

THE EVANGEL – FEB.-MAR. 2020

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

As we are working our way through the Gospel of Mark, I have enjoyed hearing the way Mark brings certain details to the life of Jesus. No matter how many times I read it, I am always surprised by something. This week it was Mark 2:15. Jesus does something



so uncommon. And how often do we actually do what Jesus does? Ok he also heals people and I believe that we can't do that. But I do believe in this, we can do this. You have figured out by now that I am not going to tell you what he does in this verse. It is up to you to "look it up dear." I have been so proud of the churches lately, and during a time of rough denominational waters. We are still the church to our community and neighbors.

Here is my challenge to each family in the church. Do as Jesus did! Be the church in as many ways as possible. Be caring and loving. Give boldly in every way and watch how lives change. Jesus is always transforming lives two at a time. One life transformed is the one who is touched by Jesus. The other life that is changed is the one who brings the friend to the Saviour. Be that friend by following one simple task (which you will need to look up in Mark 2:15).

Blessings from the Pastor's desk

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

Jason Collier

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE FOR FEBRUARY

February 2	Jairus' Daughter Healed 4th Sunday after Epiphany	Mark 5:21-43; (Psalm 131) Jesus heals Jairus' daughter and the woman with the flow of blood.
February 9	Death of John the Baptist 5th Sunday after Epiphany	Mark 6:1-29; (Psalm 122) Jesus rejected at Nazareth; sending of the Twelve; death of John the Baptist.
February 16	What Defiles? 6th Sunday after Epiphany	Mark 7:1-23; (Psalm 51:1-3, 6-7) What defiles one comes from within
February 23	Transfiguration Transfiguration	Mark 8:27-9:8; (Psalm 27:1-4) <i>Peter's confession, passion prediction, bearing the cross, Transfiguration.</i>
February 26	Passion Prediction Ash Wednesday	Mark 9:30-37; (Psalm 32:1-5) <i>Passion prediction, debate about who is the greatest, call to become a servant.</i>

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE FOR MARCH

March 1	First Last and Last First First Sunday in Lent	Mark 10:17-31; (Psalm 19:7-10) Rich man is called to sell all he has and follow Jesus.
March 8	Bartimaeus Healed 2 nd Sunday in Lent	Mark 10:32-52; (Psalm 34:11-14) Passion prediction, Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, heals blind Bartimaeus.
March 15	Parable of the Tenants [Taxes to Caesar] 3 rd Sunday in Lent	Mark 12:1-12 [13-17]; (Psalm 86:8-13) Parable of the wicked tenants; paying taxes to Caesar.
March 22	Great Commandment 4 th Sunday in Lent	Mark 12:28-44; (Psalm 89:1-4) Great commandment, scribes seek honor, a poor widow gives all she has.
March 29	End of the Age 5 th Sunday in Lent	Mark 13:1-8, 24-37; (Psalm 102:12-17) The end of the age; call to be watchful.
April 5	Triumphal Entry (or Anointing at Bethany) Palm Sunday	Mark 11:1-11 Triumphal entry Mark 14:3-9; (Psalm 118:25-29) Woman anoints Jesus at Bethany

KIDS' CLUB

Kids' Club is meeting at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays at the North Church – weather permitting. **Exception:** Wednesday, February 26 we will meet in the South Church for the annual Ash Wednesday pancake supper and worship. Students as well as their entire family is encouraged to join us.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

**YOUTH
GROUP**

The ACC-UCC Youth Group has reorganized and will start meeting again soon. The plan is to meet on Sundays from **4-5:30 PM** starting **Sunday, February 9**. They will meet at the North Church in Ainsworth. Kirby and Demi Shetler along with Nick Yoder will be providing leadership. All youth in grades 7 and above are invited to come join in the fellowship and fun.

CRAWFORDSVILLE LIONS PANCAKE SUPPER

The Crawfordsville Lions Club is sponsoring a Pancake Supper on Saturday, February 15 from 4-7 PM at the Crawfordsville Elementary School. Proceeds will go towards a WACO High School Scholarship Fund.



HIGHLAND OUTREACH – FEB. 12, 10 AM



Plan to attend the Highland Outreach Program on Wednesday, February 12 starting at 10 AM at the *Ainsworth Opera House* (Note change of location). Elementary students will be sharing with us. Great time to get out of the house and see neighbors as well as encourage our students!

BLOOD DRIVE – FEB. 17, 2-7 PM

The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center, in conjunction with the Ainsworth Sacha Club, will hold a blood drive on Monday, February 17th from 2-7 PM at the Fellowship Hall of the Ainsworth Community Church. You must be 17 years of age to donate or 16 years with a signed consent form from your parents. You must be at least 110 pounds and in good health the day of the donations. You need to eat a full meal within 4 hours of donating, avoiding fried, fatty foods and whole dairy products. For more information, call Kathi Bean at 319-657-2387 or 319-461-1339.



“SON” SEEKERS RESUMES FEB. 18, 7 PM



February 18: Oscar & Wynne Steele
 March 3: Linda McNeil
 March 17: Gene & Pat Miller at UCC
 April 7: Jan Temple – Fellowship Hall at ACC
 April 21: Herb Yoder & Dorothy Koehler
 May 5: Jerry & Betty Bean

ASH WEDNESDAY: PANCAKES & WORSHIP

Ash Wednesday is February 26 (all Kids' Club participants and families, ACC, and UCC Church Family) is invited to the ACC Fellowship Hall in the South Church at 6:30 PM for a pancake supper. At 7 PM, everyone is invited to stay (or come if you couldn't join us for pancakes) for the Ash Wednesday Worship service conducted by Pastor Jason. We adjourn by 7:30 PM.



CROOKED CREEK CAMP NEWS



**CROOKED
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CHRISTIAN CAMP

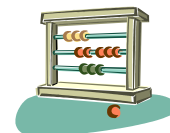
Starting in January we are excited to share our news and information with you electronically. Here is the website link so folks can subscribe to receive it monthly!
<http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/> ;

January newsletter link: <https://mailchi.mp/84aeea7f2877/2020-creekline-news>


FMI: Heather Bender, Exec. Dir., 319-653-3611; www.crookedcreekcamp.org

DECEMBER & JANUARY ATTENDANCE

Month	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
December	582	312	390	417	329	
January	220	348	301	236	165 (3 weeks-weather)	106 (2 wks.)



BUDGET REPORT – 12-31-19

	Income	\$17,437.70	Expenses	\$5,230.69
	General Fund	\$12,665.06	Building Fund	\$14,223.86
	Memorial Fund	\$39,319.24	Need/month for budget	\$8,477.08

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: We are grateful for those recovering from procedures and surgery; the opportunity to form groups to study God's word. **Concerns:** Healing thoughts to Kathi Bean, Tina Collier, Tom Colthurst, and Bob Lynde as they recover from surgery or recent hospital stays. Prayers of sympathy are extended to Karen Megchelsen and family as they grieve the passing of Karen's mother, Donna Timm. Prayers of patience and strength are requested for those experiencing challenges in their work and personal life. **Serving Our Country:** We say "Thank You!" to members and their families serving our country.



PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



At the January 13 Parish Council meeting, officers for 2020 were elected. They are: Chair: Myron Rees; Vice Chair: Erin Kaufman; Secretary: Rachel Carstensen and Treasurer: Colleen Bean; Please note that the new Financial Secretary for the church is Christina Collier. Committee Liaisons: Christian Education: Rachel Carstensen; Membership/Nurture: Janene Kirk; Mission: Erin Kaufman; Staff/Parish: Colleen Bean; Property: Myron Rees; Worship: Jan Temple.

Treasurer's Report: Colleen noted the following: ACH is going well with about 5 families using the automatic deposit system; single donations of \$250 or more are the only ones that will be getting a statement from the financial secretary. **Pastor Report:** Jason shared reports for the months of October, November, and December. **Christian Education:** Kids' Club Spring Session will begin Wednesday, January 15. The Christmas Program was held during worship on December 15. **Membership/Nurture** A funeral dinner was served for the Sandy Stout Family and cards sent to the Rosemary Harris Family. Under new business: Correct records to reflect Janet White-Stafford never transferred her membership away from ACC. She is still a member here. **Property** – Jason is working on security cameras. The recording camera in the sanctuary has been updated at a cost of about \$1000. We have received money to help with door repair/replacement at the South Church. The property committee is working on the doors as well as heat in the entryway of the South Church. **Mission** – The committee hosted Bridges Out of Poverty Training on Saturday, Dec. 14 at the Washington County Fairgrounds. Great participation. Ann is establishing a Steering Committee. **Nominating:** Parish Council may at a future date wish to appoint an additional person to the Nominating Committee. Sandy Stout had been serving on the committee. **Old Business:** Minutes of the Dec. 22, 2019 Charge Conference were reviewed. No changes needed. **New Business:** Meeting date – Agreed to continue with 2nd Monday of each month.; It was concluded a committee planning session isn't needed at this time; No need for a temporary Memorial Money Planning Committee at this time; Jan is to correct membership records to reflect that Janet White Stafford's membership was never transferred. She **continues** as a member at ACC; Approve having Sherrie Hansen conduct the annual financial audit; It was agreed to dispense with a February meeting. The next meeting will be Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7 PM.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS/*ANNIVERSARIES



1) Robert McCreedy; 4) Diesel Freyenberger; 5) Rhonda Morrison; Drake Brezina; 6) Jim Hansen; 9) Halle Hazelett; 11) Jan Temple; 13) Christine Sands; 14) Gabrielle Dawley, Stan McCreedy, *Kurt & Dawn Stewart; *Herb Yoder & Dorothy Koehler; 16) *Jason & Kristen Anderson; 17) Kerra Longbine; 18) Elaine Nicholson; 19) Bruce Temple; 22) George Colthurst; Hannah Mae Hartzler; 24) Dwight Miller; 27) Adam Rees.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS/*ANNIVERSARIES



1) Ellie Anderson; 2) Steve Anderson, Nancy Stewart; 3) Chris Richardson; 5) Molly Klinzman; 8) Stephanie Laverman; 9) *Dave & Karolyn Skubal; 17) Rita Anderson; Noah Hartzler; 19) Emma Beemblossom; Dawn Stewart; 20) Noah Mills Entsminger; 21) Jonathan Kruse; Erin Mills; 24) Jason Collier; Janet White-Stafford; 26) Janene Kirk; 27) Ruth Miller Dorothy Jacobs; 29) Elizabeth (Izie) Collier; Kurt Stewart; 30) Rich Riggan; 31) Jim McCreedy

FEBRUARY 2020 WORSHIP HELPERS

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

	Ushers	Greeters	Candles	Snacks	AV
2	Joe Skubal Dennis Bean	Jennifer & Marshall Crossett	Ellie Anderson	Jan Temple Tim Anding	Nick Yoder Joey Collier
9	Jim Hansen Wendell Arduser	Carol Bean Bertie Miller	Gabrielle Dawley	Jessica Diers Pat Jenkins	Nick Yoder Joey Collier
16	Roger Boyer Myron Rees	Jan Temple	Lexi Collier	Janet Rees Molly Hartzler	Nick Yoder Joey Collier
23	Clifton Dawley Jason Anderson	Steve & Rita Anderson	Jacob Hartzler	Karen Megchelsen Wynne Steele	Nick Yoder Joey Collier

MARCH 2020 (LENT) WORSHIP HELPERS

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

During Lent we need volunteers for: Liturgist; Children's Sermon; & Special Music.

	Ushers	Greeters	Candles	Snacks	AV
1	Jennifer & Marshall Crossett	Karen & Wendell Arduser	Drew Diers	Sherri Hazen Karen Arduser	Nick Yoder Joey Collier
8	Neal Megchelsen Neil Mills	Jan Temple	Ellie Anderson	Kathi Bean Brenda Bean	Nick Yoder Joey Collier
15	Joe Skubal Dennis Bean	Steve Miller Linda Hagist	Gabrielle Dawley	Judy Skubal Jennifer Yoder	Nick Yoder Joey Collier
22	Dave Kaufman Steve Anderson	Jennifer & Marshall Crossett	Lexi Collier	Liz Kaufman Rita Anderson	Nick Yoder Joey Collier
29	Jim Hansen Wendell Arduser	TBD	Jacob Hartzler	Jessica Diers Pat Jenkins	Nick Yoder Joey Collier

FEBRUARY 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, February 1: TKD Testing, North Church Sanctuary, 8 AM to Noon

Sunday, February 2: Worship with Communion, 10:30 AM

Wednesday, February 5: Prayer Hour, Ainsworth Opera House, 10:30 AM;
Kids' Club, 6:30 to 7:30 PM, North Church

Thursday, February 6: TKD, North Church Sanctuary, 6 PM

Sunday, Feb. 9: Worship, 10:30 AM; Highlanders 4-H Club, 4:30 PM, Fellowship Hall;
Youth Group, 4-5:30 PM, North Church

Wednesday, February 12: Highland Outreach, 10 AM, Ainsworth Opera House; Prayer
Hour, Ainsworth Opera House, 10:30 AM; Kids' Club, 6:30 PM, North Church

Thursday, February 13: TKD, North Church Sanctuary, 6 PM

Saturday, February 15: Crawfordsville Lion's Pancake Supper, 4 PM

Sunday, February 16: Worship, 10:30 AM; Lunch at the FoCo, Noon to 2 PM; Youth
Group, 4-5:30 PM, North Church

Monday February 17: Sacha Club Blood Drive, ACC Fellowship Hall, 2-7 PM

Tuesday, February 18: "Card" Club, Fellowship Hall, 5 PM; "Son" Seekers, 7 PM, Oscar
and Wynne Steele home

Wednesday, February 19: Prayer Hour, Ainsworth Opera House, 10:30 AM; Food Pantry
Open, 3-6 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall; Kids' Club, 6:30 PM, North Church



Thursday, February 20: TKD, North Church Sanctuary, 6 PM

Sunday, February 23: Worship, 10:30 AM; Youth Group, 4-5:30 PM,
North Church

Monday, February 24: Sacha Club, Fellowship Hall, 6 PM

Wednesday, February 26: Ash Wednesday; Prayer Hour at
Ainsworth Opera House, 10:30 AM; Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper for Kids' Club
Families and all of ACC and UCC, 6:30 PM; Ash Wednesday Worship Service, 7 PM;
Ainsworth South Church

Thursday, February 27: TKD, North Church Sanctuary, 6 PM

MARCH 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 1: Worship with Communion, 10:30 AM; First Sunday of Lent; Youth
Group, 4-5:30 PM, North Church

Tuesday, March 3: "Son" Seekers, 7 PM, Linda McNeil host

Wednesday, March 4: Prayer Hour, Ainsworth Opera House, 10:30 AM; Kids'
Club, 6:30 PM, North Church

Thursday, March 5: TKD, North Church Sanctuary, 6 PM

Sunday, March 8: Daylight Saving Time Begins; Worship, 10:30 AM;
Highlanders 4-H Club, 4:30 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall; Youth Group, 4-5:30 PM, North
Church

Monday, March 9: Ainsworth Parish Council, 7 PM, North Church

Wednesday, March 11: Highland Outreach, 10 AM, Ainsworth Opera House; Prayer
Hour; 10:30 AM, Opera House; Kids' Club, 6:30 PM, North Church

Thursday, March 12: TKD, North Church Sanctuary, 6 PM

Sunday, March 15: Worship, 10:30 AM; Lunch at the Corners, Noon to 2 PM

Tuesday, March 17: St. Patrick's Day; "Card" Club, ACC Fellowship Hall, 5 PM; "Son"
Seekers, 7 PM, Gene and Pat Miller hosts at UCC

Wednesday, March 18: Prayer Hour, Ainsworth Opera House, 10:30 AM; Food Pantry
Open, Fellowship Hall, South Church, 3-6 PM; Kids' Club, 6:30 PM, North Church

Thursday, March 19: TKD, North Church Sanctuary, 6 PM



Sunday, March 22: Worship, 10:30 AM; Youth Group, 4-5:30 PM, North Church
Monday, March 23: Sacha Club, ACC, 6 PM
Wednesday, March 25: Prayer Hour, Ainsworth Opera House, 10:30 AM
Thursday, March 26: Pastors Study Group, North Church Office, 10:30 AM; TKD, North Church Sanctuary, 6 PM
Sunday, March 29: Worship, 10:30 AM
Wednesday, April 1: Prayer Hour, Ainsworth Opera House, 10:30 AM
Thursday, April 2: TKD, North Church Sanctuary, 6 PM
Sunday, April 5: Palm Sunday; Worship, 10:30 AM; Youth Group, 4-5:30 PM, North Church
Tuesday, April 7: "Son" Seekers, ACC Fellowship Hall, Jan Temple, Host
Wednesday, April 8: Highland Outreach, 10 AM, Ainsworth Opera House; Prayer Hour; 10:30 AM, Opera House
Thursday, April 9: Maundy Thursday; ACCW, Fellowship Hall, 1:30 PM; TKD, North Church Sanctuary, 6 PM; Maundy Thursday Worship, 7 PM at UCC
Friday, April 10: Good Friday
Saturday, April 11: Holy Saturday
Sunday, April 12: Easter Sunday; Sunrise Service, UCC 7 AM; Easter Worship 9 AM, UCC; Easter Worship at ACC, 10:30 AM
Monday, April 13: ACC Parish Council, 7 PM
Wednesday, April 15: Prayer Hour, Ainsworth Opera House, 10:30 AM; Food Pantry Open, Fellowship Hall, South Church, 3-6 PM

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**.



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WORSHIP TIME

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

Wednesdays: Kids' Club 6:30-7:30 PM, North Church 318 4th Street

GENERAL MINISTRY OF CONGREGATION

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Kirby and Demi Shetler

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OR EMAIL: templejan@gmail.com

ORGANIST: Linda McNeil; Jenny Yoder (substitute)

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TREASURER: Colleen Bean

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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.