

Sharing the Lord's Word.



Ripley United Church of Christ

9am Sunday Service



In person and on line via
Face Book Live .

Pastor Jim Coppoc leading
worship.

What a month!

Ordination/Installation, VBS, Salt Light, Winding Stairs....For me personally, I saw a shift in my day job from musician at the Veteran's Home to Chaplain at UnityPoint Home Hospice in Waterloo. I also may or may not have gotten rabies rescuing an angry bat from a curious dog, but that's a whole other story. 😊

At the end of all of this business, what I am left with is a deep sense of gratitude. For this town, for this church, for you—the people who make Ripley what it is. If someone had told me five years ago that someday very soon I would be so deeply in love with a church family that I would commit to serve them for potentially the rest of my career, I would not have believed them. But now, as your settled minister, it is clear to me that the work you have been doing all along—the quilting and bed building and charity supporting and community raising and everything else - - is the work I want to be doing too.

So here's to many more years of filling our lives with all the church adventures we can handle, all to the glory of a loving, just and gracious God.

Amen!

Bridge Minister Jim Coppoc is available to
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From your Board Chairs.....

Goodbye summer, hello new adventures of fall!
Thank you to all who participated, donated and volunteered for VBS and the community service!
We are small but mighty and continue to make a difference in our community.

Board of Deacons Chair—Christy Flamme

Trustees have purchased ceiling fans for the upstairs rooms in the parsonage, approved the purchase of paint for the cry room and northeast stairwell and are looking into quotes to upgrade our electrical boxes to reduce insurance premiums.

Board of Trustees Chair—Josie Hulme

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The Board of Deacons.

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

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

Ripley UCC

Missions...

It's been a busy summer! Our Free Sale, led by Lindsey Coppoc and Becky Gaston, raised \$402 for CHAT. In July, we enjoyed working at the Tama County Fair, earning funds that were combined with the Quilt Experience proceeds for a total of \$811 sent to Pathways in Waterloo. In June we also collected several necessities for Pathways.

Looking ahead, we're excited to head to Ames in September to help Sleep in Heavenly Peace celebrate National Bed Building Day—beds, a picnic, and good company all in one day!

Submitted by Patty Calderwood, Ripley UCC Missions Committee

Noisy Offering Recipient :



ThreeHouse Collaborative Campus Ministries



Our Noisy Offering for second half of 2026 will benefit ThreeHouse Ministries . <https://www.threehouse.org/>

ThreeHouse Collaborative Campus Ministries is a place where students can engage freely with others to challenge their beliefs and where personal growth takes place within a faith community .

ThreeHouse is supported by several denominations and partner congregations in the Cedar Valley and surrounding areas. The work we do isn't possible without their wisdom and love of our students and community.



2026 MISSIONS Fall Sleep in Heavenly Peace FIELDTRIP!

Friday Sept 11th Details below:

- Leave Ripley @ 7:30 AM - Car Pool sign up in the Kitchen
- Work from 9 to 11 AM - Picnic Lunch on Site for all participants
- Return to Ripley around 2:00 pm
- Something to do for all - Bed Building, Watching, Quilt Tying, Fellowship

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>



LOOKING AHEAD



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

Meetings:

- Board of Deacons: Sunday Sept. 13th @ 10:00 am S.Office
- Board of Trustees: Tuesday Sept. 15th @ 5:30 pm S.Office
- Mission Committee: TBD

Church/Community/Missions Involvement:

- Gather to stitch Thursdays @ 9 am Fellowship Hall
- Soul Stitching 2nd Sat. Sept 12th @ 9am Fellowship Hall
- Soul Stitching 2nd Sat. Oct. 10th @9am Fellowship Hall
- Noisy Offering : September 27th and October 25th

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

- Sunday Fellowship after service
- Be a Scripture Reader
- Assist with Sunday Service Music

Mark you calendars now!

- Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build September 11th

- Four Year Bible Journey begins September 13th

Ripley will change from the Revised Common Lectionary, which has been choosing our scriptures the past several decades, to the Narrative Lectionary. The new structure starts at Genesis, then follows the main throughlines of the Hebrew Bible, the Gospel, and the New Testament that follows. Each year of this four-year cycle restarts at the beginning, takes a different path, and explores a different Gospel. Join us, as we dig deep into our most sacred scriptures, and engage the Message therein.

- Faith Opportunities

Women's Retreat, Dysart Methodist

M & T Sept. 20/21 @ Hickory Hills Lodge
Retreat team contact: Janet Wilson at
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(319)239-9045



Let's Celebrate!



September Birthdays

6th - Jim Coppoc
27th - Kayce Hulme

October Birthdays

8th—Denis Winkelpleck Sr
11th—Becky Gaston
12th—Dalton Hulme
19th—Parker Lunde
22nd—Macey Calderwood



October Anniversaries

7th - Josh & Cindy Hulme

Keep up on what is going on via the Ripley UCC Website! <https://ripleyucc.org/>

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.

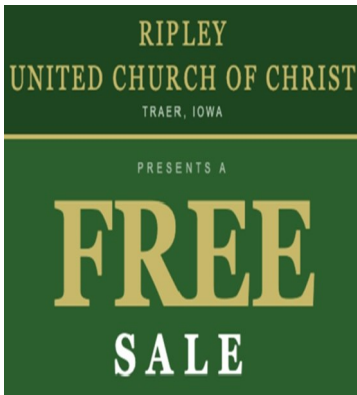


Congratulations Pastor Jim!



Photos compliments of Lindsey Coppoc

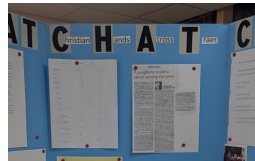
**Ordination and Installation of Jim Coppoc as Ripley UCC's settled Minister.
August 1st, 2026 at Ripley UCC**



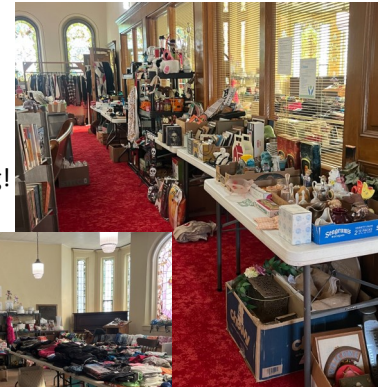
A huge thank you to Lindsey Coppoc and Becky Gaston for organizing and leading the first ever Ripley UCC Free Sale!

The community rallied with donations of all sorts of items!

Monetary donations benefited CHAT.



The isles of Ripley were overflowing!



Photos compliments of Becky Gaston

Right around Ripley....so much going on!!

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SATURDAY 8 TO 11 AM
PROCEEDS TO CHAT
Rev. Brice Hoyt Worship 9:30am



Community Breakfast during the Winding Stairs Festival supporting CHAT.
Thank you to all who enjoyed their meal and to those who volunteered!





Right around Ripley cont...

Ripley UCC hosts Trae's 2026 Ecumenical Vacation Bible School

Enjoyed by many area youth!

Thank you to all who volunteered!!



Filling in the cracks so we do not loose our loved ones to human trafficking. Hosted by Traer UMC



The Blessing of
The backpacks
As our Ripley
Youth begin
Another year at
North Tama.
August 23rd, 2026



Sharing God's Given Talent

Music and Message provided by SaltLight Christian Band during Traer's 2026 Wind-ing Stairs Festival. Sunday August 9th. Community Service hosted by Ripley UCC



Gospel-Centered
Original Music
Family in Music &
Jesus



Thank you to all who volunteered!