

# The Ivy Vine

## April 2022



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## Nigh

Let's say that there is a conversation between two people. One person presents the other with a seemingly unfeasible task to accomplish. The second person responds, "Why, I'll never be able to do such a thing. That's **nigh** on to impossible!" What this response means is that the feat is "nearly impossible."

The word "**nigh**" is not a word which comes up much in contemporary conversation. Yes, it is a rather dated word. However, it is not insignificant, because the word "**nigh**" suitably describes God's present availability. God is close by. This is ever true.

Memorable lyrics to the hymn I Need Thee Every Hour by Annie Hawks include: "*I need Thee every hour, Stay Thou near-by; Temptations lose their pow'r When Thou art **nigh**. I need Thee, O I need Thee; Every hour I need Thee; O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.*"

Is there ever a moment, an instant, when God is not **nigh**? No. According to our faith in the abiding presence of the Holy One; at all times, God is **nigh**.

In light and in darkness, God is near. At life's high points and at life's low points, God is near. On Christ's Cross and at Christ's Empty Tomb, God is near.

The bugle call "Taps" has an intriguing, if somewhat sketchy, history dating back to the U. S. Civil War Era (and still farther back!). The tune with which we are familiar was composed in 1862 by then-Brigade Commander Daniel Butterfield of the Union Army. "Butterfield's Lullaby" is an adaptation of its predecessor, a Union Army bugle call named "Tattoo," that served as notice to the troops that the hour had come to extinguish all lights and call it a day. The bugle call concluding the day was immediately followed by three "taps" on a drum. From those three drumbeats was derived the familiar name of this bugle call- "Taps." While there are no 'official words' to the tune, among the popular verses are these lyrics:

Day is done,  
Gone the sun,  
From the lake,  
From the hill,  
From the sky.  
All is well.  
Safely rest.  
God is **nigh**.

One of the calming, reassuring ways that our Savior Jesus helps people to settle down in the manner of

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those who are attempting to settle in for the night is by conveying, "God is with you. God Emmanuel. I am. God is **nigh**." To the paralytic, Jesus says, "Take heart!" To the woman with a flow of blood, Jesus says, "Take heart!" To the blind man, Jesus' disciples say, "Take heart! Arise! Jesus is calling you!" To his terrified disciples floundering in high winds and waves on the sea, Jesus says, "Take heart! I am. Fear not."

As this Lenten Season proceeds, may all the people of God's world find comfort in the abiding nearness of God. *"Abide with me: fast falls the eventide; The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide. When other helpers fail, and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away; Change and decay in all around I see. O Thou who changest not, abide with me."* (Abide with Me by Henry Lyte) In coming days, faithful companions, may you be comforted, as our Savior Jesus encourages, "Take heart."

Fear not."

God is **nigh**.

The Cross near sunset on Good Friday leads to the dawn of Resurrection Day.

God is **nigh**.

Forever **nigh**,  
Pastor Dan



PLEASE JOIN US IN THE IVY CHAPEL

SANCTUARY FOR  
**GOOD FRIDAY Worship**  
Friday April 15th at  
7:30pm



## TO CELEBRATE EASTER (April 17th)

Deacons are selling Lilies to brighten the sanctuary at \$10 each.

If you are interested in buying an Easter Lily, please speak with Donna Grote or Gail Thoele after worship; or call

Donna at 314-304-6876  
or Gail at 314-576-0091.



## Juniper Root Woodland Microschool

A **TALENT SHOW GIVEN** by the students of Juniper Root Woodland Microschool will be in Fellowship Hall for April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3pm. **ALL are Welcome!**

## Mar. Council Lifted Up:

- ♥ **Valerie Waterman** for her time and efforts to line up temporary worship musicians, and **Pastor Dan** for coordinating with the worship musicians for meaningful worship music.
- ♥ **Earl and Kay Kreder** for hosting March's 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday fellowship time. Also:
  - ♥ Kay for her work leading the Mary & Martha Women's Group and managing the Dierbergs' Grocery fundraiser cards, and,
  - ♥ Earl for playing his saxophone as Special Music during the February 27<sup>th</sup> worship service.
- ♥ **Jack Molyneaux, Earl Kreder, Janet and Bruce Wilking** for helping with Ivy Chapel's Highway Clean-up Day held March 13<sup>th</sup>

## ImpactLife BLOOD DRIVE

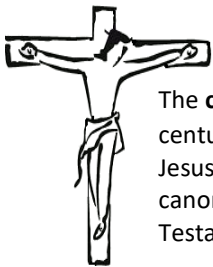
Ivy Chapel UCC is hosting a blood drive

**Thursday, May 12, 2:30-6:30pm**

in cooperation with ImpactLife.

The Blood Center strongly encourages blood donors to make an appointment in advance, as they are still practicing social distancing and safe COVID protocol.

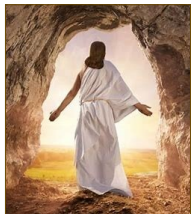
You may go to **www.bloodcenter.org** or contact **Sue Wilson** 314-324-3765 to schedule your appointment time.



The **crucifixion of Jesus** occurred in 1st-century Judea, most likely in circa AD 30... Jesus' crucifixion is described in the four canonical gospels, referred to in the New Testament epistles...

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crucifixion\\_of\\_Jesus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crucifixion_of_Jesus)

**E**aster is the commemoration of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New



Testament as having occurred on the third day of his burial following his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary (or Golgotha) circa 30 AD.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Easter>  
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Calvary>

## Trustees

The Trustees are transitioning from Winter to Spring. Behind us are snowfalls in February and March that put our snow removal contract into action. Salt was applied and the lot plowed in time for Sunday Services. The winter check of the entire furnace system by Academy Air was performed.

Meanwhile, while Trustees wait for warmer weather to work on outside projects, the tractor is getting an overhaul in preparation for the mowing season.

The first trash pick-up of 2022 along Woods Mill Road was performed on Sunday, March 13, with eight bags filled with various fast-food and beverage containers, random articles of clothing, and assorted car parts. The next highway clean-up is scheduled for May 22.

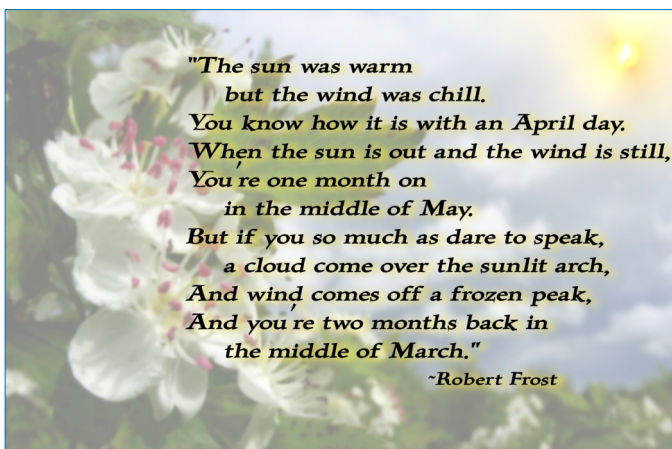
## Juniper Root Woodland Microschool

Juniper Root Woodland Microschool will be having a truckload of woodchip delivered to the playground on Saturday, April 9th at 10am. If anyone would like to come help us haul the woodchip up to the play area, we'd love the help! [www.juniperpreschool.com](http://www.juniperpreschool.com)



## HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

Thank you to **Jack Molyneaux, Earl Kreder, Janet and Bruce Wilking** for helping with Ivy Chapel's Highway Clean-up Day, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Please consider helping picking up trash along a designated section of North Woods Mill Road. After worship for the next following dates of the year (subject to change) : **May 22, Aug 28, Nov 6**  
Contact Bruce Wilking, 314-640-4902 about helping.



*"The sun was warm  
but the wind was chill.  
You know how it is with an April day.  
When the sun is out and the wind is still,  
You're one month on  
in the middle of May.  
But if you so much as dare to speak,  
a cloud come over the sunlit arch,  
And wind comes off a frozen peak,  
And you're two months back in  
the middle of March."*

~Robert Frost



# Scripture & Worship

April 3, 2022~**Fifth Sunday in Lent:** Isaiah 43:16-21,  
Psalm 126, Philippians 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8

April 10~**Palm Sunday:** Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, 31:9-16,  
Isaiah 50:4-9a, Luke 19:28-40, 22:14-23:56; 23:1-49,  
Philippians 2:5-11



April 14~**Maundy Thursday:** Exodus 12:1-14,  
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26,  
John 13:1-17, 31b-35



April 15~**Good Friday:** Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Psalm 22,  
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9, 10:16-25, John 18:1-19:42

April 17~**Easter Sunday:** Acts 10:34-43, Isaiah 65:17-25,  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, 1 Corinthians 15:19-26,  
John 20:1-18, Luke 24:1-12



April 24~**Second Sunday of Easter:** Acts 5:27-32,  
Psalm 150, 118:14-29, Revelation 1:4-8, John 20:19-31

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu//index.php>

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Luke 24:1-12



# Mary and Martha Wmns Grp

The Mary and Martha Group met on March 15<sup>th</sup> with Pastor Dan Wilson for a Lenten Devotion. The theme of this devotion was **Hope in a Difficult Time**. We listened to Romans 5, verses 1-5 and then read together words written by Larry Peacock about how God's love and mercy sees us through times of sadness and grief. On our table were dried palm branches, a purple cloth, giving hands and a candle. Thank you, Pastor Dan. (Pastor Dan also treated us to shamrock cookies and wintergreen mints).

Plans were made to take an Easter basket on Palm Sunday to Seven Pines Emmaus Home.

✂ For our next meeting we will have a brief business meeting and then go to Mercy Center to walk the Labyrinth (weather permitting) This is a form of meditation.

✂ We also planned for a Mini Plant Sale for May 1<sup>st</sup>. Duever's Plant Nursery who we worked with for the Plant Sale is now closed due to the death of the Patriarch, Joe Duever, so we will provide some plants for a small sale. We will put out a list of the plants and bring a few to preview before the sale. The prices will be a little lower than in the past since they are not from a nursery.

✂ We also hope to have a Dessert for a Dollar Sale on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

## SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

to: IVY Chapel UCC  
620 North Woods Mill Road  
Chesterfield, MO 63017

Peter LaSalle is no longer the Financial Secretary.

## Juniper Root Woodland Microschool

*is planning a bookfair for May. Watch for details to come.*

## KEEPING YOU POSTED

By end of any Wednesday—Send your news to (Frieda Clark) [ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org](mailto:ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org) for the weekly e-Keeping You Posted—emailed every Friday.



LUKE 22-24:1-7

ANGELS  
APOSTLES  
BETRAYAL  
BLOOD  
CALVARY  
CROSS  
CROWN OF THORNS  
CRUCIFIXION  
DARKNESS  
DEATH  
EARTHQUAKE  
EASTER  
GOLGOTHA  
HIGH PRIEST  
JESUS CHRIST  
JOSEPH  
JUDAS ISCARIOT  
KING  
LAMB



MARY  
NAILS  
PASSOVER  
PIECES OF SILVER  
PIERCED  
PILATE  
RESURRECTION  
ROBE  
ROMANS  
SACRIFICE  
SIMON OF CYRENE  
SOLDIERS  
SON OF GOD  
SPEAR  
STONE  
TEMPLE  
THIEVES  
THREE DAYS  
TOMB





# With God's Blessings

Happy Anniversary to... 

## For April

4/11/1987 Tom and Debbie Glenn  
4/26/2008 Jason and Kristine Lowry

Happy Birthday to... 

## For April

1 Elizabeth Carr	22 Myrna Weiland
6 Marilyn Gulotta	26 Annie Sampath
7 Rod Hertenstein	30 Donna Grote
10 Ashton Burton	

## 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

<b>APR CARE CORPS</b>	<b>LDR-Julie Mc Allister 314-576-4946</b>	<b>CO-LDR-Gail Thoele 314-576-0091</b>
<b>MAY CARE CORPS</b>	<b>LDR-Valerie Waterman 636-391-9886</b>	<b>CO-LDR-Kathryn Kuntzman 636-391-8468</b>

**ASSISTING IN LAY MINISTRY:** Please find YOUR Name. If you're unable to attend please switch with others serving on another date (available to sub: Liz Schurwan 314-432-3362) and let Gail Thoele know 314-576-0091/314-591-0057

DATE	GREETERS/USHERS
3 Apr	Pat and Carl Winship— <b>communion</b>
10 Apr	Don Wolff and John Weiland— <b>Palm Sun</b>
17 Apr	Kay and Earl Kreder— <b>Easter</b>
24 Apr	Myrna and Ralph Weiland
1 May	Donna Grote and Jan Wirtz— <b>communion</b>
8 May	Kathryn Kuntzman and Jack Molyneaux
15 May	Dottie Foster and Gail Thoele
22 May	Diann and Jim Sheahan
29 May	Don Wolff and John Weiland



All are welcome to join us. Masks and social distancing still strongly recommended in consideration for the safety of immunocompromised and unvaccinated individuals. Worship with us in the church, on Facebook or YouTube Sunday at 10 a.m.

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
					1	2 AA 10:30am <b>TALENT SHOW</b> by Juniper Root students in Fellowship Hall 3pm. <i>ALL are Welcome!</i> <b>See pg 2</b>
3 5th S of Lent-prpl  10am Worship w/Lord's Supper	4	5 <del>AA S.O.S 10-11am</del> AA 12pm	6	7 AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am <b>Christian Ed. Mtg 7pm</b>	8	9 AA 10:30am Woodchips delivered for Juniper Root 10am pg 3
10 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 10am Worship   Aft wrshp-Board Mtgs: CA by ZOOM  Shannon Farrell-Girl Scouts 6pm	11  <b>COUNCIL MTG 7PM</b>	12 <del>AA S.O.S 10-11am</del> AA 12pm	13	14   AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am	15 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> The Ivy Vine articles due  <b>GOOD FRIDAY Worship</b>  7:30pm pg 2 	16 AA 10:30am  <b>EASTER EGG HUNT 2pm</b> see pg 5 
17 <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>  10am Worship  	18	19 <del>AA S.O.S 10-11am</del> AA 12pm  <b>Mary &amp; Martha Wms Group 1pm for short meeting then to Mercy Center see pg 4</b>	20 <b>Men's Lunch 11:30am @ Harpo's: 136 Hilltown Village Center, Chesterfield, 636-537-1970</b>	21 AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am	22	23 AA 10:30am
24 2nd S of Easter-whit  10am Worship  Shannon Farrell-Girl Scouts 6pmish	25	26 <del>AA S.O.S 10-11am</del> AA 12pm	27	28 AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am	29	30 AA 10:30am

**IN MAY:** 1st Mini Plant Sale held by M & M's-see page 4    12th ImpactLife blood drive 2:30-6:30pm-see page 3  
15th The Ivy Vine articles due  
18th Men's Lunch 11:30am, @ The Country Club, 288 Lamp and Lantern Village, Chesterfield 636-256-7201  
22nd Highway Clean-up-see page 3

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