



Meetings:

- Board of Trustees: Tuesday June 17th @ 5:30 pm - Office
- Board of Deacons: Sunday - August 3rd @ 10 am - Office
- Mission Committee: Wednesday Aug. 27th @ 6:30 - Office

Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Quilting - Thursday June 11th @ 9:00 am
 - Soul Stitching is June 14th @ 9:00 am
- Saturday **June 21st** - Ripley Service Field Trip!
 - Sleep In Heavenly Peace Bed Build Field Trip to Ames
 - Leave Ripley at 7:30 am (carpooling)
 - Work from 9 to 11:00 am
 - Lunch at Pizza Ranch
 - *Free Will Donation Basket out June 7th & June 14th reminder of cost taken care of by Mission Committee
 - Arrive back at Ripley approximately 2:00 pm
 - Sign up in the kitchen or contact Patty @ 319-269-7286
 - Noisy Offering - June 29th - Storks Nest
 - Tuesday **July 15th** - Volunteer - Tama County Fair Food Stand
 - In an effort to give back to our community/county our church will work in the food stand. In return for our efforts we will receive a stipend which the Mission Committee will pass on to a worthy cause. Our 2024 donation was sent to Greenfield, IA to help with tornado relief. Our 2025?? We are glad for suggestions.
 - More details to follow - we will need 5 to 7 for the noon shift and 5 to 7 for the support shift. Sign up in the kitchen.

Open Mic - Parsonage Series

- Wednesday, June 25th - Open Mic starts @ 6:30 pm
 - Feature Performer: KATIE SIRES of *Katie and the Honky Tonks* will perform songs from their new album.
 - Treats: Back by popular demand root beer floats.
 - Bring a lawn chair if you're able, but come either way.

Pilgrim Heights - (3005 E. Ave, Montour) - In place of regular worship

- Sunday, June 29th @ 9:30 am in the lower shelter
 - Enjoy Music, Scripture and prayer
- Brunch potluck following worship (details forthcoming)
- Join in time together canoeing, kayaking, pedal boating, and enjoying each others' company. Enjoy Fishing - bring their own gear and a license. Watercraft and life vests will be supplied by the camp.



Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

June 8th, 2025
Pentecost



Prelude and Candle Lighting

Invocation: Acts 4:31

When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness.

Psalm of Praise (Excerpted from Psalm 104):

One: O LORD, how manifold are your works!

Many: In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

One: When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

Many: When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

One: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works...

Many: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

One: May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

Many: Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

One: Amen

***Opening Hymn:** "This Is the Day" (black hymnal #84)

Confession:

One: Our Gospel calls us to courage in the face of oppression.

Many: We know what is right, yet we do not speak.

One: Our Gospel calls us to seek peace, for ourselves and the world around us.

Many: We resist the work of the Spirit.

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: "...ALL the little children."

Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Homily: "Speaking the Same Language"

***Response:** "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" (black hymnal #59)

Blessing the Quilts (see insert)

Offertory

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

***Closing Hymn:** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (black hymnal #472)

***Benediction**

Postlude

* Please stand, in body or spirit



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

Reader today was

CE helper was Lindsey Coppoc

Find us online at www.ripleyucc.org, or by searching "Ripley United Church of Christ" on Facebook. Or join us for refreshments downstairs after the service. An elevator is available by the south door for those who need it.

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



Blessing the Quilts



2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God.

One: Our church has many hands

Many: Blessed be those who sew, who join together the fabric of our community.

One: Our church has many hearts.

Many: Blessed be those who give, who use their time and their talents to create enduring testaments to their love of neighbor.

One: These quilts are destined for hospital and hospice, infant and elder, the homeless, the veteran, the victimized.

Many: These quilts are destined to comfort the afflicted and care for the stranger in all stages and phases of life.

One: As we bless these quilts, let us remember the love with which they were made, the warmth they will bring, and the compassion with which we send them into the world.

One: The Gospel tells us the righteous will ask, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the Lord will answer, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me."

One: Creator God, who fashioned the heavens and the earth, we ask your blessing on these, the gifts our congregation has created.

Many: We ask that you fill the hearts of those who receive them with the Spirit in which they were made.

One: Keep them warm, keep them safe, keep them loved.

Many: Amen