

Rev. Dr. Carol Trissell

## 'Dream a little dream'

Today I carried my brown bag lunch into the Fellowship Hall. While I was eating there alone, I tried to imagine the dreams for Ivy Chapel that were shared in that first sanctuary of the church. Did the people who bought this property envision all that has come to pass since that time? I doubt they could see it all, but the dreams God sparked in their hearts then has led us to this very moment.

The Stewardship Theme for this year is "Dreaming God's Dream: No Gift Too Small, No Dream Too Big." When I first read it, I immediately connected this phrase with the interim transition process. The purposes of an intentional interim process are to assist the church to grieve their former pastor's leaving, to embrace all of the church's history, to listen to the Spirit speaking through the membership, and to dream God's dream for the church both today and into the future.

In October, the Interim Transition Team will begin their work to fulfill those purposes. Those team members, working alongside me, will begin to listen to what you believe God is saying to Ivy Chapel about who we are and who we are becoming. We will gather information in a variety of ways, including individual surveys, large group gatherings, and informal input from our congregants and community.

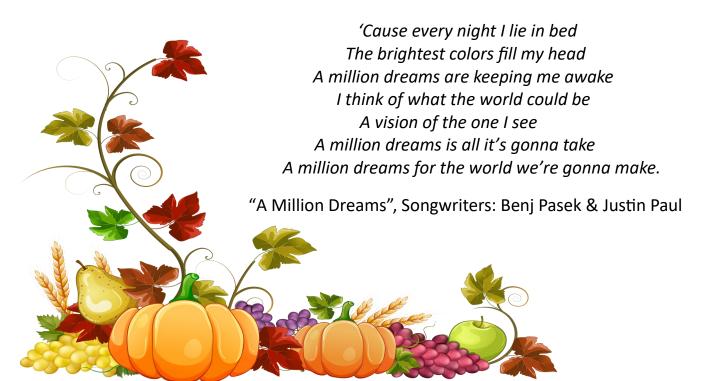
We will also do some visioning/dreaming about the future grounded in our foundational documents: the United Church of Christ purpose, vision, and mission statements; Ivy Chapel's mission statement; and our Open and Affirming Covenant. In our dreaming, we may need to update our mission statement or draft other covenants to lead us forward. You as a church will decide that. I am here to facilitate these processes, not to determine the result. This information will be provided to the pastoral search committee to seek a pastor to join you in fulfilling God's dreams for Ivy Chapel.

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So, "dream a little dream" with me.

Imagine who God wants Ivy Chapel to welcome and embrace.

Envision the ministries God would have us continue or begin to share God's love with people who are searching for a place to call home, searching for peace from the chaos around us, searching for unconditional love and acceptance.



## Scripture Worship

**5 Oct 2025, Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost:** Lamentations 1:1-6, Habakkuk 1:1-4 and 2:1-4, Lamentations 3:19-26 or Psalm 137, Psalm 37:1-9, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10

**12** Oct **2025**, Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Jeremiah 29:1 and 4-7, 2 Kings 5:1-3 and 7-15c, Psalm 66:1-12, Psalm 111, 2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19

**19 Oct 2025, Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost:** Jeremiah 31:27-34, Genesis 32:22-31, Psalm 119:97-104, Psalm 121, 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5, Luke 18:1-8

**26 Oct 2025, Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost:** Joel 2:23-32, Sirach 35:12-17 or Jeremiah 14:7-10 and 19-22, Psalm 65, Psalm 84:1-7, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14

**2 Nov 2025, Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost:** Habakkuk 1:1-4 and 2:1-4, Isaiah 1:10-18, Psalm 119:137-144, Psalm 32:1-7, 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4 and 11-12, Luke 19:1-10





## 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.

<u>Please click here to go directly to the updated page – Our Pastor Search.</u>

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 Interim Transition Team has been formed ad will be having their first meeting September 30th to start to organize and plan how to approach the next few months and the quest for a Settled Pastor.



## September Council Lifted Up:



Linda Lowry for her dedication to creating consistent, high-quality weekly worship bulletins and her proactive coordination with every one involved.



Linda Lowry and Jo Ann Moody for their extensive youth program planning and commitment.

## "Dreaming God's Dream: No Gift Too Small, No Dream Too Big"

Ivy Chapel UCC is holding its annual Stewardship Campaign in October. This year's theme is "Dreaming God's Dream: No Gift Too Small, No Dream Too Big".

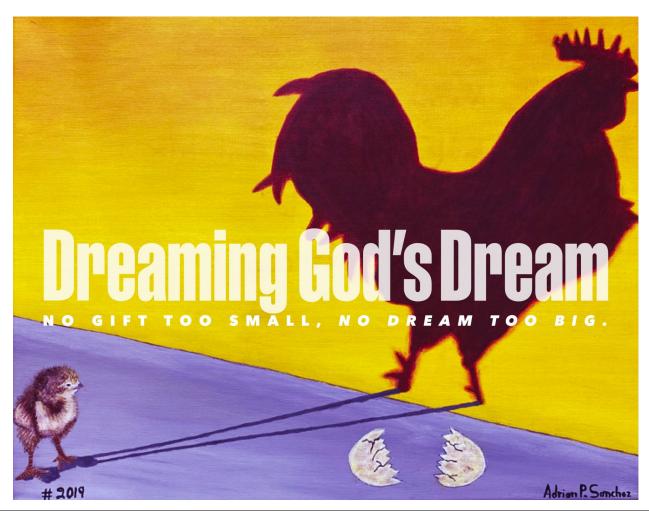
Kickoff Sunday will be on Sunday, September 28. After pausing to participate in World Communion Sunday on October 5, the campaign focus in worship will be October 12, October 19, and October 26. Themes for those Sundays will feature Ivy members offering ministry moments respectively on Dreaming God's Dream in Action, Dreaming God's Dream in Education, and Dreaming God's Dream in Connection.

Worship music, scriptures, and messages will also focus on these themes.

Pledge cards will be mailed to members and also available in the narthex.

Consecration Sunday will be on October 26 to collect and bless our pledges.

Following worship on the 26<sup>th</sup> we will have a fellowship meal. More details about this campaign and the fellowship meal coming soon.



## TOTENFEST

#### Sunday, November 2nd, 2025

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 2nd. 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 26th. A printed list will be posted just outside Pastor Carol'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 7th. Thank you.

Please return by Sunday, October 26 <sup>th</sup>	to
the church office OR email Kara:	
ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org	
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1) The NAME OF LOVED ONE:
(2) YOUR RELATIONSHIP to the loved one

# World Communion Sunday Neighbors In Need Offering

On **Sunday**, <u>Oct. 5</u>, along with our Christian siblings all over the world this day, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion during worship!

Rejoice!

This Sunday also is the occasion for our Neighbors In Need (NIN) Special Offering Appeal. The Neighbors in Need offering supports ministries of justice and compassion, with one-third of the offering given to the Council for American Indian Ministries and the remaining two-thirds supporting UCC justice ministries.

So far in 2025, the Neighbors in Need Offering has supported 26 grant recipients across the UCC who were engaged in projects of direct service and advocacy.

May we give generously to Neighbors In Need.



#### **Every Child's Hope Halloween Candy Drive**

We are again collecting donations for Every Child's Hope for Halloween. The kids have requested sour candy or Skittles over chocolate. They also enjoy chips and other snack food. There will be a container in the Narthex starting this Sunday through October 26th.

Thank you for remembering the children at ECH.

## FALL BRO THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who helped and came to enjoy the food and fellowship at our Annual BBQ. A big thank you to all those who helped prep, cooked and helped to clean up afterwards— we couldn't have done it without you!

We look forward to next year!

## Mary Martha Wmns Grp

The Mary and Martha Women's Group met on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> and were happy to have Linda Ledbetter back with us after several months of health issues. Our next meeting is 1 p.m. on Tue., October 21<sup>st</sup> and it was decided we would make decorative nut and mint cup favors for Lydia's House for their communal Thanksgiving Dinner at this meeting.

After the meeting four of us adjourned to the kitchen where we scrubbed and organized a couple of sections. We hope to continue these efforts in the wintertime.

## Trustees

Grass cutting continues but due to the dry weather, with less regularity. The gutters on the church were sealed before they fill up with leaves.

In preparation for the September BBQ, the grounds were cleared of tree branches, the sign updated and hung along Woods Mill Rd., and assistance given to the setup and clean up of the event.

The next scheduled trash pickup of Woods Mill Road is Sunday, November 2.



## Calling ALL Youth



### Starting this month!

Confirmation Class: This is for youth currently in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade or higher will begin in October. Classes are planned for 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays after worship.

Sessions will be 1 hour in length and food will be provided.

For more information contact Linda Lowry or Pastor Carol, pastorcarol@ivychapel.org or call the church office—314-434-4991

"Faith 101": This is for youth in 5th, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grades will begin in October. Classes are planned on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month after worship. Sessions will be less than 1 hour in length and food will be provided. For more information, contact Linda Lowry, Jo Ann Moody or Pastor Carol, <a href="mailto:pastorcarol@ivychapel.org">pastorcarol@ivychapel.org</a> or call the church office 314-434-4991.

## Spread the word about Ivy!

Please follow/like Ivy Chapel
United Church of Christ on
Facebook. Upcoming events will be
posted which can be
shared with friends. This
is an easy way to invite
others to join us!



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

a Blood Drive on
Thursday Nov. 6th

Look for more information to come in future KYPs and Vines.

Give Blood-Save a Life

Ivy Cares:

One of Ivy Chapel's many strengths is our commitment and ability 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 KYP or 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.

## Ivy Information Worship with US! Connect with Ivy

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



<mark>‱www.ivychapel.org</mark> >



YouTube-

The Lord's Supper: first Sunday of the month

www.facebook.com/lvyChapel-



#### **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.

> Pastor Carol Trissel: pastorcarol@ivvchapel.org /314-434-4991 Office Hours: Tues/Thurs-10am-2pm, Wed-9am-3pm

Office Administrator-Kara White: ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org /314-434-4991 Office hours: Monday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 9:30AM-2:30PM

Minister of Music: Bob Meinz

Custodian – Alondra Ramirez

Community Happenings

## Drive-thru

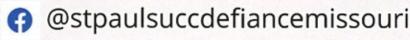
## **Chicken Dinner**

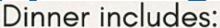
Inside seating available.

150 Defiance Road

Defiance, MO 63341 \$15

11:00 am - 5:00 pm





- 1/2 of a fried chicken
- Mashed potatoes, with gravy on the side
- Hot vegetable
- Special-recipe cole slaw
- Homestyle applesauce
- Delectable desserts
- Bottled water available

FRESH APPLE BUTTER and QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS available, too!



#### Friedens UCC

Sausage & Beef Supper Sunday, October 5, 2025 11:00 am—5:30 pm 1703 Old Highway 94 So. St. Charles, MO 63303

Adults \$15.00 Children (6-12) \$7.00 Carry out available \$15.00



Be sure to check out the Fellowship Hall bulletin board for more community events!



## Happy Birthday to ...

Happy Anniversary to...

1 Kevin Wilking

4 Evelyn Stecher

8 Rose Louise Share

10Jennifer Faust & Mark Moody

13 Rudolf "Rudi" Lauer

19 Adam Durham

20 Don Wolff

Thom and Kathryn Kuntzman 10/20/1985 Erin (Moody) and Scott Bowman 10/24/2020



## Serving God's People-August Schedules

### Liturgists

# 5 Oct Jo Ann Moody 12 Oct John Weiland 19 Oct Linda Lowry 26 Oct Jim French

### **Greeter/Ushers**

5 Oct	—Frank Purviance and John Weiland communion preparer Jan Wirtz
12 Oct	—Kathryn Kuntzman and Jack Molyneaux
19 Oct	— Kay and Earl Kreder
26 Oct	— Dottie Foster and Gail Thoele

### **CARE CORPS**



> ост — 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 <a href="#">AND let Gail Thoele know</a> 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: Isaiah 58 Cares 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
	†O/ 025	Gp	<b>1</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>2</b> AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 6-7pm	3	<b>4</b> AA 10:30am #350
5 17th S aft Pentecost grn  10am Worship  World	<b>6</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>7</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>8</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	9 AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm	10 Square dancing	<b>11</b> AA 10:30am #350
Communion Day AA 6pm YR		Deacons-7pm Zoom			3:30-5:30pm 7-9pm	
<b>12</b> 18th S aft Pentecost grn	13	14	15	16	17	18
10am Worship  AA 6pm YR	TKD 5:30-6:30pm Council Mtg 7pm	AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	Men's Luncheon 11:30am-	AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm		AA 10:30am #350
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AA 6pm YR		Mary & Martha Wms Grp 1pm				
<b>26</b> 20th S aft Pentecost grn		28	29	30	31	November 1 AA 10:30am #350
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Consecration Sunday						
AA 6pm YR						

AHEAD IN NOV: 2<sup>ND</sup>-TOTENFEST 4<sup>TH</sup>- ELECTION DAY 6<sup>TH</sup>- BLOOD DRIVE 4-7 10<sup>TH</sup>—Council Meeting 18<sup>th</sup>-Mary & Martha Women's Grp 19<sup>th</sup>-Men's Lunch 11:30am @ Spiro's 23<sup>rd</sup>-Thanksgiving Gathering with St. Johns' 27<sup>th</sup>-Thanksgiving 29<sup>th</sup>-Hanging of the Greens Prep 30<sup>th</sup>-First Advent and Hanging of the Greens

KYP=KEEPING YOU POSTED		EMMP=Eric Moody Memorial Pavilion		AA=Alcoholics Anonymous JRWP=JUNIPER ROOT WOODLAND PRESCHOOL TKD= INERTIA MARTIAL ARTS	
	Monday JRWP 8:30-3:30	Tuesday JRWP 8:30-3:30		Thursday JRWP 8:30-3:30	Friday JRWP 8:30-3:30

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