
T-Shirts!

Ripley UCC T-Shirts are now available for preorder to coincide with the launch of our new website! Designs and order forms will be available at fellowship after the service.

Summer Parsonage Series!

THIS WEDNESDAY - 7/24 - Open Mic featuring *Robert Yeltman*
8/29 - Open Mic featuring *Chris Patterson*
9/18 - Open Mic featuring *Rob Maharry*
10/23 - Open Mic featuring *Uncle Chuck*

Summer Meetings:

- Board of Deacons: Aug. 7th @ 7:30 pm - Cry Room
- Board of Trustees: Aug. 14th @ 6:00 pm - Cry Room
- Mission Committee: TBD
- Church Newsletter Deadline to Submit information: July 19th
 - Send to Annette: anneteknoop81@gmail.com

Summer Mission Opportunities:

- Noisy Offering - July 28th - Holy Joe's Cafe - Coffee For Troops

Your Help is Wanted:

- Sign up downstairs to provide Fellowship or be a Scripture Reader.
- Volunteers needed to run sound or camera
- VBS Donation Board is in the back of the church - grab an item. Cash donations also accepted - See Christy for details.

Church/Community Involvement:

- THURSDAYS - 9:00 am - Quilting in Fellowship Hall
- No quilting July 25
- August Soul Stitching will be Saturday, August 17, at 9:00 am



Traer Ecumenical Vacation Bible School: Diving into Friendship with God!

- Hosted @ United Presbyterian Church
- August 5th - 8th - 5:00pm - 7:00pm
- Kids age 4 through entering 6th grade
- Join us for a family meal at 7:00 pm
- Ripley is preparing supper on Tuesday Aug. 6th - See Mary Ann to Volunteer
- Volunteers to help shepard children and run centers are also needed
- See Christy for more information.

Winding Stairs Festival!

- August 8-11, 2024
- Volunteers needed for pancake breakfast 8/10
- Ecumenical Church Service with Salt Light 8/11
 - Outdoor service (Taylor Park)
 - Ripley is rain location
 - Volunteers needed
 - Refreshments needed

Thank you for attending Ripley United Church of Christ.
We're glad you came.

Connect to our church on Facebook by searching,
"Ripley United Church of Christ."

Connect to us in person over refreshments downstairs after the service.

Bridge Minister Jim Coppoc is available to our community at:
515-708-4343 (text is best)

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Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship



July 21, 2024
9th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

Invocation (Psalm 23):

One: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Many: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters, he restores my soul.

One: He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Many: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

One: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Many: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

One: Let us worship in the presence of a gracious and loving God.

Many: Amen

***Opening Hymn:** "This is the Day" (NCH #84)

***Confession:**

One: Our faith calls us to become both shepherd and flock,
serving God by serving others.

**Many: Too often, we put ourselves first. We do not lead as
we are called.**

One: We fail our obligation to beloved community.

Many: We commit the sins of sloth and selfishness.

One: Teach us, God, to love each other as you have loved us.

Many: Guide us by your Spirit.

***Silent Prayer**

***Assurance:**

One: Hear the Gospel! Our God is a merciful and loving God.

Many: By His grace, we are forgiven

One: By His love, we are set free

All: Amen

***Passing the Peace/ Children's Procession**

Our Gospel teaches that the Kingdom of God belongs to those who enter it like a child. As our children come forward, it is our custom to greet each other from our places, then sing them to the front with the traditional song "This Little Light of Mine." If you are worshipping with us online, please feel free to say hello in the comments, so we know you are here.

Children's Celebration - "The Good Shepherd"

Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Homily: "Good Shepherding"

Hymn: "Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant" (NCH #539)

Offertory

***Presentation of our Offerings:** Doxology (NCH #780)

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

***Closing Hymn:** "God Be With You" (NCH #81)

***Benediction**

Postlude

* Stand, in body or spirit

Please join us for fellowship downstairs



Prayer requests can be submitted online at
<https://tinyurl.com/3n324nvk>, in person to Jim or any Deacon, or by
following this QR code:



The congregation of Ripley holds the Drinovsky family in their hearts today as they lost Zachary-son, grandson, father and husband-this past weekend.