Jesus is still alive!

He’s alive! Alive today! Jesus is risen from the grave! He’s alive! Go, spread the news! There’s nothing here but an empty tomb!

He’s alive! He’s still alive!

Easter means that Jesus is still alive!

These wonderful words are the lyrics of a Bryan Sirchio song. I recall joyously singing this at an Easter Sunrise Worship 20 years ago.

This is the joy of our faith: God is a God of life! Not even sin or death are as powerful as God. Hallelujah!

This month of May marks a milestone in the history of Ivy Chapel United Church of Christ; namely, it is the birth date of our congregation as we now know it. For a brief time, the church people who had left Garden Chapel Community Church were a congregation in search of a wider church affiliation. The pastor of that group who had left Garden Chapel was the Rev. Ellsworth Ewing. Together, this fledgling congregation and Rev. Ewing were a congregation and a pastor seeking to covenant with some Christian denomination. It pleases me to realize that these ‘wayfarers’ discovered the United Church of Christ to be the denomination that welcomed them and entered into covenant with them. I personally rejoice in this as a wonderful testimony to the inviting, uniting character of our wider church. How I love our United Church of Christ!

We will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Ivy Chapel United Church of Christ at 10 a.m. worship Sunday, May 18. Our Acting Missouri Mid-South Conference Minister, Rev. Dr. Allen Fluent, will preach. Other special guests invited to share in the occasion include: Rev. Dennis Lindberg; Rev. Pat Vollertsen; Rev. Laura Mignerone; Rev. Howard Self. Following morning worship, come to Ivy Chapel UCC’s 50th Anniversary Potluck. Please sign up in advance (sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall).

On Sunday, May 18, let all share together in this spirited celebration of Ivy’s First Fifty Years! Who we’ve been,... Who we are,... Who we can be...

Christ is risen!

Jesus is alive! ...still alive! ...forever alive!

Praise God!

Pastor Dan
Ivy Chapel’s 50th Anniversary

2014 is the Golden Anniversary Year of Ivy Chapel United Church of Christ.
We will endeavor to lend “50th Anniversary flavor” to many of our regularly occurring Ivy events throughout this year.

Special projects being planned are:
(1) 2014 Ivy Chapel UCC Pictorial Directory.
(2) Sunday, May 18—50th Anniversary 10 am Worship Celebration.
(3) Sunday, Sept. 14—50th Anniversary Concert, celebrating the rich gifts of Ivy’s blessed music ministry.

If you have an idea which could become a feature that enhances one of these events or if you have an idea for an additional special event, please contact Chair of Ivy Board of Deacons, Judy Hertenstein. It is time to celebrate our beloved community of faith.

Let’s praise God together for “Who we’ve been,... Who we are,... Who we can be...”

Vacation Bible School

Workshop of Wonders!
Volunteers Needed
Imagine and Build with God!
July 21 - 25

Our volunteers make our VBS great! Come and learn how you can help.

Bible Storytelling, Science, Crafts, Games, Music, Snacks, and our all important Crew Leaders!
Contact Erin Winship, elowry08@hotmail.com or call 424-973-6507 with any questions you may have.

"You are a God who works wonders!!"
You can find a registration form in this publication.

Thank You...

...from the Trustees to the congregation for your volunteering to help the trustees on church work day, April 6. We had a lot of volunteers and got a lot done.

...to all of Ivy Chapel family for your prayers, get-well wishes, and phone calls of concern during my hospital stay just a few weeks ago. Linda, Pastor Dan, and myself, really appreciated all the help and support that was given in the office while I was away. This was one of those What if... times when there was a need and the church members pitched in.

Frieda Clark

You are invited
Tara Lowry’s Senior Violin Recital - May 10
Tara would like to invite all of her Ivy Chapel UCC family to her Senior Violin Recital. It will be held at Ivy Chapel Saturday, May 10 at 4pm.
Tara will play several pieces on her violin, followed by refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

“Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” John 20:29

The Ivy Vine, May 2014
http://www.ivychapel.org/  Ivy Chapel UCC • 620 N Woods Mill Rd
www.facebook.com/IvyChapel Chesterfield, MO 63017 • 314-434-4991
Ivy Chapel United Church of Christ has a unique and fascinating history. The congregation has roots in the Swedenborgian Church (or New Church, or Society of the New Jerusalem) which bases its faith on the theological beliefs of Emanuel Swedenborg (1688-1772), a Swedish scientist and theologian.

The first Swedenborgian Church in Saint Louis, Missouri was established (circa 1850) near the intersection of 6th Street and Saint Charles Street. By the mid-20th century, this congregation was declining in membership size and their location had become industrialized. In 1958, the Saint Louis congregation sold their church building in the city and moved to Creve Coeur, Missouri. A sanctuary of exquisitely beautiful architecture was built at 1045 Dautel Lane. In May 1959, the new building was dedicated and named Garden Chapel Community Church.

In the early 1960’s, dissension occurred within Garden Chapel Community Church. As a result, some church members, including Rev. Ellsworth Ewing, left the Creve Coeur location and began a new congregation. For a time, this fledgling congregation met at 718 Creve Coeur Plaza. The congregation was incorporated under the name Ivy Chapel by the State of Missouri on April 27, 1964. Ivy Chapel petitioned the Missouri Conference to become a participating congregation in the United Church of Christ. This request was approved on May 13, 1964 at the annual meeting of the Missouri Conference of the United Church of Christ. In October 1964, the congregation changed locations and began meeting at the Robinwood Swim Club located at 12556 Merrick Drive in Creve Coeur.

The congregation received a grant from the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries to purchase property and to construct a building. In February 1965, six acres of land was purchased, located on Highway 141 south of Olive Street Road in Chesterfield, Missouri. On this site, at the street address 620 North Woods Mill Road; a simple, rectangular structure (a Butler Building) was constructed.

Sunday, November 14, 1965, the formal dedication of Ivy Chapel United Church of Christ was celebrated with a special afternoon worship service.

Groundbreaking occurred in 1974 for a new sanctuary and a Christian education facility. These additions to the church building were dedicated on Sunday, January 26, 1975 at a special afternoon worship service.

In 1984, the congregation embarked on another building project. This work included the renovation of a portion of the original 1965 structure and the addition of a new area (church office, Christian education office, nursery, multi-purpose room, pastor’s study). This project was completed in 1985.

Ivy Chapel United Church of Christ is holy ground. In 2014, the congregation’s golden anniversary year; God’s people celebrate one half century of ministry lovingly offered here. Caring acts of discipleship are yet to unfold through the faithfulness of this community of God, which many affectionately call “Ivy.” God is alive in the vibrant ministries of Ivy Chapel United Church of Christ.

May, 2014
May 13, 1964 is the official birth date of Ivy Chapel United Church of Christ. We will celebrate the 50th anniversary of this milestone on Sunday, May 18.

Our Acting Missouri Mid-South Conference Minister, Rev. Dr. Allen Fluent, will preach. Other special guests invited to share in the occasion include: Rev. Dennis Lindberg; Rev. Pat Vollertsen; Rev. Laura Mignerone; and Rev. Howard Self.

Following worship we will share in an old-fashioned potluck lunch in Fellowship Hall. In celebration, we invite everyone to use recipes from our church cookbook. If you have a favorite recipe not in the cookbook, of course, you also are welcome to bring that for our potluck. There will be a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall. We encourage everyone to sign up in advance. Please be specific about what food you plan to bring.

Contact Sue Wilson 314-324-3765 or Judy Hertenstein 636-227-3885 with any questions.
MAY, 2014

MAY 4: YOUTH SUNDAY
A service written and led by the Sr. High Youth of Ivy Chapel UCC
Including a dramatization by our Sr. High Youth
And reflections by our Ivy Chapel Seniors.
Special Children’s Message
Special music by Ivy youth of all ages
Come and get a “New Perspective”

GRADUATION SUNDAY:
We’ll be honoring our Ivy Chapel Graduating Seniors
Alicia Carr, Christine Lindhorst, Tara Lowry and Kevin Wilking

ARK & ALPHA-OMEGA END OF YEAR LUNCH:
7th – 12th grade youth go out to lunch for our “End of the Year” lunch!
Celebrate our Youth Sunday service, GATHER TO EAT WITH your friends,
and give a send-off to those who are going away for the summer.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL,
SIGN UP NOW
REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE
VBS is coming up the week of July 21 – 15
You are the God who works wonders.” – Psalm 77:14a
Additional information in this Ivy Vine.

Camp Moval, Summer Camp 2014
Brochures available in the Narthex
campmoval.org
And
DuBois Center, Summer Camp 2014
Duboiscenter.org
I can hardly believe it, but summer is almost here. You know what that means, swimming, vacations, unbearable heat (remember I'm more of a fall gal). However, I'm not thinking of any of those things. I am busy planning our special music for the summer months. Do you have any musical talents you'd like to share with the congregation? I still have several Sundays open for sharing of our musical gifts. We will have some opportunities for the singers in the congregation that cannot fit regular choir in their busy schedules. We will have the usual Friends and Family Sundays in which I look forward to filling the choir loft. Additionally, we will have a couple small groups. I am planning a small group opportunity for Charlie's baptism on the 22nd of June. Furthermore, I would love to have a TB choir and SA choir sing a couple Sundays. If you would be open to joining any of these groups, please let me know. We will keep rehearsals to a minimum, but I need to know if you want to sing with us and which Sundays you have available.

We have so much going on this summer that is so exciting, and it all starts with our anniversary worship on May 18th. If you would like to join us in singing on that Sunday, please let me know; the more the merrier. Finally, looking towards the fall, we are having an anniversary music concert. If you would like to join us or know someone that would, I would love to have as many of Ivy Chapel's musical members as possible join us. This opportunity is not strictly vocal. If you would like to play an instrument or even speak, please see me. Let's make this our best concert yet!

Until next time,
Smiles, Anna-

**God's Omnipresence**
"Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast."
Psalm 139:7-10

**Lay Ministry Schedule**
Start end of July with New Lay Ministry

July 20th is the last Sunday of the current Lay Ministry Schedule for the season and Nancy Marston is working hard developing a new one from end of July to the first of 2015. If you prefer certain duties or certain days please contact her at 314-878-1317
May 4~Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19,

May 11~Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 18~Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 7:55-60, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16, 1 Peter 2:2-10,
John 14:1-14

May 25~Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:8-20, 1 Peter 3:13-22,
John 14:15-21

http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/index.php

The Mary and Martha Group met on April 1st and sorted items for the April 5 Rummage Sale. We purchased some items for the upcoming Refugee Collection in June. We also sent a collection of portable and disposable items to Lydia's House. We thank Sally Dodge for delivering these for us.

The St. Louis Assoc. Women UCC will meet at St. John's Manchester UCC Church on Wednesday, April 30 with registration at 9:00a.m. and closing worship at 1:00 p.m. The topic of the day will be the Emmaus Homes. The cost is $10.00 and includes lunch. The registration deadline is April 15th. There is a registration form and info on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. A group from Ivy Chapel is carpooling to this event at 8:45 a.m. Let Kay Kreder, 314-8785296, know if you would like to join the carpool.

All Ivy Chapel women are cordially invited to attend a Salad Luncheon in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, May 20th at 12 noon sponsored by the Mary and Martha Group. Linda Ferber will present a program on 'The Girls' which is a group of impoverished teen-age girls who make and sell Jewelry. She will bring some jewelry with her.

- A heads-up for the future. We will have a church-wide collection to help the International Institute of St. Louis set up apartments for refugees who arrive in this country with almost nothing. This will be from mid-June to mid-July. If you are sorting gently used items to donate or see a good sale, please keep the refugees in mind. If you have questions, contact Brenda Otterson 314-434-2563.

But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me. John 15:26 KJV

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God's Blessings and ...

Happy Birthday...

Happy Anniversary to...

5/5/1967 Frank and Marg Ivey
5/26/1962 Rudolph and Heidi Lauer
5/26/2007 Shannon and Paul Farrell
5/27/1969 Randy and Dixie Wieser
5/28/1997 Dan and Stacey Hilton
5/28/1988 Mike and Celeste Tichy
5/30/2009 Ryan and Krista Phillips

1 Ann Molyneaux
2 Rosalie Buente
9 Pat Winship
10 Jamie Del Carmen
12 Rick Lindenberger
14 Alex Kuntzman
16 Dixie Wieser
17 Ryan Phillips
18 Nancy Gerdes
19 Dana Garner
21 Tom Glenn
23 Michelle Walsh
24 William La Salle
25 Trish Baker
26 Sarah Wilson
27 Marsha Ramey

CIRCLE OF CONCERN
CURRENT AND ONGOING NEEDS:
Pasta Sauce       Dry Pasta       Canned Chili
Cereal           Jelly
Peanut butter     Canned pasta, meat, fish
Gently Used Children's Books

For other ways you may contribute call 636-861-2623.

Serving God's People

God has called us to our positions, and we rejoice when we are able to serve God in these places of ministry.
If there is some way in which our staff may be of help to you, please contact us at 314-434-4991.
Pastor Dan Wilson: pastordan@ivychapel.org  314-580-4564
Linda Lowry: linda@ivychapel.org
Anna DiVesta: music@ivychapel.org Frieda Clark: ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org

Giving Statements available from Don Wolff.
Need to borrow Chairs or Tables? Please call Ralph Weiland 314-878-3230.

CARE CORPS May: leader Jan Wirtz 314-740-7385
CARE CORPS June: leader Nancy Marston 314-878-1317
CO-LEADER Donna Grote 314-434-7760
CO-LEADER Diane Droege 314-369-6349

Assisting in Lay Ministry
Please look for your Name.
Reminders are sent each Tuesday.

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Communion Team 2: Judy Hertenstein-Cpt, Gary Lindhorst, Celeste Tichy, Mike Tichy

June 8 Confirmation —— —— Nick Wintrode Nancy Marston Confirmands Ralph, Myrna Weiland Confirmands Carr Family
June 15 Sally Dodge Stuart Kirk Jan Wirtz Linda Ledbetter, Liz Schurwan Rich, Sarah Heend Peter LaSalle Foster Family

To see this newsletter in color you can view and download it from our website at http://www.ivychapel.org/newsletter

On our web site! Past issues of The Ivy Vine newsletters (articles due 15th of the month), monthly calendar and pictures of events with Ivy Chapel members.

On the member side are documents and other information for our members. If you do not know the password to access this page, please call the office.

Circle of Concern: Current and Ongoing Needs:

- Pasta Sauce
- Dry Pasta
- Canned Chili
- Cereal
- Jelly
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- Gently Used Children's Books

For other ways you may contribute call 636-861-2623.
**REGISTRATION FORM**

$25 per child
Make Check payable to Ivy Chapel with “VBS” on the memo line.

Return or Mail to: Ivy Chapel – VBS
620 North Woods Mill Road
Chesterfield, MO 63017

Registration deadline Sunday July 13th
For questions call 314-434-4991

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**July 21-25**
9am-noon
Ages 3 Years – 5th Grade
(complete one form per child)

*ALL CHILDREN MUST BE POTTY TRAINED*

**Child’s Name:** ____________________________  **Age:** ______________

**Street address:** ______________________________________________________

**City:** ____________________________  **Zip:** ______________

**Home telephone:** (______) ____________________________

**Cell telephone:** (______) ____________________________

**E-mail address:** ______________________________________________________

**Date of birth:** ____________________________  **Last school grade completed:** ________

**Home Church:** ______________________________________________________

**Mother:** ____________________________  **Phone:** ____________________________

**Father:** ____________________________  **Phone:** ____________________________

**In case of emergency, contact:**

**Name:** ____________________________  **Phone:** ____________________________

**Name:** ____________________________  **Phone:** ____________________________

**Allergies or other medical conditions:** ____________________________

**Dismissal Information** (Provide name(s) of person(s) allowed to pick up child other than parents):

**Name:** ____________________________  **Phone:** ____________________________

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A VBS t-shirt craft is included with registration if turned in before deadline of July 13.

**Please provide your child’s T-shirt size!**

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YOUTH/GRADUATION  
SUNDAY  
9am Adult Bible  
Study  
10am Worship  
w/LS SS  
YOUTH END OF YEAR  
LUNCH                                                                |
| Monday    | 5  CE Mtg @ 6:45PM  
VIVIANO'S  
Confirmation  
Class  4-5pm                                                                 |
| Tuesday   | 6  Confirmation  
Class  4-5pm                                                                 |
| Wednesday | 7  CC REHEARSE  
7PM                                                                 |
| Thursday  | 8  TRUSTEE Mtg  
7PM                                                                 |
| Friday    | 9  TARA LOWRY  
Recital  at Ivy  
Chapel  4pm  
See pg 2 No other  
Reservations                                                          |
| Saturday  | 10                                                                     |
| Sunday    | 11  4th S of Easter  
Mother’s Day  
9am Adult Bible  
Study  
10am Worship SS  
CHRISTIAN ACTION  
Mtg 11:15A                                                          |
| Monday    | 12                                                                     |
| Tuesday   | 13  IVY CHAPEL UCC  
50TH  
ANNIVERSARY  
GLORY BE TO GOD!  
Confirmation  
Class  4-5pm                                                                 |
| Wednesday | 14  CC REHEARSE  
7PM                                                                 |
| Thursday  | 15  The Ivy Vine  
article due                                                                 |
| Friday    | 16                                                                     |
| Saturday  | 17  Student Spring  
Recital - Anna  
DiVesta  4-7pm  
Sanctuary-FHall  
No other  
Reservations                                                          |
| Sunday    | 18  5th S of Easter  
9am Adult Bible  
Study  
10am WORSHIP  
CELEBRATION  
ANNIVERSARY OF  
50 YEARS OF IVY CHAPEL                                                |
| Monday    | 19  COUNCIL Mtg  
7PM                                                                 |
| Tuesday   | 20  M&M WMS GRP  
1P                                                                 |
| Wednesday | 21  MEN’S LUNCH  
11:30AM  
LA SALSA’S  
12536 Olive Blvd  
Creve Coeur  
314-275-7257  
CC REHEARSE  
7PM                                                                 |
| Thursday  | 22                                                                     |
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| Saturday  | 24                                                                     |
| Sunday    | 25  6th S of Easter  
9am NO Adult Bible  
Study  
10am Worship/SS  
CONFERENCE  
Mtg 11:15A                                                          |
| Monday    | 26  Memorial  
Day  
OFFICE CLOSED                                                                |
| Tuesday   | 27  Confirmation  
Class  4-5pm  
DEACONS Mtg  
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**JUNE**

1st Church Picnic see pg 6  
Linda Lowry on vacation  
29th Fellowship at winery  
Frieda Clark on vacation