

Announcements

Parsonage Series

LAST EVENT OF THE SEASON - 10/23 @ 6:30 - Open Mic ft. *Uncle Chuck*

Meetings:

- Congregational Meeting: Oct. 27th After Worship (See details below)
- Board of Deacons: Nov. 10th @ 10:00 am - Cry Room
- Board of Trustees: Nov. 19th @ 5:30 pm - Cry Room
- Mission Committee: Jan. 15, 2025

Fall Mission Opportunities:

- Noisy Offering - Oct. 27th - Holy Joe's Cafe - Coffee For Troops

Church/Community Involvement:

- Gathering to quilt on Thursdays @ 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall
- November Soul Stitching will be on the second Saturday, **Nov. 9th**, at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Fall Festival and Special Congregation Meeting - Sunday Oct. 27th

- Special Meeting immediately following worship to vote on updates to Church ByLaws and Constitution. Copies of proposed changes in the rear of the church.
 - 9:00 to 10:00 Worship and Special Meeting.
 - 10:00 to 11:00 Fun Activities in the Fellowship Hall
 - 11:00 to 12:30 Lunch is Served - Details to follow

Thanksgiving! - Wednesday, November 27th @ Ripley UCC

- It is our tradition to gather with the churches in our neighborhood on Thanksgiving Eve to celebrate fellowship and ecumenical love. This year, we're also "Thanksgiving" shelf-stable food items to donate to the CHAT food pantry. Consider bringing a pantry donation and join us.
- Fellowship with light finger food from 6-7pm in the fellowship hall.
- Worship will start @ 7:00 pm

Religious Education

- Please see insert for a brief survey on upcoming opportunities.

Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship



October 20, 2024
22nd Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

*Invocation (adapted from Psalm 104):

One: Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Many: O LORD my God, you are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.

One: O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all...

Many: Praise the LORD!

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

Many: Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing" (Black Hymnal #459)

*Confession:

One: Our God calls us again and again to humility.

Many: We demand to know the inner workings of the Universe.

One: Our scripture teaches serenity and acceptance.

Many: We rage against that which we cannot control.

One: Forgive us God, our hubris.

Many: Teach us to live gently, placidly, in the world which you have created.

*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 scripture 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 the children 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 - "...a Place in the Choir"

Readings: Job 38:1-7;34-41 and Mark 10:35-45

Message: "Humility, and an Interventionist God"

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

Offertory

***Presentation of our Offerings:** Doxology (*Black Hymnal* #780)

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

***Closing Hymn:** "They'll Know We Are Christians" (*Red Hymnal* #429)

*Benediction Postlude

* Please stand, in body or spirit



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

Find us online at www.ripleyucc.org, or 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)

jimatripley@gmail.com

[Facebook.com/jim.at.ripley](https://www.facebook.com/jim.at.ripley)

Prayer requests can be submitted in person to Jim or any Deacon, or by following this QR code:



Congregational Survey



As our church continues to *renew, refresh* and *regrow*, the time has come to bring back our focus on adult religious education. Jim is able to dedicate some time to facilitating this effort, but we'd like to hear from the congregation what would best meet your needs. Please circle the options below that work best for you, then place your completed survey on the back table.

Time

- 1) Weekly on Sundays
- 2) Weekly on a weeknight (specify: _____)
- 3) biweekly (specify Sunday or weeknight: _____)
- 4) monthly (specify Sunday or weeknight: _____)
- 5) read on your own, then gather quarterly to discuss

Place

- 1) Ripley
- 2) Community Location, such as Pizza Palace or the library
- 3) blend of online and in person

Content

- 1) Bible Study - Lectionary readings we didn't cover Sunday
- 2) Bible Study - topical series
- 3) Current Events
- 4) Theological book/movie club
- 5) Group gathers, then chooses topics

Investment

How likely are you to participate in ongoing religious education?

Unlikely Somewhat Likely Fairly Likely Definitely