

### GOD CAN CHANGE THIS WORLD THROUGH US

We are the United Church of Christ.

We are living toward a sacred vision of a just world for all people...

Take a look at our faithful UCC vision by visiting www.3greatloves.org

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was born October 2, 1869 in Porbandar, British India. The world now knows him by a single name: Gandhi. His name is a global household word. Today, Gandhi's birth date is commemorated as the International Day of Nonviolence.

*"Be the change you want to see in the world,"* proclaimed Gandhi. This adage spoken 75+ years ago

by Gandhi remains a timeless truth. Yes, Gandhi was a Hindu. Clearly, though, among this holy man's many faith convictions is a belief which Christians share; namely, God has the ability to change the world.

On his album <u>Words to the Song</u>, composer and musician Bryan Sirchio sings, *"Feeling immobilized,* stuck without an option left to take. Trapped in something negative, no easy way to make a break... You try to turn this thing around, but you can't seem to find the way... The world has so much suffering, at times it seems there's not much we can do. They say



it's human nature to be selfish. But I wonder is that true? I mean, do we have to live this way? Or could our nature be renewed?...

We are not in checkmate; 'cause we have always got this move. To say, 'God, we're doing all we can. But

we need strength that comes from you. Christ of transformation, come and help us make this new.'

God is the power to change. God gives the power to change. Change your life; change your world. Change the world. God can change this world through us. God can change this world through us. God can change this world through us!"

In <u>Life with God</u>, Richard Foster proclaims the power to change is God's clarion call to relationship: "The divine assurance thundering throughout the ages is also a divine invitation: **'I am** with you—will you be with Me?""

Within the past couple of months, the world has been shocked by a tremendous degree of tragedy, pain, heartache, death and destruction. What will tomorrow bring?

We do not know in advance what tomorrow will bring. One truth we do know is: *God can change this world through us.* 



**Emergency Pastoral Care November 9-11** Pastor Dan will be out of town November 9, 10 and 11. While Pastor Dan is gone, Rev, Margaret Philip (pastor of St. Thomas UCC – Chesterfield) has graciously offered to provide Emergency Pastoral Care for Ivy Chapel UCC. If you have a pastoral care need Nov. 9-11, please contact **Rev. Margaret Philip: 636-532-3556** (church) **314-651-7762** (cell) **636-536-5958** (home)

#### (Change, continued from page 1)

There are things you and I can do. Throughout her earthly life, Mother Teresa of Calcutta made a habit of declaring, "We can do no great things, only small things with great love."

My friends, you and I are the United Church of Christ. And, as you've heard, our wider church has adopted a goal for the next two years: **Three Great Loves.** 

These "Three Loves" are noble ideals which grow out of our faith's earliest beginnings (Leviticus 19:18; Deuteronomy 6:5; and 30:2, 6, 10; Joshua 22:5; Second Kings 23:3; Second Chronicles 15:12; 34:31; Mark 12:29-31; Luke 10:25-37). Focusing on expressing these great loves is a high and worthy ideal. In addition, our UCC denomination is partnering with a multi-denominational effort called "Blessed Tomorrow." What a beautiful name! Learn more at www.blessedtomorrow.org

The **Three Great Loves** are powerful actions—loving neighbor, loving children, and loving creation. Living out these actions can bring about faithful, positive change. By the grace of God, **Blessed Change** can happen within our congregation, across our nation, and throughout God's world. Hallelujah!

Listen closely. Hear God inviting, 'I am with you—will you be with Me?'

Let's answer the call. Accept God's invitation. Live the **Three Great Loves**: Love of Neighbor. Love of Children. Love of Creation.

The time to begin is this moment.

Together, let's spread God's love.

As Roberta Porter trumpets,

"It is no small gift to be a faith community, to worship, to witness, to walk in the way of love in the name and strength of Jesus. And in community, when brokenness and sorrow come, those in need are surrounded with prayer and compassion. Our caring goes beyond ourselves, and the stranger, in many places, is touched by the healing love and grace of God."

Love neighbor. Love children. Love creation, Pastor Dan

Our Sympathies...



To the family and friends of Mary Irene Mitchell, who peacefully passed on to life eternal September 23, 2017.

Thanksgiving for Mary's life was celebrated at Ivy Chapel UCC, at 1 pm Saturday, October 21st.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Ivy Chapel UCC (620 N. Woods Mill Road, Chesterfield, MO 63017) or to the charity of your choice.

## Thank You...

Thank you for your support and prayers for my sister Lynn Goeddel who has been waging an unbelievable fight against Pancreatic Cancer since 2014. We had 28 walkers and 2 runners on September 24th and our team "Walking for Lynn" has raised to date over \$9000 with a goal of \$5000!! Because of this support Lynn's doctors has been able to offer her the most recent treatment options to fight this devastating disease.

Thank you again to my Ivy family. Celeste Tichy

### CHESTERFIELD COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL IS OPEN!

Praise God from whom all blessings 'Q flow! Our Ivy Chapel UCC Council is



thrilled to share the wonderful news that Chesterfield Community Preschool has received an official Certificate of Licensure from the State of Missouri. We rejoice with Chesterfield Community Preschool Founder and Director Bernadine "Birdie" Pruessner. Thank you to everyone involved for your efforts enabling this new venture to come to fruition! It is a true joy to have a portion of God's house once again serving as a weekday learning center for young children. www.ccpstl.org/

### Ivy Youth in Action

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#### FAMILY FUN NIGHT BASKET FOR HARVESTFEST

HarvestFest is coming soon! We are looking forward to a great time at this important fundraising event. To support our Ivy Chapel congregation we are going to be putting together a "Family Fun Night" basket to be included in the silent auction portion of the evening. We'd like each youth/family to contribute an item or two to the basket. You can pick whatever you'd like to follow the theme. What does your family do for a fun night? Play games, watch a movie at home, go out to the movies, have fun snacks,

order pizza in.....? Pick something and get it to me ASAP so I can put the basket together. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks for helping support this VERY important fundraiser for our church.

#### **BUTTER BRAID FUNDRAISER!!**

The Ark & Alpha-Omega Youth Groups are selling Butter Braids frozen pastry dough in November. Sales will begin

Sunday, October 29 and run through Sunday, November 12. Delivery will be Friday, November 17. Just in time for Thanksgiving! Be sure to order yours. Youth will be sitting at a table in Fellowship Hall following worship on Oct. 29, Nov. 5 and Nov. 12 to take your orders. Proceeds will be used to help offset the cost of our Summer 2018 Youth Mission Trip and other Youth activities. **We also need adults to help sort the Butter Braid order on Friday, November 17.** 

#### JOIN US IN AN ESCAPE ROOM ADVENTURE!

Our next Youth Fellowship Activity is a visit to an "Escape Room". This activity is for youth fifth grade and up. We have reserved ten spots. We will meet after worship on November 12, eat lunch together and then travel to the location. Parents are also invited. Bring money for lunch and Escape Room (\$12.50). Escape Room Cost is \$25, but the Youth Group fundraisers will pay half. Watch your e-mail and the IYIA purple page for more information.

#### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Informational letters about this year's Christmas Pageant will be passed out soon. Please return the bottom portion as soon as possible (or just let Linda Lowry know) so that we know how many of our youth will be involved and so that we can start assigning parts. This is a wonderful part of preparing for Christmas and we hope that all of the children will be involved! The pageant will be a part of our worship service on December 17.















#### **DON'T FORGET TO JOIN US AT HARVESTFEST!**

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#### LOOKING AHEAD TO ADVENT

Advent Resources will be available for Families and Youth beginning December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*Santa's Workshop* will be Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, following our soup and bread potluck, for children from Ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Registration Forms will be

available soon in the Sunday IYIA purple page and on the table in the Narthex. Also, youth 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and up and adults are needed to help with leading the children and helping with the craft stations.



*Hanging of the Greens Soup & Bread Potluck* will be December 3<sup>rd</sup>, after worship and before Santa's Workshop. A sign up poster will be appearing soon in the Narthex. Sign up to bring soup, bread or dessert. Many soups are needed – bring your family's favorite!!

#### And mark your calendars now for:

December 10 - All Youth Christmas Party 4:45 – 6:15 p. m.

Advent Storytelling in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.

December 17 - Children's Christmas Pageant during worship.





One of the many ways I find that God is still speaking is when things that have been planned months in advance are exactly what I need at that moment even when I had no



idea what the future will hold. Stewardship has been so reflective for me at this tumultuous time in our lives. I know that our life stage is a crazy stage in everyone's lives. Small children, activities, parties, full time work and a streak of bad luck is enough to make everyone go crazy, but I have found that focusing on the good is the only way I can survive without falling apart. Focusing on the fact that God's blessings ARE plentiful is extremely helpful. Sure, we do not have good luck, but it's better than some. My kids are clothed. It's hard to make it sometimes, but we do have access to good healthcare. We have a roof, car and for the most part, we do not have to worry if we will be able to eat at night. Those are some pretty significant blessings. So, while we are not out of the woods yet, we have so much to be thankful for, and for that, I will always continue to sing Your praises. The anthems of the last few weeks have spoken to me in ways that I never saw coming when I planned them in August. I have 10,000 reasons to bless the Lord. I lift my hands in total praise to You. And finally, make me a channel of your peace, Lord. Where there is sadness, let there be joy. Thank you, thank you, Lord.

Well, my friends, it's November. What? It's finally starting to feel like fall, and the Cantata rehearsals are in full swing. I really hope that you enjoy this year's cantata. As usual, I am super excited about it. We have a couple exciting anthems coming up, and a super special new anthem for Totenfest. I love it, and I hope you do, too. It's not too late to join us this fall whether it be for the cantata or for regular worship, please let me know. I am happy to make myself available for private rehearsal if needed or I can always provide a recording. Please let me know if you have any questions. And, as always, keep smiling.

> Anna DiVesta 314-609-0865 www.AnnaDiVesta.com

#### Greetings,

We wanted to thank you for the wonderful opportunity to meet everyone...



The generosity of your church is amazing and we greatly appreciate it.

Thank you, Mary and Ann, SNUGGLE Pet Rescue



# Scripture Worship

Nov 5~22nd Sun. aft. Pentecost: Joshua 3:1-17/ Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 or Micah 3:5-12/ Psalm 43, 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13, Matthew 23:1-12

Nov 12~23rd Sun. aft. Pentecost: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25/ Psalm 78:1-7 or Amos 5:18-24, Psalm 70, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13

Nov 19~24th Sun. aft. Pentecost: Judges 4:1-7/ Psalm 123 or Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18, Psalm 90:1-12, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30

Nov 26~25th Sun. aft. Pentecost: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24/Psalm 100/Psalm 95:1-7a, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46

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

#### THANKSGIVING FOR Our Dear Ones

Again this year we observe Totenfest on Sunday November 5th. A distinctive practice that grows out of the

Evangelical tradition to remember and celebrate the lives of faithful people who have died. It can also be a way for us to process our grieving and remembering that is vital to our spiritual health. To this day, Ivy Chapel UCC has a memorial service to remember family and friends who have died within the passing year.

Totenfest is a German word that means "Feast of the Dead" or "Festival for the Dead." It was established in 1816 by Prussian Emperor Fredrick William III as a day to remember that nation's soldiers who had died in their recent Prussian War. It soon became an important observance in the Evangelical Church in Prussia as a day to remember the war dead, and church members who had died in the previous year.

The term fell into disuse in America as churches of German heritage started substituting English words for German ones. In fact, by the 1916 Evangelical Book of Worship published by the German Evangelical Synod of North America, the term *Memorial Sunday* had been substituted for Totenfest. That service included opening sentences, invocation, opening prayer, and closing prayer. Whatever else was done in this service was left up to local customs.

Learn more at <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Totensonntag">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Totensonntag</a> and <a href="http://www.ucc.org/worship">www.ucc.org/worship</a> worship-ways</a> year-c p pentecost-totenfest

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

**The Mary and Martha Women's Group** met on October 17<sup>th</sup> and decided the following projects.

Two Bird Feeding Baskets are to be contributed to HarvestFest. One basket will be an Owl Suet Feeder and one will be a Finch Feeder. The cost of supplies will be covered by Mary and Martha Funds.

Individual Appreciation Gifts will be given to the staff at the Seven Pines Emmaus Home at Thanksgiving time for their kind care of the residents. Lee Headrick will shop for these.

The November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting will be a trip to **Caroline Mission Pre-School** to take the pre-school books we have collected and to receive a **Tour** (following a very short business meeting at Ivy). The last date for collecting books will be Sun. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the many people who have donated books. We will also find out about **Magnificent Creations T-shirt Co., a** Neighborhood House Program for teen-age boys during this visit. We are considering purchasing matching tee shirts at some point for Seven Pines Emmaus Home residents and staff.

#### O LORD, WHOSE BOUNTEOUS HAND AGAIN

O Lord, whose bounteous hand again Hath poured Thy gifts in plenty down, Who all, creation dost sustain And all the earth with goodness crown.

Lord of the harvest, here we own Our joy to be Thy gift alone.

Oh, may we ne'er with thankless heart

Forget from whom our blessings flow! Still, Lord, Thy heavenly.grace impart; Still teach us what to Thee we owe. Lord, may our lives with fruit divine Return Thy care and prove us Thine.

Lord, grant that we who sow to Thee With joy in endless life may reap. Of every heart the Guardian be; By day and night Thy servants keep That all to Thee may joy afford On Thy great harvest-day, O Lord.

Psalm 65:9, Authur Unknown

# Trustees

As the weather shifts from summer to fall, the trustees are beginning to focus on the fast approaching winter. Plans are in the works for an "All Congregation" fall/ winter work day in order to prepare the grounds for a long winter's nap, as well as, tidy up the inside for the upcoming holiday season. We look forward to seeing you at workday.

Just as you have your home furnace(s) checked and prepped for winter, Ivy Chapel has had our furnaces inspected and serviced. Unfortunately, a twin furnace unit servicing the east side of the Sanctuary was found with a cracked heat exchanger. The unit damage will require replacement. Council approval was requested and approved at the October meeting. Installation will be scheduled and completed ASAP.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. and a second is like it. You shall love your neighbor ds yourself." 9/10/0 Matthew 22:37-39





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**CIRCLE OF CONCERN** (PLEASE PLACE ON SHELVES IN COATROOM) **CRITICAL NEEDS ARE: CANNED PASTA** 

Jelly, Peanut Butter, Snacks (granola bars...), Canned mixed vegies/carrots/peas, Canned Chicken, Razors, Dish Soap.



**SHOEMAN PROJECT:** Place your unwanted shoes and boots in the white box/bag in the coatroom at Ivy Chapel. www.shoemanwater.org



#### **CARE CORPS**

Care Corps Nov: Leader Celeste Tichy 636-391-9096 Care Corps Dec : Leader Debbie Glenn 314-576-3991

Isaiah 58 Cares Isaiah 58 accepts donations of food and clothing—place in plastic grocerv bags in the coatroom area, marked with Isaiah 58. They also take plastic bags/egg cartons. As a guide for your donating, please get the Meal a Month Chart sheet on Fellowship Hall bulletin board. www.i58ministries.org/

LIONS CLUB recycles old eyeglasses: We have an orange collection basket in the office. If the office door is closed you may also leave unwanted glasses in the wall pocket next to the office door or in the coatroom.

Co-Leader Julie McAllister 314-576-4946 Co-Leader Evelyn Stecher 636-536-6542

Assisting in Lay Ministry Please find YOUR Name. Reminders are sent each Tuesday. 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	
Nov. 5 ⊕ Totenfest	Sally Dodge	Michael Pfau, Miller DiVesta	Nancy Litzinger	???? Brenda Otterson	Frank Pfau, Beth Noonan	Ann Molyneaux	Tichy Family	
Communion Team 1: Lee Headrick, Evelyn Stecher, Beth Noonan, Frank Pfau								
Nov. 12	Sally Dodge	Skylar Droege, Audrey Farrell	Debbie Washburn	Mike, Celeste Tichy	Earl, Kay Kreder	Skylar Droege	Wintrode Family	
Nov. 19 Congregat'l Mtg	Jo Ann Moody	Stuart Kirk, Miller DiVesta	Nancy Marston	Bob, Diane Droege	Mark, Nancy Gerdes	Nancy Litzinger	Washburn Family	
Nov. 26	Sally Dodge	Nick Wintrode, Miller DiVesta	Russ Washburn	Mark, Trish Baker	Nancy Marston	Cindy Kettler	Litzinger Family	
Dec. 3 ⊕ 1 <sup>st</sup> S Advent	Sally Dodge	Matthew Wehling, Audrey Farrell	Nancy Marston	Lee Headrick, Cleo Steffens	Tom Wehling, Jennifer Noonan	??????	Hanging of Greens Luncheon	
Communion	Team 2: Judy H	ertenstein, Calvin He	end, Donna Gro	te, Celeste Tichy				

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5 22nd S aft Pentecost-Gn Daylight Saving Time Ends 2a Totenfest Sunday 9am Adult Bible Stdy 10am Worship w/LS, SS 5:45-7:15pm Girl Scout Troup 3718 (Shannon Farrell)	Confirmation Class 5-6pm	7	8 CC/Cantata Rehearsal 7/8pm	9	10	11	
12 23rd S aft Pentecost-Gn 9am Adult Bible Stdy 10am Worship/SS Mtgs Aft Worship: •Deacons •Christian Action •Trustee Youth-Grd 5th-12th to Escape Room-PPs Anna DiVesta 1-3pm	13 Confirmation Class 5-6pm Council Mtg 7pm	14	15 The Ivy Vine articles due Men's Lunch 11:30a Balducci's - 12527 Bennington Place, 314-576-5024 CC/Cantata Rehearsal 7/8pm	16 Blood Drive 3-7pm Watch for more Information to come	17 Butter Braid Delivery 11am Middle School Conference at Camp MoVal	18 Middle School Conference at Camp MoVal	
19 24th S aft Pentecost-Gn 9am Adult Bible Stdy 10am Worship/SS CONGREGATIONAL MTG 5:45-7:15pm Girl Scout Troup 3718 (Shannon Farrell)	20 NO Confirmation Class	21 M&M Wms Grp 1p Community Worship 7:30pm at St. Thomas UCC 17842 Wild Horse Creek Rd Chesterfield	22	23 Thanksgiving Office Closed	24 Office Closed	25	
26 Reign of Christ-White <b>NO</b> Adult Bible Stdy 10am Worship/SS	27 Confirmation Class 5-6pm	28	29 CC/Cantata Rehearsal 7/8pm	30	1 Dec	2 Dec HOG Prep.	
December: 3rd Hanging of the Greens Soup & Bread Potluck and Santa's Workshop   See Page 4 Sat, 9th, 3:30-5:30pm Rehearsal for Cantata   Sat, 16th Children's Christmas Pageant Rehearsal Sun, 10th CANTATA and All Youth Christmas Pageant							
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