



**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

Important Information >>>

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July 2021-August 8, 2021
Ipswich United Church of Christ
Newsletter

Prayer of the Month

Upcoming
Events

July

9:00am Worship
18: Communion

August

1: Parking Lot Worship
7: Rummage and Lunch
8: Council Meeting after
Worship
15: Communion

Pray Today

Dear God, please help me to remember the good manners I've learned. I want to be kind and respectful to everyone. Amen.

God's Manners Are Kind

Good manners are simple ways to show kindness and respect to other people. When you use good manners, you're telling others that they matter to you. And everyone wants to know they matter! There are lots of ways to use good manners or to "be polite." You can say "Please" and "Thank You." You can give up your seat so someone else can sit down or resist the urge to interrupt when someone is talking. Look for ways to be polite every day. It's just one more way you can share God's love!

Thought of the Day

Good manners can be a way to show kindness and respect for other people.

VeggieTales: 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 >>>

The next Council meeting will be August 8 following worship service. There will be no scheduled meeting for July.
Judy Steen, Church Secretary

The Stained-Glass Windows Project >>>

The Stained-Glass Window Restoration Fundraiser is Ongoing!!

The Stained Glass window Restoration is an ongoing Fundraiser. Any donation will bring us closer to our \$50,000 goal to restore our windows. We are over 70% to our goal!!

Thank You in advance, The Trustee Committee



Living Nativity >>>

Plans are starting for a community living nativity in December. Anyone can do it and the only speaker will be the narrator. More details to come.

Rummage & Lunch Saturday, August 7 >>>

Will be held on Saturday, August 7 from 8am-2pm at the fellowship hall.

We will be serving morning rolls, BBQ's, potato chips, pickles, bars, coffee and lemonade. Dine in or carry out. Rummage can be delivered to the hall after Aug. 1st or bring in Wednesday, August 4th – Friday August 6th from 5-8pm.

Please bring your rummage with the prices marked in 25cent increments. NO CLOTHING OR SHOES.

Thanks for your support

Placerville Camp Schedule >>>

Please go online to register as there is limited space available.

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

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 >>>

As you probably know, I enjoy children's messages during worship. I enjoy the openness of these youngsters and their quickness of mind and of heart.

On one particular Sunday I was asked a question which did, indeed, "get me." I was asked if God has a mommy... How does one explain the timelessness of God and eternity to a child (or to an adult for that matter)? After a couple of seconds (during which the adults in the congregation began laughing) I simply copped out and responded, "Ask your mommy." It's not a moment I'm totally proud of, but as I was able to immediately get back to the subject at hand, all was well that ends well... except for her mommy.

Another question I was asked by a child at a different place and time was, "Does God forget?" Now that's another tough question. Certainly God can forget, as God promises to forgive and forget, "separate us from our sins as far as east is from west." (Psalm 103:12) So God can choose to forget.

But as our creator, our Father, I don't believe God would ever choose to forget us. Jesus says in Matthew 28, "Lo, I am with you to the end of the age." God doesn't forget us. God loves us too much to ever choose to forget us. God even sent his son to us to die for us. God IS good to us!

So how do we respond to that love? The Bible in Deuteronomy tells us to love the lord our God, "with all our heart and mind and soul and strength." God tells us through the prophet Micah to "love justice, do mercy, and walk humbly with our God." We are to feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, clothe the needy and visit those who are ill and those who are in prison. (Matthew 25:31-46)

In our culture, we take the summer as a period of rest and relaxation. Family reunions, vacations, fishing, camping and other leisure activities are planned while our children are not in school and the weather is fair. Yet we cannot forget God because God will not forget us. As Christ's body on earth, we cannot separate ourselves from God's love and our duties in response to that love and our love for God, for God's work continues through our church.

We're told that the early church devoted themselves "to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers," (Acts 2:42) and that continues to be our job, our task, our purpose all year long, including the summer.

Remember your church. When at home, continue the nurture of the church for you and for your children. Make church attendance your rule rather than your exception. Respond to the love of God as you would respond to the love of your mother, father, son, daughter, spouse, best friend.

Remember how much God loves you this summer. And then, in response, remember not only to support your church this summer... attend, too!

Grace and peace to you!
Pastor Tim

July's Mission >>>

~Donations to Little Eagle~

If anyone wants to leave non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items, laundry detergent, etc. at the church. They are looking for summer clothes of any sizes.

Monetary donations can go anytime.

August's Mission >>>

Please watch for details in the bulletin

August Birthdays>>>

8- Don Hoyle, Parker Hartwell

10- Trent Osborne

20- Patty Kadlec

22- Mikie Bobby, Bob Pond, Ashton Loken, Jaci Schomberg

31- Lonnie Steen

August Anniversaries>>>

No August Anniversaries

Greeters >>>

Beginning June 27th, we will again have weekly fellowship following worship. We will need weekly greeters and a signup sheet is available at church or you may contact the church secretary to sign up.

As a greeter, we ask that you arrive at church at least 20 minutes prior to service, unlock the doors & turn on lights, greet everyone as they come in, ask guests to sign the guest book, hand out bulletins, serve refreshments after worship and make sure lights are off and doors locked after last people leave.

The candles should be lit during gathering music and bells rung at the appropriate time, but you may ask someone else in church to do that if you are unable. We hope to give those tasks to the youth this fall.

Thank You So Much for your help

Liturgist Readers >>>

1: Twila Thorstenson

8: Judy Steen

15: Laura Ptacek

22: Deanne Hoyle

29: Kim Kanable

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. Church Secretary: Emily 605-216-1234 or eabvolk_6411@hotmail.com

Thank You



August 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 9:00 Worship Fellowship Council Meeting	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 9:00 Worship Fellowship	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 9:00 Worship Fellowship	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 9:00 Worship Fellowship	30	31				