

Sharing the Lord's Word.



Ripley United Church of Christ

9am Sunday Service

In person and on line via Face Book Live .
Bridge Minister , soon to be ordained on August 1st !
Pastor Jim Coppoc leading worship.



Ripley Family!

I greet you from the pages of this newsletter as your nearly-ordained and almost-settled minister. Since the last issue, our church voted to call me, the Central Association and Iowa Conference approved the call as ordainable, and we have begun the preparations for a service of ordination and installation. With this change, I am also now authorized to take a second call, recently I accepted a position as part - time chaplain with Unity Point's home hospice program in Waterloo. This will replace my work at the Iowa Veteran's Home, and will free my schedule to allow me to be more present for our church and our community.

I honestly don't know how to express the gratitude I feel for your love and support on this journey so far, and the excitement I feel for the next chapter as your pastor. Here's to many more years journeying together.

See you at church,
Jim

Bridge Minister Jim Coppoc is available to
our community at:

515-708-4343 (text is best)

jimatripley@gmail.com



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Ripley In the Know

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From your Board Chairs.....

We are going into the rest of summer with our neighbors in mine! Join us in volunteering for Tama County Fair and Traer VBS and worship with us at the community church service on Sunday August 9th at the Winding Stairs Festival.

Board of Deacons Chair—Christy Flamme

The Trustees have been busy reviewing investment scenarios along with a salary adjustment for Bridge Minister Jim, our soon to be ordained minister. We have also had discussions on Vacation Bible School, CHAT, and a donation to be given to the Traer Winding Stairs Festival.

Board of Trustees Chair—Josie Hulme

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at annetteatripley@gmail.com or text : 574-298-7949

<https://forms.gle/NsUDiMUXK8NafCyG8RipleyNewsletter> - Share with us

Ripley UCC Missions...

What a year it's been so far! Our quilting ministry has been especially active producing numerous quilts and branching out into animal beds for the Tama Co. Humane Society. On July 14th, volunteers are needed for the Food Stand at the Tama County Fair - sign up in the Ripley Kitchen or contact Patty at 319-269-7286. Lenten Project, Noisy Offering, Quilting, Food Stand.... So many ways to serve in 2026.

Submitted by Patty Calderwood, Ripley UCC Missions Committee



Lenten Project: Tama County Maternal Health Program

Tama County Maternal Health is a county-wide health initiative that supports pregnant women and mothers with children from birth to 12 months of age. For Lent, we supported Maternal Health of Tama County with \$293 in funds, plus quilts, baby wipes, and clothing donations.

Noisy Offering Recipient : Alive and Running

Iowa (First Half of 2026)



Our Noisy Offering for Alive and Running Suicide Prevention has collected \$331.41 and continued through June. Find out more by visiting Alive and Running Iowa website at <https://www.rehab.com/junkman-knoebel-center-waterloo>



"The Stories of those who Stitch at Ripley"

Our March Quilt Experience was a wonderful community effort with the kitchen raising \$366.25 to benefit the Junkman/Knobel Center (Pathways).



Through June and July we're collecting towels, linens, hygiene products, and recreational items for Junkman/Knobel Center Residential Center. Proceeds from the Tama County Fair Food Stand volunteer effort will also be donated to the Junkman/Knobel Center.

Junkman Knoebel Center is a sober living and transitional housing program in Waterloo, Iowa, offering structured recovery support for men working to maintain sobriety from alcohol and drug addiction.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to live out our mission through service, compassion, and community outreach. Donations for Ripley Mission projects can be directed to the Mission Committee @ 400 S. Main S., Traer, IA 50675 or through the Ripley website donation page : <https://give.tithe.ly/?formId=1e066e15-3efd-42a4-8eb5-f80bfb36adf8>

Collection for Junkman/Knobel Center - Pathways - June/July

Junkman Knobel Center

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Operated by Pathways Behavioral Services, the 15-bed unit provides supervised residential programs for individuals in recovery, including those reentering the community from the criminal justice system.

The program emphasizes accountability, independent living skills and long-term stability through a collaborative model that brings together medical, social service, and law enforcement support.

Collection of items to be donated to the Residential Center

Contact Laura for Questions - 319-239-3188

- **Furniture** - Gently Used is Acceptable
If you have something to give we should contact them to make sure that it is acceptable and meets their needs.
- **Cleaning Products**
Dish soap, dishwasher soap etc.
- **Linens**
Towels - Gently Used is Acceptable, Twin Size Linens
- **Male and Female Hygiene Products**
Soap and Shampoo/Conditioner Toothbrushes and toothpaste
Feminine hygiene products NO Razors please
- **Recreational Items** - Gently Used is acceptable
Bags game or pool table, Board games, 1000 piece jigsaw puzzles, Art/painting supplies



Tama County Fair Food Service

Volunteers needed! Tues. July 14th 10am - 3pm

Contact Patty at 319-269-7286



Are you one of the well known Ripley Bakers?

Your talents are needed and appreciated!

Pies and bars are needed!
for the Tama Co. Fair Food Stand

Contact Patty at 319-269-7286



LOOKING AHEAD



Please update those special occasions with Annette :
annetteatripley@gmail.com
or text 574-298-7949

Meetings:

- Board of Deacons: Sunday Aug. 2nd @ 10:00 am S.Office
- Board of Trustees: Monday July 13th @ 5:30 pm S.Office
- Mission Committee: TBD

Church/Community/Missions Involvement:

- Gather to stitch Thursdays @ 9 am Fellowship Hall
- Soul Stitching 2nd Sat. June 13th @ 9am Fellowship Hall
- Soul Stitching 2nd Sat. July 11th @9am Fellowship Hall
- Noisy Offering July 26th and August 30th

Your Help is Wanted! Sign up in the Fellowship Hall:

- Sunday Fellowship after service
- Be a Scripture Reader
- Assist with Sunday Service Music
- Vacation Bible School—August 3rd - August 6th

Mark you calendars now!

- Ripley UCC FREE SALE ! July 10—11—12
See Becky Gaston & Lindsey Coppoc for details.
- Tama County Fair Food Service
Volunteers needed! Tues. July 14th 10am - 3pm
Like to Bake? Pies/Bars needed.
Contact Patty at 319-269-7286
- Vacation Bible School
Hosted by Ripley UCC August 3rd - August 6th
Contact Christy, Becky, Lindsey or Jim if interested.
- Winding Stairs Festival August 7 - 8 - 9
-Saturday Morning Breakfast at UPC 8am - 11am
-Sunday Morning Community Service 10am
with Salt Light Band at the Traer Memorial Building

Let's Celebrate!



July Birthdays

7th - LuAnn Schmidt Hatton
11th- Ruth Calderwood
14th - Sherm Ubben
24th - Will Coppoc

August Birthdays

15th—Moses Coppoc
19th—Landon Calderwood
Don Jones
21st—Kathy Sivertson
23rd—Astrid Lunde
24th—Tammy Jones
Leisa Ubben



August Anniversaries

4th - Joan & Mike Reuman
26th - Christy & Nick Flamme
31st - Tammy & Don Jones

Did you know? On line giving is available through Tithly.com? It's easy!

We thank you for your continued support of Ripley UCC!

One time or designated times :
direct your donations to the area of your Choice—see the drop down options.

Prayers

for all...



Prayer requests can be submitted on line at <https://tinyurl.com/3n324nvk> in person to Bridge Pastor Jim Coppoc or to a Deacon or by utilizing the following QR code.



Right Around Ripley

Getting the
alter ready
for service



The Alter Committee and her recruits! As they ready the alter for service in honor of Memorial Day.
Thankful for all the you do to maintain the alter and the sanctuary for the Ripley Parishioners!



Our very own Arlene Schmidt honored for 69 very active years in the Traer American Legion Auxiliary



The youngest greeter at Ripley also in training for running the music!

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FREE SALE

*Take what you need.
Give if you wish — bless someone else if you're able.*

J U L Y

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FRIDAY
9 AM – 4 PM

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SATURDAY
9 AM – 4 PM

12

SUNDAY
Noon – 4 PM



Ripley will be serving light refreshments for fellowship during the Community Service. Watch for details to be

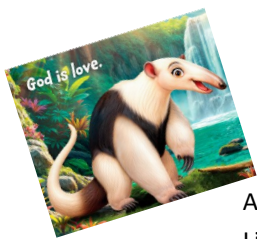


Traer Winding Stairs Festival
Community Worship
Featuring Salt Light Music and Message
Hosted by Ripley UCC.



August 7-8-9

Community Breakfast 8am - 11am
Hosted by Traer United Presbyterian Church
Ripley Volunteers are appreciated.
Contact Ronda Posusta at 319-478-8943



Right around Ripley cont...

We are so glad to welcome all to the Service of Ordination and Installation of our very own Jim Coppoc on Saturday August 1st at 4pm.

VBS is still looking for volunteers August 3-6. Please let Christy, Becky, Lindsey or Jim know if you are interested.



Mark your calendars and get those registrations in! Rainforest Falls VBS is happening August 3-6 from 5:00-7:45 PM at Ripley United Church of Christ.

Service of Ordination and Installation for Jim Coppoc

4:00 pm
Saturday, August 1
Ripley United Church of Christ,
400 S Main, Traer, IA

Potluck supper to follow at
Taylor Park



Sharing God's Given Talent

Ripley UCC Pastor Jim
Coppoc tapped for
Josie Music Award

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In the News! Check out the recent article !

<https://www.northtamatelegraph.com/news/local-news/2026/07/03/traer-resident-nominated-for-major-songwriting-award/>



The Eagle Quilt from Ripley Stitchers was donated to AFIL recently. The Ripley Stitchers were recently notified that this quilt will be utilized during an upcoming fundraiser to benefit AFIL Veterans.

Serving Veterans. Strengthening Our Community.



Americans for Independent Living
Veteran Resource Center

<https://www.afil.org/>