Ripley Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Quilting: Thursday Nov. 19th @ 9:00 am
  - Saturday Soul Stitching - Saturday Dec. 12th @ 9:00 am
- Noisy Offering - Nov. 29th - ThreeHouse Collaborative Campus Ministries

Ripley Church Meetings:

- Board of Deacons: Dec. 13th @ 10:00 am - Office
- Board of Trustees: Dec. 8th @ 5:30 pm - Office

The Giving Tree 2026:

- Our Adopt a Family Tree is up and filled with tags
  - Pick a Tag - Write you Name and the Tag # on the sheet
- Enclose a Gift Receipt, Wrap the gift with only the Family Tag on the outside 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?

Name a seasonal hymn or song that holds meaning for you, your family or a community you hold dear. Write 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.

Volunteers Needed at ThreeHouse Collaborative:

Saturday - Nov. 21 Starting at 9:00 - 2422 College Street, Cedar Falls
Jobs for everyone - Cleaning, organizing, or simply lending an extra set of hands.
Breakfast Goodies and Drinks from their Coffee House provided.

Community Thanksgiving Service - 7:00 pm - UPC - Nov. 25th

More Details to Follow

Celebration of Worship

November 15th, 2026

What God Requires

Welcome and Announcements
Prelude and Candle Lighting

Praise and Invocation (excerpted from Psalm 15):

One: O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?
Many: Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart

One: who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends nor heap shame upon their neighbors;
Many: in whose eyes the wicked are despised but who honor those who fear the LORD […] **those who do these things shall never be moved.**

Call to Worship:

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

***Opening Hymn:** "Be Thou My Vision" (black hymnal #451)

Confession

One: The prophet calls us to act justly
Many: Instead, we hold judgement in our hearts

One: The prophet calls us to love mercy
Many: We fail to find the compassion our faith demands

One: The prophet calls us to walk humbly with our God
Many: Our ego is a barrier, our hubris a wall we build between ourselves and God's purpose in our lives

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: "Take Up Your Spade"

Reading: Micah 6:6-8
Message: "What Does the Lord Require?"
***Response:** "Take My Life, God, Let It Be" (black hymnal #448)

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

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

***Closing Hymn:** "Just as I Am" (black hymnal #207)
***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