



Ripley's Missions Committee works closely with the stitchers group to support their cause. And when mutual support for a cause is presented, they work together to provide for those in need.

Ripley UCC was founded in 1856 by 12 early settlers of the community along Twelve-Mile Creek. Considered a generational church rich in history, we welcome all to join us in spirit and God's love as we share our mission and purpose with our neighbors.



Ripley UCC maintains a website with a calendar of events, bi-monthly newsletter *Ripley In the Know*, photo gallery and links to our live stream of the Sunday Worship Service on Facebook, and links to articles written by the *North Tama Telegraph*.

Sunday Service begins at 9:00am and is followed by fellowship in the church's Fellowship Hall. Our Children's celebration is followed by Christian Education during service.

Ripley UCC is also available for weddings, funerals and special occasions. Contact the church at 319-478-5482 or by email at [contactus@ripley.org](mailto:contactus@ripley.org).

Use the QR code to visit the website and keep up-to-date on all our events and mission happenings:  
<https://ripleyucc.org/>



# Ripley Stitchers

## Makers of Quilts

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**In 2006**, women from the Ripley United Church of Christ came together to construct quilts for charities and programs serving individuals in need of support in Traer and the surrounding communities. Meeting once a week – they have met many challenges, but the one thing that remains after 20 years, is their desire to stay strong in their mission to provide warmth to those in need through patchwork.



**Today**, the group meets most Thursdays in Fellowship Hall at the church gathering at 9:00am. Fellowship over a sack lunch is also a highlight of their day. Women and men gather together with no experience necessary, for a variety of quilting tasks including: cutting, piecing and sewing material;



layering tops, batting and backing; tying knots; sorting and folding for delivery. They share many stories while plans are made, and the mission continues.

**In 2023**, Soul Stitching Saturday was introduced. When it was noted that those who work could not attend, it was determined that one Saturday a month would be designated as Soul Stitching Saturday.

The nucleus of those who Soul Stitch also stitch on Thursdays. Friends and family members drop in to help tie and to learn more about the mission.

Open to all, Soul Stitching provides the feeling of the good 'ole fashioned quilting bees. Fellowship is enjoyed over potluck lunches and sometimes special occasions are celebrated as well!



**Mission** charities and programs that have benefited from the quilts made by the Ripley stitchers include:

- Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Ames Chapter
- Marshalltown Veterans Home

- Tama County Maternal Health and Wellness
- Christian Hands Across Traer, better known as C.H.A.T.
- Cedar Valley Hospice
- Americans for Independent Living
- Salvation Army
- and many more!



Over 300 quilts are constructed a year and given to those in need. Baby quilts – twin and double sizes. The group also makes burp clothes, dog beds and wheel chair caddies. They do their best to use all supplies donated and are always thankful for those who think of them and their mission.

**Donations:** The Ripley Stitchers-Makers of Quilts, could not continue without the support of the community. For those needing to downsize or simply re-evaluate their sewing supplies, the group is grateful for any financial or material donations. For those who experience the loss of a loved one, cleaning out their estate may be painful. The Stitchers can help make sad times become lovely memories as they take fabric chosen with care, and create colorful quilts with a new purpose.

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