



Ripley Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Quilting: Thursday Oct. 1st @ 9:00 am
 - Saturday Soul Stitching - Saturday Oct. 10th @ 9:00 am
- Noisy Offering - Sept. 27th - ThreeHouse Collaborative Campus Ministries

Ripley Church Meetings:

- Board of Deacons: Oct. 11th @ 10:00 am - Office
- Board of Trustees: Oct. 13th @ 5:30 pm - Office

Mark your Calendars - Ripley's Fall Gathering - Oct. 25th

Enjoy a celebration of Fall and Ripley followed by Fellowship that includes Trivia Activities and Brunch. More details to follow.

Mission Offering - Next Sunday Oct. 4th

Next Sunday Oct. 4th - The special offering for Neighbors in Need (NIN) will be collected. You'll find envelopes in your bulletin today, Sept. 27, so that you can prepare and decide if you would like to contribute to this cause. The Mission Committee has budgeted \$100 for this offering and any other donations will be added to this amount.

The NIN offering supports ministries of justice and compassion, with one-third of the offering given to the Council for American Indian Ministries and the remaining two-thirds supporting UCC justice ministries. In 2025 Neighbors in Need supported 26 grant recipients across the UCC who were engaged in projects of direct service and advocacy



Celebration of Worship

September 27th, 2026

Joseph in Prison



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Candle Lighting

Praise and Invocation (excerpted from Psalm 105):

One: O give thanks to the LORD; call on his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

Many: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

One: He is mindful of his covenant forever, of the word that he commanded for a thousand generations,

Many: the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac...

One: he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing... that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws.

Many: Praise the LORD!

Call to Worship:

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

Many: Amen

***Opening Hymn: "Woke Up This Morning"**

Confession

One: God is with us, in good times and bad, to comfort and strengthen in every season.
Many: We lose faith when times are hard. We do not trust in the Lord.

One: Our scripture calls us to attend to things of the spirit.
Many: We focus instead on the things of the flesh.

One: Forgive us, God, our failings.
Many: Help us rise, again and again, to do your will, and bring your kingdom ever closer.

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 worshipping with us online, please feel free to say hello in the comments, so we know you are here.

Children's Celebration: "Coat of Many Colors"

Reading: Genesis 39:1-23
Message: "Bloom Where You are Planted"
***Response:** "Faith of the Martyrs" (black hymnal #381)

Offertory:

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

***Closing Hymn:** "Lord, Make Me More Holy" (black hymnal #75)

***Benediction**

Postlude

* Please stand, in body or spirit
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Thank you for attending Ripley UCC. We're glad you came.

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

***CE helper today was Lindsey Coppoc

***Reader was Denis Winkelpleck Sr.

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.

Pr. Jim is available to the community at 515-708-4343 (text is best) or
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