Ripley Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Quilting: Tuesday Nov. 22nd @ 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

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.

Quilt Blessing!

Sunday, December 6th, we will bless a new batch of quilts and send them out into the world to bring comfort and warmth to those who need it. If you'd like to help put the finishing touches on these quilts, there will be a special bonus quilting day this Tuesday, November 24th. Talk to any quilter for details.

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

Celebration of Worship

November 22nd, 2026

Swords into Plowshares

Welcome and Announcements
Prelude and Candle Lighting

Praise and Invocation (adapted from Psalm 46):

One: Come, behold the works of the LORD…
Many: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and the spear; he burns the shields with fire

One: Be still, and know that he is GOD! Exalted among the nations, exalted in the earth.
Many: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*

Call to Worship:

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

***Opening Hymn:** "Peace Like a River" (black hymnal #478)

Confession

One: Our faith is one of justice and peace.
Many: Too often, we harbor hatred in our hearts, vengeance in our minds.

One: Our Gospel is one of love and grace.

Many: **We demand forgiveness, but do not forgive others.**
We demand grace, but offer no grace in return.

One: Forgive us, God, our failings.
Many: **Teach us to love others as you have loved us.**

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: "Siyahamba"

Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5
Message: "Walking in the Light of God"
***Response:** "Let There Be Peace On Earth" (insert)

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

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

***Closing Hymn:** "Now is the Time Approaching" (black hymnal #609)

***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

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