



The Ivy Vine

August

2025



Rev. Dr. Carol Trissell

WELCOME!

Greetings Ivy Chapel family!

While I have met many folks during my months as pulpit supply, I have not had the opportunity to meet you all. Below is a brief introduction to me. I hope you may find it not only informative, but see snippets of connection between us before we even met.

Rev. Dr. Carol Trissell

Preferred name: Carol or Pastor Carol if you wish

Home town: Willow, Oklahoma

Generation: Baby Boomer

High School: Carter High School, Carter Oklahoma

States in which I have lived: Oklahoma, Texas, South Dakota, Georgia, North Carolina, Florida, Missouri, Kansas

First Job: Chopping Cotton (hoeing weeds from cotton) \$1.25/hr.

First Career: Certified Public Accountant

Call to ministry: Age 16

Call scripture: Luke 4:18-19

Ordination: November 30, 1997 (age 40)

Pastorates (including interims): 5 now

Likes: Gardening, music, spending time with family, walking, watching sports

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Dislikes: Dusting, exercising, manipulative behavior, icy roadways

Favorite movies: anything Star Wars or Marvel Studios

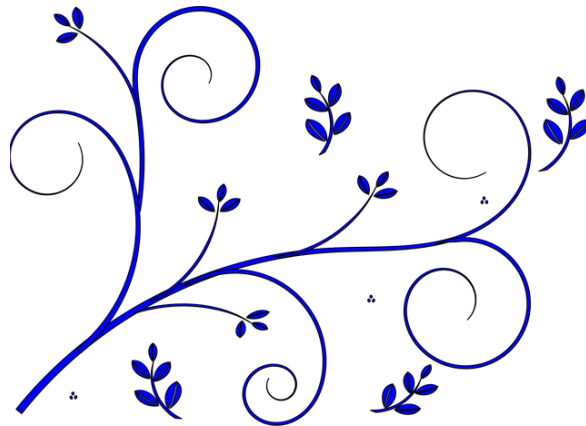
Favorite books: Mysteries, crime drama, fiction

Most famous person I ever met: Hillary Clinton

Favorite scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge God, and he shall direct your paths."

May God richly bless our time in ministry together!

Pastor Carol



Scripture & Worship

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

10 Aug 2025, Ninth Sunday after Pentecost: Isaiah 1:1 and 10-20, Genesis 15:1-6, Psalm 50:1-8 and 22-23, Psalm 33:12-22, Hebrews 11:1-3 and 8-16, Luke 12:32-40

17 Aug 2025, Tenth Sunday after Pentecost: Isaiah 5:1-7, Jeremiah 23:23-29, Psalm 80:1-2 and 8-19, Psalm 82, Hebrews 11:29—12:2, Luke 12:49-56

24 Aug 2025, Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost: Jeremiah 1:4-10, Isaiah 58:9b-14, Psalm 71:1-6, Psalm 103:1-8, Hebrews 12:18-29, Luke 13:10-17

31 Aug 2025, Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost: Jeremiah 2:4-13, Sirach 10:12-18 or Proverbs 25:6-7, Psalm 81:1 and 10-16, Psalm 112, Hebrews 13:1-8 and 15-16, Luke 14:1, 7-14

7 Sept 2025, Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Jeremiah 18:1-11, Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 139:1-6 and 13-18. Psalm 1. Philemon 1-21, Luke 14:25-33



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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:

This month the committee will work towards submitting the church profile to the St. Louis Association Committee to help us move forward in the next step of this journey, finding an Settled Pastor.



July Council Lifted Up:



Earl Kreder for his inspiring saxophone solo at the July 6th worship service.



Valerie Waterman for her vocal solo at the July 6th worship service.



Bob Meinz for creating beautiful worship music, including other talented musicians into Ivy Chapel's worship experience.



Frank Purviance and Jo Ann Moody for their efforts to create a “KYP” in Kara's absence. Thankfully, Kara was up to the task and Ivy enjoyed her creativity and return to this task!

Youth News!! Mary^{and}Martha Wmns Grp

Our Ivy Youth have been busy with family vacations, church camp, other activities and just having fun these hot, hot summer days.

This month, we are looking forward to “Rally Day” on August 19th, when we welcome our youth to a new Sunday School year, and share the start of their new school year. They will have new teachers, and some will have new schools. This new year will bring all our youth new experiences, celebrations and maybe challenges, for us to share with them.

We all look forward to having Pastor Carol join the Ivy family and bring another dimension to our Christian Education program!

Our youth have a much to give Ivy Chapel and are a lot of fun to be with. Please feel free to join us as shape our youths’ spiritual journey.



The Mary and Martha Women’s Group met on July 15th 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. 24th 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.

Our next meeting is scheduled for July 19th.
As always, everyone is welcome.



A huge Thank You to the providers of the Salad Luncheon and to the amazingly generous donations which are to go to help First Congregational and Pilgrim Congregational UCC Churches which sustained significant damage in the May 16th tornado. We received \$440 for them.
What a Blessing!

Trustees

As usual, summer has been busy for the Trustees. They have been keeping the grass cut in the front yard, playground, and park, and have been keeping the parking lot clear. Tree branches have been picked up and an 85-foot tree in the park area was cut down and disposed of. The electric lights in the parking lot island were repaired.

Indoors, the Pastor's office was given a refresh, with painting, scrubbing of the carpet, and rebuilding the office lights for LEDs.

Trustees helped cover for Kara in her absence, coordinating renters which includes weekly AA sessions (5), TKD sessions (4), and Square Dance sessions (1), as well as three one-time events and helping secure three new rentals as well!

In support of tornado relief efforts, excess Styrofoam containers were donated to a food supplier.

The next scheduled trash pickup of Woods Mill Road is Sunday, August 3.

Ivy Cares:

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.

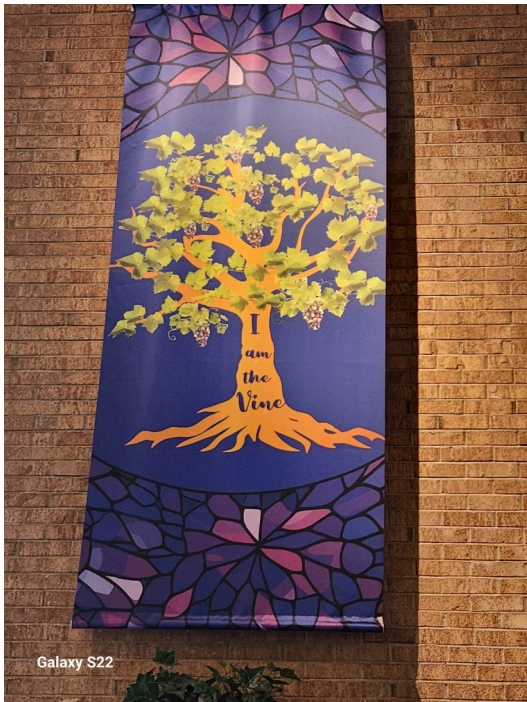
Pastoral Care

If you or anyone you know is in need of Pastoral Care please contact Pastor Carol at pastorcarol@ivychapel.org.

Newness at Ivy!

Two beautiful new banners for the sanctuary have been gifted to Ivy Chapel UCC from Judy Hertenstein's Memorial Fund by her husband, Rod Hertenstein. They are in the corner behind the pulpit.

The first banner, the Advent "Christ Candle", is inspired by John 8, verse 12: "I am the light of the world".



The second banner, the "Grape Vine Tree", is an original artwork created by local artist, Mariane Kampfe, who is a member of St. John's UCC of Manchester. It is inspired by John 15, verse 5: "I am the Vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit."

Thank
you ❤️

To all who helped
with getting the
pastor's office
cleaned and
refreshed for
Pastor Carol.



Welcome Fellowship Hour

Please join us **THIS SUNDAY , August 3rd,**
when we will be having
a special fellowship hour after worship to
welcome Pastor Carol and to celebrate the begini
of her ministry at Ivy Chapel.



Be sure to mark your calendars for
these upcoming dates:

Aug3rd– Highway Clean-up
Aug 17th– Rally Day
Aug 19th– Mary & Martha Group
Aug 20th– Men's Luncheon
Aug 24th– Dessert for \$1

Sept.1st– Labor Day Holiday
Sept.13th– Annual BBQ Dinner
Sept.16th– Mary & Martha Group
Sept.17th– Men's Luncheon

2025 St. Louis County Tornado Disaster Relief

On Friday, May 16, 2025 an EF3
tornado struck St. Louis County and
damaged two UCC church buildings,
First Congregational UCC of St. Louis
and Pilgrim Congregational UCC. These
churches sustained direct impact and
serious damage. Thank you for
standing with us in compassion and
solidarity as we begin the journey
toward healing and restoration.

Please click here to donate:
[2025 Tornado Response Fund](#) .

August Office Hours



Beginning Aug 3rd :

Rev. Carol Trissell's office hours:

Tues & Thurs — 10 am to 2pm

Wed— 9am to 3pm

Sun— 9am to 12pm

Kara's Office Hours:

Mon — 10 am to 2pm

Working from home W/Th/F

*Will resume normal M/W/Th/F
schedule in September.



Happy Birthday to ...

6 Dottie Foster
Michelle Moody
8 Gloria Wintrode
12 Kathryn Kuntzman
14 Erin Winship
15 Earl Kreder
19 Brittany Wolff
20 Diane Droege
Jim French
Nick Wintrode
23 Sally Dodge
24 Claire Lowry
26 Michael Pfau
31 Michelle Purviance

Happy Anniversary to...



Carl and Pat Winship
8/1/1970
Earl and Kay Kreder
8/9/1964



Serving God's People-August Schedules

Liturgists

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| 3 Aug | Kathryn Kuntzman |
| 10 Aug | Jo Ann Moody |
| 17 Aug | Linda Lowry |
| 24 Aug | John Weiland |
| 31 Aug | Jim French |
| 7 Sept | Julie McAlister |

Greeter/Ushers

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| 3 Aug — Donna Grote and Jan Wirtz communion preparer Valerie Waterman |
| 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 |
| 7 Sept — Kay and Earl Kreder communion preparer Gail Thoele |

CARE CORPS



- AUG—Kathryn Kuntzman 636-391-8468
- SEP —Gail Thoele 314-576-0091

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

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



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 |
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|  | | | | | | 2 AA 10:30am #350 |
| 3 8th S aft Pentecost grn 10am Worship Hwy Clean-up AA 6pm YR | 4 TKD 5:30-6:30pm | 5 AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm Deacons-7pm Zoom | 6 TKD 5:30-6:30pm | 7 AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm | 8 Square dancing 3:30-5:30pm 7-9pm | 9 AA 10:30am #350 |
| 10 9th S aft Pentecost grn 10am Worship AA 6pm YR | 11 TKD 5:30-6:30pm Council Mtg 7pm | 12 AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm | 13 TKD 5:30-6:30pm | 14 AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm | 15 The Ivy Vine Articles DUE | 16 AA 10:30am #350 |
| 17 10th S aft Pentecost grn 10am Worship RALLY DAY AA 6pm YR | 18 TKD 5:30-6:30pm | 19 AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm Mary & Martha Wms Grp 1pm | 20 TKD 5:30-6:30pm Men's Luncheon 11:30am Mimi's Cafe | 21 AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm | 22 | 23 AA 10:30am #350 |
| 24 11th S aft Pentecost grn 10am Worship Dessert for \$1 After worship AA 6pm YR | 25 TKD 5:30-6:30pm | 26 AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm | 27 TKD 5:30-6:30pm | 28 AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm | 29 | 30 AA 10:30am #350 |
| 31 12th S aft Pentecost grn | Sept.1 Labor Day | Sept 2 AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm | Sept 3 TKD 5:30-6:30pm | Sept. 4 TKD 6-7pm | Sept. 5 | Sept. 6 AA 10:30am #350 |

AHEAD IN SEPT: 1ST-LABOR DAY-OFFICE CLOSED 8TH—Council Meeting 13th—BBQ Dinner 16th-Mary & Martha Women's Grp 17th-Men's Lunch 11:30am @ Chimi's

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