



**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

Important Information >>>

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March 14, - April 14, 2021 NEWSLETTER

Ipswich United Church of Christ

Upcoming Events

March

- 21: Communion
- 24: Lenten Service at 5:30
- 28: Palm Sunday
Children Singing during
worship
Friendly Feast after worship
(Church Members are
welcome to eat in the
fellowship hall if they
wish)

April

- 1: Maundy Thursday Service
with communion at 6:30pm
- 2: Good Friday Community
Service at First Baptist.
Time to be determined
- 4: Sunrise Service at 7:08 am
Youth Easter Breakfast to
follow
Easter Service at 10:00
- 11: Women's Fellowship
following worship
- 14: Council with Confirmands at
5:30
- 18: Communion and
Confirmation Sunday

Prayer of the Month

Dear God, I want to know You better every day. Help me to remember to do what You want me to do.

Amen

"This is how we are sure that we have come to know Him: by keeping his commands"
1 John 2-3

"You Can Know God"

No matter how big God is, He is never too big for you to know Him. And the Bible tells us that you can be sure that you know Him when you keep His commands. That means if you talk to God and learn about Him at church do your best every day to obey what the Bible says, then you are getting to know God.

The more time you spend with your family and friends, the closer you are to them. You can know God by making time for Him each day, just like you would a friend.

Thought of the Month

It is good to spend time learning about God!

Veggies Tales: God Knows Me

Article II of our Constitution >>>

Statement of Faith

This church shall worship God as revealed in scripture; celebrate the sacraments of communion and baptism; develop fellowship and unity with this church and with the church the world over; give loving service toward humanity, and work toward justice, equality and peace in our community and the world.

Council Minutes >>>

Ipswich United Church of Christ Council met on Sunday, March 14, 2021 following worship. Those present were Moderator Deanne Hoyle, Pastor Tim Fugman, Carol Pond, Lance Perrion, Sara Perrion, Valette Horst, Donna Brockel, Patty Kadlec and Judy Steen. Deanne opened the meeting and Pastor led us in prayer. The minutes from the February 10 were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report by Carol:

Balance 2-1-2021	\$
Deposits	
Interest earned	
Disbursements	\$
Balance 2-28-21	\$

Financial Secretary Report by Deanne:

Donations & Offerings:	\$
Interest earned	
Window project donations	\$
Total Feb. deposits	\$

Memorial Report by Judy: No change; Checking balance \$; Savings balance is \$.

Donna made a motion to approve the financial reports, Lance seconded. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Diaconate: Communion was served to 23 on February 21. Communion will be served on March 21.

Trustee: Lance reported that he is waiting on bids from the school regarding the south steps. He mentioned that Diamond S (Lonnie Steen) donated his labor for installing the basement new furnace. A big THANK YOU to Lonnie. It is much appreciated.

Christian Education: The children are singing on Palm Sunday and palms will be handed out. The Youth Group will again be serving breakfast following sunrise service on Easter morning. The youth will serve the breakfast in the fellowship hall and if you are not comfortable gathering in the hall, a "to go" containers will be an option.

Mission Committee: April's mission is donation of snacks to the Tiger Post. Some ideas are: pudding & jello cups, granola bars, animal crackers, individual wrapped snacks, etc. If you purchase a bigger bag/container of snacks, The Tiger Post staff will divide a serving to each child.

Women's Fellowship: They met on Sunday, March 14. One of their topics was serving the Trail Day lunch at the fellowship hall. It was tabled until their April meeting.

Men's Fellowship & Search Committee: No report.

Valette made a motion to approve the committee reports, Carol seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Report: Pastor asked if there are suggestions from the Council/Congregation. He asked if there is a problem with church services not going for the full hour. Council said that he is doing a good job and his messages are meaningful and inspirational.

OLD BUSINESS: Our Spring drive-thru Friendly Feast will be on March 28 following worship. If you are comfortable with gathering in the Fellowship Hall to eat, you may join in the Fellowship hall rather than take a "to go" container. We will be serving the "to go" option to our community. Scalloped potatoes & ham, corn, dinner roll and desserts will be the menu.

Maundy Thursday service with Communion will be on April 1 @ 6:30pm. We will check with Baptist Minister to see if they want a joint Good Friday service. Easter Sunday, April 4, we will have Sunrise Service in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 7:08a.m. Youth Group will serve breakfast following the sunrise service and we will have our Easter Worship Service @ 10:00a.m.

The updated constitutions were distributed to Council members.

NEW BUSINESS: Volunteers will put the painted crosses up in front of the church and fellowship hall on Saturday, April 3.

Our next meeting is April 14, 2021 @ 5:30. All are welcomed to attend.

Judy Steen, Church Secretary

The Stained-Glass Windows Project >>>

The Stained-Glass Window Restoration Fundraiser is Ongoing!!

Trustees are looking into grants available to help meet our \$50,000 goal. They also have coloring books for the young at heart available in the narthex for \$20.



Placerville Camp Schedule >>>

Please go online to register as there is limited space available

<http://placervillecamp.net/camps/>

Women's Camp: June 6-10, 2021

Join us for a time of fellowship, faith-building and fun. Enjoy crafts, spiritual renewal, singing, praying, great food, exercise, quiet time -- all in the company of some great women! Bring along your children from babies to 3rd grade. Babysitting [will](#) be supplied for children up to the 1st grade.
Before May 1st - \$350

Children 4 years to 1st grade - \$140

Children ages 0-3: Free

After May 1st - \$375

Children 4 years to 1st grade - \$165

Children ages 0-3: Free

Shining Stars: June 6-10, 2021

Children who have completed grade 2-3. Young children are invited to accompany their mothers or grandmothers to camp. They will have their own cabin and activities but will be close enough to mom to transition into camping at Placerville without having to take the plunge alone. Faith stories, crafts, hikes, games, singing and helping with the daily chores are all part of the Shining Stars experience!

Grade Completed: 2nd - 3rd

Before May 1st - \$325

After May 1st - \$350

Seekers: June 13-18, 2021

Youth who have completed grades 4-5. Celebrate faith and fun in God's creation as we come together to worship, play games, do crafts, hike, learn about Christian faith and grow together in Christian community. Make new friends, strengthen your friendship with God and enjoy living in the midst of the beautiful Black Hills with others your age.

Grade Completed: 4th - 5th

Before May 1st - \$415

After May 1st - \$440

Faith Explorers: June 20-25, 2021

Youth who have completed grades 6-8. As you grow older, faith in God becomes a more personal thing. Explore how God works in your life and in the world. Experience a week in Christian fellowship with talk around the campfire, hikes, games, crafts, worship and other activities. See how your relationship with God takes shape when you are an active faith explorer.

Grade Completed: 6th - 8th

Before May 1st - \$415

After May 1st - \$440

Crossroads: July 4-10, 2021

This camp is for youth who have completed 9th-12th grades. Come to Crossroads to discover how God is working in your life. Through large and small group activities, explore what it means to be a Christian teenager. Spend time in renewal, hiking, crafting, planning worship, visiting with friends old and new, and just experiencing God's presence. Live for a week in intense Christian fellowship and see how it strengthens your relationship with God and changes your life!

Grade Completed: 9th - 12th

Before May 1st - \$445

After May 1st - \$470

Family Camp: July 11-17, 2021

Come enjoy time with your family at Placerville! There will be separate learning times for adults and children and shared times for recreation, work, worship and singing. Come be a part of a wonderful week your family will always cherish, time spent together.

All ages

Before May 1st - \$400

13 yrs. and up

\$250 - 6 to 12 yrs.

Free stay to up 5 yrs.

After May 1st - \$425

\$275 - 6-12 yrs.

Before May 1 - Max Family Cost: \$1300

After May 1 - Max Family Cost:

\$1400

Grand Camp: June 25-27, 2021

Do you like to spend time with your grandkids? This camp is designed to get the grandparents and grandchildren out into nature to enjoy God's beauty together. This weekend is full of fellowship, scripture, crafts and activities. Come and enjoy some wonderful bonding time with your grandkids!

Before May 1st - \$200 adult, \$140 youth

After May 1st - \$225 adult, \$165 youth

Fall Youth Event: November 5-7, 2021

Youth - \$100

Chaperones - \$80

Guest Speaker -

We will be making fleece-tied blankets. All participants are asked to bring 2 1/2 yards of fleece.

Registration begins at 7pm on November 5. Camp ends around 9am on November 7. Registration deadline is October 30.

Pastor Tim's Tidbits>>>

Easter People March/April 2020 John 14:1-3

Have you ever found yourself doing something you never, ever thought you'd be able to do? Have you ever reached out beyond what you would consider to be your comfort zone and try something new?

I understand there is an 80+ year old in the Tulare area who about 10 years ago went sky diving. Can you imagine sky diving at 80+? I can't. And I can't imagine jumping out of a perfectly good airplane... even at the relatively young age of ... just for the 'fun' of it!

What usually prevents us from venturing outside of our comfort zone is that we don't think we can do it. We're not sure the sky diving instructor can really, make 100% sure we'll have a safe dive. We're not sure we can handle college so we don't try. We don't think we can make a difference in someone's life so we don't try.

A number of years ago I preached a series of sermons about being "Easter People." It is NOT a phrase I coined. In fact, as I prepared this tidbit I surfed the internet for a minute and searched for the phrase "Easter People." Lo and behold, there is a book entitled, "*We Are an Easter People: The Triumph of God's Love in Our Lives Participant's Guide*" by John Carr (1990). It's a five week Lenten study, designed to "help us experience more of the "Easter power."" It examines what it means to be "Easter people"--those who have rediscovered the power of God in our lives."

On my honor I didn't know the book existed before, but I do understand that the concept of being Easter People is not new. People for some 2000 years have been experiencing the power and peace we can have when we fully understand the Easter experience.

What is this special power and peace that the disciples found so many years ago and that we can have, too? It's simply the power and peace in knowing that someone all wise and all powerful is in charge, the One who created all that is, the One who defeated and defeats death. It's the power and peace in believing (and anticipating) that this life is temporary and that the next life is eternal. (Non-Easter People might fear the eternal.) It's the power and peace found in following One who preached and healed and taught the good news of God's love for us all, a love that sends his son to die so that we might truly live both in this life and the next.

We, as Easter People should be rejoicing every day, because we DO have the world by the tail on a downhill pull... with a South Dakota tail wind.

You see, if we truly believe, this world has no real power over us. No matter what this old-world throws at us, we can not only survive, we can grow stronger, more faithful, more joyous... because we know... we KNOW... that WE WIN!

We can live abundantly, victoriously in the knowledge that this life is not all there is. To have hope is to live strong. To live without hope is to merely exist.

So, reach out for a life beyond what the world tells us to live. No matter your situation; pain, worries about health, finances, family or job, believe in God, believe in Jesus Christ and believe in eternity and live with hope in the promises found in scripture. Truly live as Easter People!

Happy Easter!
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Friendly Feast >>>

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March's Mission >>>

One Great Hour of Sharing was

March 14

Envelopes can be found on the back pew

April's Mission >>>

Donations to Tiger Post

Some Ideas: Peanut butter, cookies, Rice Krispie treats, fruit snacks, granola bars, large bags or boxes of animal crackers, puff corn, Cheez Its, individual fruit, pudding and jello cups. Tissues, markers, Lysol wipes and spray

Birthdays>>>

- 3- William Kadlec
- 9- Delano Kukrall
- 11- Judy Steen
- 15- Lexie Birdsall, Tessa Kilber
- 17- Haddie Perrion
- 18- William Hoyle
- 21- Tom Holdhusen
- 25- Brooks Osborne
- 27- Rasmus Loken
- 29- Donna Brockel

Greeters/Ushers >>>

Signup is available in the back pew!!

Volunteers are greatly appreciated.

Acolytes >>>

Greeters will cover at this time.

Anniversaries>>>

- 22- Mike and Valette Horst

Liturgist Readers >>>

- 4: Laura Ptacek
- 11: Kim Knable
- 18: Margaret Nelson
- 25: Jerry Brooks

If you cannot greet or read, please find a replacement, and let Emily Volk know. If you cannot find someone, please contact me and I will gladly help you. Thank You

Please Let us Know >>>

If you are not getting the e-mails or know of someone not receiving the emails that we are sending out from the church, please contact Emily Volk or contact me and I will add them/you to the mailing list. Emily 605-216-1234 or eabvolk_6411@hotmail.com

Thank You



April 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30pm	2 Good Friday Service at Baptist Church	3
4 7:08 Sunrise Service Breakfast 10:00 Worship	5 Easter Monday	6	7 6:00 Youth Group 6:30 Wednesday School	8	9	10
11 10:00 Worship	12	13	14 5:30 Council Meeting 6:00 Youth Group 6:30 Wednesday School	15	16	17
18 10:00 Worship with Communion Confirmation Sunday	19	20	21 6:00 Youth Group 6:30 Wednesday School	22	23	24
25 10:00 Worship	26	27	28 6:00 Youth Group 6:30 Wednesday School	29	30	

Easter Services >>>

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