

The Ivy Vine



2020 August



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Seeking God's Shalom as a 'wait-er'

In a book entitled Where Does God Live?, Rabbi Marc Gellman and Monsignor Thomas Hartman declare, "God wants to live inside all of us, and really God does live inside all of us (remember the Inside Voice we talked about!). When we follow God's plan for us, which is to be good and kind and clean and help other people and all the other animals, then God lives in us all the way."

Sometimes God is silently present. As the hymn celebrates,

"Blessed quietness,
holy quietness –
what assurance in my soul!
On the stormy sea,
He speaks peace to me –
how the billows cease to roll."

(Manie Ferguson)

Sacred words of Psalm 62 may guide us through these unprecedented times. "My soul waits." Not once but twice, the psalm proclaims this longing: "For God alone my soul waits in silence" (verse 1 and verse 5).

In her meditation on Psalm 62, Margaret Guenther

ponders, "...If we are to be God's children and Christ's friends, we *have* to be lovers—not selective and picky lovers, but wildly expansive, letting our love reflect the prodigality of God's love. Can we do it? Maybe. Especially if we remember that God's love fills the space between us, so that we are not separated but bound together in Christ. And that God's love remains in us, simultaneously constraining us and setting us free... the rich, promising Hebrew word *shalom*: God's peace...*Shalom* brings it all together: power, love, trust, protection. *Shalom* makes our waiting fruitful. *Shalom* fills the silence with its melody of love. For God alone, for God's wholeness and perfect peace, our souls in silence wait. Amen."

These are exceptionally demanding times in which humankind is living.

Come to the quiet.
Embrace the void.
Be still.
Be silent.
Be at peace.
Meet God in silence,

Pastor Dan

BLESSED QUIETNESS

Joys are flowing like a river,
Since the Comforter has come;
He abides with us forever,
Makes the trusting heart His home.
Blessed quietness, holy quietness,
What assurance in my soul!
On the stormy sea He speaks peace to me,
How the billows cease to roll!

Bringing life and health and gladness,
All around this heav'nly Quest,
Banished unbelief and sadness,
Changed our weariness to rest.
Blessed quietness, holy quietness,
What assurance in my soul!
On the stormy sea He speaks peace to me,
How the billows cease to roll!

Like the rain that falls from heaven,
Like the sunlight from the sky,
So the Holy Ghost is given,
Coming on us from on high.
Blessed quietness, holy quietness,
What assurance in my soul!
On the stormy sea He speaks peace to me,
How the billows cease to roll!

See, a fruitful field is growing,
Blessed fruit of righteousness;
And the streams of life are flowing
In the lonely wilderness.
Blessed quietness, holy quietness,
What assurance in my soul!
On the stormy sea He speaks peace to me,
How the billows cease to roll!

What a wonderful salvation,
Where we always see His face!
What a peaceful habitation!
What a quiet resting-place!
Blessed quietness, holy quietness,
What assurance in my soul!
On the stormy sea He speaks peace to me,
How the billows cease to roll!

by Manie P. Ferguson
Scripture: Mark 4:39, John 14:16, Acts 2:38-39

IVY CHAPEL'S FINANCES

Thanks to those of you that have been sending your contributions by mail to either the Church or directly to our Financial Secretary; your contributions are greatly appreciated during the Covid 19 crisis as we continue to pay our bills and our dedicated staff. Checks can be sent directly to:

Peter LaSalle
2015 Wilson Ridge Lane
Chesterfield, MO 63005

DEACONS' REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION

The Deacons are continuing discussion on what needs to be done to make the church building as safe as possible for the day that we can meet in person for worship. The health and well-being of all people who enter our church facility is our top priority. We continue discussion with the Council to determine when it will be safe to join together in person for worship. At this time, with the curve rising and the schools moving back to Phase 1 (no more than 10 people) for athletic activities, it would not be wise to begin in-person worship. Stay tuned to this space for further updates. Blessings, the Board of Deacons.

July Council Lifted Up:

- ♥ **Frank Purviance** and **Don Wolff** for correcting the recent electrical problems at Ivy Chapel and removal of fallen trees that contributed to the electrical issue.
- ♥ **Peter LaSalle** for leading the July Council Meeting and **Sue Wilson** for arranging the Zoom conference.
- ♥ **Deacons Board, Pastor Dan and team** working to define the nature and timing of future in-person worship services.
- ♥ **Don Wolff** for continued service (years) with Ivy Chapel's payroll accounting and tax reporting.

AUGUST 2020



To all of our Ivy Chapel UCC youth. I miss you all. I hope that you and your families are well. As you begin a new school year, in a different and challenging way, I am keeping you and your families in my thoughts and prayers. I wish for all of you a safe and successful 2020-21 school year.

Here is an update on our Ivy Chapel youth programs. I look forward to the time when we can get together again.

Love, Mrs. Lowry



SUNDAY SCHOOL RESOURCES AND YOUTH DEVOTIONS

I hope you have all been receiving the Sunday School resources and devotions that I have been sending. Even though we can't get together, I like to keep in touch with you in this way weekly to help you to maintain a link to our Ivy Chapel community and for you to grow in your faith. I want you to know that we are thinking of you, that we miss being with you and that we care about you. Please keep in touch!

SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2020 is cancelled.

No in-person Youth programs are being planned at this time.

RALLY DAY is ON HOLD until we can have in-person worship services and Sunday school.

LOOKING AHEAD: At this point we don't know what the future holds for resuming in-person worship at Ivy Chapel. When the Council has made a decision to safely reestablish in-person worship with appropriate safeguards, the Children's Message and Sunday School program will change accordingly. Several options are being considered such as: children remaining with their families during worship, Children's Message with children remaining in the pews, social distancing Sunday School in Fellowship Hall. These things will be discussed and decided as we progress in our reopening schedule.

The Youth Program will also be changing based on pandemic conditions.

We ask for your patience during this time of gathering information as well as ongoing discussion and discovery.

Join us for Ivy Chapel UCC Virtual Worship with Children's Message each Sunday on YouTube.

MYSTERY WORD PUZZLE Find and mark out or circle each word. After you've found all words, find the leftover letters to form the mystery word. Find mystery words on page 8.

(borrowed from <https://www.christianbiblereference.org/wordsearch.htm>)

Cities in the Bible

N S I N A I A H C A C M Z A
 A O S E N P D A E L I G J O R
 I R U N O N A B E L R R E R T
 D B A O E D N B I M A E R A S
 I E M B B A T C E E M E U H Y
 M H M A I M I L E H E S E A P L
 I C E I G A O E H E S E A P L
 N A E R A S C U T L S R L A H
 D N L A I C H B N H H T L E L E
 I A I C S U T A I T I A M E L E
 A N L N R S P O R E Z O T S B
 E B A B E L Y M O B R I P T A
 R O G R P V G R C I A O O I I
 E A F F A J E R I C H O M N A
 B J U D A H A H T A D E R E Z

Achaia, Antioch, Arabia, Assyria, Babel,
 Beersheba, Berea, Bethel, Bethlehem,
 Cana, Caria, Cilicia, Corinth, Damascus,
 Egypt, Elim, Emmaus, Ethiopia, Galilee,
 Gibeon, Gilead, Greece, Haran, Hatti,
 Hebron, India, Jaffa, Jericho, Jerusalem,
 Judah, Lebanon, Lystra, Midian, Moab,
 Mount Zion, Nineveh, Palestine, Persia,
 Rome, Samaria, Sinai, Zeredathah,
 Zorah

Sons of Solomon

A B L E S S E S D E N O N A B E L
 N K E E P E S T E J W N G N
 D O V E C R E O M I T W A N G N
 L I S B I Z O R O T T M I D I
 R P H G H N H U W A M E L I
 A P C F O H T R O Z B B E M E
 G P O F M D S F R O E M E S
 F R A N S L D E B A Y C E U R
 R D W A G A E R D E W Q I T
 E A X C N E A I N G C N H V I
 S R R S I L T I N I L T E M S
 D E S S I P P H I E S S Y I S
 G S M W L O W L F L K I B D

Banners, Beautiful, Beryl, Blessed,
 Daughters, Dropping, Excellent, Fairest,
 Fingers, Flowers, Friends, Garden,
 Gathered, Gilead, Gold rings, Handles,
 Honeycomb, Jerusalem, Keepers,
 Lebanon, Milk, Morning, My beloved,
 Myrrh, Overcome, Queens, Sapphires,
 Smelling, Thousand, Waketh,
 Watchman, Withdrawn, Women

The Note

I can't believe it's August, and we're still here. Still isolating. I'm tired. I'm tired of feeling like every time I don't feel right, I think I must have Covid. I'm tired of explaining to people that they should care about other people. I'm tired of worrying whether or not I should send the kids to school. I'm just weary. I hope all my Ivy Chapel family is doing as well as can be expected during this time of unknown. I hope that the virtual worship is giving you peace during this very weird time in history. I am reminded of a passage in the bible that we read recently, "Come to me all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

We are doing ok here. I realize the many things I have to be thankful for. Thankfully, we have all remained healthy ::knock on wood:: I'm so thankful the boys are so close and can entertain each other. The boys have spent time with their grandparents and cousins which is amazing. We might not have a lot, but we certainly have a lot of love. I hope the boys always feel that. New in our household is a bird feeder. We have so many more birds here. I think it's because it is more of a private backyard than many of the other places we have lived. We've had a cardinal family with us since we moved in, and they give me much comfort so I wanted to keep them around. Now, we have so many other birds and of course some naughty squirrels and chipmunks. The boys have been adding to our super hero fairy garden which apparently has been a delight to the neighborhood kids so we're always on the lookout for more additions. We've even noticed quite a few fairy gardens pop in the neighborhood.

I am still looking for instrumentalists or vocalists to participate in special music for our online services. I would love to have you if you are interested. Again, I am happy to take any precautions even recording separately. Please let me know if you have any ideas to make our virtual worship experience even better. Additionally, keep on sending in congregational hymn requests. Thank you all for your love and support. I miss you terribly, and I cannot wait until we are able to worship together in person again.

Until next time, **Anna DiVesta**
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CONGREGATIONAL HYMN CHOICE

Have a favorite hymn? Want to hear it at church?
Feel free to e-mail your suggestions to
Anna DiVesta at music@ivychapel.org and
she will try to use
them in an upcoming worship service.

Mary and Martha Womens Group

The Mary and Martha Women's Group did not meet in July and are going month to month for future plans. We wish everyone a healthy safe summer. *God be with you.*

TEAM LEADERS WANTED

If you think you would be interested in organizing a 2021 Spaghetti Dinner, they will be happy to discuss it with you and supply you with all the information you would need to have a successful event (including secret recipes). *Feel free to give **Bruce and Janet Wilking** a call.*

Are YOU Ready for Action?



Covid-19 may have cancelled our first all-church activity last spring, but it can't stop **Ivy in ACTION!** We're supporting **Isaiah 58 Ministries' Back to School** fundraiser by collecting much needed supplies. Taking action and representing Ivy Chapel is as easy as **1 – 2 – 3!**

1 IN PERSON option: Purchase washable markers and underwear/socks and drop off in the box at Ivy Chapel any time between now and August 15, 2020.

2 VIRTUAL option: Visit <https://bit.ly/IvyinAction> and select from the suggested "Amazon Wish List". These items will be delivered to Isaiah 58 via Ivy Chapel before school starts. Deadline August 10, 2020.

Share the link on social media and with family and friends!

3 DONATION option: Don't want to shop but still want to support this great cause? We'll do the shopping for you! Mail a check to Sally Dodge and be sure to designate "Isaiah 58 Back to School" on the memo line.
Address: 2015 Wilson Ridge Lane, Chesterfield, MO 63005

Isaiah 58 is requesting 150 boxes of washable markers, assorted packages/sizes of girls and boys underwear and socks. Store gift cards welcome, too!

Questions? Sally Dodge 636.579.0972

Ivy in ACTION brings us together for community outreach and action!

It's all about serving our neighbors and **raising our visibility as an active church.**

We hope that you'll **TAKE ACTION!**

Scripture & Worship

Trustees

AUGUST 2~NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Genesis 32:22-31, Psalm 17:1-7, 15, Isaiah 55:1-5,
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21, Romans 9:1-5,
Matthew 14:13-21

AUGUST 19~TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:-1-6, 16-22, 45b;
Kings 19:9-18, Psalm 85:8-13, Romans 10:5-15,
Matthew 14:22-33

AUGUST 16~ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Genesis 45:1-15, Psalm 133, Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Psalm 67,
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32, Matthew 15:10-28

AUGUST 23~TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Exodus 1:8-2:10, Psalm 124, Isaiah 51:1-6, Psalm 138,
Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20

AUGUST 30~THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Exodus 3:1-15, Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b;
Jeremiah 15:15-21, Psalm 26:1-8, Romans 12:9-21,
Matthew 16:21-28

<http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>

On June 26th the power to Ivy Chapel and the neighborhood went out. A storm caused a tree limb to fall on a power line that was strung from the pole located on the hill above the playground. The pole falling caused the power lines to pull the masts off the church—see image. Ameren replaced the pole and transformers.

Schaeffer Electric Company was contacted on Saturday, June 27th to assess the damage and determine the necessary corrective repairs. We came to an agreement and they then started work on Monday the 30th. The meter boxes, masts, wiring, and switches had to be replaced.

The trees that caused the pole to fall were removed to prevent future damage. Ameren replaced the electric service on Monday, July 6. Electricity was turned back on Tuesday, July 7. All timers, thermostats, telephone and computers were reset and are back in service.



Maktub

(Meant to be)

Love by the hands of God
Faith brought us together,
love kept us alive
With scars,
wounds open,
mistreated from life
We found each other,
and in the middle of the chaos,
we stopped the time.

Speak to me the truth
What is it that you want?
You wanted my heart,
I gave you my soul
Be the first to show me the way,
the way away from pain,
the way away from sorrow.

I'll be the light on your darkest night,
I'll help you carry your bag,
I'll be the answer for your prayers tonight...
Tomorrow...
Forever.


~Alondra Ramirez

CONNECT WITH IVY CHAPEL FAMILY

It has been a challenge to keep in touch over these past months, from phone calls to zoom meetings and other online connections (even weekly virtual worship). It might be fun to share your thoughts, ideas and yes, photos on the Ivy Chapel Facebook page or in the Ivy Vine. Snap a photo or selfie of yourself in a meeting or watching virtual worship and send it to Rich Heend, rheend@gmail.com.




With God's Blessings

Happy Anniversary to... 

8/1/1970 Carl and Pat Winship

8/9/1964 Earl and Kay Kreder

Happy Birthday to... 

6 Dottie Foster

Michelle Moody

8 Gloria Wintrode

11 Cleo Steffens

12 Kathryn Kuntzman

14 Erin Winship

15 Earl Kreder

19 Brittany Wolff

20 Diane Droege

Jim French

20 Nicholas Wintrode

23 Sally Dodge

24 Claire Lowry

25 Mike Tichy

26 Michael Pfau

31 Michelle Purviance

From Page 4 Mystery Word Puzzle:

Cities of the Bible: MESOPOTAMIA

Song of Solomon: LIKE A GAZELLE

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.

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Office open: Monday/Friday 8:30AM-3PM Tuesday/Thursday 8:30AM-2:30PM

➤ **NEED GIVING STATEMENT:** Peter LaSalle 636-519-0823.

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CO-LDR-Valerie Waterman 636-391-9886

DATE	NURSERY	ACOLYTE/ASSISTANT	GREETERS	USHERS	LITURGIST	COFFEE
<p>Until further notice, all Ivy Chapel United Church of Christ "in-person" activities, events, gatherings and "in-person" worship services are suspended. For daily spiritual nourishment; we invite you to subscribe free of charge to our United Church of Christ StillSpeaking Daily Devotional at www.ucc.org/daily_devotional</p>						



**DAILY
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CHARITIES WE SERVE:

LIONS CLUB recycles old eyeglasses: Place frames and lenses (no case) in the orange collection basket in the office or in the wall pocket next to the office door.



SHOECREW PROJECT: Place your unwanted (no holes or loose soles please) footwear in the white box/bag in the cloak room. www.shoecrewwater.org

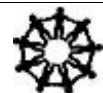


INSTITUTO EL REY: Explore the website how YOU can help students in rural northern Honduras pursue their dreams. www.ierschool.org



Please place items on the designated shelves in the cloak room for these local charities.

CIRCLE OF CONCERN A *Shopping and monthly needs List* is on Fellowship Hall bulletin board. Call 636-861-2623 or visit www.circleofconcern.org



Isaiah 58 Ministries donations of food, clothing, plastic bags/egg cartons—place in plastic grocery bags on marked shelves in the coatroom. **Mark bags with "Isaiah 58."** Bag of Blessings sheet on Fellowship Hall bulletin board. www.i58ministries.org



RITENOUR CO-CARE FOOD PANTRY Collects food and personal care items. www.ritenourcocare.org

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 AA 10:30am Anna DiVesta 12-2pm no other reservations
2 9th S aft Pentecost-grn 9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship w/LS and SS	3	4	5	6	7	8
<p>Until further notice, all Ivy Chapel United Church of Christ "in-person" activities, events, gatherings and "in-person" worship services are suspended.</p> <p>VIRTUAL WORSHIP</p> <p>Please take part and encourage others to participate in Ivy Chapel UCC "virtual worship" options. "Tune in", and invite God to nourish your soul.</p> <p>Simple ways to access them are:</p> <p>Ivy Chapel UCC www.ivychapel.org</p> <p>At Facebook www.facebook.com/ivychapel</p> <p>At YouTube www.youtube.com/channel/UCo4zrr6OBTyPraq-2ATILSQ</p> <p>For daily <i>spiritual nourishment</i>; we invite you to subscribe free of charge to our STILLSPEAKING DAILY DEVOTIONAL at www.ucc.org/daily_devotional</p>  <p>Created by the StillSpeaking Writers' Group</p>						
9 10th S aft Pentecost-grn 9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship/SS Aft wrshp Board Mtgs-CA/Deac/ Trustees Anna D-recital 4-5pm.	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 11th S aft Pentecost-grn 9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship/SS On Hold-RALLY DAY	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 12th S aft Pentecost-grn 9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship/SS Shannon Farrell Girl Scouts 5-7:30pm-no other groups	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 13th S aft Pentecost-grn 9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship/SS	31	1 September	2 September	3 September	4 September	5 September

IN SEPTEMBER (subject to change) 15th Articles for The Ivy Vine due
 19th BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS—Outdoors 1-3pm 16 MEN'S LUNCH 11:30am @ Spiros

AA=Alcoholics Anonymous	CA=Christian Action	FH = Fellowship Hall	KYP=KEEPING YOU POSTED	JRWP=JUNIPER ROOT WOODLAND PRESCHOOL
CC=Chancel Choir	CE=Christian Education	LL=LOWER LEVEL	LS=THE LORD'S SUPPER	NURSERY=NY
EMMP=Eric Moody Memorial Pavilion		M&M GRP=MARY AND MARTHA WOMEN'S GROUP		PP=PURPLE PAGES
	Tuesday JRWP 9am-12pm	Wednesday JRWP 9am-12pm	Thursday JRWP 9am-12pm	SS=SUNDAY SCHOOL