



**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

Important Information >>>

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Ipswich United Church of Christ
Monthly Newsletter
August 8, 2021- September 19, 2021

Prayer of the Month

Upcoming Events

August

15: Communion
22: Bless Your Backpack
29: Lucas Nogelmeier of
Watertown UCC will be
leading Worship

**Church Services Will
Remain at 9:00am!!**

September

8: First Night of
Wednesday School!!!
12: Stained-Glass Window
Dedication Service
12: Women's Fellowship
19: Council after Worship

God Will Make Things Right

God can always help you make things right. So when you make a mistake, don't worry! Just go to God. He will help you do whatever needs to be done. If you need to apologize to someone, He can give you the right words to say. If you need to fix something, He can give you strength and encouragement.

Making a poor choice is like turning the wrong way down a path. But God can turn you around so you're going the right direction again! All you have to do is ask.

Thought of the Day

God is ready and waiting to help, anytime you need Him!

Pray Today

Dear God, I don't always make the best choices. Thank You that You love me and can help me make things right. Amen.

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 >>>

United Church of Christ Council met on September 8, 2021 following worship service. Those present were Moderator Deanne Hoyle, Pastor Tim Fugman, Sarah Perrion, Lance Perrion, Patty Kadlec, Carol Pond, Twila Thorstenson, Joan Torrence, Emily Kadlec and Valette Horst.

Deanne called the meeting to order. The minutes from the June 13, 2021 Council meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: by Carol:

Balance 6-1-21	\$
Plate collections	
Savings transfer	
Interest earned	
Disbursements	-
Ending Balance 7-30-21	\$

Financial Secretary Report: by Deanne

June 2021 Donations & Offerings	\$	July 2021 Donations & Offerings	\$
Interest earned		Interest earned	
Window project donations	\$	Window Project Donations	\$
Total June Deposits	\$	Total July deposits	\$

Memorial Report. There is a change to savings: \$50 in checking and \$.31 interest was added making the total of \$4053.06 in savings.

Twila made a motion to approve the financial reports, Joan seconded. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Diaconate: Communion was served to 22 in July.

Trustees: Michael Heinz will be hired to remove the heavy amounts of snow. The UCC Church signs on the edges of town are showing wear. Lance will get quotes for repairs. The evergreen trees in front of the Fellowship Hall need to be trimmed a bit to help with snow removal and walking on the sidewalks. Trustees proposed a 2% raise for Pastor Tim and a \$.50 cent an hour raise for church secretary, Emily Volk and janitor, Twila Thorstenson. Patty made a motion to approve, and Sarah seconded. Motion carried. Discussion was held about the scratch on the south bench. Patty is checking with Mark Gramm on a price.

Christian Education: August 22 is "Bless your Backpack" Sunday during worship. There will be no "bless the Backpack" breakfast following worship. September 8 is the first night of Wednesday School. We are in search of substitute teachers and also a music director.

Mission: The mission for August is school supplies for our local school.

Women's Fellowship: The next meeting is September 12. They are planning to host the Christmas Guest Night. More information later. The lunch/rummage sale were a success.

Search Committee: They have met and will continue to meet this fall. Motion made by Joan to approve reports. Lance seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Report: No report.

Old Business: Christian Education will do an Acolyte list and train them. They will also talk with the parents of possible Confirmation students. Valette will continue to video our worship services with the iPad. Judy, Twila and Deanne will be backups. Worship service time was discussed. Carol made a motion to keep church services at 9:00a.m. and Twila seconded it. Motion carried.

New Business: Piano lessons at the Fellowship Hall by Stephanie Raap were discussed. A motion by Patty and seconded by Twila was made to charge Stephanie \$50 per month for the use of the hall. Our church will be responsible for the tuning of the piano and the taping of the songs on the portable piano. Pastor will be gone of August 29 and Lucas Nogelmeier of the Watertown UCC will be the fill in. We will have the Stained-Glass Window Restoration dedication service on September 12 during our regular worship service @ 9:00a.m. Pastor will work with the Diaconates on the service.

Our next meeting will be September 19 following worship service. We plan to have Council meetings on the second Sunday of each month following worship.

Valette Horst, Secretary Pro-tem

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.

Wednesday Youth Activities >>>

Dear Parents,

On behalf on the UCC Christian Education committee, we hope that you have had a great summer, and we are excited to invite you, and your children back for Wednesday school/youth group for the 2021-2022 school year. We are planning a meeting for all of the parents on August 22nd at 6:30pm, at the UCC church. It is important that we connect with the parents of our youth. We will need your children's contact/emergency contacts, their allergies, and other things. We strongly encourage you to attend this meeting, but if you are unable, please reach out to one of us to set up a one-on-one meeting.

Thank you,

Carol Pond (605)380-4084

Sarah Perrion (605) 254-4947

Tammy Pitz (605) 380-4908

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 - Rev. Matthew Richards

Registration begins at 7pm on November 5. Camp ends around 9am on November 7. Registration deadline is October 22.

Pastor Tim's Tidbits >>>

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August/September 2021

11 It was he who "gave gifts to people"; he appointed some to be apostles, others to be prophets, others to be evangelists, others to be pastors and teachers. 12 He did this to prepare all God's people for the work of Christian service, in order to build up the body of Christ. 13 And so we shall all come together to that oneness in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God; we shall become mature people, reaching to the very height of Christ's full stature. Ephesians 4:11-13

Ministry is an eight letter word... a good sized word, but a word that is often defined as being much smaller than it is in reality. Many people look at minister and pastor as being one and the same... the person who stands at the pulpit on Sundays and preaches the Good News. In fact, minister, pastor and preacher often mean the same thing. But, is ministry only done by the minister/pastor/preacher?

Most of us think of ministry as the work done by pastors, missionaries, Christian conference speakers, or evangelists. We rarely think of ministry as work done by bankers, lawyers, engineers, or homemakers. We typically believe that those who get their paychecks from a church or other Christian organization are the ones who "do" ministry, while the rest of us are those to whom ministry is "done." Let me suggest that we need to expand our vision of ministry so that we come to view all we do as ministry... ministry that glorifies God and influences other people.

The Greek word in the New Testament that is often translated as "ministry" is diakonia. The basic meaning of this word is "service." It can refer to tasks as basic as waiting tables (see Acts 6:1), caring for the poor through monetary gifts (see 2 Corinthians 9:12), or proclaiming the gospel (see Acts 20:24). The term is not limited to the service of a select few appointed to particular offices within the church. In fact, the exact opposite is the case. Paul said that those who hold offices in the church are given gifts for the purpose of enabling all of God's people to do ministry. I hope and pray that my ministry here has prepared this church and its members to do ministry also.

The text in the heading above tells us that God has given gifts to people for ministry... for service. God has gifted some to be apostles, others to be prophets, others to be evangelists, others to be pastors and teachers. He did this to prepare all God's people for the work of Christian service, in order to build up the body of Christ.

Note that Paul wrote 'all' God's people. That's you as well as me.

So we have a task, you and me, to minister to all those we come in contact with... not just in church on Sunday morning, but daily, living as followers of Jesus Christ... sharing our faith... loving all those we come in contact with... all we come in contact with.

We, indeed, need to, as Paul wrote, "... all come together to that oneness in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God (so that) we shall become mature people, reaching to the very height of Christ's full stature." The questions are, "Can we do that?" "Will we do that?" "Will we love as Christ loves... all people... without regard to age, gender, nationality, religion, orientation, or anything else in all God's creation that has the power to divide us?" Can we reach, as Paul suggests, to the very height of Christ's full stature?

Tough questions are on the horizon for our church and for all churches, and again, I hope and pray that our time together has prepared us to respond to these questions as Christ would respond... with love and grace.

Grace and peace to you.

Pastor Tim

August's Mission >>>

~School Supplies~

September's Mission >>>

~Please Watch the Bulletin~

September Birthdays>>>

6- Ryan Schaeffer
9- Caleb Schaeffer
11- Gary Bosanko
17- Valette Horst, Ken Johnson
18- Gerard Kadlec
20: Donanne Fugman
24: Jeremy Hildebrandt
28: Natalie Tollefson
29- Wyatt Haux
30- Deb Bower

September Liturgist Readers >>>

5: Margaret Nelson
12: Jerry Brooks
19: Valette Horst
26: Bobbie Kilber

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

September Anniversaries>>>

4- Dustin and Tammy Pitz
7- Megan and Jeremy Hildebrandt
8- Nathan and Lori Oban
10- Lonnie and Katie Steen
17- Loel and Susie Hoyle
19- Joseph and Danielle Hoyle
28- Jim and Kim Kanable

Greeters >>>

Since June 27th, we have had weekly fellowship following worship. We will need weekly greeters to continue 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



September 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 9:00 Worship Fellowship	6	7	8 6:00 Youth Group 6:30 Wed. School	9	10	11
12 9:00 Worship with Stain Glass Window Dedication Fellowship Women's Fellowship	13	14	15 6:00 Youth Group 6:30 Wed. School	16	17	18
19 9:00 Worship Fellowship Council Meeting	20	21	22 6:00 Youth Group 6:30 Wed. School	23	24	25
26 9:00 Worship Fellowship	27	28	29 6:00 Youth Group 6:30 Wed. School	30	31	