

THE EVANGEL-APRIL 2019

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Spring greetings to you. What a long winter we have all had! But no worries. Easter is coming. At our church we are counting down the days by being nice to someone each day. Often time for Lent we give something up. What a great way to die to self, and love on others at the same time. There are so many in our town that a sincerely nice word would feel like soup to a starving child. You understand that every day the devil is trying to tell all of us we are worthless and no good. The guy is not ignorant. He knows if he can turn us against ourselves, he wins. And you are the antidote to Satan's trickery. You can be someone's light house.



Just picking people willy-nilly seems a bit of random chance so let's wake each morning and ask the Holy Spirit to deliver someone. Ask Him to give you that nudge of who you should do something unexpected and nice to. Now if you help someone and you don't know their name, no problem. You can just add sir or mam to your list. And let's keep track together. I am planning to collect and pray over those names on Easter Sunday. And don't forget that you can do several in one day to catch up. Forty random acts of kindness will help your family bless the world around you. And it changes the focus of your day (perhaps away from the awful things that are happening in the world). Last but not least, if you bring your list, our church will give your family an Action Bible. Let's all be a part of allowing kindness to rule the day in the world around us, because we love Jesus!

In service to Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Collier'.

Pastor Jason Collier

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April 18 - Maundy Thursday Service at United Church of Crawfordsville, 7 PM;

April 19 - Good Friday Service at Ainsworth Community Church, 7 PM;

April 21 - Easter Sunrise: United Church of Crawfordsville: 7 AM; Breakfast to follow

April 21 - Easter Sunday worship, 10:30 AM., Ainsworth Community Church.



PASTOR VISITS AND PRAYER LIST

Please let the church 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; leave a message on the **church answering machine: 319-657-3020** or call **Jan's cell 319.330-6175**.



WORSHIP – “LIVESTREAMED” ON FACEBOOK



facebook

You are invited to join our worship every Sunday via our Facebook page. If you can't join us live at 10:30 AM on Sunday, you may still view the service on the Facebook page at any time – “Ainsworth Community Church”. Also, take note of the following:

- 1 – You will NOT be able to hear the music because of copyright rules – sorry.
- 2 – If you wish to receive a copy of the bulletin to follow along with worship, send an email to the church and Jan will send you a copy via email: ainsworthchurch@gmail.com
- 3 – We have established a method for you to participate in the offering/donate online if this is easier for you than using the mail. Following are directions for contributing online.

DONATING ELECTRONICALLY TO ACC

Here is a step by step guide for how to use the online donation option:

1. Go to the AINSWORTH COMMUNITY CHURCH Facebook Page
2. Click on the “Donate” button.
3. Click on the “Continue” button. You will be redirected to a different page.
4. Select one of the dollar amount options, or an amount of your choice.
5. Choose a use from the dropdown box: Youth Group; Tithe/Offering; or Missions
6. If you wish, click “Make this a monthly donation”. It is just fine to leave it blank.
7. Select payment choice: PayPal or Debit/Credit Card. Complete requested info.
8. Click the “Donate Now” button.
9. That's it! If you clicked “Monthly Donation”, you are done for the year. The specified amount will go the church each month. If you prefer, donate when and as often is best for your situation.



LECTURE: MIGRATION IN YOUR COMMUNITY.



Iowa Wesleyan University invites you to attend the 2019 Manning Lecture and Migration Forum on **Sunday, April 7 at 1:30 pm** in the Chapel Auditorium. Rev. Alexia Salvatierra will present, “Faithful Responses to Migration.” This will be followed by two workshop sessions. It is free and open to the public. FMI: joy.lapp@iw.edu or 319-385-6403, www.iw.edu/immigration.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS: - RETREAT – APRIL 5-7

The Youth Group is holding a Youth Retreat at Camp Wyoming the weekend of April 5-7. They could use some adult volunteers AND help with cooking meals. If you could help in anyway during this time, please see Nick Yoder, Juanita Dawley, or Pastor Jason. Can't attend or volunteer? Please, keep the youth and volunteers in your prayers that the weekend is a blessing in the lives of our youth and helps strengthen their relationship with Christ.

YOUTH GROUP LEADERS: [Nick Yoder: 319-325-8070; nickyoder97@yahoo.com](mailto:nickyoder97@yahoo.com)
[Juanita Dawley: 319-461-8120; ICNEETA@gmail.com](mailto:ICNEETA@gmail.com)

**YOUTH
GROUP**

ACCW APRIL 11, 1:30 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL



The first meeting of 2019 for ACCW is set for Thursday, April 11 at 1:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Wynne Steele will have a program and Jan Temple will be hostess for the day. Time will be devoted to just catching up since the last time we met. LOTS has happened since November 2018. Welcome back Snowbirds!!

COLTHURST SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION: 4.14



Youth who have been active in the church by being involved in Kids' Club, youth group, puppet ministry, and other church activities are eligible to apply for the Colthurst Scholarship. Write a letter (**there is not a form**) to the selection committee sharing an overview of your church, school, community, and family activities and responsibilities plus your future plans. Submit the letter to the Ainsworth Community Church Office by **Sunday, April 14**. It may be mailed to: Ainsworth Community Church, PO Box 40, Ainsworth, IA 52201; **OR** emailed to AinsworthChurch@gmail.com Recipients announced during May 5 worship.

FOOD PANTRY – APRIL 17 AND MAY 15

The Ainsworth Community Church Mission Committee Food Pantry will be open April 17 and May 15 from 3-6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. If these times don't work for you and you need food, call Kathi at 319-657-2387.



CHURCH CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS DUE APRIL 20



Any youth in the Ainsworth Community Church family is eligible to apply for financial assistance to attend church camp. The Christian Education Committee has a short application for you to complete. Copies will be at the back of the church starting in April or contact Karen Megchelsen at 319-430-0496. Completed applications are due to the church office by **Saturday, April 20** or email the requested information by April 20 to: ainsworthchurch@gmail.com.

CARD SHOWER - BERNICE DARBY – APRIL 30

On Tuesday, April 30, Bernice Darby will celebrate her 98th birthday. Please consider making her day extra special by honoring her with a birthday card. Please send it to: Bernice Darby, PO Box 309, Rm #337, Kalona, IA 52247.



SENIOR SUNDAY – MAY 5

Mark your calendar for May 5! We will honor high school graduates and acknowledge college graduates. Recipient/s of the Colthurst Scholarship will be announced. The celebration will begin at 10 AM with special treats at the snack table. The honorees will be there to receive your congratulations.



ACC PRAYER CHAIN



The Ainsworth Community Church has a "Prayer Chain". If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, contact Jan by text, phone or email and she will activate the 'chain'. She currently informs those who are part of the 'chain' by email. If you are interested in participating in the Prayer Chain, please let Jan know and she will add your name to her list of those to be contacted as "Prayer Warriors". The church does have a policy that the individual or their family must approve the request. The focus is on prayer.

THANK YOU!! TO ALL KIDS' CLUB WORKERS

THANK YOU to everyone assisting with Kids' Club! It was another great season. Every teacher, helper, parent and participant plays a very important role in this ministry. Please know your efforts are noted **AND** appreciated!



OFFERING TO SUPPORT FOGELMAN'S – MAY 19



Sunday, May 19, ACC will have a special collection to support the mission work of Lynn and Sharon Fogelman (Goodwin). You may donate on the 19th OR donate online at: www.tms-global/give - #3017 FOG SUP You may write to them: sharonlynnfog@gmail.com They will be living in the states for the next few years as their family situation is stabilizing. They will travel for both TMS Global and their new partner, Global Refuge International (GRI) based in Denver. They will make shorter, but more frequent, overseas trips each year focusing on health and wellness (requiring more funds than previously). The letter from them with all the details is posted on the message board at the back of the sanctuary.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP – JUNE 16, MARR PARK

Plan now to attend the "2019 Worship in the Park" and family potluck on Sunday, June 16 at Marr Park. Worship will begin at 10:30 AM in the Conservation Education Center. Persons from the United Church of Crawfordsville will join us. ACC will provide beverage and table service. Please bring a dish to share.



++++++COMMUNITY EVENTS++++++

TRINITY UMC ROAST BEEF SUPPER, 4.6.'19



The Trinity United Methodist Church invites everyone to their annual Roast Beef Supper on Saturday, April 6 from 5-7 PM. The menu includes: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Vegetable, Dinner Rolls, Homemade Salads, Homemade Desserts, Coffee, Milk, Tea, and Water. Advance tickets may be purchased at People's Bank and Trust, Riverside Grain and Feed or call/text: 319.330.8513 and leave a message. Carry out is available by calling: 319.648.3092. The UM Women's Group will have a bake sale from 5-7 PM. All bake sale proceeds will fund their Missions.

TEACH 'N TRANSFORM – APRIL 13



Saturday, April 13 from 9 AM until noon the First Baptist Church, Washington (122 E 2nd St.) is hosting a seminar for persons who work with children. The "Teach 'N Transform" seminar topics include: Why Teach 'N Transform? – Today's children are in spiritual crisis. How does God see the child without Christ? How is the world impacting the lives of today's children? Learn how your children's ministry can counteract these influences. Trigger Transformation – the power of the Gospel. Learn how to present the message of salvation clearly on a child's level, using the unique Gospel Flipper-Flapper™. Gospel Object Lessons. – Capture children's attention with object lessons that share the Good News, and challenge them to grow in the Lord. There is a registration fee payable at the door. It is requested that you bring your Bible. Child Evangelism Fellowship materials will be available. FMI: Beth – 712.274.6217; iowacef@gmail.com

UCC SPRING RUMMAGE SALE – APRIL 25-27



Thursday, April 25, 8 AM – 6 PM
Friday, April 26, 8 AM – 6 PM
Saturday, April 27, 8 AM – Noon
FREE WILL DONATION

PARKVIEW BANQUET FUNDRAISER, 4.27.19



Everyone is invited to a benefit dinner for the Parkview Retirement Community, Saturday, April 27 at the Sugar Creek Mennonite Church, 1209 Franklin Ave., Wayland. The evening includes introduction of Parkview staff, dinner and a live auction of donated items. Dinner is at 6:30 PM. All proceeds will further the mission of the Parkview Retirement Community. Reservations are due by April 12. FMI: 319.256.3525 – ask for Mary or Tammy.

MAKE & TAKE MOTHER'S DAY TEA, MAY 5

The Ainsworth Opera House is organizing a "Make and Take Mother's Day Tea" on Sunday, May 5 from 2 to 4 PM at the Ainsworth Opera House, 284 North Railroad Street. The event is for mothers, grandmothers, and children – all ages are invited. There will be sweet treats and tea, punch, coffee and water plus 4 craft items. There is a fee that covers supplies, food, and a donation to the Opera House. Advance reservations and payment are due by April 30 to ACT, PO Box 35, Ainsworth, IA 52201. FMI: sherrie.hazen@gmail.com



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

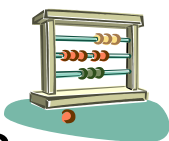


Joys: Returning 'Snow Birds' – Welcome Home! Our risen Savior! The wonders of Spring! **Concerns:** Darrell Chalupa, Doug Donald, Sandy Stout and their respective family members. Area farmers as they begin working the fields and tending the birth of new animals. Those facing and recovering from surgery; those mourning the loss of friends, family, neighbors; those suffering with an illness; those dealing with difficult family situations. Persons and communities suffering from natural disasters including flooding. **Serving Our Country:** "Thank You!" to members and their families serving our country here and abroad.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS/*ANNIVERSARIES

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| 4) Amy Runge; | | 11) Megan Edgar, | 21) Kate Hartzler; | |
| 5) Dorothy Stout, | | Jacob Hartzler; | 23) Linda Wenger; | |
| Derek Stewart; | | 13) *Rich & Lois Riggan; | 25) Rosemary Harris, | |
| Laurie Morrison; | | 15) Jim Wilson; | Marissa Chalupa; | |
| 6) *Larry & Kathy Bean; | | 16) Allison Barnes; | Brian Koehler, | |
| 8) Maggie Altenhofen; | | 18) Gracyn Anderson, | *Eric & Deb Stewart; | |
| Deb Chalupa; | | Dave Skubal; | 26) Josh Sands; | |
| 10) Carson Bean, | | 20) Rachel Carstensen; | 30) Bernice Darby, | |
| *Gary & Nancy Stewart; | | *Dan & Stacy Klinzman; | Pat Jenkins, | |
| | | | Joe Skubal | |

FEBRUARY AND MARCH ATTENDANCE



| Month | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
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| February | 327 | 253 | 220 | 174 |
| March | 391 | 320 | 284 | 257 (4 of 5 weeks) |

BUDGET REPORT – 2.28.19

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| | Income | \$3,670.84 | Expenses | \$5,091.60 |
| | General Fund | 7,176.42 | Building Fund | \$7,077.54 |
| | Memorial Fund | \$37,950.19 | Need/month for budget | \$8,477.08 |

2019 Combined Presbytery and Methodist dues/apportionments in ACC budget: \$8,400.00


PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



An overview of reports and issues discussed at the March meeting.

Christian Education: Kids' Club resumed January 16, but was cancelled every week but two because of the weather. About 60 people participated in the Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper and Worship service that followed. **Membership/Nurture:** Cards to those recovering from surgery. Funeral dinner: Sally Hart's grandfather. **Worship** – Life Group organizational meetings were held; several groups have begun. Senior Sunday will be May 5; Worship in the Park will be June 16 – Father's Day. **Property** – Furnace issue at the parsonage resulted in water damage – pipes and plumbing froze. Tim Elliot and his crew were very prompt at addressing the problem. Insurance has been contacted. Tenant has now moved out. Tim's crew will do necessary cleaning. We will replace some flooring on the main floor that was damaged when the pipes froze as well as carpet in the master bedroom. Jason and Neal Megchelsen repaired the bulb on the west side of the south church so there is now light! **SPPRC:** Another Set of Eyes report due May 1. **Mission** – In January the food pantry served 13 families for a total of 51 people. In February, Sherrie and Jim Hansen, Chris Sieren, and Brenda Bean covered the Food Pantry while Kathi was on vacation. They served 11 families for a total of 42 people. **Old Business:** 1) New 2019 church directory has been printed. 2) Pulpit supply dates for 2019 will be filled by Ilene Schnicker and Scott Johnson. 3) Jason and Colleen have activated a method for online donations. 4) Fund Balance report was submitted on time by Sherri with everyone's cooperation. 5) Statistical reports for both denominations have been submitted prior to the deadline. **New Business:** a) The church is reimbursing Clifton for expenses associated with snow and ice removal – fuel as well as supplies. b) Mekenzie and Grant Edwards' son, Reid, will be baptized April 7. Rachel and Zach Carstensen's son, Oliver, will be baptized March 17. The next Parish Council meeting will be Monday, April 8, 2019

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE FOR APRIL 2019

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| April 7 | Last Judgment Fifth Sunday in Lent | Matthew 25:31-46; (<i>Psalm 98:7-9</i>) Parable of the last judgment (Page 35) |  |
| April 14 | Triumphal Entry Palm Sunday | Matthew 21:1-17; (<i>Psalm 118:25-29</i>) Triumphal entry, cleansing the temple (Page 21) | |
| April 18 | Words of Institution Maundy Thursday | Matthew 26:17-30; (<i>Psalm 116:12-15</i>) Preparing for the Last Supper, mention of betrayal, Words of Institution (Page 36) | |
| April 19 | Crucifixion: Matthew Good Friday | Matthew 27:27-61; (<i>Psalm 22:1-2, [14-18]</i>) Crucifixion: "My God, my God why have you forsaken me?" (Page 39) | |
| April 21 | Easter: Matthew Easter | Matthew 28:1-10; (<i>Psalm 118:19-24</i>) Resurrection, empty tomb, women encounter the risen Jesus (Page 41) | |
| April 28 | Great Commission Second Sunday of Easter | Matthew 28:16-20; (<i>Psalm 40:9-10</i>) Great commission, Go therefore and make disciples of all nations (Page 41) | |

APRIL 2019 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



If you are not able to serve as a worship assistant, ***please find a substitute.***

| Date | Ushers | Greeters | Candles | Snacks | AV |
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| Apr. 7 | Clifton Dawley Jason Anderson | Carol Bean Bertie Miller | Jacob Hartzler | Jan Temple Tim Anding | Dalton Diers |
| 14 | Jennifer and Marshall Crossett | Steve & Rita Anderson | Drew Diers | Kathi Bean Brenda Bean | Nick Yoder Joey Collier |
| 21 | Joe Skubal Dennis Bean | Betty & Jerry Bean | Ellie Anderson | Judy Skubal Jennifer Yoder | Nick Yoder Joey Collier |
| 28 | Dave Kaufman Neil Mills | JoAnn Torpey Marcia Wilson | Gabrielle Dawley | Jessica Diers Pat Jenkins | Nick Yoder Joey Collier |
| May 5 | Neal Megchelsen Steve Anderson | Jan Temple Juanita Dawley | Lexi Collier | Liz Kaufman Rita Anderson | Nick Yoder Joey Collier |

APRIL 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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

Tuesday, April 2: "Son" Seekers, Jan Temple, Fellowship Hall, 7 PM

Thursday, April 4: TKD, 6 PM, North Church Sanctuary

Friday, April 5-Sunday, April 7: Youth Retreat, Camp Wyoming

Sun, Apr 7: Worship w/Communion & baptism, 10:30 AM; Life Group – Beginning Bible Study, 4 PM, Fellowship Hall

Mon, Apr 8: Pastor Jason Office 1-3:30 PM; Girl Scout Leader Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 4-9:30 PM; ACC Parish Council, 7 PM, North Church

Wednesday, April 10: Highland Outreach, Townview Village, 11 AM to 1 PM

Thursday, April 11: ACCW Fellowship Hall, 1:30 PM; Program: Wynne Steele; Hostess – Jan Temple; TKD, 6 PM, North Church Sanctuary

Sunday, April 14: Palm Sunday Worship, 10:30 PM; Life Group – Beginning Bible Study, 4 PM, Fellowship Hall; Highlanders 4-H Club, 4:30 PM, Fellowship Hall; Youth Group, 5:30 PM, North Church

Monday, April 15: Pastor Jason ACC Office hours 1-3:30 PM

Tuesday, April 16: HACAP Milk Delivery, Fellowship Hall; "Card" Club, Fellowship Hall, 5 PM; "Son" Seekers, Dorothy and Herb Yoder, 7 PM

Wednesday, April 17: ACC Food Pantry, 3-6 PM, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, April 18: Maundy Thursday Interactive Service, UCC 7 PM; TKD, 6 PM, North Church Sanctuary

Friday, April 19: Good Friday Service, ACC, 7 PM

Sunday, April 21: Easter Sunday; Sunrise Service at UCC, 7 AM; 10:30 worship at ACC;

Monday, April 22: Sacha Club, Fellowship Hall, 7 PM

Thursday, April 25: TKD, 6 PM, North Church Sanctuary

Thursday through Saturday, April 25 to 27: Spring Rummage Sale at UCC

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

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

Thursday, May 2: TKD, 6 PM, North Church Sanctuary

Sunday, May 5: Graduating HS Senior Reception, 10 AM; Worship, 10:30 AM with communion; Washington Against Hunger; Halcyon House Worship, 2:30 PM; Youth Group, 5:30 PM, North Church

Monday, May 6: Pastor Jason ACC Office hours 1-3:30 PM

Tuesday, May 7: "Son" Seekers, Betty and Jerry Bean, 7 PM

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WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

GENERAL MINISTRY OF CONGREGATION

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SECRETARY: Jan Temple 657.2291; Cell: 319.330.6175;

OR EMAIL: templejan@gmail.com

ORGANIST: Linda McNeil; Jenny Yoder (substitute)

CUSTODIANS: Dick & Chris Sieren: 657.2222

TREASURER: Colleen Bean

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Karen Megchelsen, 3206 265th Street,
Ainsworth, IA 52201

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.