



# The Ivy Vine

2023

## October



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## Because of You, God's Church Changes Lives!

The theme for our shared stewardship pilgrimage this autumn is  
*"Because of You, God's Church Changes Lives!"*

Isn't this an uplifting thought?! It links together a variety of uplifting thoughts. First, you are a factor. More than that, you are a vital, influential part of God's whole Church! Your life has valuable impact! Your *individual* life, and your life *in concert with the lives of others* exercises real influence. God's faith community, God's Church, is capable of rising up (even out of dire circumstances) and transforming aspects of God's world in positive, life-changing, lasting ways. Amazing! And forever true!

*"For God, all things are possible," promises Jesus. (Mark 10:23-27)* God is able to bring good out of any situation; out of what may appear to be the least promising circumstances. God is able to do anything! Because of you, *the Church changes lives!* Ivy Chapel United Church of Christ, the wider United Church of Christ, and the Church Universal offer newness of life; bring about life-giving change! With unlimited potential, God's Church offers this invitation to everyone: *"You are welcome here. Participate and give."*

When Jesus commissioned and sent out the Twelve Disciples to offer their lives in ministry, part of his instruction to them was: *"As you go, proclaim the good news... Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give."* (Matthew 10:8) Clearly, Christ Jesus everywhere and always calls upon us to *"give."*

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The most priceless gift of all - God's gift of life - is given at no cost to us; *without money and without price*. These are exactly the same modifiers which God's Prophet Isaiah generations ago employed: "Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk, *without money and without price*... Listen carefully to me,... Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live!" (Isaiah 55:1-3)

All disciples seek to pattern our lives after the life of our Teacher, our Master, our Savior - the Anointed One of God. Jesus Christ gives willingly and joyfully. *Free! (Romans 5:6-17)* We freely receive. We are recipients of the "*free gift of God*," the grace gift. "... *The end is life eternal. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is life eternal in Jesus Christ our Lord.*" (Romans 6:22-23)

Our Savior Jesus Christ is an eternal *giver*. Inspired by Christ's example, we are led to live as Christ lives. And so, we are drawn to be *givers*, too. Every person seeking to live as a genuine follower of Jesus Christ is moved to "*give it up for God!*"

This is the way Christ's Church lives. This is the *only* way that Christ's ministries anywhere continue - thanks to *freely offered* gifts! So it is that we listen carefully and we respond eagerly to God, who forever is summoning, "*Freely you have received; freely give.*"

Friends in Christ, donors of God's love; deep down, we are *givers*! Let's listen and let's respond with extravagant abandon to the invitation that our congregation's leaders are extending to us this month! May we prayerfully reflect and faithfully respond by joyfully offering bountiful, personal commitments to the life-giving ministries of Christ's love which Ivy Chapel United Church of Christ will provide in 2024.

Freely we have received; freely may we *give*.

Because "*we give*," ***God's Church changes lives!***

Rejoicing and giving,  
*Pastor Dan*



### **GIVING AT IVY CHAPEL**

If you cannot attend the Sunday Worship service, you can send your offering gift to the church:

Ivy Chapel UCC,  
620 North Woods Mill Road  
Chesterfield, MO 63017



# September Council Lifted Up:

- ♥ The Mary and Martha Women's Group for their annual "Dessert for a Dollar" fundraiser and fellowship time. Proceeds were contributed to Ivy Chapel's General Fund.
- ♥ Gail Thoele for her tireless work to recruit ushers, lay readers and Communion helpers to enhance our worship experience.
- ♥ Pastor Dan for delivering a load of fresh produce, largely from Ivy Chapel's garden, to Circle of Concern.



## Scripture & Worship

### **1 Oct 2023, Eighteenth Sun after Pentecost:**

Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16,  
Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32

### **8 Oct 2023, Nineteenth Sun after Pentecost:**

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20, Psalm 19,  
Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46

### **15 Oct 2023, Twentieth Sun after Pentecost:**

Exodus 32:1-14, Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23,  
Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14

### **22 Oct 2023, Twenty-first Sun after Pentecost:**

Exodus 33:12-23, Psalm 99,  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22

### **29 Oct 2023, Twenty-second Sun after Pentecost:**

Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17,  
Thessalonians 2:1-8, Matthew 22:34-46

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

## Trustees

In September, the Trustees were busy inside and out!

Outside they were busy cutting and trimming. Bushes were trimmed around the building and front yard signs, and the tree on the playground hill was trimmed to remove the branches from the power lines. Two dead trees in the front were cut down and six other trees had dead limbs removed. Sections of the trunks were used to rebuild washed out parts of the lane that goes from the lower lot to Fellowship Hall. Clogged gutters were also cleaned.

Inside, the fire alarm system received its annual UL certification. A fan on the Fellowship Hall AC unit was replaced and the kitchen door and hall door locks were also replaced.

The next highway clean-up is scheduled for Sunday, November 5, weather permitting.

# Mary<sup>and</sup>MarthaWmnsGrp

Seven women met for the Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> Mary and Martha Meeting and worked long and diligently to make 80 Decorative Napkin Rings to be given to Lydia's House (for abused women and children) to help decorate their tables for their All-Resident Thanksgiving meal.  
We took a few to finish at home!



This is the first year since the Pandemic that they have congregated for this meal. We will give the napkins to Janelle Uelk, Volunteer Coordinator, who is coming to the October meeting to update us on Lydia's House. We will each also bring a string mop to send back with her. We are trying to meet some basic needs and bring some beauty to them.

The October meeting will be on Tue., Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room at Ivy.

We invite anyone who is interested to join us.



## SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, Nov. 2 from 2:00-6:00 PM  
Ivy will again be hosting a blood drive for ImpactLife.

[Schedule your appointment here.](#)

Contact Sue Wilson for any questions or to assist in making your appointment.

I was speaking with a friend the other day about the blood drive Ivy Chapel UCC hosts twice a year. She works in a local hospital and said that last week 1 patient required 20 units of blood and another had used 18 units of blood and would probably require more. The hospital she works at was scrambling to obtain emergency blood supplies to meet the needs of these 2 patients.



PLEASE  
consider donating  
in November,  
you could save a life!





# Christian Ed

Ivy Chapel's CE Board is looking for a few "helping hands" this fall!

We need those who are willing to present the Children's Messages, help lead the Sunday School activities in Fellowship Hall, and be a part of various other activities.

We already have themes worked out so there is not a lot of work and the youth appreciate your involvement and helping to make them feel they are a valued part of the congregation.



If you are interested, please speak with Sarah Wilson or Jo Ann Moody, on a

Sunday after worship, or contact us at [sarahwilson797@gmail.com](mailto:sarahwilson797@gmail.com), or [jmoodywhc@aol.com](mailto:jmoodywhc@aol.com).



All are welcome to join us. Masks are still 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/>



DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Created by the StillSpeakingWriters' Group

# CHRISTIAN ACTION

Circle of Concern is inviting friends to help stock their popular pantry shelf with baking ingredients.



Items needed for fall baking and holiday treats are:

**sugar, flour, oil, shortening, vanilla extract, baking spices, chocolate chips and other flavors as well as decorations.**



**Everyone loves eating AND making home baked treats.**



## **E-KYP (E-KEEPING YOU POSTED)**

By end of **any Wednesday**  
Send your news to Ivy Chapel  
[ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org](mailto:ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org)  
for the weekly e-KYP (e-Keeping You Posted)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
REGARDING RENTING SPACE  
AT IVY CHAPEL**

**PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE  
AT 314-434-4991 OR  
[IVYCHAPELUCC@IVYCHAPEL.ORG](mailto:IVYCHAPELUCC@IVYCHAPEL.ORG)**

Need a space to  
host your event?

## Choose Ivy Chapel!

Spaces are available for  
hourly rentals including  
Fellowship Hall, the  
Multi-purpose Room and  
also the Outdoor Pavilion!

Please contact Kara in the office,  
@314-434-4991 or  
ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org

Office Hours: M/W/Th/F:  
9:30AM to 2:30PM

If you would like to include an  
item in the monthly edition of the  
Vine OR the weekly edition of the  
KYP (Keeping You Posted) please  
contact Kara in the church office  
at 314-434-4991 or  
ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org.

Items are due each Wednesday for  
the KYP and the 15th of the month  
for the Vine.

# TOTENFEST

Sunday, November 5th, 2023

You will recall one of the traditions of our forebears in Christian faith is the celebration of "Totenfest" (German for 'The Festival of the Dead'). Ivy Chapel will share together in this sacred ritual. We'll observe "Totenfest" during worship on **November 5th**. You are invited and encouraged to submit the names of those you love who have died within this past year. Please provide the name(s) IN PRINT to our church office by **Sunday, October 22nd**. A printed list will be posted just outside Pastor Dan's study. As the date approaches, please verify that the name of each person you would like recognized is on the list. The names will be read aloud during our worship on Sunday, **November 5th**. *Thank you.*

➤ Please return by **Sunday, October 22nd** at  
the church office OR email him:  
pastordan@ivychapel.org



### PLEASE PROVIDE:

#### (1) The NAME OF LOVED ONE:

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#### (2) YOUR RELATIONSHIP to the loved one:

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# In Sympathy

## Thanksgiving to God for the Life of Russ Washburn

**3 pm Saturday, October 28**  
**Ivy Chapel United Church of Christ**

Let us gather in the presence of God to  
celebrate the life of our loved one.  
Celebration immediately followed  
by a reception.

In loving memory of Russ,  
gifts may be given to:

Instituto El Rey <https://www.ierschool.org>

Bridge Fund <https://www.thebridge-fund.org>

Ritenour Co-Care <https://www.rccfoodpantry.org>

[Please find his obituary linked here.](#)



## Celebration of Life for Peter LaSalle — 10 am October 7, 2023

at Parkway United Church of Christ  
2841 North Ballas Road, 63131  
Celebration followed by visitation/reception  
Everyone is invited to wear Colorful/Hawaiian  
clothes as Peter did every Easter Sunday.



In loving memory of Peter, gifts may be given to:

American Liver Foundation

<https://www.liverfoundation.org>

Lydia's House

<https://www.lydiashouse.org>

# WITH GOD'S BLESSINGS

Happy   
Anniversary to...



10/20/1985  
Thom and Kathryn Kuntzman

10/24/2020  
Erin and Scott Bowman



Happy Birthday to...



- 1 Kelvin Wilking
- 4 Evelyn Stecher & Celeste Tichy
- 8 Rose Louise Share
- 10 Jennifer Faust & Mark Moody
- 13 Rudolf "Rudi" Lauer
- 19 Adam Durham
- 20 Don Wolff



# Serving God's People

## September Schedules

### Greeter/Ushers

DATE	GREETERS/USHERS
1 Oct 2023	<b>Don Wolff and John Weiland</b> <b>communion</b>
8 Oct 2023	<b>Kay and Earl Kreder</b>
15 Oct 2023	<b>Julie McAllister and Dave Mentzel</b>
22 Oct 2023	<b>Myrna and Ralph Weiland</b>
29 Oct 2023	<b>Pat and Carl Winship</b>
5 Nov 2023	<b>Donna Grote and Jan Wirtz</b> <b>communion</b>

### Liturgists

1 Oct 2023	Sue Wilson
8 Oct . 2023	JoAnn Moody
15 Oct . 2023	n/a
22 Oct . 2023	Julie McAllister
29 Oct. 2023	Pat Winship
5 Nov 2023	Jan Wirtz

### CARE CORPS

- OCT — JAN WIRTZ 314-740-7385
- NOV — ANN MOLYNEAUX 314-878-0966

### Assisting in Lay Ministry:

Please find your Name to see the date you are scheduled to help.  
If you're unable to attend please switch with others serving on another date  
**AND let Gail Thoele know**  
314-576-0091/314-591-0057.

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 the numbers below.

Pastor Dan Wilson: [pastordan@ivychapel.org](mailto:pastordan@ivychapel.org) / 314-580-4564

Office Administrator-Kara White: [ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org](mailto:ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org) / 314-434-4991

Office hours: Monday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 9:30AM–2:30PM

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/>



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



**RITENOUR CO-CARE FOOD PANTRY:** Place food and personal care items on **2nd SHELF**. [Rccfoodpantry.org](http://Rccfoodpantry.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)



**Getting new eyeglasses? Ask your eye doctor if they will take your old pair to recycle or go to this web site**  
<https://allaboutvision.com/resources/donate.htm>



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <span style="font-size: 48pt; color: #FFA500; font-weight: bold;">2023</span>						
<b>1</b> 18th S aft Pentecost grn <b>10am Worship/†LS</b> <b>World Communion Sunday</b>  AA 6pm YP	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349	<b>4</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>5</b> AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 6-7pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> AA 10:30am #350  10 am — Peter LaSalle Memorial Service at Parkway UCC
<b>8</b> 19th S aft Pentecost grn <b>10am Worship</b>  AA 6pm YP	<b>9</b>  <b>Council Mtg 7pm</b>	<b>10</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349  Deacons-7pm Zoom	<b>11</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>12</b> AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 6-7pm	<b>13</b>  Square dancing 3:30-5:30pm 7-9pm	<b>14</b> AA 10:30am #350
<b>15</b> 20th S aft Pentecost grn  <b>10am Worship Consecration Sunday</b>  AA 6pm YP	<b>16</b> <b>The Ivy Vine Articles DUE</b>	<b>17</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349  <b>Mary &amp; Martha Wms Grp 1pm</b>	<b>18</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm  <b>Men's Luncheon 11:30am- Yellowstone Café</b> 165 Lamp & Lantern Vlg, Twn & Ctry, 6362070501	<b>19</b> AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 6-7pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> AA 10:30am #350
<b>22</b> 21st S aft Pentecost grn <b>10am Worship</b>  AA 6pm YP	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349	<b>25</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>26</b> AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 6-7pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> AA 10:30am #350  3:00 pm— Thanksgiving to God for the Life of Russ Washburn
<b>29</b> 22nd S aft Pentecost grn <b>10am Worship</b>  AA 6pm YP	<b>30</b> Reformation Day	<b>31</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349	November 1 All Saints' Day TKD 5:30-6:30pm	November 2 AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am	November 3	November 4 AA 10:30am #350

**AHEAD IN NOV: 2ND— BLOOD DRIVE 2-6 PM 5TH— TOTENFEST 13TH—Council Meeting  
14th Mary & Martha Women's Grp 15th Men's Lunch 11:30am @ Spiros 23rd—THANKSGIVING**

<b>LS=THE LORD'S SUPPER</b> <b>KYP=KEEPING YOU POSTED</b> <b>M&amp;M GRP=MARY AND MARTHA WOMEN'S GROUP</b>		<b>FH = Fellowship Hall</b> <b>EMMP=Eric Moody Memorial Pavilion</b> <b>SY=SANCTUARY</b>		<b>AA=Alcoholics Anonymous</b> <b>JRWP=JUNIPER ROOT WOODLAND PRESCHOOL</b> <b>TKD= INERTIA MARTIAL ARTS</b>	
	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

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