

# ***THE EVANGEL—NOVEMBER 2019***

## *FROM THE PASTOR*

Hello friends. I am writing post-Harvest Sale and wow what a gathering. I wonder if that is what the writer of Hebrews meant when he wrote, "Don't forsake the assembling of ourselves together." Each year I am struck by how many people come and how much fun we all have together. Do you ever think of things that are pure joy? Staring into the eyes of a baby, laughing with the whole community, or even the taste of your favorite pie! Yep, those are a few of my happy places! What more could there be? Is that what Heaven will be like? To feel God's presence and His joy unspeakable! Remember when the snow is flying, (oh yes, it's coming) great worship can warm your heart. Continue to have a safe harvest everyone and see you all in a few days for the Soup Supper. May you continue to try everything possible to follow His path! And be sure to acknowledge and give thanks for your happy places in life.



God Bless

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

Jason Collier

In Christ

Pastor Jason Collier

Crawfordsville Church and Ainsworth Church  
cell 563-343-3390

## ***NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY: ADDRESS, PHONE, EMAIL INFORMATION INCLUDED***



The new church directory is to include address, phone, and email addresses of everyone in the Ainsworth Community Church Family. Jan will do her best to sort through the newsletter mailing list to determine who and what information should be listed for each household. **If you a preference about your cell phone and/or email**

**NOT being in print, PLEASE contact Jan BEFORE Friday, November 8 and request it NOT be printed.** Sorry, time is short to guarantee contacting each of you to get your permission and still meet the Lifetouch deadline. Thank you for your help, understanding, and cooperation – Jan

PS: If you purchased pictures they will be sent to your home, if you chose to only have the free 8x10, it will be shipped to the church along with the completed directories.

## NARRATIVE LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE, NOVEMBER '19

Nov. 3	<b>Elijah at Mount Carmel</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	<b>1 Kings 18: [17-19] 20-39</b> ; Elijah calls fire from heaven on Mount Carmel to reveal God's presence (Mark 9:2-4)
10	<b>Hosea</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	<b>Hosea 11:1-9</b> ; God's passionate love for his children; despite their disobedience he cannot give them up. (Mark 10:13-14)
17	<b>Isaiah's Vineyard Song</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	<b>Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-5</b> ; Israel is pictured as a vineyard. God looks for the fruit of righteousness but finds only injustice. God promises a faithful king who will judge with righteousness. (Mark 12:1-3)
24	<b>Josiah's Reform</b> Christ the King Sunday	<b>2 Kings 22:1-10 [11-20]; 23:1-3</b> ; Josiah's recovery of Scripture, reform and renewal. (Luke 24:30-32)
Dec. 1	<b>Promise of the Messiah</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	<b>Jeremiah 33:14-18</b> ; Promise of the Messiah. (Mark 8:27-29)
Dec. 8	<b>Isaiah of the Exile</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	<b>Isaiah 40:1-11</b> ; Comfort, comfort my people, a voice cries out in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord. (Mark 1:1-4)

## COLLIDE YOUTH GROUP

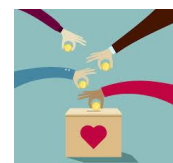


Youth in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to participate with **Collide** in Washington that features two types of **Wednesday evening** gatherings: 1) **One Nights** that are large group events from 6:30 to 8:30 PM once a month (first Wednesday) at Washington High School; and 2) **Life Groups** that are held Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at Life Group Houses. Life groups are fun, age specific environments designed to connect students to a consistent, life-giving community. Life group houses are divided by grades and are held in different locations in the Washington area. Participants would attend *One Nights* as well as *Life Groups*. FMI visit: <http://www.citypoint.cc/collide>. Dates are included in the calendar. Nick Yoder is providing local leadership to the group. FMI: [Nick Yoder: 319-325-8070; nickyoder97@yahoo.com](mailto:nickyoder97@yahoo.com)



## MISSION COMMITTEE: HOLIDAY DONATIONS

The Mission Committee is getting ready for Thanksgiving and Christmas. They strive to make those celebrations special for needy families in our community. If you are willing to donate a little extra to purchase food and gifts for these families, Kathi will have information at church or you may call her – 319.657.2387.



## KIDS' CLUB HARVEST SUPPER, NOV. 6, 2019



The final Kids' Club meeting of the Fall Session is Wednesday, **November 6**. The evening begins with a Harvest Supper at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall of the South Church followed by a brief "thank" service. The evening concludes by 7:30 PM. All parents and siblings of Kids' Club participants are welcome to come to the supper and service.

## UCC FALL SOUP SUPPER, SATURDAY, NOV. 9

The United Church of Crawfordsville Fall Soup Supper will be Saturday, November 9. They will serve chili, potato, and oyster soup from 4:30 to 7 PM. Free-will offering.



## 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 set to begin on Sunday, November 10th at 9:30 AM** in the South Church Sanctuary. Performances will begin in December.

## HIGHLAND COMMUNITY OUTREACH – NOV. 13

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. In Ainsworth the meetings are held in the Community Room of Townview Village beginning at 11 AM the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. The students will share and answer questions for about one hour. Please plan to come and be supportive of our students. Already this year we have had FFA students and athletes share. In November, the meeting will be the 13<sup>th</sup>.



## ACCW – NOVEMBER 14, 10:30 AM, AT ACC



Ainsworth Community Church Women (ACCW) will hold their regular meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of November on the 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 2019 calendar year. Plans will be made for 2020.

## ACC FOOD PANTRY OPEN NOVEMBER 20

The Ainsworth Community Church Food Pantry will open for participants November 20, 3-6 PM. If you need to make other arrangements or have eligibility questions please call 319-657-2387 for confidential information.



## CHARGE CONFERENCE – NOVEMBER 26, 5:30 PM



Charge Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, November 26 at 5:30 PM at the United Church of Crawfordsville. Before the joint charge conference business meeting, bring a dish to pass and join in a Potluck supper.

Parish Council will review all reports and budgets at their regular meeting on Monday, November 11. The congregation may review the materials and ask questions on Sunday, November 17 and November 24.

## BLOOD DRIVE: DEC. 2, 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 2 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 Larry Fletcher at 319-461-1564. Last date to donate elsewhere is October 7, 2019. **Bring a photo ID with you.**





**BUILDING BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY**  
**DEC. 14, 9 AM TO 3:30 PM,**  
**DALLMEYER HALL EAST BANQUET ROOM**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

Please join us for a day of community training for Building Bridges Out of Poverty. This event is FREE to the public in an effort to gain a community approach to poverty, learn about accurate models of poverty, and how we can build long term support for individuals in poverty in Washington County. National Consultant/Certified Trainer, Vern Reed will be leading the training session beginning at 9AM at the Washington County Fairgrounds, Dallmeyer Hall. Check-in will start at 8AM.

Who Should Attend? Resource providers, churches, business owners and employers, law enforcement, educators, career techs and the general public! A free lunch will also be provided that day. Please register by December 10th as seating is limited. Find us on Facebook or use this link and click on "get a ticket" to register.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2194065754226788/>

**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**.



**NOVEMBER 2019 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Candles</b>	<b>Snacks</b>	<b>AV</b>
3	Jim Hansen Wendell Arduser	Jennifer & Marshall Crossett	Jacob Hartzler	Kathi Bean Brenda Bean	Nick Yoder; Joey Collier
10	Roger Boyer Myron Rees	Karen & Wendell Arduser	Drew Diers	Ann Freyenberger Marcia Wilson	Nick Yoder; Joey Collier
17	Clifton Dawley Jason Anderson	Carol Bean Bertie Miller	Ellie Anderson	Betty Bean JoAnn Torpey	Nick Yoder; Joey Collier
24	Jennifer and Marshall Crossett	Steve & Rita Anderson	Kate Hartzler	Judy Skubal Jennifer Yoder	Nick Yoder; Joey Collier

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	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Advent Candles</b>	<b>Snacks</b>	<b>AV</b>
1	Dave Kaufman Neil Mills	Jan Temple ?????	TBD	Jan Temple Tim Anding	Nick Yoder; Joey Collier
8	Joe Skubal Dennis Bean	Steve Miller Linda Hagist	TBD	Jessica Diers Pat Jenkins	Nick Yoder; Joey Collier
15	Neal Megchelsen Steve Anderson	Jennifer & Marshall Crossett	TBD	Liz Kaufman Rita Anderson	Nick Yoder; Joey Collier
22	Jim Hansen Wendell Arduser	Karen & Wendell Arduser	TBD	Karen Megchelsen Wynne Steele	Nick Yoder; Joey Collier
24- Eve	Myron Rees		TBD		Nick Yoder; Joey Collier
29	Roger Boyer Myron Rees	Carol Bean Bertie Miller	Lexi Collier	Janet Rees Molly Hartzler	Nick Yoder; Joey Collier



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS/\*ANNIVERSARIES



1) Joe Dawley; 3) \*Rick & Betty Anders; 5) Betty Bean; 8) Dale Holmes; Wendell Arduser; 10) Norma Paisley; 13) Keegan Blakley; 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) Marshall Crossett; Carrie Ornduff; 22) Shayln Kirk, Deb Gilchrist; 28) Karlton Skubal; 30) \*Alan & Julie Edmondson.

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS/\*ANNIVERSARIES:



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.


## PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



**Pastor and Youth Group Report:** Jason reported that about 4 youth from Ainsworth and 3 to 4 from Crawfordsville have been attending the youth group events in Washington on Wednesday evenings. Confirmation for 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth will be starting in the near future.

**Christian Education:** Kids' Club is in session. About 15 youth are participating divided into 3 classes. October 30 we are cooperating with Opera House to host a costume party and hopefully increase interest in Kids' Club. Bibles have come and will be presented in the near future. **Worship** – Will be meeting soon to make plans for Advent which begins December 1. **Property** – Joe Skubal is taking the lead for the group. He has contacted several companies for bids for tuck pointing the South Church. They are working to repair corrosion of the gas lines going in to our buildings. Carson's will be contacted to check on drain in the Fellowship Hall. Handicapped bars will be installed in the Women's Restroom in the South Church as well as a new seat. They are seeking estimates for new exterior doors at the South Church. They are getting a bid on different steps for the south entrance to the North Church. Jason reminded them to seek termite inspection on the properties. **Mission** – In September, the Mission Committee served 10 families representing 36 people. Ann, Brenda, and Kathi served a Bridges Out of Poverty class a meal (Macaroni with chicken and cheese casserole, tomatoes, brownies and ice cream). **SPPRC** Joint committee is scheduled to meet October 15 at ACC. **Nominating:** They are making progress, but are having trouble filling the financial secretary and parish council vacancies. **Old Business:** 1) The church planning meeting was held – results in Charge Conference materials. 2) African Children's Choir – plans are moving forward to hold the event in the old elementary gym. They will need families to host the youth and chaperones for one to two nights. 3) Security cameras are on hold at the moment. Recording equipment/camera is in progress. **New Business:** 1) It was agreed to continue with Colleen as the "Control Individual" at the bank; 2) Colleen will share information with the congregation about how to request automatic withdrawal for tithing purposes. 3) Charge Conference – information shared by Jan was approved as presented. Congregation will have opportunity to review it on Nov. 17 and 24; 4) Budget – Colleen will prepare a budget similar to current year adjusting for inflation to present at November Council meeting. The next stated monthly meeting will be Monday, Nov. 11, 7 PM, North Church office.

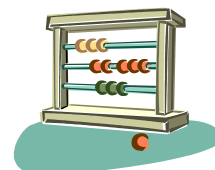
## BUDGET REPORT – 9-30-19

	Income	\$7,242.88	Expenses	\$5,668.09
	General Fund	\$7,353.80	Building Fund	\$6,302.36
	Memorial Fund	\$37,722.33	Need/month for budget	\$8,477.46

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

## AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER ATTENDANCE

Month	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
August	359	281	251	265	226
September	347	281	261	377	296
October	337	371	317	274	246



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



**Joys:** We give thanks for our many blessings that God has bestowed upon us.

**Concerns:** Prayers for the family of Margaret Colthurst and Jennifer Young as they grieve each in his or her own way. Prayers of healing for Tom Colthurst.

Special prayers for Pat Roberts as she recovers and regains strength, Sandy Stout, and Rosemary Harris. Prayers for those throughout our country recovering from fires and other natural disasters. We pray for the safety of our farmers and their families during harvest, and 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.

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS DURING ADVENT

During advent, we will need more volunteers to assist with worship. Please be ready to say yes, you'd be delighted to help serve the Lord when asked for any of the following:

- 1) Read liturgy; 2) Light Advent candles; 3) Lead children's sermon; or
- 4) Share special music or other talent.



## THE REFUGE HOUSE



A men's transitional living house called, "Refuge House", is a Christ-Centered, non-profit organization that provides supportive services and transition housing to homeless men. Through the support system of the House Advocate, the Advisory Team, and the community network that has been established, we will offer support to those men who will call Refuge House home while they reach their ultimate goal of self-sufficiency and personal success. The network of community support will include: 1) a partnership with area employers and employment services to help the men find gainful employment and financial stability; 2) A partnership with area pastors and churches to offer support, mentorship, and new healthy relationships; 3) Counseling and Group Supports to offer guidance and focus through the process of recovery and self-sufficiency, including an effective exit strategy.

Your prayer and support will help to ensure the greatest opportunity for these men to experience freedom from the past and healthier choices for the future. Together, we provide these men a safe harbor and time to see new and better lives founded in the solid promises of God and His Word. Thank you for blessing us and blessing these who are broken. You may send checks to: The Refuge House, PO Box 123, Olds, IA 52657.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2019

**Sunday, Nov. 3:** Daylight Saving Time Ends; Worship 10:30 AM; Worship at Halcyon House, 2:30 PM

**Monday, November 4:** Pastor Jason ACC Office hours 1-3:30 PM

**Tuesday, November 5:** "Son" Seekers, Jan Temple, Fellowship Hall, 7 PM

**Wednesday, November 6:** Kids' Club, Harvest Meal, 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall, South Church; Collide, "One Night", 6:30-8:30PM, Washington High School (Youth Group Event)



**Thursday, November 7 through Sunday, November 10:** Women's Walk to Emmaus #182 at Camp IO-DIS-E-CA

**Thursday, November 7:** TKD, 6 PM, North Church

**Saturday, November 9:** Soup Supper, United Church of Crawfordsville, 4:30 to 7 PM

**Sunday, November 10:** Worship, 10:30 AM; Highlanders 4-H Meeting, 4:30 PM

**Monday, November 11: Veterans Day;** Pastor Jason ACC Office hours 1-3:30 PM; ACC Parish Council, North Church Office, 7 PM

**Wednesday, Nov. 13:** Highland Outreach, Townview Village Community Room, 11 AM; *Life Group*, 6:30-8 PM at Life Group Houses (Youth Group Event)

**Thursday, Nov. 14:** ACCW meeting with Stone Soup Lunch 10:30 AM, Fellowship Hall; TKD, 6 PM, North Church

**Sunday, November 17:** Worship, 10:30 AM; Lunch at FoCo, Noon to 2 – Everyone welcome (buy your own meal)

**Monday, November 18:** Pastor Jason ACC Office hours 1-3:30 PM

**Tuesday, November 19:** HACAP Milk Delivery to Fellowship Hall kitchen; Pastor Study Club, North Church Office; "Card" Club, Fellowship Hall, 5 PM; "Son" Seekers, Herb and Dorothy Koehler, 7 PM

**Wednesday, November 20:** ACC Food Pantry Open, 3-6 PM, Fellowship Hall; *Life Group*, 6:30-8 PM at Life Group Houses (Youth Group Event)

**Thursday, November 21:** TKD, 6 PM, North Church

**Sunday, November 24:** Worship, 10:30 AM

**Monday, November 25:** Pastor Jason ACC Office hours 1-3:30 PM; Sacha Club, Hold Fellowship Hall, 6 PM

**Tuesday, November 26:** Potluck followed by Joint Charge Conference for ACC and UCC at United Church of Crawfordsville, 5:30 PM

**Wednesday, November 27 through Saturday, Nov. 30:** Jason will be with family.

**Thursday, November 28: Happy Thanksgiving!**

**Sunday, December 1:** First Sunday of Advent; Worship with Communion, 10:30 AM

**Monday, December 2:** Pastor Jason ACC Office hours 1-3:30 PM; Blood Drive, Crawfordsville, 1:30-6:30 PM

**Tuesday, December 3:** "Son" Seekers, location TBD, 7 PM

**Wednesday, Dec. 4:** *Life Group*, 6:30-8 PM at Life Group Houses (Youth Group Event)

**Thursday, December 5:** TKD, 6 PM, North Church

**Sunday, December 8:** Worship, 10:30 AM; Highlanders 4-H Club Meeting, 4:30-6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall; Pastor Jason departing following worship to be on vacation through December 14.

**Wednesday, December 11:** Highland Outreach at Townview Village Community Room, 11 AM; *Life Group*, 6:30-8 PM at Life Group Houses (Youth Group Event)

**Thursday, December 12:** TKD, 6 PM, North Church

**Sunday, December 15:** Worship 10:30 AM; Lunch at FoCo, Noon to 2 – Everyone welcome (buy your own meal)

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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.