



**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

Important Information >>>

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Ipswich United Church of Christ

Monthly Newsletter

May 11, 2022-June 12, 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

May

22: Women's Fellowship
after worship
22-25: VBS at 6:30
Fellowship Hall

June

12: Council after worship
18: Trail Days Lunch
11am-1pm

Prayer of the Month >>>

Be Kind To Everyone

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
as God in Christ forgave you.
Ephesians 4:32

God is very clear: He wants you to treat everyone with kindness. But what if someone isn't kind to you? The rules don't change! That's because God loves each of us equally, no matter how we act. The good news is, God can help you choose kindness. If someone says or does something unkind, try to stay calm. You can always decide to walk away or say something nice instead. Ask God to help you be patient and forgive quickly. He will bless you when you try to be kind!

Thought of the Day

Sometimes people aren't kind because no one has shown them how to be. Show someone kindness today!

Pray Today

Dear God, please help me be kind and patient with everyone, even when it's hard. Amen.

VeggieTales: God Knows Me

Council Minutes >>>

The Ipswich United Church of Christ met on May 11, 2022 @ 5:00pm. Those present were Moderator Deanne Hoyle, Pastor Tim Fugman, Valette Horst, Judy Lapka, Twila Thorstenson, Donna Brockel, Carol Pond, Missy Kleffman, and Judy Steen. The minutes from the April 5, 2022 minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report by Carol:

Beginning balance 4-1-22
Plate, pledges, donations
OCHS donation
Interest earned
Disbursements

\$

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Financial Secretary Report by Deanne:

Donations & Offerings
One Great Hour Sharing donation
Interest earned
Hallelujah Hooligans free will offering
Total

\$

\$

Mission Report by Judy. The checking balance remains the same at \$50.00, and the savings account is \$3,123.83.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Diaconates: Missy reported that communion was served to 25 on April 14. Next communion will be served on May 15, 2022. The altar cloths were changed for Easter.

Trustee: They met May 1. The outside church review was postponed due to the weather. The couch from the Pastor's office was taken downstairs for Youth Group use. Chairs will be placed in the office to replace the couch. Jim & Adam Kanable are making a coat rack for the office. The signs on the outskirts of town were reviewed. The south one will be replaced, and the east and west ones are good at this time. A new Shark brand vacuum cleaner was purchased to replace the old commercial vacuum cleaner that was irreparable. The newly purchased copier has been placed and hooked up in the office.

Christian Education: The final night for this school year was Wednesday, May 4. For their end of year party, the entire group went to Grandma's Ceramics and painted a project. A great time was had by all. Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held in our church May 22-25 from 6:30-7:30pm each night. This is a joint community class. The theme is Zoomerang. If you are able to help during this time, please let Carol Pond, Sarah Perrion or Tammy Pitz know.

Mission: The April mission of snacks were delivered to the Tiger Post and they were most grateful. The mission for May is monetary donations for use for Vacation Bible School. A container is placed outside the Office on the white table.

Mens Fellowship: No report.

Search Committee: No report.

Carol made a motion to approve the Committee reports, Judy L seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor: Confirmation will continue through the summer for the 6 students. Pastor will not be in the office on Wednesdays during the summer months unless there is a need. Pastor will be serving a wedding in Tulare on Saturday, June 25. Pastor asked if there would be interest in starting a Bible Study. We said that we would announce this in church, put in bulletins and the newsletter. Anyone interested in the Bible study or has questions, please contact Pastor Tim.

Old Business: The Spring Prairie Lakes Association meeting was held by zoom on April 24, 2022, and Carol Pond, Valette Horst, and Judy Steen participated. There was not much business. Committee is meeting to revise the policy regarding the spring and fall meeting and change the current wording of "hosting the meeting on the Second Sunday in April and October" to hosting a meeting in the spring and the fall of each year. This will make the date option more flexible. Pastor gave the sermon. They will advertise when and where the fall meeting will be.

The office Secretary position is open. Emily Volk has given her resignation after serving us for 10 years. THANK YOU, EMILY! This position is a paying position and has varied hours depending on activities. If you have questions or would like to fill this position, please contact Deanne or Pastor. **We need everyone's help in making our church operate smoothly!**

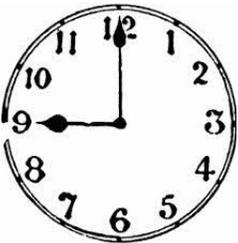
New Business: Church services will begin at 9:00a.m for the months of June, July and August. Pass the word!!!! Donna made a motion regarding this change, Carol seconded. Motion carried.

We are also in need of ideas and volunteers for putting together an easy float for the Trail Day Parade on June 21 @ 10:30a.m. The theme is Year of the Tiger. Please contact Deanne or any Council members if you have any ideas!! Thank you!

Next Meeting: June 12, 2022 following worship-----10:05am.

Judy Steen, Church Secretary

Summer Worship Time Change >>>



Beginning with our Sunday, June 5th worship, the service time will begin at 9:00 a.m. for the months of June, July & August.

Church Office Secretary Position Opening >>>



Office secretary duties include: preparing weekly church service bulletins, the monthly newsletter, the annual report & other correspondence as needed. The secretary also is the administrator for the church website & FB page and monitors the church e-mail along with other office duties. This is a paid position and hours range from 2-5 per week depending on workload. Much of the work can be done from home.

If you, or someone you know, of is interested in this position or wants to know more about it, please contact Moderator Deanne Hoyle (605 380-2650) as soon as possible.

Looking for Volunteers in 2022 >>>



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



Message from Our Trustees >>>

If anyone has any concerns or notices anything that needs attention around the church please contact a Trustee.

Jim Kanable, Jerry Brooks, Noel Pons, Valette Horst, and Twila Thorstenson

Pastor Tim's Tidbits >>>

John 3:16

Live Like Winners

I was watching some little kids play soccer. These kids were only five or six years old, but they were playing a real game—a serious game—two teams, complete with coaches, uniforms, and parents. I didn't know any of them, so I was able to enjoy the game without the distraction of being anxious about winning or losing. I wished the parents and coaches could have done the same.

The teams were pretty evenly matched. I will just call them Team One and Team Two. Nobody scored in the first period.

The kids were hilarious. In a word, they were clumsy. They fell over their own feet, they stumbled over the ball, they kicked at the ball and missed it but they didn't seem to care. They were having fun.

In the second quarter, the Team One coach pulled out what must have been his first team and put in the scrubs, except for his best player who now guarded the goal.

The game took a dramatic turn. I guess winning is important even when you're five years old—because the Team Two coach left his best players in, and the Team One scrubs were no match for them. Team Two swarmed around the little guy who was now the Team One goalie. He was an outstanding athlete, but he was no match for three or four who were also very good. Team Two began to score. The lone goalie gave it everything he had, recklessly throwing his body in front of incoming balls, trying valiantly to stop them.

Team Two scored two goals in quick succession. It infuriated the young boy. He became a raging maniac—shouting, running, diving. With all the stamina he could muster, he covered the boy who now had the ball, but that boy kicked it to another boy twenty feet away, and by the time he repositioned himself, it was too late—they scored a third goal.

I soon learned who the goalie's parents were. They were nice, decent-looking people. I could tell that his dad had just come from the office—he still had his suit and tie on. They yelled encouragement to their son. I became totally absorbed, watching the boy on the field and his parents on the sidelines. After the third goal, the little kid changed. He could see it was no use; he couldn't stop them.

He didn't quit, but he became quietly desperate. Futility was written all over him. His father changed too. He had been urging his son to try harder—yelling advice and encouragement. But then he changed. He became anxious. He tried to say that it was okay - to hang in there. He grieved for the pain his son was feeling.

After the fourth goal, I knew what was going to happen. I've seen it before. The little boy needed help so badly, and there was no help to be had. He retrieved the ball from the net and handed to the referee—and then he cried. He just stood there while huge tears rolled down both cheeks.

He went to his knees and put his fists to his eyes - and he cried the tears of the helpless and brokenhearted.

When the boy went to his knees, I saw the father start onto the field. His wife clutched his arm and said, "Jim, don't. You'll embarrass him." But he tore loose from her and ran onto the field. He wasn't supposed to - the game was still in progress. Suit, tie, dress shoes, and all—he charged onto the field, and he picked up his son so everybody would know that this was his boy, and he hugged him and held him and cried with him. I've never been so proud of a man in my life.

He carried him off the field, and when he got close to the sidelines, I heard him say, "Scotty, I'm so proud of you. You were great out there. I want everybody to know that you are my son."

"Daddy," the boy sobbed, "I couldn't stop them. I tried, Daddy, I tried and tried, and they scored on me."

"Scotty, it doesn't matter how many times they scored on you. You're my son, and I'm proud of you. I want you to go back out there and finish the game. I know you want to quit, but you can't. And, son, you're going to get scored on again, but it doesn't matter. Go on, now."

It made a difference - I could tell it did. When you're all alone, and you're getting scored on—and you can't stop them—it means a lot to know that it doesn't matter to those who love you.

The little guy ran back on to the field—and they scored two more times—but it was okay.

We get scored on every day. We try so hard. We recklessly throw our bodies in every direction. We fume and rage. We struggle with temptation and sin with every ounce of our being—and Satan laughs. And he scores again, and the tears come, and we go to our knees—sinful, convicted, helpless. And our Father—our Father rushes right out on the field—right in front of the whole crowd—the whole jeering, laughing world—and he picks us up, and he hugs us and he says, "I'm so proud of you. You were great out there. I want everybody to know that you are my child, and because I control the outcome of this game, I declare you – The Winner."

--Author Unknown-
Pastor Tim

Interested in Learning more about the Bible >>>



There has been some interest expressed in starting a Bible study group led by Pastor Tim. Times, dates & discussion topics will be determined by the group. Please contact Pastor Tim if you are interested in journeying through Bible topics.

Christian Education Activities >>>

Join us at Vacation Bible School for



As we will journey down under to Australia
with all its beauty and wonder to explore the book of Genesis.
May 22nd - May 25th (Sunday - Wednesday) 6:30pm -7:30pm @ UCC Fellowship Hall
Free and open to all children ages 4 - those just completing 5th grade!
We are also looking for volunteers to help with games, science and crafts, and songs.
If you can help out, please contact
Sarah Perrion 605-254-4947, Tammy Pitz 605-380-4908, or Carol Pond 605-380-4084

Women's Fellowship Trail Days Lunch >>>

The Women's Fellowship will be serving lunch at Trail Days on June 18th from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the fellowship hall. Roast Beef Sandwiches, Hot Dogs, chips, pickles, Potato Salad, and bars/cookies will be served. A free will offering will be taken. Takeout orders will be available.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

May's Mission >>>

~ Donations for Vacation Bible School~

Volunteers to help as it is being held in our church, and snacks

June's Mission >>>

~ Will be Posted In Bulletin ~



Thank You to everyone for your continued support!!

June Birthdays>>>

- 1: Jase Heilman
- 2: Brandon Beitelspacher
- 5: Jordan Horst
- 7: Judy Lapka, Lindsey Forkel
- 8: Tracy Loken, Ashlyn Heilman
- 11: Jeanne Clarke, Ted Schomberg
- 12: Lance Perrion
- 13: Kalynn Oban
- 14: Abigail Hoyle
- 15: Twila Thorstensen
- 16: Tarynn Kleffman, Jim Kanable
- 19: Rylee Kleffman
- 23: Andrew Johnson
- 25: Sarah Perrion
- 26: Bobbie Kilber, Tim Fugman
- 29: Corinne Jameson, Justice Maurer, Diane Hoyle
- 30: Sherry Perrion

June Liturgist Readers >>>

- 5: Twila Thorstenson
- 12: Judy Steen
- 19: Noel Pond
- 26: Bob Pond

June Anniversaries>>>

- 4: James and Emily Volk
- 6: Ruth and Kelly Coates,
- 8: Trent and Nichol Osborne
- 12: Gerard and Emily Kadlec

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

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



June 2022



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