



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:

- Quilting is ready for the new year! Thursday Jan. 9th @ 9:00 am
- Soul Stitching - Saturday Jan. 11th @ 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall
- 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
- Noisy Offering- Jan. 26th - Storks Nest - Lent Offering for 2025

Religious Education

- Adult RE will begin soon 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:

- Ripley Folks - You are invited to: United Methodist Church for Lunch
 - Sunday Jan. 19th - Lunch at 10:45ish after their 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

Jan. 5th, 2025
Second Sunday After Christmas



Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 147):

One: Extol the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!
Many: For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you.

One: He grants peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat.
Many: He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.

One: Let us worship in the presence of a just and loving God.
Many: Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** "Enter, Rejoice and Come In" (black hymnal #73)

Confession:

One: Our faith proclaims Emmanuel! God is with us.
Many: We acknowledge his presence with words, but do not make space for it in our hearts and lives.

One: Our Gospel declares "grace upon grace" for those who believe.
Many: We fail to walk the path our Messiah has opened.

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 - "Spirit Says Sing"

Gospel: John 1:1-18

Message: "The 12 Days of Christmas" Denny Berger

Hymn: "We Three Kings" (red hymnal #288)

Hymn: "Go Tell it on the Mountain" (red hymnal #258)

Offertory

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

***Closing Hymn:** "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds" (black hymnal #393)

*Benediction

Postlude

* Please stand, in body or spirit



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

Song Leader was Alex Bagenstos
Liturgists was Christie Flamme
Guest Speaker was Denny Berger
Children's message and accompaniment by Jim Coppoc
RE helper was Josh Youel

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.