



# *The Ivy Vine* **Mid-Summer** 2025

## Good News

Ivy received great news this summer. Here is the formal letter from our Council Moderator regarding our Intentional Interim Pastor Search.

Dear Members of Ivy Chapel UCC,

I am pleased to inform you that after several months of searching for a new Pastor to lead Ivy Chapel UCC following Pastor Dan Wilson's retirement on February 1, 2025, Rev. Dr. Carol Trissell has agreed to become Ivy Chapel's Intentional Interim Minister, effective August 1, 2025. Praise God for this wonderful news! Many of you know Carol through her pulpit supply ministry at Ivy over the past several months. Carol and our Ivy Chapel congregation have already been building a strong connection in faith and we look forward to Carol's spiritual leadership.

The position of Intentional Interim Minister which Carol will be filling is by its definition, an interim pastoral position, with an expected duration of 12 to 18 months. During this period of time, Carol will lead Ivy through the process of preparing to call a Settled Minister, who be called by our congregation for an indefinite period, which will typically occur until retirement or resignation, to serve as our primary spiritual leader. The Intentional Interim Minister position Carol will be filling will be part-time, with an expected time commitment of 20 hours per week on average. The allocation of time per week will be more clearly defined in the near future, however Carol's time will primarily focus on leading worship, pastoral care, and Christian education.

We are blessed to welcome Carol into this role, where her experience and passion for ministry will undoubtedly guide us through this transitional period. Her past involvement with our church community has already demonstrated her deep commitment and ability to inspire. As we embark on this new chapter together, let us embrace the opportunities for growth and renewal that lie ahead under Carol's guidance.

Faithfully yours,  
John Weiland  
Moderator

# 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 click 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:

The committee is now working to submit the church profile to the St. Louis Association Committee to help us move forward in finding our new Settled Pastor. We are now waiting to be matched with prospective Pastor(s) and move forward with interviewing any potential candidate(s).

## Ivy Information

### Worship with US! Connect with Ivy Chapel

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



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



<— [YouTube—](#)

**The Lord's Supper:**  
first Sunday of the month

[IvyChapelUnitedChurchofChrist](#)

[www.facebook.com/IvyChapel](https://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: [ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org](mailto:ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org) / 314-434-4991

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

Custodian– Alondra Ramirez

# May Council Lifted Up:



All the volunteers who made Lee Headrick's Memorial reception meaningful to all, particularly Lee's family.



Gail Thoele, Carl and Pat Winship and Jo Ann Moody who helped organized and/or volunteered their time at Ivy Chapel's May 8th Impact Life blood drive.



Many thanks to John Weiland for his leadership to Ivy Chapel during this time of change and transition.



Congratulations to John Weiland and his project team for receiving a Grand Award from the American Council of Engineering, for a project based in Nebraska, NE! He and Joy traveled to Washington D.C. in mid—May to receive the award.

# June Council Lifted Up:



Frank Purviance for “keeping Ivy open” and Linda Lowry for producing worship service materials while Kara White is out of the office.



Reverend Dr. Carol Trissell for her pastoral care for Ivy Chapel's congregation going over and above expectations for pulpit supply ministry.

## Scripture & Worship

**27 July 2025, Seventh Sunday after Pentecost:** Hosea 1:2-10 Genesis 18:20-32 Psalm 85 Psalm 138 Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19] Luke 11:1-13

**3 Aug 2025, Eighth Sunday after Pentecost:** Hosea 11:1-11 Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 Psalm 107:1-9, 43 Psalm 49:1-12 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21



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



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# IVY YOUTH NEWS

Several of Our Ivy Chapel youth have finished their Middle School education. Those who have graduated from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade this year are:

**Audrey Farrell**  
**Rory Winship**  
**Rowen Boyd**  
**Evan Frazier**  
**Eli Willey**  
**Blair Bittick**

Our graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders are looking forward to an exciting new High School experience in the fall.

**Blair, Rowen, Audrey, and Eli** will be attending Pattonville High School in the Fall.

**Rory** will be attending Parkway South High School.

**Evan** will be moving with his family to Ste. Genevieve in a few weeks.

We are all going to miss Evan very much and hope he will be able to come back to visit often. Evan will be attending Valle Catholic School in Ste. Genevieve.

## YOUTH ATTENDING CHURCH CAMP

Audrey Farrell and Rowen Boyd attended church camp at DuBois Center during the week of June 15. DuBois Center is a UCC church camp located in Illinois. They enjoyed this exciting part of their faith journey, experiencing God in this beautiful outdoor setting.

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On July 13, JoAnn Moody led the Children's Message during worship. Following the Children's Message the youth gathered together with JoAnn Moody and Linda Lowry for Sunday School. We introduced the group to the UCC Statement of Faith, reading two versions of it aloud together. We then had a discussion of what the various parts of the Statement of Faith might mean to them and how this is important in their lives.

Please keep these youth in your thoughts and prayers as they grow in their faith and in their lives.

## Christian Action

We had a generous response to the request for pool towels and noodles for Every Child's Hope. The collected items were delivered on May 21 in time for the opening of their pool. Each child now has a new towel for the swimming pool and noodles to help with swimming lessons.

Our humble gifts make a difference in the lives of the youth. Additional items have been collected and were delivered June 18.

THANK YOU IVY for your support!

## Trustees

### May

Trustee's continue to keep the grounds cleaned up and mowed. Planting in the garden has started.

### June

Keeping grass cut. We have two parking lot lights out and under repair.

Keeping the office open and things running during Kara's absence.

## Mary<sup>and</sup>MarthaWmnsGrp

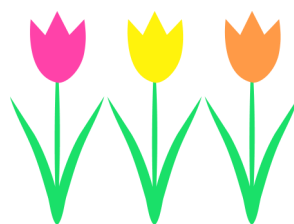
The Mary and Martha Women's Group met on July 15<sup>th</sup> with an opening devotion by JoAnn Moody which spoke to the need to be strong and also compassionate and vulnerable—a strong protective shell and soft interior like the armadillo.

We will be sponsoring a Dessert for A Dollar Bake Sale on Sun., Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> after worship. We will need contributions from Ivy's bakers. These are two-serving small plates of any baked goodies for a dollar or whatever you wish to donate. Plates and plastic bags to wrap them in will be available from Kay Kreder the two Sundays prior. The plates are brought wrapped before worship.

We discussed the menu for the Salad Luncheon on July 20th and decided that this year all the money will be given to the MO Mid-South Conference for the UCC churches that were damaged in the May tornado; First Congregational and Pilgrim Congregational.

We were happy to have Joyce Yarbrough join us today.

As always, everyone is welcome.



# Happy Anniversary and Birthday to all who celebrated in June and July!



6/09/1978 Mark and Jo Ann Moody  
6/18/1994 Rich and Sarah Heend  
6/20/1959 Jim and Diann Sheahan

6/20/1987 Bruce and Janet Wilking  
6/24/1967 Bill and Norma Pasia  
6/25/1966 Jack and Ann Molyneaux  
6/28/1969 Ralph and Myrna Weiland



## June

1 Cindy Kettler	16 Jason Lowry
3 John Weiland	21 Sarah Scott
8 Curt Wintrode	22 Heide Lauer
10 Marsha Fix	24 Nelie Mc Neal
14 Krissy Lowry	Amy Kavalauskas
15 Carl Winship	Rory Winship

## July

18 Stephen Lowry	24 Jessica Kempa
20 Jim Sheahan	28 Bill Pasia
21 Chris Moody	31 Cole Winship
23 Tyler Ray	
Elizabeth Schurwan	



## Serving God's People-July-Aug Schedules

### Liturgists

20 July	Ann Molyneaux
27 July	Diann Sheahan
3 Aug	Kathryn Kuntzman
10 Aug	Jo Ann Moody
17 Aug	Linda Lowry
24 Aug	John Weiland
31 Aug	Jim French

### Greeter/Ushers

20 July — Kay and Earl Kreder
27 July — Julie McAlister and Dave Mentzel
3 Aug — Donna Grote and Jan Wirtz <b>communion preparer Valerie Waterman</b>
10 Aug — Diann and Jim Sheahan
17 Aug — Dottie Foster and Gail Thoele
24 Aug — Don Wolff and John Weiland
31 Aug — Kathryn Kuntzman and Jack Molyneaux



# 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 the designated monthly Care Corp leader listed in the weekly KYP or monthly Vine to initiate support.

## CARE CORPS



➤ JUL DIANN SHEAHAN 314-275-2913

➤ AUG Kathryn Kuntzman 636-391-8468



All are welcome to join us. Deacons appreciate everyone's cooperation in maintaining a safe and welcoming worship environment. We ask that everyone continue to respect those with compromised immune systems and take precautions as needed. 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/>



**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](https://www.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>

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