

THE EVANGEL—FEB. '24-MAR. '24

FROM THE PASTOR

Hello everyone, I am writing from the comfort of my home on a cold winter day. I have daily experienced God's love and seen others extend that love throughout these winter days. I am so proud of our community and the way we care for each other! Imagine what would happen if we never helped each other. Please be careful out there and love as often as possible! From the first of the year till Easter we will be covering the Gospel of Mark. This is going to be such a great learning experience. I invite all of you to learn with us but also to learn on your own. What a great way to understand Jesus than by diving into Mark. There are lots of ways to do that. My favorite is Rightnowmedia.org. They have at least 10 video bible studies on Mark. You could go online and google or sit down and read a study bible... Anyway, I will be asking in church what are some interesting things you have learned about our passage each week as we move into Easter. This should be a great way to prepare our hearts for the RESURRECTION! And by the way in case you missed it, Ash Wednesday is on Valentines Day, what a conflicted day that could be! Happy February!

In Christ



Jason Collier

2024 ACC DIRECTORY

The church directory has been updated. You can pick up a copy at either door in the church sanctuary.

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 **Teri's cell 319.461.6608**.



ACC FOOD PANTRY



The Ainsworth Community Church Food Pantry continues to serve families in need by contacting previous participants. If you know someone in need of food, contact Brenda at 319.461.1637 or Kathi at 319.461.1339 to make arrangements or receive answers to eligibility questions.

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE, FEB. 2024 – MARCH 2024

Feb. 4	Death of John the Baptist 5 th Sunday after Epiphany	Mark 6:1-29; (Psalm 37:16-18) Jesus is rejected at Nazareth, Sending of the Twelve, Death of John the Baptist.
Feb. 11	Transfiguration Transfiguration Sunday	Mark 8:27, 9:8; (Psalm 27:1-4) Peter's confession, passion prediction, bearing the cross, Transfiguration
Feb. 14	Passion Prediction Ash Wednesday	Mark 9:30-37; (Psalm 32:1-5) Passion prediction, debate about who is the greatest, call to become a servant
Feb. 18	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.

Feb. 25	Bartimaeus Healed Second 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.
Mar. 3	Parable of the Tenants (Taxes to Caesar) Third Sunday in Lent	Mark 12:1-12 (13-17) Parable of the wicked tenants; paying taxes to Caesar (Psalm 86: 8-13)
Mar. 10	Great Commandment Fourth Sunday in Lent	Mark 12:28-44 Great Commandment, scribes seek honor, a poor widow gives all she has. (Psalm 89: 1-4)
Mar. 17	End of the Age Fifth Sunday in Lent	Mark 13:1-8, 24-34) The end of the age; call to be watchful. (Psalm 102:12-17)
Mar. 24	Triumphal Entry (or Anointing at Bethany) Palm/Passion Sunday	Mark 11:1-11 (Psalm 118:12-19) Triumphal entry Mark 14:3-9 Woman anoints Jesus at Bethany
Mar. 28	Lord's Supper, Prayer in Gethsemane Maundy Thursday	Mark 14: 22-42 Words of Institution; Peter's denial foretold; prayer in Gethsemane. (Psalm 116:12-19)
Mar. 29	Crucifixion Good Friday	Mark 15:16-39 Mocking; crucifixion; "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
Mar. 31	Resurrection Easter Sunday	Mark: 16:1-8 Resurrection; empty tomb, and fleeing in fear. (Psalm 118: 21-27)

KID'S CLUB SPRING SESSION

A Spring session of Kids' Club started Wednesday, January 10. If school dismisses early for weather issues, Kids' Club will not meet that evening. If you are willing to teach/assist or have children interested in participating, please contact Pastor Jason at 563.343.3390 or Karen at 319.430.0496. The ACC Kids Club Pancake Supper will be on February 14th at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall, which is also Ash Wednesday. Everyone is invited to attend. This will be followed by Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 PM.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS/*ANNIVERSARIES

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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS/*ANNIVERSARIES

1)Ellie Anderson; 2) Steve Anderson; 5) Molly Klinzman;
8) Stephanie Laverman; 9) *Dave & Karolyn Skubal; 17) Rita Anderson; Noah Hartzler; 19) Emma Beemblossom; Dawn Stewart; 20) Noah Mills Entsminger;
Happy Birthday! 21) Erin Mills; 24) Jason Collier; Janet White-Stafford; 26) Janene Kirk;
27) Dorothy Jacobs; 29) Elizabeth (Izzy) Collier; Kurt Stewart;
30) Rich Riggan

BLOOD DRIVE – FEB. 5 – 2:00 – 6:30 PM @ACC

A blood drive will be held by Impact Life Monday, February 5, 2:00 to 6:30 PM at ACC. For an appointment call Dave Jewell: 319.931.2044. **Bring a photo ID.**



BIBLE STUDY WITH WYNNE STEELE

Wynne Steele is conducting bible study in the ACC Fellowship Hall every Sunday from 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM through March 24, 2024.

THE AINSWORTH OPERA HOUSE EVENT

The Ainsworth Opera House will be hosting The Drive-Ins Rock and Roll Duo on Saturday, February 10, 2024, from 4:00 – 8:00 PM. Freewill donation. This is a family event and all ages are welcome. There will be live music, maid-rites, milkshakes, chips, and soda. There is a poster on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary.

CRAWFORDSVILLE LION'S CLUB PANCAKE SUPPER

UCC has shared that the Crawfordsville Lion's Club Pancake Supper is Saturday, February 17, 2024 from 4–7PM at the Crawfordsville City Hall. Free will donation.

CROOKED CREEK CHRISTIAN CAMP

Registration is now open for their Spring Craft Retreat the weekend of March 1-3, 2024. It will be a fun weekend of crafting and fellowship.

Visit <http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/craft-retreat.html> for more information and to register.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Remember to set your clocks one (1) hour ahead on March 10, 2024

BUDGET REPORT – 1/8/2024



Income	\$8432.07	Expenses	\$3,414.49
General Fund	\$40,623.31	Building Fund	\$15,288.86
Memorial Fund	\$43,244.01	Need/month for budget	\$8110.22

DECEMBER AND JANUARY ATTENDANCE

December 2023 – 256

January 2024 – 56 (reflects one week, as two weeks were canceled due to weather)

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. The joy of matrimony. **Serving Our Country:** We say "Thank You!" to members and their families serving our country.



PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of the January meeting: **Treasurer's Report:** Colleen noted that there was nothing unusual this month in the general balance sheet. In reviewing bills, she noted that amounts have changed due to not deducting for Jason's insurance. She also noted that Kitch Shatzer has been paid for moderator expenses. **Pastor's Report:** For December and January, Jason reported no premarital counseling, but did report other counseling as three (3). There were no baptisms. **Committee Reports:** **Worship:** Nothing to report. **Christian Education:** Kids' Club started the Spring session on January 10th. They will have the ACC Kid's Club Pancake Supper on February 14th at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Youth are attending Youth Group at Bethel. **Membership/Nurture:** Janet Rees sent a card to the Rice Family. Myron Rees reported that the committee is active on sending out get well/sympathy card to non-active members. **Property:** Alliant Energy sent a letter regarding in improperly coated natural gas pipe entering the North Church's outer wall, and it is the church's responsibility to take care of this. Teri Russell will be calling Armstrong Heating and Air Conditioning to have this addressed. **Mission:** – In December the Mission Committee served 10 families representing 36 individuals. Five families (14 people) received Christmas presents from the Mission Committee. We received donations from



four families from the church, one family not from church and Sacha Club. **SPPRC:** The pastor's salary was approved. **Nominating Committee:** Nothing to report. **New Business:** The need to hire someone for snow and ice removal at the churches was discussed and Jason suggested that we hire high school student, Eli Cavin. After much discussion, it was decided to hire him at a rate of \$20/HR. It was also decided on a maximum of up to 2 hours per time, but not less than a total of \$20.00. He is to report his hours to Colleen so she can issue a check. Arthur will remove snow from the parking area and will charge when it is done. Jason needs to complete two courses for his continuing education. He also asked if the church would consider paying \$500.00 for "Play Attention", with UCC paying \$500.00 for the other half (he is presenting it to them at their next Session meeting on January 20, 2024. This is a device that he would wear that helps him stay focused due to his learning disability (ADD). Myron wants to know if it works when he is done. Colleen asked to be notified if UCC approves. Session approved the expense, if UCC approves also. **Tenant:** She is current as of the end of December and has paid half of the rent for January. Cancellation of church services due to inclement weather was discussed and it was decided that Jason will contact Myron for approval and then contact Teri in order to notify the congregation via radio, TV and the Calling Tree. Dennis Bean was installed as an Elder by Kitch. Session discussed adding Teri Russell as a signer and to be able to write checks for the church in Colleen's absence. This was approved. Liaisons for church committees was addressed and the following individuals and committees were decided upon: **Worship Committee:** Steve Graves; **Christian Education:** Jacob Hartzler; **Mission Committee:** Dennis Bean; **Membership Committee:** Myron Rees; **Memorial Committee:** Oscar Steele; **Property Committee:** Jason Collier; **SPPRC Committee:** Betty Bean.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2024

Thursday, February 1: Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM

Sunday, February 4: Bible Study with Wynne Steele at 9:00 AM in the ACC Fellowship Hall; ACC Worship, 10:30 AM

Monday, February 5: Blood Drive at ACC, 2 to 6:30 PM

Wed., Feb. 7: Weekly Men's Prayer Lunch, UCC, Noon; Youth Group, Bethel, 7 PM; ACC Kids Club @ 6 PM, ACC North Church

Thursday, February 8: Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM

Sunday, February 11: Bible Study with Wynne Steele at 9:00 AM in the ACC Fellowship Hall; ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; 4-H Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 4 PM

Monday, February 12: ACC Session via Zoom, 7 PM

Wednesday, February 14: Ash Wednesday, Weekly Men's Prayer Lunch, UCC, Noon to 2 PM; Youth Group at Bethel, 7 to 8:30 PM; ACC Kids Club Pancake Supper @6:00 PM in the ACC Fellowship Hall; ACC Ash Wednesday Service @7:00 PM

Thursday, February 15: Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM

Saturday, Feb. 17: Crawfordsville Lion's Club Pancake Supper, Crawfordsville City Hall from 4:00 – 7:00 PM (free will donation)

Sunday, February 18: Bible Study with Wynne Steele at 9:00 AM in the ACC Fellowship Hall; ACC Worship, 10:30 AM

Tues. February 20: "Card Club" w/Brenda Bean @4:30 PM in the ACC Fellowship Hall

Wed. Feb. 21: ACC Kids Club @ 6 PM, ACC North Church; Youth Group, Bethel, 7 PM

Thurs. February 22: Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM

Sunday, Feb. 25: Bible Study with Wynne Steele at 9:00 AM in the ACC Fellowship Hall; ACC Worship, 10:30 AM

Monday, Feb. 26: Sacha Club, ACC Fellowship Hall @6:30 PM

Wed., Feb. 28: ACC Kids Club @ 6 PM, ACC North Church; Youth Group, Bethel, 7 PM

Thurs., Feb. 29: Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MARCH 2024

Sun., Mar. 3: Bible Study with Wynne Steele at 9:00 AM in the ACC Fellowship Hall; ACC Worship, 10:30 AM

Wed., Mar. 6: Youth Group, Bethel, 7 PM

Thur., Mar. 7: Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM

Sun., Mar. 10: *Daylight Savings Time Begins*; Bible Study w/Wynne Steele at 9AM in the ACC Fellowship Hall; ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; 4-H Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 4 PM

Monday, Mar. 11: ACC Session via Zoom, 7:00 PM

Wed., Mar. 13: Youth Group, Bethel, 7 PM

Thurs., Mar. 14: Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM

Sunday, Mar. 17: Bible Study with Wynne Steele at 9:00 AM in the ACC Fellowship Hall; ACC Worship, 10:30 AM

Tues. March 19: "Card Club" w/Brenda Bean @4:30 PM in the ACC Fellowship Hall

Wed., Mar. 20: Youth Group, Bethel, 7 PM

Thurs., Mar. 21: Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM

Sunday, Mar. 24: *Palm Sunday*; Bible Study with Wynne Steele at 9:00 AM in the ACC Fellowship Hall; ACC Worship, 10:30 AM

Monday, March 25: Sacha Club, ACC Fellowship Hall @6:30 PM

Wed., Mar. 26: Youth Group, Bethel, 7 PM

Thurs., Mar. 27: Maundy Thursday Service @UCC at 6:00 PM (ACC is invited); Bible Study at Light House Shelter, 7 PM

Friday, Mar. 28: *Good Friday*; Service @UCC @6:00 PM (ACC is invited)

Sat., Mar. 30: *Holy Saturday*

Sun., Mar. 31: *Easter*; ACC Worship, 10:30 AM; Jason @Halcyon House at 2:30 PM

WORSHIP TIME

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

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Ainsworth Community Church
is a Presbyterian Church (USA)
congregation. 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.

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