Hazen-Hansen; 23) Kathi Bean; 24) Emily Stewart; 25) Alberta Miller; 26) Lois Riggan; 29) Betty Anders; 31) Mildred Wilson.



JANUARY 2019 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Ushers	Greeters	Candles	Snacks	AV
6	Joe Skubal Nick Yoder	Steve Miller Drew Diers	Gabrielle Dawley	Jan Temple Laura Temple	Dalton Diers
13	Dennis Bean Carson Bean	Jennifer & Marshall Crossett	Lexi Collier	Janet Rees Molly Hartzler	Nick Yoder
20	Myron Rees Neil Mills	Karen & Wendell Arduser	Jacob Hartzler	Karen Megchelsen Wynne Steele	Dalton Diers
27	Neal Megchelsen Steve Anderson	Carol Bean Bertie Miller	Drew Diers	Sherri Hazen Chris Sieren	Nick Yoder
Feb. 3	Jim Hansen Wendell Arduser	Steve & Rita Anderson	Ellie Anderson	Jan Temple Karen Arduser	Dalton Diers

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE: JAN. 2019

January 6	Day of Epiphany: Magi Visit Day of Epiphany	Matthew 2:1-23 The Magi visit the infant Jesus; flight into Egypt, massacre of the innocents, the return to Nazareth (Psalm 96:10-13) [opt. Psalm 11:1-3]
January 13	Jesus' Baptism: Matthew 1 st Sunday after Epiphany	Matthew 3:1-17 John the Baptist, Jesus is baptized to fulfill all righteousness (Psalm 2:7-8)
January 20	Tempted in the Wilderness 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany	Matthew 4:1-7 Jesus tempted in the wilderness (Psalm 91:9-12)
January 27	Beatitudes 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany	Matthew 5:1-20 Beatitudes, salt of the earth, let your light shine (Psalm 1:1-3)
February 3	Treasure in Heaven 4 th Sunday after Epiphany	Matthew 6:7-21 [25-34] Lord's prayer, treasure in heaven And/or Matthew 6:25-34, Lilies of the field (Psalm 20:7)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2018

Sunday, December 2: 1st Sunday of Advent; Worship and Communion, 10:30 AM; Youth Group, 5:30 PM, North Church

Monday, December 3: Lion Club Blood Drive, UCC 1:30-6:30 PM; Pastor Jason ACC Office hours 1-3:30 PM

Tuesday, December 4: "Son" Seekers, Fellowship Hall, 7 PM, Jan Temple hostess

Thursday, December 6, 13, 20, and 27: TKD, North Church Sanctuary, 6 PM

Sun., Dec. 9: 2nd Sunday of Advent; Youth Christmas Program during 10:30 AM Worship; ACC ringing Salvation Army Bells, Walmart, Washington, 1-6 PM; Highlanders 4-H Club Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 4:30-6:30 PM; Youth Group, 5:30 PM, North Church

Monday, December 10: Pastor Jason ACC Office hours 1-3:30 PM

Wednesday, Dec. 12: Highland Outreach, 10 AM Fellowship Hall; ACC Food Pantry, Fellowship Hall, 3-6 PM.

Sun., Dec. 16: Third Sunday of Advent; Worship, 10:30 AM; Lunch at the Corners with Everyone, Noon to 2 PM (Buy your own); ACC to ring Salvation Army Bells at Walmart in Washington, 1-6 PM; Youth Group, 5:30 PM, North Church; Rescheduled Charge Conference, United Church of Crawfordsville, 7 PM

Monday, December 17: Pastor Jason ACC Office hours 1-3:30 PM

Tuesday, December 18: "Card" Club, 5-10 PM, Fellowship Hall, FMI: Brenda Bean

Sun, Dec. 23: Fourth Sunday of Advent; Worship, 10:30 AM; ACC to ring Salvation Army Bells at Walmart in Washington, 1-6 PM; Youth Group, 5:30 PM, North Church.

Monday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: ACC – 5 PM; UCC – 7 PM

Tuesday, December 25: Merry Christmas!!

Sunday, December 30: Tentative: Youth Group, 5:30 PM, North Church.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2018

Thursday, January 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31: TKD, North Church Sanctuary, 6 PM

Sunday, January 6: Epiphany; Communion and Sunday Worship, 10:30 AM; Youth Group, 5:30 PM, North Church.

Monday, January 7: Pastor Jason ACC Office hours 1-3:30 PM

Wednesday, January 9: Highland Outreach, Town View Village, 11 AM to 1 PM; ACC Food Pantry open, 3-6 PM, Fellowship Hall

Sun., January 13: Worship, 10:30 AM; Installation of new Parish Council; Highlanders 4-H Club Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 4:30 PM; Youth Group, 5:30 PM, North Church

Monday, January 14: Pastor Jason ACC Office hours 1-3:30 PM; Girl Scout Leader Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 4-9:30 PM; ACC Parish Council, 7 PM, North Church Office

Tuesday, January 15: "Card" Club, ACC Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 16: Kids' Club Resumes for Spring Session, 6:30 to 7:30 PM, North Church. Will meet each Wednesday. If school is cancelled or dismisses early, there will NOT be a meeting that evening.

Sunday, January 20: Worship, 10:30 AM; Lunch at the Corners with Everyone, Noon to 2 PM (Buy your own); Youth Group, 5:30 PM, North Church

Monday, January 21: Pastor Jason ACC Office hours 1-3:30 PM

Wednesday, January 23: Kids' Club, 6:30 to 7:30 PM, North Church

Sunday, January 27: Worship, 10:30 AM; Youth Group, 5:30 PM, North Church

Mon., Jan., 28: Pastor Jason ACC Office hours: 1-3:30 PM; Sacha-ACC 6-10 PM

Wednesday, January 30: Kids' Club, 6:30 to 7:30 PM, North Church

Thursday, January 31: TKD, North Church Sanctuary, 6 PM



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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.