Ripley Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Quilting: Thursday Nov. 12th @ 9:00 am
  - Saturday Soul Stitching - Saturday Nov. 14th @ 9:00 am
- Noisy Offering - Nov. 29th - ThreeHouse Collaborative Campus Ministries

Ripley Church Meetings:

- Board of Deacons: Today - Nov. 8th @ 10:00 am - Office
- Board of Trustees: Nov. 10th @ 5:30 pm - Office

The Giving Tree 2026:

- Our Adopt a Family Tree with Tags will be up next Sunday, Nov. 15th.
- Pick a tag, wrap the gift and return to Ripley by Sunday, Nov. 29th

Children's Concert and Pizza Party!

Saturday, November 21st, at 11:30 am, Pastor Jim will sing and play for the children of our community. Ripley will provide pizza. He could use 3-4 volunteers for setup and cleanup. Signup is in the kitchen.

Advent Display! What's your Favorite Hymn or Song?

The last couple years, we have collected memories of our congregants to share with the church during the season of Advent in the form of nativities (2024) and angels (2025). This year, we'd like to continue that tradition by asking you to name a seasonal hymn or song that holds meaning for you, your family or a community you hold dear, and writing a brief reflection on why that hymn matters to you. We'll print and display the hymns and stories as part of our Christmas decor. Please get them to Jim or any deacon on or before November 22nd.

Bill Douglas Lecture

Bill Douglas, friend of Ripley, will be speaking at the Grout Museum on Tuesday, November 17th, at 7:00 pm as part of his book tour for *The People Are Kind: a Religious History of Iowa*. More details forthcoming.

Celebration of Worship

November 8th, 2026

Elisha Heals Naaman

Welcome and Announcements
Prelude and Candle Lighting

Praise and Invocation (excerpted from Psalm 41):

One: Happy are those who consider the poor
Many: the LORD delivers them in the day of trouble.

One: The LORD sustains them on their sickbed
Many: in their illness you heal all their infirmities.

One: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.
Many: Amen and Amen.

Call to Worship:

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

***Opening Hymn:** "Shall We Gather at the River" (black hymnal #597)

Confession

One: Our faith calls us to love every neighbor
Many: Too often, we exclude those who are not like us.

One: We hold on to old pain, old grudges, old fear.
Many: We build walls where the Gospel builds bridges.

One: Forgive us, God, our failings.
Many: Help us to see, serve and love 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: "The Sharing Song"

Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-15a
Message: "On Healing"
***Response:** "Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant" (black hymnal #539)

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

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

***Closing Hymn:** "God Be With You" (black hymnal #81)
***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."

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 jimatripley@gmail.com