



**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

Important Information >>>

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June 13 - July 2021 Newsletter

Ipswich United Church of Christ

Prayer of the Month

Upcoming Events

June

9:00am Worship

19: Trail Days Lunch – Dine in
or carry out
25-26: Tri-Conference annual
meeting via Zoom

July

11: Parking Lot Worship

August

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

Pray Today

Dear God, I am so glad You love me enough to make me a part of Your family. Thank You for always taking care of me. Amen.

If we are God's Children, then we will receive the blessings God has for us. We will receive these things from God together with Christ. Roman's 8:17

Who Are You

How would you answer this question: Who are you?

There are lots of things you might say about who you are, but do you know what the Bible says about you? If you love Jesus, the Bible says you are God's child. That means Jesus and you are in the same family! It also means that God loves and cares for you. He always hears and answers your prayers. He watches over you and wants the best for you. Always remember that you are very special to God.

Thought of the Day

What are some things that are great about being in God's family?

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 Ipswich United Church of Christ Council met on June 13, 2021 following worship. Those present were Moderator Deanne Hoyle, Pastor Tim Fugman, Valette Horst, Twila Thorstenson, Emily Volk, Lance & Sarah Perrion, Donna Brockel, Joan Torrence, Patty Kadlec, Carol Pond and Judy Steen. Deanne opened the meeting and Pastor led us in prayer. The minutes of May 12, 2021 were approved as printed.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Carol

Beginning Balance 5-1-21	\$
Plate Collections	
Interest income	
Strengthen the Church offering	
Upper Room Dev & WC Ins refund	
VBS donation	
Disbursements	
End. Balance 5-31-21	\$

Financial Secretary Report: Deanne

Donations & Offerings	\$
Interest earned	
Strengthen the Church Offering	
Upper Room Devotions	
WC Insurance refund	
VBS donations	
Window Project donations	
Total May deposits	\$

Memorial Report by Judy: There was no change this month. \$ in checking and \$ in savings. Lance made a motion to approve the financial reports, Donna seconded. Motion carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DIACONATE: Communion was served to 24 in May and to 22 on June 13, 2021.

TRUSTEE: The south step construction is almost done. Lonnie Steen (Diamond S Heating & Cooling) is replacing the thermostats in the fellowship hall.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: They have met with teachers for next year. They are looking for volunteers as substitute teachers. They discussed the preparation for next year. There will be approximately 60 kids for Wednesday School. VBS (Vacation Bible School) was held jointly with community churches. One night was held at the track field and the remainder of the sessions were held indoors at the Father Bormann Hall. Approximately 25 children attended each night.

MISSION: The mission for June is donations for the stain glass window restoration. July's mission is donations to Little Eagle.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: The next meeting is July 11 after worship. The City Wide rummage sale is August 7. We will host our rummage sale that day. We will not accept clothing or shoes.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Have not met.

SEARCH COMMITTEE: Have not met.

Carol made a motion to accept the Committee reports, Twila seconded. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor inquired about students for Confirmation. We will have tentative outside services on July 11, and August 1, 2021. This will be weather permitting. On Sunday, June 20, there will be NO SERVICE in our church but everyone is invited to attend the outdoor Cowboy Worship Time at the Trail Day arena at 9:30am. Bring your chair if you prefer to not sit on the bleachers. Our July 4 worship service will have a patriotic theme.

OLD BUSINESS: We will be serving lunch during Trail Days on June 19, 2021 from 11:30 to 1:00pm. It will be free-will offering. The donations will go toward the stain glass window restoration. An update on the anonymous donation: A \$50 check was taken to Ken's Fairway and while appreciative, they offered cash cards back to us to pass on as we saw fit. Discussion was held on other possibilities. Valette made a motion to give \$200 to the Lance Stuwe Benefit, Joan seconded. Motion carried. Lance is having medical issues and recovery could be long.

NEW BUSINESS: It has been brought to Council that it is felt that it is time to have fellowship in the hall following worship. After discussion, it was decided to serve coffee/juice following worship through the summer and then revisit duties and responsibilities in the fall.

Sarah and Carol from Christian Education committee, reported that three of our community churches will participate in the reenactment of living nativity scene. We will need volunteers to help with this closer to the time.

A big THANK YOU to those who repaired the small couch and 2 chairs in the Fellowship Hall. We LOVE our Volunteers!! Thank you!

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 half way to our goal!!

Thank You in advance, The Trustee Committee



MEGA SPORTS Vacation Bible School >>>

Thank you to everyone who helped by either volunteering your time, or by giving a donation towards the snacks. The Kids enjoyed the fun filled week learning about the good word.

Trail Days Lunch >>>

Come join us Saturday June 19th from 11:30-1:00pm for our Trail days lunch!!

Menu will be roast beef sandwiches, hot dogs, potato salad, macaroni salad, chips and bars. The meal will be free—will offering and the option to dine in or carry out is available.

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 >>>

The Women's Fellowship will be holding our annual Rummage and Lunch on Saturday, August 7th.

So, save all your good household items. We will keep you updated on further details.

No clothing or shoes!

The SD Conference online annual meeting is 6/25 and 6/26. >>>

Registration is now open until June 24th! Registration costs \$20 for those who register before June 18th. If you register after June 18th, you will pay the regular registration price of \$25. Questions about registration?

Email Aidan Spencer at aidan@ucctcm.org.

<https://ucctcm.org/annualmeeting/>

Pastor Tim's Tidbits >>>

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June/July, 2021

Matthew 25:31-45

One of the stereotypes we pastors sometimes run up against is our long-windedness... some might say our 'gift of gab'. I confess that sometimes I get carried away and preach a little longer than I should (very rarely, though, right?) Talkativeness is an occupational hazard for pastors, so please forgive me when I get a little long-winded.

Another occupational hazard of a pastor is reading. I confess that I love to read... but I am picky. Of course, the Bible is my favorite. I have read the entire Bible as you would suspect and hope of your pastor. Many of you know that my favorite passage is found in Matthew 25:31-45, a prophetic parable about the final judgment.

But being a confirmed 'reader' there are other books I enjoy. I've read all the 'Star War' books, the Harry Potter books, the Dan Brown books, Angels & Demons The Da Vinci Code The Lost Symbol and Inferno and many, many science fiction books and enough scholarly Christian books to get me through seminary.

More recently I've been reading the Bible, of course, and The Once and Future Church by Loren Mead, and What Church Leaders Really Need to Know by Robert Naylor. I haven't finished either of these last two, but have already gained what I consider to be valuable insight into how to improve my pastoral abilities, some possibilities for our church and where the church (Christianity) seems to be going.

Of course, the most important book, I believe, is the Bible, the Word of God. In it we find history, poetry, storytelling, drama, theology (of course), and wonderful truths that help us on our Christian journey through life.

I have two hopes and prayers for you this summer. 1 - Attend church as often as you can... we are not complete without you. 2 - Read God's Word... set aside some time at least weekly to read what God has to say to you.

My final prayer is that you have a blessed summer.

Grace and Peace!

Pastor Tim



JAM 2021 Schedule of Events

Friday Schedule:

6:00pm: Welcome and Opening Ceremonies

7:00pm: Workshops

8:00pm: Trivia and Dance Party

Saturday Schedule:

8:00am: Article Study and Coffee Hour

9:00am: Workshops

10:00am: Keynote Speaker

11:45am: Lunch Break

1:00pm: Tri-Conference UCC Ministries Update

1:45pm: Conference Business Meetings

3:45pm: Closing Worship

All times are given in Central Standard Time

Placerville Camp Schedule >>>

Please go online to register as there is limited space available

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

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

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

After May 1st - \$425

\$275 - 6-12 yrs.

After May 1 - Max Family Cost:

\$100

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!

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

June's Mission >>>

Stain Glass Window Mission and Trail Day's Lunch

Envelopes can be found in the back pew and please write "Stain Glass Window" on the outside.
Thank You

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.

Birthdays>>>

4- Emily Volk
6- Brady Kilber
7- Jace Stiles
11: Jacob Tollefson
13- Jerry Kilber, Katie Steen
14- Ruth Coates, Shaylee Coisman, Savannah Coisman
17- Calvin Kleffman
19- Haylee Kilber
22- Deanne Hoyle
24: Lori Oban
31: Nathan Oban

Liturgist Readers >>>

4: Jerry Brooks
11: Valette Horst
19: Bobbie Kilber
25: Carol Pond

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

Anniversaries>>>

6- Scott and Bobbie Kilber
11- Lance and Sarah Perrion
15: Tim and Donanne Fugman
21: Jack and Jeanne Clarke

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



July 2021



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