



# *The Ivy Vine*

## *May*

2025

# Easter to Pentecost

Easter lasts more than one day. In fact, the season of Easter is celebrated from Easter Sunday to the Day of Pentecost, a week of weeks—fifty days in all! This time has come to be called The Great Fifty Days.

Easter is the oldest festival of the church year. The Great Fifty Days has been celebrated by the church much longer than some other liturgical seasons, like Advent and Lent. The season from Easter Sunday to Pentecost is celebrated as one long festival, although in the fourth century, another festival day was added—Ascension Day. Ascension Day comes towards the end of Easter season, on the fortieth day, and it is generally considered part of the Easter celebration.

Unlike Christmas, Easter does not fall on the same day each year. Easter is always celebrated on a Sunday, but that Sunday can fall anywhere between March 22 and April 25.

Easter is a most joyful season. The color of Easter is white and the symbols associated with season are beautiful and bright. Everything about the celebration points to the glorious resurrection of Jesus.

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The Easter celebration reaches its culmination on the Day of Pentecost. On this major festival day, we celebrate the coming of promised gift of the Holy Spirit. We rejoice that Jesus has risen and appeared to his disciples and ascended to heaven. Now the coming of the Spirit gives the church and the power and the necessary gifts to spread the god news to all the world. The color of the Day of Pentecost is red, symbolizing the fire of the Holy Spirit. The Day of Pentecost begins the longest season of the church year, extending until the first Sunday in Advent in December. The days following Pentecost are seen as a time for growth in the Spirit.

\*From “Before and After Easter” by Debbie Trafton O’Neal

## Scripture & Worship

**4 May 2025, Third Sunday of Easter:** Acts 9:1-6 [7-20], Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19

**11 May 2025, Fourth Sunday of Easter:** Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

**18 May 2025, Fifth Sunday of Easter:** Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35

**25 May 2025, Sixth Sunday of Easter:** Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10 and 22—22:5, John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

**Ascension of the Lord:** Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47 or Psalm 93, Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53

**1 June 2025, Seventh Sunday of Easter:** Acts 16:16-34, Psalm 97, Revelation 22:12-14 and 16-17 and 20-21, John 17:20-26

# PASTORAL SEARCH NEWS

Each month the Ivy Chapel Council will provide an update to the Ivy community in the monthly newsletter, The Ivy Vine, regarding the search for our new Pastor. If there are special updates those will also be announced in the weekly KYP's and posted on the website.

Please scan here to go directly to the updated page – Our Pastor Search-> You can also navigate there from the front page of our website.



Start by clicking on the “ABOUT OUR CHURCH” button. A drop-down menu will appear, and under the “Our Staff” tab a link titled “Our Pastor Search” will appear, please click on that.

## SEARCH UPDATE:

This month, with the help of the St. Louis Association Committee, we have begun the process of matching with candidates for the Intentional Interim Pastor position. We are beginning to schedule interviews with prospective candidates and will continue to move forward in finding the Intentional Interim Pastor for Ivy that will help guide us through this next phase in the church's journey.

## Ivy Chapel Care Corp

One of Ivy Chapel's many strengths is our commitment and ability to care for each other. The Ivy Chapel Care Corps was formed to support families experiencing special circumstances such as recovery from surgery, long term illness, death of a family member or birth of a baby!

During worship Care Corp members listen to prayer concerns and announcements. They communicate with each other and then reach out to offer assistance to those in need. Ivy's love is shown through conversations, cards, meals, company, or anything that might be helpful.

If you or anyone you know is in need of assistance, Please contact Kara in the office at 314-434-4991 or [ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org](mailto:ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org) (after office hours at 314-705-6822) or the designated monthly Care Corp leader listed in the weekly KYP or monthly Vine to initiate support.

# April Council Lifted Up:

- 🌸 Kara White, for putting together a new, cost effective agreement with Spectrum for Ivy's internet, cell and phone service; and also for her efforts researching other UCC web sites and associated spreadsheet.
- 🔥 Dave Mentzel and Jack Molyneaux for the extra care they give Ivy Chapel's grounds.
- 🌸 Reverend Dr. Carol Trissell for her presence here at Ivy Chapel including her inspiring sermons and many other contributions to the life and congregation of Ivy Chapel.
- 🌸 Ivy youth for creating the colorful signage on Ivy's lawn drawing attention to Ivy's vibrancy.
- 🌸 Joe Cheng for his amazing and beautiful music ministry to Ivy Chapel the past several weeks.
- 🔥 Valerie Waterman and the youth for the Palm Sunday processional "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord" – a beautiful start to Holy Week.
- 🌸 Linda Lowry for her work putting together Sunday bulletins and performing other worship related tasks.
- 🌸 Gail Thoele for organizing and shepherding the upcoming May blood drive.
- 🌸 Rich Heend for the many tasks he performs addressing our technology needs.

## Youth News!



In April the Ivy Youth participated in the Palm Sunday Processional and also decorated cookies for Easter Sunday Fellowship after worship!





# Trustees

As warmer weather finally arrives, the Trustees will be cleaning up the grounds including picking up tree branches, grass cutting, and clearing off the parking lot. Gutters will need to be cleaned and repaired. Fixing the drainage at the Pavilion will be a priority. Inside, lamps in Fellowship Hall will be replaced.

One of the storms took out one of our Pin Oaks next to the parking lot. We had Gamma Tree come and dispose of the branches and take down the rest of the tree.

Trash will be picked up along Woods Mill Road on May 4 and participants may wear their Star Wars gear if they chose.



*Mary & Martha  
Women's Group*

The Mary and Martha Women's Group traveled to Emmaus Seven Pines on Saturday April 12th to make Easter Baskets with them.

A wonderful time was had by all!

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 20th at 1pm in the Multipurpose room.

Linda and Steve Lowry will be sharing a Travelogue of their trip to Egypt!

**Everyone is welcome!**

# **ImpactLife** **BLOOD DRIVE**

Ivy Chapel UCC will be hosting an  
Impact Life Blood Drive  
from **4 to 7:30 pm on**  
**Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.**

Blood Donations are in high demand and  
**YOUR blood donation**  
**is much needed.**

You can sign up for a donation time by  
scanning here ———>



or going to


**[https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/134371](https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/134371)**

***Thank YOU for giving the gift of Life!***



## **Christian Action**

Summer is coming and  
Every Child's Hope will be opening  
their pool at the end of May.

Once again, Christian Action would  
like to provide new beach towels for  
the youth in residence. 

Their 'Learn to Swim' program could  
as use pool noodles, goggles and  
water shoes in various adult sizes.

### **THANK YOU**

for Ivy's continuous generosity!



## **We offer our love and sympathy to the family and loved ones of Lelia Headrick**

Lelia "Lee" Janet Headrick entered eternal life on April 15, 2025.

Born on September 15, 1930 in Chesterfield, MO., she was the dearly loved wife  
of the late James "Jim" Headrick.

A celebration of Lee's life was held on Saturday, April 26th at Ivy Chapel.

Gifts in Lee's memory can be sent to:  
Ivy Chapel

or

Circle of Concern  
PO Box 444  
112 St. Louis Ave.  
Valley Park, MO 63088-0444.

Please share memories of Lee and condolences in the online guestbook at  
[www.Schrader.com](http://www.Schrader.com) or scan here —————>



# Rent Ivy Chapel This Summer!

Are you already preparing for the kids to be driving you crazy this summer?!?!?

**Rent Ivy Chapel!**

Want to have play dates this summer, but don't want to clean BEFORE too????

**Rent Ivy Chapel!**

If you want a space big enough to have the kiddos be able to play  
AND the grown-ups to talk all in one room ...

**Rent Ivy Chapel!**

Rent Fellowship Hall with friends and sit back and relax  
while the kids run around safely inside with air conditioning  
and hassel-free for you!



Spaces available for hourly rental  
-tables and chairs are included!

Inquire about the 'Summer Special' package which includes outdoor area and  
limited outdoor game supplies.

Please contact Kara in the office- [ivychapeluucc@ivychapel.org](mailto:ivychapeluucc@ivychapel.org) or 314-434-4991

## Ivy Information

### Worship with US!

EVERY SUNDAY:  
10am in person and  
streamed live on YouTube

The Lord's Supper:  
first Sunday of the month

### Connect with Ivy Chapel



[www.ivychapel.org](http://www.ivychapel.org) >



<-- YouTube--

[IvyChapelUnitedChurchofChrist](http://IvyChapelUnitedChurchofChrist)

[www.facebook.com/IvyChapel](http://www.facebook.com/IvyChapel)-->



## Our Support Staff

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.

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

Office hours: Monday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 9:30AM-3:30PM

Custodian- Alondra Ramirez

# Happy Birthday to ...

# Happy Anniversary to...



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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Ann Molyneaux     | 14 Alex Kuntzman   |
| Bill Wirtz          |                    |
| 2 Adam James        | 18 Nancy Gerdes    |
|                     | Amanda Dunham      |
| 9 Pat Winship       | 21 Tom Glenn       |
| 10 Jamie Del Carmen | 24 William LaSalle |
| Bradley Kuntzman    |                    |



5/26/1962  
Rudolph and Heide Lauer  
5/26/2007  
Shannon and Paul Farrell  
5/26/2018  
Katie and Matt Amsler



## Serving God's People-May Schedules

### Liturgists

4 May	Jim French
11 May	Diann Sheahan
18 May	-----
25 May	Julie McAlister
1 June	Ann Molyneaux

### Greeter/Ushers

4 May	Dottie Foster and Gail Thoele <b>communion preparer Valerie Waterman</b>
11 May	Dottie Foster and Gail Thoele
18 May	Kathryn Kuntzman and Jack Molyneaux
25 May	Pat and Carl Winship
1 June	Kay and Earl Kreder <b>communion preparer Gail Thoele</b>

### CARE CORPS



➤MAY — Julie Mc Allister 314-576-4946  
➤JUN — Kay Kreder 314-878-5296

### 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 or 314-591-0057 as well as the office.**

**THANK YOU!**

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
			TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>1</b> AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm	<b>2</b> Square dancing 3:30-5:30pm 7-9pm	<b>3</b> AA 10:30am #350
<b>4</b> 2nd S of Easter wht <b>10am Worship/† LS</b>  <b>HWY CLEAN-UP AFTER WORSHIP</b>  AA 6pm YR	<b>5</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>6</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>7</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>8</b> AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm  <b>Blood Drive 2:30-6:30pm</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> AA 10:30am #350 JRS in FH 2-5 pm
<b>11</b> 3rd S of Easter wht <b>10am Worship</b> <b>Mother's Day</b>  AA 6pm YR	<b>12</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm  <b>Council Mtg 7pm</b>	<b>13</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm  Deacons-7pm Zoom	<b>14</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>15</b> AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm  <b>The Ivy Vine Articles DUE</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> AA 10:30am #350
<b>18</b> 4th S of Easter wht <b>10am Worship</b>  AA 6pm YR	<b>19</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>20</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm  <b>Mary &amp; Martha Wms Grp 1pm</b>	<b>21</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm <b>Men's Luncheon 11:30am</b> <b>The Country Club</b> 288 Lamp and Lantern Village, 636-256-7201	<b>22</b> AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> AA 10:30am #350
<b>25</b> 4th S of Easter wht <b>10am Worship</b>  AA 6pm YR	<b>26</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm <b>Memorial Day</b> 	<b>27</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>28</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>29</b> AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm  BUG OUT- 12-4pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> AA 10:30am #350 Reading Group – PS-8-3

**AHEAD IN JUNE: 8<sup>TH</sup>-PENTECOST 9<sup>TH</sup>—Council Meeting 14<sup>TH</sup>-BBQ (tent.) 15<sup>TH</sup>FATHER'S DAY 17<sup>th</sup>-Mary & Martha Women's Grp 18<sup>th</sup>-Men's Lunch 11:30am @ The Reserve**

<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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