



# The Ivy Vine

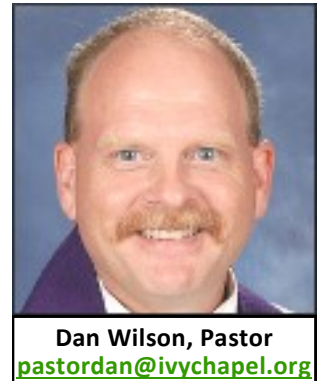
## June 2017

## mercy for a refugee

There is a spiritual retreat center along State Highway 109 near Eureka, Missouri. This holy ground serves as sacred space for sojourning disciples. There is a guest house on the site. It is named the Mary Cliff House. Once, I was a houseguest in this quaint and tranquil home. Years ago, I was a refugee given sanctuary there. I stayed for several days. Marianist brothers worshiped with me, and broke bread together with me, and inadvertently taught me many lessons—concerning flowing rivers, and butterfly bushes, and nourishing life, and grace all around...

The small bedroom in Mary Cliff House where I was invited to stay served as a haven. What a treasure something plain and simple can be to one in need.

That modest room in a house by a flowing river of God will always be treasured in my soul.



On a wall above a stairway landing in this house is a lovely, framed composition: **Hope Began... With Only One** by B. J. Hoff

*"My Child... I've often heard your question... and this message is My answer... hear Me well: You're concerned about the hungry world, the millions who are starving... and you ask, 'What can only one do?'*

**FEED ONE**

*You grieve for all the unborn children, murdered every day... and you ask, 'What can only one do?'*

**SAVE ONE**

*You're haunted by the homeless souls who wander city streets, and you ask, 'What can only one do?'*

**SHELTER ONE**

*You weep for those who suffer pain, disease, and hopelessness... and you ask, 'What can only one do?'*

**COMFORT ONE**

*Your heart aches for the lonely, the imprisoned, the abused, and you ask, 'What can only one do?'*

**LOVE ONE**



And my  
Soul  
Found Rest

*Remember this, My Child... two thousand years ago, the world was filled, just as it is today with those in need... and when the helpless and the hopeless cried out to Me for mercy, I sent a Savior..."*

Ah! Even now, these words grace a wall of this house of God—forever a safe haven offering spiritual rest to any and every soul who enters.

Yes, I was a refugee back then. And my soul found rest.

God knows who may sojourn there next. This is true of every earthly place.

As Christ promises, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Matthew 11:29)

O PEACE,  
come 'round me.  
Come 'round, come 'round.

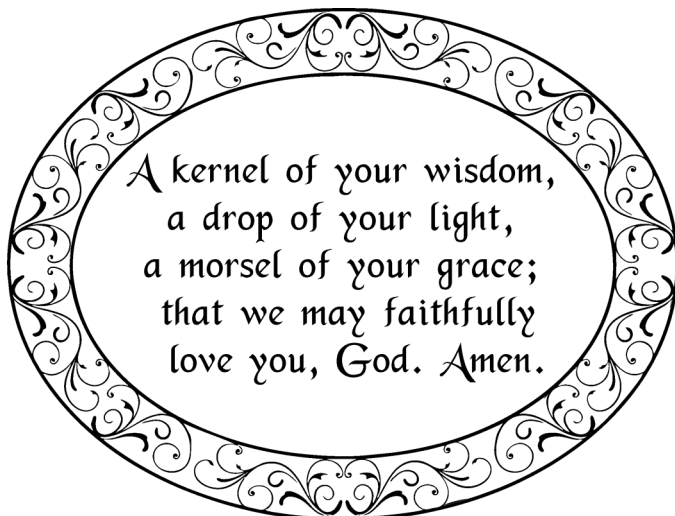
O JOY,  
come 'round me.  
Come 'round, come 'round.

O GRACE,  
come 'round me.  
Come 'round, come 'round.

"From Christ's fullness, we all have received, grace upon grace." (John 1:16)

Ah yes, there are so many beauties in this life!

Thankful to God,  
*Pastor Dan*



## SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

EXCERPTS FROM LETTER OF IVY CHAPEL'S MODERATOR

It has come to the attention of your Ivy Chapel U.C.C. Council that Ivy Chapel's fire protection system is significantly out-of-date. This deficiency presents a high level of risk to the building and to anyone in the building. For example, a fire could be burning in the lower level of the building while people in the upper level remain unaware a fire is occurring; or a fire could occur when the building is unoccupied but no one, including the fire department, would be automatically notified. Obviously, either situation would be a devastating event which no one wants to experience.

The Board of Trustees obtained several quotes for the work needed to bring our building into compliance with Monarch Fire District Code. The work is expected to cost around \$12,000. These fire protection system improvements will provide additional structural protection and, most significantly, will provide a safer environment for anyone in the building. We are inviting everyone in the congregation to offer a designated gift to help cover this cost, similar to when we repaired the sanctuary roof two years ago. To the extent donations to this special appeal do not cover the entire cost, the Council is in favor of using church funds to cover the remainder. Ivy Chapel U.C.C. By-laws require congregational approval for unbudgeted expenditures greater than \$5,000.

Your Ivy Chapel U.C.C. Council has requested a special congregational meeting to be held **Sunday, June 4, 2017** in the sanctuary, immediately following worship. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and to vote on authorizing expenditure of church funds for the fire safety system upgrade.

Your participation in this congregational meeting is important and valuable. The life and well-being of Ivy Chapel depends on the supportive involvement of each one of us. Together, we are God's Church. Please plan to attend our **June 4<sup>th</sup>** congregational meeting.

In Christ's service,  
*Jo Ann Moody, Moderator*





# JUNE, 2017



## **NOW PLANNING SUMMER ACTIVITIES!**

Do you have any ideas for youth activities you'd like to plan/participate in this summer? Let Linda Lowry know and we can organize it!



### ***In the works – ALL YOUTH Nursery Cleaning and picnic/pizza party.***

We will meet on a Sunday after worship, eat together, and then clean/organize the Nursery. We will wash all of the large plastic toys outside in soapy water! So it's also like having a fun water play day! Watch for more information as we firm up our plans!

## **ARK & ALPHA-OMEGA END OF YEAR LUNCH UPDATE:**

Our "End of the Year" lunch for youth grades 7 – 12 has been postponed to a later date this summer when all of the "end of year" school activities have slowed down! Gather to eat with your friends and celebrate our past year's experiences, including Youth Sunday, and talk about upcoming youth activities! Youth group funds will pay for the lunch for the youth. Watch your e-mail and the IYIA purple page for further updates.



## **MISSION TRIP UPDATE**

Our final payment has been made and our forms have been submitted! We are all set to go on our mission experience. Our trip this year is July 9 – 14, to Milwaukee, Wisconsin through the Youthworks program. Those participating are Calvin Heend, Gloria Wintrode, Stuart Kirk, Nick Wintrode, Ben Wehling and their adult sponsors Elizabeth Schurwan, Sarah Wilson and Pastor Dan Wilson. Join us during worship on July 9 to commission this group and wish them well as they travel to Milwaukee to do God's work in the world.



## **SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES**

Start planning your summer activities! Church camp is a great way to spend a part of your vacation. See the table in the Narthex and the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for information about Camp Moval in Union, Missouri and Camp DuBois in DuBois, Illinois. More information and registration forms are available on the Camp websites:

[www.duboiscenter.org](http://www.duboiscenter.org) and [www.campmoval.org](http://www.campmoval.org).

Or ask Linda Lowry if you have any questions about camp.





**The names of the twelve disciples are:**

**PHILIP**  
**BARTHOLOMEW**  
**MATTHEW**  
**THOMAS**

Can you find and circle them all in the boat puzzle below?



# Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

# Parables of the Kingdom

When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. Matthew 13:46 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 13:44-46 (NIV)



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GREAT KINGDOM	AGAIN FIELD	SOLD JOY	TREASURE FOUND	BOUGHT HIDDEN
VALUE	ALL	HEAVEN	MAN	PEARLS

# The Note

As I was on my way to church today, I found myself singing "Wherever Love Is." This is a tune introduced to me at Ivy Chapel, but it has fast become a favorite. This particular Sunday love was definitely a theme. The children's message, anthem, a hymn or two and even the sermon included love. So, I guess I've got love on the brain. Becoming a parent has strengthened my faith in so many ways. I have given birth to both my boys fairly close to Christmas, and both times, I have found myself in awe of Mary. How incredibly difficult it would have been to (a.) be told you are going to have a baby by an angel and (b.) travel across the country on a donkey. Thank you, no. Then, she knows that someday her son would sacrifice himself for others. Call me a crying mess! I digress. All I have ever wanted for my boys is to know they are loved. I want them wrapped in a loving blanket. I want them to know that no matter what, I will be there, and I will love you. I want them to know that there is one thing that is constant, and that is my love. Sure, I can be disappointed or angry, but they will never stop me from loving them. It makes me think. I believe that my God is a loving God, and I believe he loves me in the same way that I love my boys. The strength and power of this love is wondrous. So, I am thankful. I am thankful for my two beautiful boys, and I am so thankful to know our God that is so loving and kind.

Well.. May has definitely been hectic (to say the least). I have been running around like a crazy person the past few weeks. Now, that May is out of the way, it is on to summer. And you may know what that means! Summer Music Time! Several people have approached me about musical offerings, but there is still room for you! Do you want to sing or play this summer? Come, see me! I still have openings in July and August!

I am so looking forward to relaxing a bit this summer. Even though the boys have something all the time, I sure do hope time slows down a bit. I am definitely up for those hazy, lazy, crazy days of summer filled with water, ice cream and bbq! I wish the same for you.



Until next time....  
Smiles,  
**Anna DiVesta**

# Christian Action

Please sign up to volunteer for a shift at the St. Louis Area Foodbank on Saturday, **June 3rd** from 10am-1pm. *Anyone, any age* can sign up and it is really fun (and rewarding). Sign up in the Narthex. Please do not wear open-toed shoes. Questions: call Liz Schurwan at 314-406-0391 (elizdinan@gmail.com). We have spots for up to 10 people. The St. Louis Area Foodbank is an amazing organization. Check them out at: [stlfoodbank.org/about-us/](http://stlfoodbank.org/about-us/)

Since 1975 the food bank has fed hungry people and continues to be an organization that relies on the generosity of others to make a difference in the lives of those in need of food assistance. Over the years, they've grown to become the bi-state region's largest non-profit 501(c)(3) food distribution charity dedicated to feeding those in need.

After relocating 2007, from St. Louis to 70 Corporate Woods Drive in Earth City, the community impact has grown from 12 million pounds to more than 42 million pounds of food distributed to those in need last year—serving a combined total of 27 counties—in Missouri and Illinois.





# Scripture & Worship

**June 4~Pentecost Sunday:** Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21, John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

**June 11~Trinity Sunday:** Genesis 1:1-2:4a, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20

**June 18~Second Sunday aft. Pentecost:** Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7, Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 or Exodus 19: 2-8a, Psalm 100, Romans 5:1-8, Matthew 9:35-10:8-23

**June 25~Third Sunday aft. Pentecost:** Genesis 21:8-21, Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 or Jeremiah 20:7-13, Psalm 69:7-18, Romans 6:1b-11, Matthew 10:24-39

Lectionary readings from: <http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL UPDATE

After much deliberation and discussion with Pastor Dan and Linda Lowry, the Christian Education board has decided that we don't have enough volunteers to have a Vacation Bible School this year. We were reluctant to make this decision, but we don't want to overtax the volunteers we do have, or to put on a VBS that isn't a full experience for the kids attending. Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped make VBS such a success in years past!

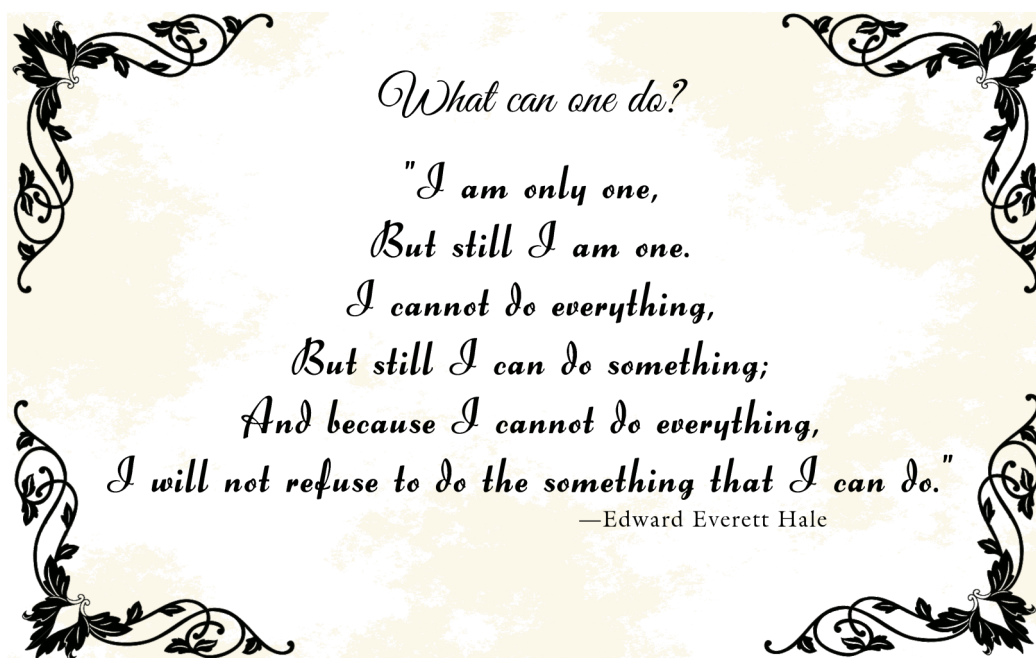
# Mary<sup>and</sup> Martha Group

The Mary and Martha Women's Group thanks everyone who bought, donated plants and helped with the May 7th Plant Sale. We received \$680.00 which will go to Ivy Chapel's budget.

We met on May 16th in the Multipurpose Room and planned a 'Welcome Summer' Women's Luncheon for Tue., June 20th at noon in Fellowship Hall. We will have a representative from Sach Library to tell us about some new summer books we might like to read. Please bring a Children's Book for a collection that will benefit Caroline Mission and/or Lydia's House. A door prize will be given and all the women of Ivy Chapel are invited. Please put it on your calendar.

We also planned to have **Dessert for a Dollar** on **August 14th** during Fellowship Hour as well as a trip to **Westport Playhouse** in September to attend their 'Church Basement Ladies' Play. We will need bakers for Dessert for a Dollar and we invite anyone who would like to see the play to come with us. Check The Ivy Vine and KYP for more details as these events approach.

**FRIEDA CLARK** will be out of town and will need assistants in the office **July 7, 10, 11, 13, 14**. If you can help on any of these days please give her a call at 314-434-4991, or e-mail her at: [ivychapellucc@ivychapel.org](mailto:ivychapellucc@ivychapel.org)



## FRUITS OF GODS WORD

"Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 'Jeremiah, what do you see?' And I said, 'I see a branch of an almond tree.' Then the Lord said to me, 'You have seen well, for I am watching to perform My word.'" ~Jeremiah 1:11-12

In Israel, the Almond tree is the first tree to bloom and the last to bear fruit.

Dr. Juergen Buehler talks about how the Almond tree is used prophetically in the Bible. "The almond tree is associated with one of the earliest prophecies of a young Jeremiah....

This prophecy uses a play on words that carries a vital truth for Israel as well as for us. The Hebrew word for almond, *shaked*, is also translated "to watch". By seeing the almond branch, God assured Jeremiah that He is watching over His word to bring it to pass, no matter the passage of time."



<https://int.icej.org/content/lesson-almond-tree>

Read about how God uses the Almond tree in Numbers 17 (vv 7-11) and Ecclesiastes 12 (vs 5)

## Work

Let me but do my work from day to day,  
In field or forest, at the desk or loom,  
In roaring market-place or tranquil room;  
Let me but find it in my heart to say,  
When vagrant wishes beckon me astray,  
"This is my work; my blessing, not my doom;  
"Of all who live, I am the one by whom  
"This work can best be done in the right way."

Then shall I see it not too great, nor small,  
To suit my spirit and to prove my powers;  
Then shall I cheerful greet the labouring hours,  
And cheerful turn, when the long shadows fall  
At eventide, to play and love and rest,  
Because I know for me my work is best.



## Life

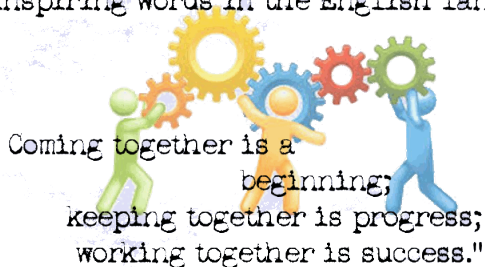
Let me but live my life from year to year,  
With forward face and unreluctant soul;  
Not hurrying to, nor turning from, the goal;  
Not mourning for the things that disappear  
In the dim past, nor holding back in fear  
From what the future veils; but with a whole  
And happy heart, that pays its toll  
To Youth and Age, and travels on with cheer.

So let the way wind up the hill or down,  
O'er rough or smooth, the journey will be joy;  
Still seeking what I sought when but a boy,  
New friendship, high adventure, and a crown,  
My heart will keep the courage of the quest,  
And hope the road's last turn will be the best.

~Henry van Dyke, 1852-1933

*Work and Life: from "The Three Best Things"*

"Together—one of the most  
inspiring words in the English language.



Coming together is a  
beginning;  
keeping together is progress;  
working together is success."

~Edward Everett Hale



*Happy Birthday*



God has called us to our positions, and we rejoice when we are able to serve God in these places of ministry.



➤ **NEED TO BORROW** Chairs or Tables? Please call Ralph Weiland 314-878-3230.

Every time  
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water projects

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Lions  
RECYCLE  
For Sight

For other ways to donate call 636-861-2623 or visit [www.circleofconcern.org](http://www.circleofconcern.org)

If you cannot help on your specific day, please switch with someone then inform the church office-314-434-4991.

DATE	NURSERY	ACOLYTE	WELCOMER	GREETERS	USHERS	LITURGIST	COFFEE
<b>June 4 ☩ Pentecost</b>	Sally Dodge	Ben Wehling Miller DiVesta	Marsha Ramey	Mary Mitchell, Cleo Steffens	Steve Lowry, Rich Heend	John Weiland	Nancy Marston, <b>?? You can help ??</b>
Communion Team 2: Judy Hertenstein, Calvin Heend, Donna Grote, Celeste Tichy							
<b>June 11 Church Picnic</b>	Sally Dodge	Nick Wintrode, Rory Winship	Nancy Marston	Julie Mc Allister, Valerie Waterman	Mark, Trish Baker	Cindy Kettler	_____
<b>June 18</b>	Jo Ann Moody	Stuart Kirk, Gregory Scott	Russ Washburn	David Knieriem, Ronn Foster	Diann Sheahan, Marilyn Gulotta	Russ Washburn	Heend Family
<b>June 25</b>	Sally Dodge	Michael Pfau, Miller DiVesta	Kay Kreder	Russ, Debbie Washburn	Mark, Nancy Gerdes	Mike Tichy	Lindhorst Family
<b>July 2 ☩</b>	Sally Dodge	Skylar Droege, Audrey Farrell	Judy Hertenstein	Nancy Marston, Marilyn Gulotta	Bob, Doris De Fer	Jan Wirtz	Droege Family
Communion Team 4: Sally Dodge, Rod Hertenstein, Marsha Ramey							



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Interfaith Clergy Group Mtg 2pm (hosted by Pastor Dan)	2  	3 (All Church Activity) <b>St. Louis Area Food Bank</b> See pg 5 (Liz Schurwan)
<b>4</b> Pentecost Sunday-Red 9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship w/ LS, SS <b>SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SEE PG 2</b>	5  CE Mtg 6:45pm	6	7	8  <div>             Missouri Mid-South Conference Annual Gathering at Columbia, MO           </div>	9	10
<b>11</b> Trinity Sunday-White 9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship/SS Mtgs Aft Worship: •Trustee <b>CHURCH PICNIC SEE PG 5</b>	12	13	14	<b>15</b> <b>The Ivy Vine articles due</b>	16	17  Private party
<b>18</b> 2nd S aft Pentecost-Grn Father's Day 9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship/SS	19  Council Mtg 7pm	<b>20</b> <b>'Welcome Summer' WOMEN'S LUNCHEON AT NOON</b> SEE PG 6	21 Men's Lunch 11:30am Hunan Empress Four Seasons Shpg Cntr (east of Brunswick Zone) 314-878-8828	22	23	24
<b>25</b> 3rd S aft Pentecost-Grn 9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship/SS <b>All Church Hwy Clean-up</b> see inset →	26	27	28	29	30	1 July
<div>             All-Church Hwy Clean-up Dates              Please plan to join us the following Sundays to help with highway clean-up after Coffee Fellowship:  <b>June 25    August 27    October 1</b>              Be sure to bring your gloves and a change of clothes.           </div>						

#### JULY EVENTS

7-16 Frieda on vacation  
 9-14 Youth Mission Trip

**AA**=Alcoholics Anonymous  
**CA**=Christian Action  
**CC**=Chancel Choir  
**CE**=Christian Education  
**EMMP**=Eric Moody Memorial Pavilion

Monday AA 10:30a  
 Tuesday Anna DiVesta 3:30-8pm

**FH** = Fellowship Hall  
**JNM**=JOINT NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES  
**KYP**=KEEPING YOU POSTED  
**LS**=THE LORD'S SUPPER

Wednesday  
 Thursday AA 12:00pm Anna 7-8pm

**LL**=LOWER LEVEL  
**M&M GRP**=MARY AND MARTHA WOMENS GROUP  
**PP**=PURPLE PAGES  
**SS**=SUNDAYSCHOOL

Friday  
 Saturday AA 10:30am