



**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**

### **Important Information >>>**

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## Ipswich United Church of Christ

### Monthly Newsletter

March 9, 2022- April 6, 2022

#### *Article 11 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.

#### Upcoming Events

##### April

- 10: Palm Sunday
- 10: Spring Friendly Feast following worship
- 14: Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30 with Communion
- 15: Good Friday Service at 6:30
- 17: Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at 6:45 Breakfast Provided by Youth Group

##### May

- 4: Last Day of Wednesday School
- 8: Graduation Recognition
- 11: Council Meeting at 5:00pm

#### *Prayer of the Month >>>*

#### God's Love Lasts

You are my God, and I will thank You. You are my God, and I will praise Your greatness. Thank the Lord because He is good. His love continues forever.  
Psalm 118: 28-29

Do you have a toy that runs on batteries? What happens when the batteries die? Your toy stops working. Maybe you have a favorite shirt or pair of shoes. What happens if you wear them all teatime? They wear out! There's one thing you have that never stops. It doesn't even need batteries! Do you know what it is? God's love! The Bible reminds us that God's love lasts forever. It never wears out, and you can't ever use it all up. There will always be plenty of God's love.

#### Thought of the Day

Nothing is greater than God's love!

#### Pray Today

Dear God, thank You for loving me forever. I'm so glad there is always more than enough of Your love! Amen.

VeggiesTales: God Knows Me.

# Council Minutes >>>

The United Church of Christ Council met on April 5, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Those present were Moderator Deanne Hoyle, Pastor Tim Fugman, Carol Pond, Donna Brockel, Valette Horst, Twila Thorstenson, Missy Kleffman, Judy Lapka and Jim Kanable. Deanne called the meeting to order and Pastor led us in prayer. The minutes of the March 9, 2022 meeting were approved as printed.

## Financial Reports:

### Treasurer Report: by Carol

Balance 3-1-22	\$
Plate, pledges, donations	
Interest earned	
Mission collection	
Disbursements	—
Balance 3-31-22	\$

### Financial Secretary Report: by Deanne

Donations & Offerings	\$
Interest earned	
Hall rent	
One Great Hour of Sharing	—
Total March deposits	\$

### Memorial Report: submitted by Judy Steen

No March activity    Checking balance: \$5    Savings AC balance \$

## Committee Reports:

**Diaconate:** Missy reported that communion was served to 26 on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Communion in April will be served at Maundy Thursday service on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Trustees:** The new copier is installed and set up for wireless communication. The internet modem was moved from the church basement to the office. A new outlet will be installed to eliminate extension cords. The quote from Mehlhaff Electric was accepted to update all of the fellowship hall lights to non-ballast fixtures and replace the bulbs to LED. The broken vacuum will be replaced. Trustees are looking into updates to the signs on the east and south sides of town and repairs to the foundation covering on the west side of church. They will do a walk around inspection at their next meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Christian Education:** Palms have been ordered for Palm Sunday. The last evening of Wednesday school & end of year party will be May 4<sup>th</sup>. A meeting with parents will be held at the end of April to review the year. Graduates will be recognized during the Sunday worship service on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Mission:** The April mission is collection of snacks, cleaning supplies, games, activities, etc. for the Tiger Post. The May Mission will be posted in the bulletin later in April.

**Women's Fellowship:** The group will serve a Trail Days noon lunch on Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup>. They will also host a day for pillow cleaning and participate in the city-wide rummage sale with lunch in August. The next meeting for Women's Fellowship will be May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Men's Fellowship:** No report

**Search Committee:** The committee met on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

A Motion was made by Carol and seconded by Missy to approve the committee reports. Motion carried.

**Pastor Tim's Report:** Pastor is working on all of the Easter week services and with Pastor Dan from First Baptist to prepare the joint Good Friday service.

**Old Business:** Reminders of Hallelujah Hooligans on April 9<sup>th</sup> and Friendly Feast on April 10<sup>th</sup>. The spring Prairie Lakes Association meeting will be a Zoom meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup> so our church will not need to host. The UCC General Synod *Ministers' Financial Vitality Initiative* was referred to the Mission Committee. Easter Week service times: Maundy Thursday with communion 6:30 p.m., joint Good Friday at UCC 6:30 p.m., Easter Sunday sunrise at 6:45 a.m., regular worship service at 10:00 a.m. with youth breakfast served between the two services.

**New Business:** None

The next council meeting will be Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Deanne Hoyle, Secretary pro-tem

## *Pastor Tim's Tidbits >>>*

The following came across the internet a while back and as we approach Holy Week and the Holy Day of Easter, I thought you might find it... interesting.

### WHISPERS

The man whispered, "God, speak to me"  
and a meadowlark sang.  
But, the man did not hear.

So the man yelled, "God, speak to me"  
and the thunder rolled across the sky.  
But, the man did not listen.

The man looked around and said,  
"God let me see you."  
And a star shined brightly.  
But the man did not see.

And, the man shouted,  
"God show me a miracle."  
And, a life was born.  
But, the man did not notice.

So, the man cried out in despair,  
"Touch me God, and let me know you are here."  
Whereupon, God reached down  
and touched the man.  
But, the man brushed the butterfly away .  
and walked on.

Don't miss out on a blessing  
because it isn't packaged the way that you expect.  
Expect the unexpected...  
(-Author unknown)

Two thousand years ago, the unexpected happened. An insignificant itinerant preacher/teacher was arrested, tried, convicted, tortured, and crucified. There was nothing special in that event. In terms of the world at that time it was but a whisper. But again, the unexpected happened. This preacher/teacher arose from the grave in a remarkable demonstration of power over death. The whisper turned into a shout that has been heard around the world... again and again... for two thousand years.  
May you expect the unexpected... and receive all God's blessings.

See you at Maundy Thursday service (7:00 pm), Good Friday service (6:30 pm),  
Easter Sunrise service (6:55 am and Easter worship (UCC, 10:00 am)  
Grace and Peace!  
Pastor Tim

## Christian Education Activities >>>

**Palm Sunday Kids will Parade in with Palms during worship.**

**Last Day of Wednesday School is May 4!!**

**May 8<sup>th</sup> is graduation recognition**

**\*Every Wednesday unless noted**

6:00 Little Youth Supper for Children and their family

6:00 Older Youth Supper downstairs

6:30 Wednesday School

Thank you,

Carol Pond (605)380-4084, Sarah Perrion (605) 254-4947, Tammy Pitz (605) 380-4908

## Looking for Volunteers in 2022 >>>



Pastor Tim is looking for some special music to add to worship.



## Placerville Work Weekends >>>



Are you a worker bee? Do you like to cook for other worker bees? Then we are looking for you! We are planning two weekends to get some things ready for summer. May 6-8 and May 27-29. Three special projects will be started this spring as well! Email Kerry at [uccplace@hotmail.com](mailto:uccplace@hotmail.com) if you are interested in one, or both, of the May dates or if you might be interested in helping with one of the specific projects.

## Placerville Summer Camps >>>

Camp Registration and Magnets with the QR scan code for registration can be found on the white table by the office!!

### Women's Camp: June 5-9, 2022

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 5-9, 2022

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

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### Seekers: June 12-17, 2022

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

Transportation provided for an additional fee.

Before May 1st - \$415

After May 1st - \$440

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### Faith Explorers: June 19-24, 2022

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

Transportation provided for an additional fee.

Before May 1st - \$415

After May 1st - \$440

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### Crossroads: June 26-July2, 2022

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

Transportation provided for an additional fee.

Before May 1st - \$445

After May 1st - \$470

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### Family Camp: July 10-16, 2022

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

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### Grand Camp: June 24-26, 2022

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

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### Fall Youth Event: November 4-6, 2022

Youth - \$100

Chaperones - \$80`

Registration begins at 7pm on November 4. Camp ends around 9am on November 6. Registration deadline is October 21.

## *April's Mission >>>*

~ Tiger Post ~

Snacks, apple juice, canned fruit, peanut butter, ground beef, disinfecting wipes, paper cups, napkins, etc.

## *May's Mission >>>*

~ Please Watch the Bulletin for Details~



*Thank You to everyone for your continued support!!*

### **May Birthdays>>>**

3- Kristi Pond  
4- Doreen Bobby, Mark Perrion  
12- Jayden Stiles, Ashlenn Hartwell  
13- Brevyn Pitz  
15- Beth Pond, Jamie Stiles  
19- Minerva Johnson  
21- Gary Saucedo  
24- Bexley Perrion  
26- Kathryn Kilber  
30- Emily Kadlec  
31- Taylor Loken

### **May Anniversaries>>>**

2: Don and Dianne Hoyle  
28: Dave and Margaret Nelson  
31: Jolene and Gary Bosanko

### **Greeters >>>**

Sundays following worship are a wonderful time of fellowship in the church hall. Please consider volunteering to serve as a greeter. A signup sheet is available outside the office or by contacting the church office secretary.

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 soon.

Thank You So Much for your help

### **May Liturgist Readers >>>**

1: Kim Kanable  
8: Margaret Nelson  
15: Jerry Brooks  
22: Bobbie Kilber  
29: Joseph Hoyle

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



# MAY 2022



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

*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 fill out a "Welcome to Our Church" form located on the white table or contact the Church Secretary: Emily 605-216-1234 or email the church.

Thank You