



# The Ivy Vine

September  
2025



Rev. Dr. Carol Trissell

## Getting to Know You

Music speaks to me. One of the things you will learn about me is how much musical lyrics remain in my memory. If you asked my chaplain colleagues at St. Louis University Hospital, they would tell you an off-hand phrase has frequently led to me singing (somewhat off-key), the lyrics to a song which contain that phrase.

The lyrics which reflect my most important task at Ivy Chapel at this moment is from Rodgers and Hammerstein's *The King and I*: "Getting to know you. Getting to know all about you."

Currently, I am studying the history of Ivy Chapel. I have on my desk the Purpose Statement, Vision Statement, and Mission Statement of the United Church of Christ, the Mission Statement of Ivy Chapel, and your Open and Affirming Covenant. All these historical documents and statements give me an image of who you have been as a faith community. They speak of what is important to you.

These documents are a foundation upon which we can build during this interim process. We will reflect upon them, pray over them, and listen to what the Spirit is speaking to us today. For what has been in the past has led us to this moment. It is our foundation, but it is not our walls. The future of Ivy Chapel is not bound by what has happened in the past because the Spirit of God cannot be limited only to the familiar and the known.

The Spirit will speak to who Ivy Chapel is becoming, the importance of which cannot be overstated. It is vital to have that vision for it will guide the Pastoral Search Committee in selecting a candidate who has the ability and the call to lead and equip the members of Ivy Chapel to fulfill that vision.

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Stepping out into the unknown can be scary. The vast majority of us as human beings like familiarity, not change. I invite you to join me as we explore what God has in store for us at Ivy Chapel. This reminds me of another song by Randy Newman. May it bring a smile and lighten our hearts as we journey forward together.

You've got a friend in me.  
You've got a friend in me.  
When the road looks rough ahead  
And you're miles and miles from your nice warm bed  
Just remember what your old pal said  
Boy, you've got a friend in me  
Yeah, you've got a friend in me.



## Scripture & Worship

**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

**14 Sept 2025, Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost:** Jeremiah 4:11-12 and 22-28, Exodus 32:7-14, Psalm 14, Psalm 51:1-10, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10

**21 Sept 2025, Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost:** Jeremiah 8:18-9:1, Amos 8:4-7, Psalm 79:1-9, Psalm 113, 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13

**28 Sept 2025, Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost:** Jeremiah 32:1-3a and 6-15, Amos 6:1a and 4-7, Psalm 91:1-6 and 14-16, Psalm 146, 1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31

**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



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# "Dreaming God's Dream"

## Ivy Chapel UCC Stewardship Journey

Our congregation's autumn stewardship journey will begin in September. The theme for this year's faith journey will be "Dreaming God's Dream: No Gift Too Small, No Dream Too Big". Our Ivy Chapel UCC Stewardship Committee Leaders look forward to sharing in this meaningful season with everyone as we focus on responding to God's invitation to grow in all facets of our discipleship and our giving. Let us all actively participate in this stewardship journey which will be celebrated in worship in late September and in October. Our "Dreaming God's Dream" journey will culminate on Consecration Sunday.

Dates for these special worship services will be announced soon.





# FALL BBQ

Mark your calendar to join us on Saturday, Sept.13th from 5-7pm for the Fall BBQ Fundraiser. Tickets are available for purchase from Gail Thoele on Sundays or online through our website or this link: [Ivy Chapel BBQ Tickets](#)

## Meal Prices:

\$15 —Adult Meal— hamburger or bratwurst with sides and dessert

\$5 — Child Meal— hot dog with sides and dessert

**Sides available**-baked beans, chips, coleslaw, and potato salad

**Desserts available**— angel food cake and brownies



## 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—](#)

[IvyChapelUnitedChurchofChrist](#)

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

[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.

Pastor Carol Trissel :[pastorcarol@ivychapel.org](mailto:pastorcarol@ivychapel.org) /314-434-4991

Office Hours: Tues/Thurs— 10am-2pm, Wed-9am-3pm

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

# 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.



## August Council Lifted Up:



Pastor Carol's “Office Clean-up Crew”: Cindy and Matt Kettler, Kay Kreder, Kathryn and Tom Kuntzman. Michelle and Jo Ann Moody, and Don Wolff.



Frank Purviance, Don Wolff and Kara White for their help getting Pastor Carol settled at Ivy Chapel and in her office.



# Community News!!

## Coming Soon for Our Youth!

Confirmation Class 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 and the sessions will be 1 hour in length with food provided.



For more information contact Linda Lowry or Pastor Carol at [pastorcarol@ivychurch.org](mailto:pastorcarol@ivychurch.org) or call or email the church office.

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

The Mary and Martha Women's Group met on Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> and decided to make napkin ring favors for Lydia's House for their Thanksgiving Dinner Celebration. We will do this at our next meeting on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> and then present them to their representative who will come in October for an update to us about Lydia's House.

A heartfelt Thank You to the Bakers, Helpers and Buyers for Dessert for a Dollar. We will be sending **\$235.00** to Unleashing Potential because of your efforts and generosity!

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## Trustees

This month the Trustees replaced all lights in Fellowship Hall with LED lamps, with partial funding from Sat AA. The Pastor's office was painted, and the drapes and floor were cleaned for a fresh start for Pastor Carol. The grass has been cut weekly and the garden maintained. Woods Mill Rd was cleaned for STL County Highway. The new banner's were hung and lights moved to highlight them. The office was staffed daily while Kara was working from home.

# 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!

Ivy Chapel will be hosting  
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:

## 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](mailto:pastorcarol@ivychapel.org).



# Happy Birthday to ...

3 Sarah Heend  
Frank Purviance  
4 Gail Thoele  
6 Danny Faust  
7 Stuart Kirk  
11 Calvin Heend

15 Linda Lowry  
17 Holly Winship  
21 Richard Volz  
28 Richard Heend  
Jo Ann Moody  
30 Mark Gerdes



# Happy Anniversary to...



Gary and Sue Lindhorst  
9/11/1982  
Trish and Mark Baker  
9/23/2006  
Frank Pfau and Beth Noonan  
9/28/1996



## Serving God's People-August Schedules

### Liturgists

7 Sept	Julie McAlister
14 Sept	Ann Molyneaux
21 Sept	Diann Sheahan
28 Sept	Kathryn Kuntzman
5 Oct	Jo Ann Moody

### Greeter/Ushers

7 Sept — Kay and Earl Kreder <b>communion preparer Gail Thoele</b>
14 Sept — Diann and Jim Sheahan
21 Sept — Donna Grote and Jan Wirtz
28 Sept — Julie McAlister and Dave Mentzel
5 Oct — Frank Purviance and John Weiland <b>communion preparer Jan Wirtz</b>

### CARE CORPS



- SEP —Gail Thoele 314-576-0091
- OCT —Jan Wirtz 314740-7385

### 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
<b>2025</b>	<b>1 Labor Day</b> Office closed	<b>2</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>3</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>4</b> AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> AA 10:30am #350
<b>7</b> 13th S aft Pentecost grn <b>10am Worship</b>  Yoga 4-6 AA 6pm YR	<b>8</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>9</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm  Deacons-7pm Zoom	<b>10</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>11</b> AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm	<b>12</b>  Square dancing 3:30-5:30pm 7-9pm	<b>13</b> AA 10:30am #350  <b>BBQ Fundraiser 5-7pm</b>
<b>14</b> 14h S aft Pentecost grn <b>10am Worship</b>  Yoga 4-6 AA 6pm YR	<b>15</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm  <b>Council Mtg 7pm</b>	<b>16</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm  <b>Mary &amp; Martha Wms Grp 1pm</b>	<b>17</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm  <b>Men's Luncheon 11:30am Harpo's</b> <small>136 Hilltown Vllg Cntr Chstrfld</small>	<b>18</b> AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm  <b>The Ivy Vine Articles DUE</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> AA 10:30am #350  JRMS Fall Festival 2-6
<b>21</b> 15th S aft Pentecost grn <b>10am Worship</b>  Yoga 4-6 AA 6pm YR	<b>22</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>23</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>24</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>25</b> AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> AA 10:30am #350
<b>28</b> 16th S aft Pentecost grn <b>10am Worship</b>  Yoga 4-6 AA 6pm YR	<b>29</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>30</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>Oct 1</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>Oct 2</b> AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm	<b>Oct 3</b>	<b>Oct 4</b> AA 10:30am #350

**AHEAD IN OCT: 13<sup>TH</sup>—Council Meeting**  
**15<sup>th</sup>-Men's Lunch 11:30am @ Chimi's 21<sup>st</sup>-Mary & Martha Women's Grp**

<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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