



Meetings:

- Mission Committee: Wednesday Jan. 8th @ 6:00 pm - South Office
- Board of Deacons: Sunday Jan. 12th @ 10:00 am - Fellowship Hall
- Board of Trustees: Tuesday Jan. 14th @ 5:30 pm - Fellowship Hall

Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Noisy Offering- Today - Dec. 29th - Storks Nest - Lent Offering for 2025
- Quilting is on break for the holidays! See you in 2025
- Help is needed: CHAT Food Pantry is seeking volunteers....
 - Help is needed during open hours - shifts include:
 - 9am to Noon and Noon to 3pm - Monday thru Saturday
 - Contact Toni Whannel to volunteer or ask questions 319-231-2771

Religious Education

- Adult RE will begin in January with the discussion series, "Jesus Said What?", which imagines a Christianity built on the actual words of Christ, as represented in the Gospels. Time and place TBA
- Confirmation will be scheduled Spring/Summer 2025 for youth aged 13 and up. Please see Jim if you know a young person who might be interested.
- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help with Children's RE during future services. Please see Jim for details.

Upcoming Events:

- 12th Day of Christmas Fellowship - Sunday Jan. 5th after worship
 - Join the Deacons for a special 12th Day of Christmas Tea in the Fellowship hall after worship.
- RUCC Annual Meeting: Feb. 9th after Worship - Sanctuary
Weather Make Up Date: Feb. 16th after Worship - Sanctuary

NOTICE: Annual reports are due by Sunday Jan. 19th. Send to Joyce Scribner's email address: Littlehousequilts@hotmail.com

-Audits will take place on all accounts this year between Jan. 2nd and 12th. Those with financial reports can leave their checkbook and bank statements in the office safe for Joyce to pick up and audit. Please contact Joyce to let her know when it is there and available to her. There is an appointment for the General Fund Account to be audited on Jan. 5th.

- These are the financial accounts that are to be audited: General Fund, Parsonage Acct., Improvements and Projects Acct., Missions Acct., Women's Fellowship Acct., and Memorial Fund Acct.



Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

December 29th, 2024
First Sunday After Christmas



Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

Praise and Invocation (adapted from Psalm 148):

One: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

Many: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

One: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining
stars!

Many: You men and women alike, old and young together!

One: Let us celebrate the birth of our Messiah in scripture, song,
fellowship and prayer.

Many: Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** "What Child is This?" (red hymnal #281)

Confession:

One: Our scripture calls us to "compassion, kindness, humility,
meekness and patience."

Many: We fail to follow the call.

One: Our scripture calls us to "clothe [our]selves with love."

Many: Instead, we shield ourselves with indifference.

One: Forgive us, God, our failings.

Many: Teach us to serve as we are called.

Silent Prayer

Assurance:

One: Hear the Gospel! Our God is a gracious 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 worshiping with us online, please feel free to say hello in the comments, so we know you are here.

Children's Celebration - "Take Up Your Spade"

Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

Message: "Renewal"

Hymn: "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds" (red hymnal #426)

Offertory

***Presentation of our Offerings:** Doxology (black hymnal #780)

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

***Closing Hymn:** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (red hymnal #277)

***Benediction**

Postlude

* Please stand, in body or spirit



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

Accompanists today were Carston and Landon Calderwood
Song Leader was Alex Bagenstos
Reader was Denis Winklepleck, Sr
RE helper was Lindsey Christie

Bridge Minister Jim Coppoc is available to our community at:
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[Facebook.com/jim.at.ripley](https://www.facebook.com/jim.at.ripley)

Find us online at www.ripleyucc.org, or connect to us in person over refreshments downstairs after the service.

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

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

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.