

# The Ivy Vine January 2022



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## Born, Born, Born in Bethlehem!

Living God is love in motion. God comes to life as a human being. Miraculously, God becomes Jesus of Nazareth—the Lamb, who takes away the sin of the world. The Christ is the ultimate gift of God’s love.

In 1535, Martin Luther composed words which later would be translated into English as these hymn lyrics:

*“From heaven above to earth I come,  
To bear good news to every home;  
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,  
Whereof I now will say and sing.*

*To you, this night, is born a child  
Of Mary, chosen mother mild;  
This little Child, of lowly birth,  
shall be the joy of **all** your earth.”*

During the month of December, Christians all over the world sang in worship, “Joy **to the World!**” This carol celebrates God’s astounding gift: Christ comes... “to the world” — that is, Christ comes “to **all the world!**” (à la John 3:16) As the United Church of Christ, we proclaim, “God loves **all** the people.” Christ Jesus brings joy to **all** the earth; joy to **all** people.

“For a child has been born for us; a son given to us.” (Isaiah 9:6) This means: A child has been born for **all**; a son given to **all**.

One meaningful, moving African American Spiritual begins: “Children, go where I send thee. How shall I send thee? I’m gonna send thee one by one: One for the little bitty ba-by! Born, born, born in Bethlehem!”

The birth of the Christ Child is a gift from above. Ah, God’s pure, sweet love. Nothing can match it. Christ’s birth, Christ’s baptism, and each of Christ’s miracles are signs from above. The essence of true life is God’s **pure love**.

Beloved Ivy Chapel United Church of Christ, where do you imagine our God may send us as a faith community during this new year? What opportunities are you and I being given to offer God’s **pure love** in 2022? ... and beyond? Clearly, the COVID-19 pandemic has shown humankind that we can be innovative. So let’s get creative, Ivy Chapel UCC. May God witness us overflowing with “Christ-sized” giving! Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in us.

Everyone is hungry for spiritual blessing. You and I and the whole world are hungry. Into a hungry world, Christ comes as nourishment. Christ comes to be the bread and butter of earthly life, the bread and cup of sacramental blessing.

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May each one of us seek to live with heart and soul open to receiving God's presence. God will provide. (Genesis 22) Mysteriously and marvelously, God is present with every individual at every moment. As we each receive spiritual nourishment from God, the blessing which we receive strengthens us to extend God's sacred blessing to others. Let Christ be born in us.

Through acts of **pure love**, celebrate Christ Jesus by giving.

The One born in Bethlehem, the Savior of all the world, is here,

**Pastor Dan**



### *The Star Carol*

Long years ago, on a deep winter night,  
High in the heavens a star shone bright,  
While in a manger a wee baby lay,  
Sweetly asleep on a bed of hay.



(1954, lyrics by Wihla Hutson)

**A**s the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

...Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.

Luke 3:1-9, 21-22

## *Thank You...*

Sue and I would like to express our heartfelt thanks for all the cards and phone calls we received on the passing of our mother, **Betty Lindhorst**. She is in a better place now. Mom spoke fondly of Ivy and all the friendly people. She always enjoyed talking to folks during coffee hour. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness.

Blessings, **Gary and Sue Lindhorst**



Please allow me to pass along a great, big helping of Christmas joy! I am very grateful to be serving among you as your pastor. I would like to express my personal thanks to everyone in the Ivy Chapel UCC congregation for your loving support all year long and for the thoughtful, special Christmas gift which you gave me. God's blessings to you, **Pastor Dan**

Thank you to Ivy Chapel for your generous and thoughtful gifts this Christmas season. Together we have gotten through great emotional time.... With God's help I hope to use the weekly and monthly newsletters to support you all and keep us connected.... **Frieda Clark**

## *Dec. Council Lifted Up:*

- ♥ **Linda Lowry** for leading Christian Education Advent activities and **Tara Lowry** for making this year's Christmas pageant a reality, which included adapting a script.
- ♥ Mike Waller for doing a great job as Ivy Chapel's temporary Music Director, including his adaptability and flexibility leading Sunday morning's worship music.
- ♥ **Steve Lowry, Rich Heend, Valerie Waterman** and **Sue Wilson** for providing sound and video capability for Sunday morning worship.
- ♥ Trustees, **Tom Glenn** and **Bruce Wilking**, and volunteers, **Gary Lindhorst** and **Steve Lowry**, for their "great job" removing leaves from Ivy Chapel grounds and roof.



## Did You Miss the Christmas Pageant?

The Christmas pageant was shared during worship on December 19<sup>th</sup>. If you missed it, it is available on Ivy Chapel's YouTube channel for your viewing pleasure.

Follow the link if you would like to watch: <https://youtu.be/UX8oL7FSqOg>

You can also watch last year's virtual pageant if you would like to double your Christmas fun. Follow this link if you would like to watch:

<https://bit.ly/2020Ivypageant>



## Help Us Find a New Youth Ministry Coordinator

We need help getting the word out about our open position at Ivy Chapel. The job posting is on [ivychapel.org](http://ivychapel.org) and on Ivy Chapel's Facebook page. Word-of-mouth is always a great way to help us advertise—tell your friends, family and neighbors about our Youth Ministry Coordinator job opening.

## Share a Children's Message

A small, but mighty, group has been offering children's messages since fall of 2020. We are looking for a little more help. The children love to hear a message just for them. You can share a book, a favorite Bible story or explain a Bible verse to our young ones.

Please contact **Sarah Heend**

314-283-5215, [skheend@gmail.com](mailto:skheend@gmail.com) if you can help.



# Mary and Martha Wms Grp

The Mary and Martha Women's Group of 6 ladies visited the historic 1880 Tappemeyer House in Millennium Park for a Tour set up for us by Nancy Litzinger. We were led on the tour by Judy Dierberg who grew up in the house and her daughter, Laura Dierberg Ayers who remembers it as her grandparent's home. The house was decorated as it might have been around 1900 and we



learned about what life was like for these two women when they knew it on a farm and some of what is involved in restoring a house to an original condition. The house

is furnished with period furniture and the decorations for Christmas were nature inspired. **Thank you so much to Nancy, Judy and Laura. We really enjoyed the morning.**

We also put together a **Christmas Basket** for our friends at **Seven Pines Home** on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room to plan for 2022.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC FOR WORSHIP

"Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!" (Psalm 100) Would you like to sing in worship soon? Our Temporary Worship Musician (Mike Waller) would love to collaborate with some of us to offer Special Music during worship on upcoming Sundays.

To coordinate your music selection and a worship date with him,

please email Mike at

[keyofgwiz@gmail.com](mailto:keyofgwiz@gmail.com)



## KEEPING YOU POSTED

You're invited to send Frieda Clark messages—by end of any Wednesday—news about you or the family, pets, garden...anything that you want to *share* with the rest of the congregation and she will put it in a *weekly e-Keeping You Posted* to email to all of you every Friday.

## GENEROUS GIVING STRATEGY

Did you know that you can donate appreciated stock and mutual fund holdings to Ivy Chapel? With the end of the year rapidly approaching, please consider donating appreciated stock or mutual fund holdings to Ivy Chapel. Such a donation, whether to cover a 2021 or 2022 pledge, or as an extra donation, is not only a potential income tax deduction, but also eliminates a sale of assets which would be subject to capital gains taxation. This is a sound tax strategy which benefits your personal income taxes.

Another option, depending on your age, is to make a Qualified Charitable Contribution (QCD) directly from your IRA to Ivy Chapel, thereby reducing your required minimum distribution, another good tax strategy.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact **Tom Glenn**, Investment Chair, [thomglenn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:thomglenn@sbcglobal.net)

*We* three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

**Refrain:** O star of wonder,  
star of light, star with  
royal beauty bright,  
westward leading,  
still proceeding,  
guide us to thy  
perfect light.



Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again, King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. **[Refrain]**

Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh; prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high. **[Refrain]**

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. **[Refrain]**

Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice: Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. **[Refrain]**

We Three kings of Orient Are Tune: KINGS OF ORIENT ~John H. Hopkins, Image from [www.livinglutheran.org/2017/01/the-revelation-of-epiphany/](http://www.livinglutheran.org/2017/01/the-revelation-of-epiphany/) Living Lutheran: The revelation of Epiphany, January 6, 2017



# Scripture & Worship

## 2 JANUARY 2022~SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Jeremiah 31:7-14, Psalm 147:12-20, Ephesians 1:3-14, John 1:1-18

## WEDNESDAY, 6 JANUARY 2022~EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12



## 9 JANUARY 2022~BAPTISM OF THE LORD/FIRST SUNDAY

AFTER THE EPIPHANY Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29, Acts 8:15-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

## 16 JANUARY 2022~SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11

## 23 JANUARY 2022~THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:14-21



## 30 JANUARY 2022~FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, Luke 4:21-30

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



## THE STAR GUIDING THE WISE MEN

"Now Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel, so he did not go, as at other times, to look for omens, but set his face toward the wilderness. Balaam looked up and saw Israel camping tribe by tribe. Then the spirit of God came upon him, and he uttered his oracle, saying:... 'I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near—a star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel...'"

Numbers 24:1-3, 17a-e

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews?"

For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

Matthew 2:1-2

"Matthew 2:1 says that they [the maji] came from the East, that is east of Judea. Judea was a buffer state between the sprawling Roman Empire in the West, and the fabulous Persian Empire of the Parthian\* Dynasty in the east. Whenever the Persians and Romans clashed militarily, the Persians almost always won.... The Persian Empire also controlled the Silk Route to India and China. The gifts that the Wise Man brought to Jesus, the gold, the frankincense and myrrh were the very best that world trade could offer from this route." Matthew called them as Magoi. "The Parthian Dynasty was ruled by something equivalent to our houses of Parliament. They called It the Megistanes. ...the Upper House members were called the Magoi or 'Great Ones'. It was these Magoi, the king makers of their empire, that come to visit Jesus. It was not the astrologers—it was the politicians—and there were more than three, even if only three types of gift were given."

\*The Parthian empire was what we know in this time as Iran. It saw power from 247-224 AD. Also known as Arsacid Empire, after it's founder, Arsaces I, who led the Parni tribe.

Learn more of the Wise Men at the web page, [The Christmas Star](http://TheChristmasStar.com) by Barry Setterfield [www.idolphin.org/birth.html](http://www.idolphin.org/birth.html)  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parthian\\_Empire](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parthian_Empire)  
[www.iranchamber.com/history/parthians/parthians.php](http://www.iranchamber.com/history/parthians/parthians.php)



The silver drachma of Arsaces I (r. c. 247–211 BC) with the Greek language inscription APΣAKOY "of Arsaces"

## ALL BOARDS MEETING

January 10

All Council, Board, and Committee members are requested to participate in our annual All Boards meeting on Monday January 10 at 7 PM. The meeting will be conducted only virtually, with remote participation via Zoom. A Zoom link will be provided.



## SAVE THE DATE - ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 30

Please save the date of Sunday January 30 following worship services for our Annual Meeting, at which we will recognize our 2021 Elmer awards and Whale of a Fellow award. We will also be voting on proposed amendments to the Ivy Chapel UCC By-Laws.

The meeting will be held in person in the sanctuary and virtually, with remote participation via Zoom provided as an available option. Formal notice of the proposed By-Laws amendments will be provided by email or mail to those without email addresses separately.

That cedar sapling growing in your yard may be a future home and source of food for the Cedar waxwing\*. Look for them low in berry bushes, high in evergreens, or along rivers and over ponds.

\*They have been seen in the cedar trees at Ivy Chapel!



## HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

Please consider helping picking up trash along a designated section of North Woods Mill Road in the new year of 2022.

*These are the proposed (subject to change)*  
dates: **3/13, 5/22, 8/28, 11/6**



## MAY YOU STILL GROW ENOUGH

MAY YOU GROW STILL ENOUGH  
TO HEAR THE SMALL NOISES EARTH  
MAKES IN PREPARING FOR THE  
LONG SLEEP OF WINTER,  
SO THAT YOU YOURSELF MAY GROW  
CALM AND GROUNDED DEEP WITHIN.

MAY YOU GROW STILL ENOUGH  
TO HEAR THE TRICKLING OF WATER  
SEEPING INTO THE GROUND,  
SO THAT YOUR SOUL MAY BE  
SOFTENED AND HEALED,  
AND GUIDED IN ITS FLOW.

MAY YOU GROW STILL ENOUGH  
TO HEAR THE SPLINTERING OF  
STARLIGHT IN THE WINTER SKY  
AND THE ROAR AT  
EARTH'S FIERY CORE.

MAY YOU GROW STILL ENOUGH  
TO HEAR THE STIR OF A SINGLE  
SNOWFLAKE IN THE AIR,  
SO THAT YOUR INNER SILENCE  
MAY TURN INTO HUSHED  
EXPECTATION.

~ BROTHER DAVID STEINDL-RAST

# Epiphany-Twelfth Night

## Word Search

Find the hidden words associated with January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany  
also known as Three Kings Day or Twelfth Night

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BABY JESUS  
BALTHASAR  
BETHLEHEM  
CASPAR  
CHILD  
CHRISTMASTIDE  
EPIPHANY

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MANGER  
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MELCHIOR  
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THREE  
TREASURE  
TWELFTH  
WISEMEN





# With God's Blessings

Happy Anniversary to... 

1/15/1971 Michael and Donna Grote

Happy Birthday to... 

## What Are the 12 Days of Christmas?

"The carol has its roots in 18th-century England, as a **memory-and-forfeit** game sung by British children. In the game, players had to remember all of the previous verses and add a new verse at the end. Those unable to remember a verse paid a forfeit, in the form of a kiss or a piece of candy to the others."

By Sam Abramson See more at [HowStuffWorks](http://HowStuffWorks)



- 4 Sue Wilson
- 15 Skylar Droeger
- 17 Tara Lowry
- 20 Beth Noonan  
Janet Wilking
- 23 Judy Hertenstein
- 29 Debbie Glenn  
Alexander Wilking

## 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](mailto:pastordan@ivychapel.org) 314-580-4564

Frieda Clark: [ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org](mailto:ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org)

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

➤ **GIVING STATEMENTS:** Peter LaSalle 636-519-0823

➤ **BORROWING** Chairs/Tables: Ralph Weiland 314-878-3230

JAN CARE CORPS LDR-Dottie Foster 314-878-4286  
FEB CARE CORPS LDR-Sue Wilson 314-324-3465

CO-LDR-Gail Thoele 314-576-0091  
CO-LDR-Pat Winship 636-394-5991

ASSISTING IN LAY MINISTRY		Please find YOUR Name.		Reminders are sent each Tuesday.		
DATE	NURSERY	ACOLYTE/	GREETERS	USHERS	LITURGIST	COFFEE



All are welcome to join us. Masks and social distancing still required to protect our young and unvaccinated members.

Or worship on Facebook or YouTube Sunday at 10 a.m.

[Visit our YouTube channel](#)

For daily spiritual nourishment; we invite you to subscribe free of charge to our United Church of Christ

Still Speaking Daily Devotional at

<https://www.ucc.org/daily-devotional/>



## Charities we serve:

Please place items on the designated shelves in the cloak room or otherwise designated.

**CIRCLE OF CONCERN**—Shopping and monthly needs List is on FH bulletin board. Place on **TOP SHELF**.  
636-861-2623 <https://www.circleofconcern.org/>



**RITENOUR CO-CARE FOOD PANTRY:** Place food and personal care items on **2nd SHELF**. <https://www.rccfoodpantry.org/>

**Isaiah 58 Ministries Bag of Blessings** list on FH bulletin board. Place on **3rd-4th SHELVES**: food, egg cartons, clothing, plastic bags, glass cases.  
<https://i58ministries.org/>



**Every Child's Hope** <https://everychildshope.org>  
**Lydia's House** <https://www.lydiashouse.org>  
**UP—Unleashing Potential** <https://upstl.org>

**INSTITUTO EL REY:** Explore the website how YOU can help students in rural northern Honduras pursue their dreams. [www.ierschool.org](http://www.ierschool.org)



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





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> AA 10:30am
<b>2</b> 2nd S aft Christmas-wht 10am Worship	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> AA S.O.S 10-11am AA 12pm <b>DEACONS MEETING 7PM</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6 Epiphany</b> AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am  <b>Christian Ed. 7pm</b>	<b>7</b>  <b>Annual Reports Due</b>	<b>8</b> AA 10:30am
<b>9</b> The Baptism of Christ-wht 10am Worship	<b>10</b> <b>ALL BOARDS MEETING 7PM</b> <b>Old and New Officers-Pg 6</b>	<b>11</b> AA S.O.S 10-11am AA 12pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am	<b>14</b> Square Dancing 3:30-5:30pm 7-9pm	<b>15</b> AA 10:30am <b>The Ivy Vine articles due</b>
<b>16</b> 2nd S aft Epiphany-grn 10am Worship	<b>17</b> <b>COUNCIL MEETING 7PM</b>	<b>18</b> AA S.O.S 10-11am AA 12pm <b>Mary &amp; Martha Wms Grp 1pm</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Men's Lunch 11:30am</b> <b>Yellowstone</b> 165 Lamp & Lantern Vlg, Twn & Ctry	<b>20</b> AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> AA 10:30am
<b>23</b> 3rd S aft Epiphany-grn 10am Worship	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> AA S.O.S 10-11am AA 12pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> AA 10:30am
<b>30</b> 4th S aft Epiphany-grn 10am Worship <b>ANNUAL Meeting pg 6</b>	<b>31</b>	February 1 AA S.O.S 10-11am AA 12PM	February 2	February 3 AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am	February 4	February 5 AA 10:30am

**IN February: 14TH COUNCIL MEETING 7PM UNLESS OTHERWISE CHANGED TO ANOTHER DATE**

<b>AA</b> =Alcoholics Anonymous <b>CC</b> =Chancel Choir <b>EMMP</b> =Eric Moody Memorial Pavilion	<b>CA</b> =Christian Action <b>CE</b> =Christian Education	<b>FH</b> = Fellowship Hall <b>LL</b> =LOWER LEVEL <b>M&amp;M GRP</b> =MARY AND MARTHA WOMEN'S GROUP	<b>KYP</b> =KEEPING YOU POSTED <b>LS</b> =THE LORD'S SUPPER <b>WOMEN'S GROUP</b>	<b>JRWP</b> =JUNIPER ROOT NURSERY= <b>NY</b> <b>SY</b> =SANCTUARY	<b>WOODLAND PRESCHOOL</b> <b>PP</b> =PURPLE PAGES <b>SS</b> =SUNDAY SCHOOL
	Tuesday JRWP 8:30-3:30	Wednesday JRWP 8:30-3:30	Thursday JRWP 8:30-3:30		