



# *The Ivy Vine*

**November**  
**2025**



Rev. Dr. Carol Trissell

## **Give Thanks!**

In November our thoughts naturally turn to Thanksgiving. For some of us it is a much-anticipated time when we will gather around the table with loved ones. For others it is a time when we reflect on those who are no longer physically present to celebrate with us. For me, November is a bittersweet time. It is a mixture of joy and sadness. November is the month of my birth. November is also the month that my mother and brother passed away. As the years have passed most of my memories are joyous ones, which bring a smile to my face. Yet, I do still miss their physical presence.

Here at Ivy Chapel, we also remember those who are now here only in Spirit. We begin the month commemorating Totenfest – literal meaning “the festival of the dead”. In some of my previous churches, we called it All Souls Day. However it is named, it is a time to remember. A time to give thanks for those who touched our lives and have now gone on to the next life in the presence of God. This year we will remember some people who had a tremendous impact on our ministry. Their work is now done, and it is up to us to carry on.

In November we will gather with St. John’s UCC and St. Thomas UCC for a joint Thanksgiving meal. It will be a time of solidarity, a time to remember that we are participating with others this work of sharing the Good News. Our meal will be a time to gather with old friends and make new ones.

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Our month will conclude with Hanging of the Greens as we move into the Advent season. The theme of that first Sunday in Advent is Hope. We will also have a congregation meeting on that day to look forward into 2026 and the ministry we hope to accomplish.

This month is a microcosm of our Interim Process. We grieve that which is gone: the pastors who have led us previously; the people who have ministered to us and are no longer here; the ministries that gave us life but are now diminished or gone. Yet, it is also a time to look forward. It is a time to enter a new season of Hope. It is a time to dream of the ministry God still has for Ivy Chapel, which may be different but still just as needed. It is a time to let go. It is a time to take up. It is a time to give thanks for it all.



## Scripture & Worship

**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

**9 Nov 2025, Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost:** Haggai 1:15b—2:9, Job 19:23-27a, Psalm 145:1-5 and 17-21 or Psalm 98, Psalm 17:1-9, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5 and 13-17, Luke 20:27-38

**16 Nov 2025, Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost:** Isaiah 65:17-25, Malachi 4:1-2a, Isaiah 12, Psalm 98, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, Luke 21:5-19

**23 Nov 2025, Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost:** Jeremiah 23:1-6, Luke 1:68-79, Psalm 46, Colossians 1:11-20, Luke 23:33-43

### Season of Advent

**30 Nov 2025, First Sun of Advent:** Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122, Romans 13:11-14, Mathew 24:36-44

**7 Dec 2025, Second Sun of Advent:** Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7 and 18-19, Romans 15:4-13, Mathew 3:1-12



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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:

The Interim Transition Team will host a coffee fellowship after worship on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of November and December. You are invited to join us for coffee, a light snack, and conversation in the Fellowship Hall.

Team members are Dottie Foster, Jim French, Tom Glenn, Tara Lowry, Gail Thoele, Valerie Waterman, and Jan Wirtz. Please see one of our team members or Pastor Carol if you have questions or suggestions during our Interim transition process.

## October Council Lifted Up:

-  Mary & Martha's Women's Group for cleaning Ivy's kitchen, especially Kay Kreder for her “hands and knees” cleaning of the floor!
-  Linda Lowry, Tara Lowry and Jo Ann Moody for cleaning out the CE office and working with Ivy's youth.
-  Don Wolff for his tireless efforts to keep Ivy Chapel's livestream worship service “up and running”.
-  Kathryn Kuntzman for her moving Stewardship Moment on Christian Action at the October 12<sup>th</sup> worship.
-  Julie McAlister for stepping up at the “last minute” to provide worship music for several Sundays.

# Tri-Family Thanksgiving Feast

St. John's UCC will be hosting Thanksgiving Lunch for St. John's, St. Thomas and Ivy Chapel on Nov. 23rd at 11:30 am. Instead of gathering for a traditional service, we will gather around the table to break bread with one another just like the first Thanksgiving. Please sign up so we have plenty of turkey and bring your favorite Thanksgiving side or dessert to share.

Contact Kara in the office if you have any questions or issues.

Please RSVP [using this link](#) or the QR code ———>



## Buy-a-Bird



Isaiah 58 provides holiday meals to over 700 local families. Each family receives holiday groceries and gift cards to celebrate the season with joy and grace. If you wish to donate, please make checks out to Ivy Chapel, designate Buy-A-Bird and place in the offering plate. Donations can be made through December 14.

## Christmas Action

Share the joy and love of Christmas with the children and youth of Every Child's Hope!



This year we are collecting \$25 gift cards to Walmart or Amazon OR you can make a monetary donation of your choice so the staff can make a special purchase for a child.

Checks should be made out to Ivy Chapel (with ECH in the memo), and placed in the offering plate.

There are also envelopes on the table in the Narthex for donations.

The last day for giving is November 30th. Thank you!



## Looking Ahead:

Nov 2— Totenfest, Highway Clean-up, Confirmation after worship, **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS**

Coffee Fellowship after worship

Nov 6— ImpactLife Blood Drive

Nov 10— Council Meeting 7pm

Nov 16— Confirmation AND FAITH101 after worship

Coffee Fellowship after worship

Nov 18-Mary&Martha 1pm

Nov 19-Men's Luncheon-Spiros

Nov 23-Tri-Family Thanksgiving 11:30am

Nov 27-Thanksgiving

Nov 29-Hanging of the Greens Prep

Nov 30-Hanging of the Greens, First Advent, Congregational Meeting after worship



# Ivy Chapel News!!

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

The Mary and Martha Women's Group met on October 21<sup>st</sup> in the Multipurpose Room and were led in devotion by Dottie Foster with a poem about the power of Faith. We decided that in November we will meet on a Saturday with the women of Seven Pines to make a Thanksgiving Project with them. The date will probably be Nov. 8 or 15 depending on their plans. Details will be in the KYP as they become available. We worked together to decorate favors for Lydia's House communal Thanksgiving Dinner. These will be delivered to them soon.

## Trustees

We continue to mow the yard and keep the area free of broken branches. Repairs to toilets in both the men's and women's bathrooms were completed as well. A one-year rental was signed today for a Sunday Yoga class that will meet weekly from 4-5pm. Other rentals are continuing. The next scheduled trash pickup of Woods Mill Road is Sunday, November 2—we hope to see you there!

## Serving God's People

The Interim Transition Team is hosting a time of fellowship on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.



Join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and a light snack!

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS  
NOV 2<sup>nd</sup>!**

**Don't forget to set your  
clocks back a hour!**

The office will be closed from Oct.30<sup>th</sup>-Nov.4<sup>th</sup> while Kara is out of town and Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving holiday. Please use the after hours cell for any issues— 314-705-6822.

# Youth News

## Confirmation & Faith 101

We are so excited to announce that Confirmation and Faith 101 classes have begun! Confirmation class, led by Rev. Doni Driemeier-Showers and assisted by JoAnn Moody and Pastor Carol, is hosted for youth in 8th grade and up at 11:30 am on the first and third Sundays of the month. Faith 101 class, led by Tara Lowry and assisted by Linda Lowry, is also being held at 11:30 am on the third Sunday of the month for youth ages 11 and up. Classes are 1 hour in length and snacks are provided. Youth that are not participating in Confirmation are welcome to join Linda and Tara Lowry at 11:30 am on the first Sunday of the month to enjoy fun cartoons that teach important Bible lessons.

## Back to Sunday School

Sunday School has now been divided into two age groups. Youth from kindergarten to 7th grade are invited to come to Sunday School after the children's message on the first and third Sunday of the month. Our 8th grade and high school youth are encouraged to come and experience the full worship service on the first Sunday of the month, but will have Sunday School class on the third Sunday of the month.



## Christmas Pageant Casting Call

November is just around the corner,  
and with it, preparations for our  
Christmas Pageant.

The finalized Christmas Pageant date will be announced in the next couple of weeks so you can mark your calendars. Rehearsals will be held on Sundays during the church service. All youth from Pre-K to Senior High are encouraged to participate. Please reach out to Tara Lowry at [taralowry96@gmail.com](mailto:taralowry96@gmail.com) if interested.



# TOTENFEST

Each Ivy Chapel remembers our dear ones who have passed on to life eternal in the previous year during our special Totenfest service. This year we remember those listed below.

## Dear Ones

Dorothy Drury  
Glenda Bauman  
Erik Hagen  
Ron Williams  
Kevin Hirsch  
Rose Share  
Lelia "Lee" Headrick  
Ned High  
Margaret Herb  
Larry Cunningham Jr.  
Ed Crook  
Jean Fridkin

## Those Who are Remembering

Great Aunt of Tara and Valerie Waterman  
Mother of friend of Valerie Waterman  
Neighbor of Jack Molyneaux  
Husband of cousin of Ann Molyneaux  
Cousin of Ann Molyneaux  
Church member and beloved friend  
Church member and beloved friend  
Brother of Julie McAllister  
Friend of Jan and Bill Wirtz  
Friend of Jan and Bill Wirtz  
Cousin of Ivy member  
Friend of Ivy member



### Every Child's Hope Halloween Candy Drive

Thank you for all of your  
generous donations  
for the candy drive.

We were able to  
donate 60lbs of candy  
and treats!



Be sure you're signed up for your spot  
at the Ivy Chapel Blood Drive on  
Thursday Nov. 6th from 4-7:30 pm.  
You can scan the QR code below or follow this  
link, [Ivy Chapel Blood Drive](#).

**Give Blood  
Save a Life!**



# Happy Birthday to ...

5 Alicia Carr  
6 Erin Bowman  
10 Matthew Amsler  
11 Brenda Otterson  
12 Shannon Farrell & Ralph Weiland  
13 Norma Pasia



19 Julie Mc Allister  
20 Jennifer Wintrode & Tom Kuntzman  
22 Jackson McNeal

# Happy Anniversary to...



Bill and Jan Wirtz  
11/12/1983  
Stephen and Linda Lowry  
11/24/1979  
Valerie Waterman and John Parsons  
11/26/2005

## Serving God's People-November Schedules

### Liturgists

|        |                  |
|--------|------------------|
| 2 Nov  | Julie Mc Alister |
| 9 Nov  | Ann Molyneaux    |
| 16 Nov | Kathryn Kuntzman |
| 23 Nov | JoAnn Moody      |
| 30 Nov | Linda Lowry      |
| 7 Dec  | John Weiland     |

### Greeter/Ushers

|        |                                                                             |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2 Nov  | Frank Purviance and John Weiland<br><b>communion preparer Donna Grote</b>   |
| 9 Nov  | Kathryn Kuntzman and Jack Molyneaux                                         |
| 16 Nov | Donna Grote and Jan Wirtz                                                   |
| 23 Nov | Kay and Earl Kreder                                                         |
| 30 Nov | Julie McAlister and Dave Mentzel                                            |
| 7 Dec  | Dottie Foster and Gail Thoele<br><b>communion preparer Valerie Waterman</b> |

## CARE CORPS



- NOV — ANN MOLYNEAUX 314-878-0966
- DEC — Debbie Glenn 314-954-2286 and Evelyn Stecher 636-536-6542

### 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>

# Harvest Festival

ANNUAL  
 APPLES  
 AUTUMN  
 CELEBRATION  
 CONTESTS  
 CORN  
 CORNUCOPIA  
 CROPS  
 FARMER  
 FEASTING  
 FESTIVAL  
 FIELDS  
 GAMES  
 HARVEST  
 HAYRIDE  
 LEAVES  
 MERRIMENT  
 MUSIC  
 OCTOBER  
 PUMPKINS  
 REGIONAL  
 SCARECROW  
 SEPTEMBER  
 SQUASH



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

# 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

[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: [ivychapellucc@ivychapel.org](mailto:ivychapellucc@ivychapel.org) /314-434-4991

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

Minister of Music: Bob Meinz

Custodian— Alondra Ramirez

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Monday                                                               | Tuesday                                                                                                                | Wednesday                                                                                                              | Thursday                                                                                                     | Friday                                                      | Saturday                                                                        |
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|  <h1>November 2025</h1>                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                      |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                              |                                                             | <b>1</b><br>AA 10:30am #350                                                     |
| <b>2</b> 21st S aft Pentecost grn<br>Daylight Svg Time Ends<br>Sunday School K-7<br><b>10am Worship/†LS</b><br><b>TOTENFEST SUNDAY</b><br><br><b>Confirmation Class</b><br><b>11 am</b><br><br><b>HWY CLEAN-UP</b><br><b>AFTER WORSHIP</b><br><br>Yoga 4-5<br>AA 6pm YR | <b>3</b><br>TKD 5:30-6:30pm                                          | <b>4</b><br>AAS.O.S. 10-11am<br>AA 12pm #349<br>TKD 5:30-6:30pm<br><br>Election Day                                    | <b>5</b><br>TKD 5:30-6:30pm                                                                                            | <b>6</b><br>AA (Ladies #744)<br>10am<br><b>BLOOD DRIVE</b><br>4-7                                            | <b>7</b><br><br>Square dancing<br>3:30-5:30pm<br>7-9pm      | <b>8</b><br>AA 10:30am #350<br>Yoga— 12– 6                                      |
| <b>9</b> 22nd S aft Pentecost grn<br><br><b>10am Worship</b><br>Yoga— 12– 6<br><br>AA 6pm YR                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>10</b><br>TKD 5:30-6:30pm<br><br><b>Council Mtg</b><br><b>7pm</b> | <b>11</b><br>AAS.O.S. 10-11am<br>AA 12pm #349<br>TKD 5:30-6:30pm<br><br>Deacons-7pm<br>Zoom                            | <b>12</b><br>TKD 5:30-6:30pm                                                                                           | <b>13</b><br>AA (Ladies #744)<br>10am<br>TKD 6-7pm                                                           | <b>14</b><br><br><b>The Ivy Vine</b><br><b>Articles DUE</b> | <b>15</b><br>AA 10:30am #350                                                    |
| <b>16</b> 23rd S aft Pentecost grn<br>ALL Youth Sunday School<br><b>10am Worship</b><br><br><b>Confirmation Class</b><br><b>&amp;</b><br><b>Faith 101 —11 am</b><br>Yoga 4-5<br>AA 6pm YR                                                                               | <b>17</b><br>TKD 5:30-6:30pm                                         | <b>18</b><br>AAS.O.S. 10-11am<br>AA 12pm #349<br>TKD 5:30-6:30pm<br><br><b>Mary &amp; Martha</b><br><b>Wms Grp 1pm</b> | <b>19</b><br>TKD 5:30-6:30pm<br><br><b>Men's Luncheon</b><br><b>11:30am-</b><br><b>Spiro's</b> 1054 N<br>Woods Mill Rd | <b>20</b><br>AA (Ladies #744)<br>10am<br>TKD 6-7pm                                                           | <b>21</b>                                                   | <b>22</b><br>AA 10:30am #350                                                    |
| <b>23</b> Reign of Christ wht<br><b>10am Worship</b><br><br><b>Thanksgiving</b><br><b>Gathering with</b><br><b>St. Johns'</b><br>Yoga 4-5<br>AA 6pm YR                                                                                                                  | <b>24</b><br>TKD 5:30-6:30pm                                         | <b>25</b><br>AAS.O.S. 10-11am<br>AA 12pm #349<br>TKD 5:30-6:30pm                                                       | <b>26</b><br>TKD 5:30-6:30pm                                                                                           | <b>27</b><br>AA (Ladies #744)<br>10am<br>TKD 6-7pm<br><br><b>Thanksgiving</b><br><b>Day</b><br>Office Closed | <b>28</b><br><br>Office Closed                              | <b>29</b><br>AA 10:30am #350<br><br><b>Hanging of the</b><br><b>Greens Prep</b> |
| <b>30</b> 1st S OF ADVENT prpl<br><br><b>HANGING OF THE</b><br><b>GREENS</b><br><b>10am Worship</b><br>Yoga 4-5<br>AA 6pm YR                                                                                                                                            | December 1<br>TKD 5:30-6:30pm                                        | December 2<br>AAS.O.S. 10-11am<br>AA 12pm #349<br>TKD 5:30-6:30pm                                                      | December 3<br>TKD 5:30-6:30pm                                                                                          | December 4<br>AA (Ladies #744)<br>10am<br>TKD 6-7pm                                                          | December 5                                                  | December 6<br>AA 10:30am #350                                                   |

**AHEAD IN DEC: 8<sup>TH</sup>—Council Meeting 16<sup>th</sup>-Mary & Martha Women's Grp 17<sup>th</sup>-Men's Lunch 11:30am @ The Shack 21<sup>st</sup>--Children's Christmas Pageant 24<sup>th</sup>-Christmas Eve Services 5 pm**

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| <b>LS=THE LORD'S SUPPER</b><br><b>KYP=KEEPING YOU POSTED</b><br><b>M&amp;M GRP=MARY AND MARTHA WOMEN'S GROUP</b> |                          | <b>EMMP=Eric Moody Memorial Pavilion</b><br><b>SY=SANCTUARY</b> |                             | <b>AA=Alcoholics Anonymous</b><br><b>JRWP=JUNIPER ROOT WOODLAND PRESCHOOL</b><br><b>TKD= INERTIA MARTIAL ARTS</b> |                          |
|                                                                                                                  | Monday<br>JRWP 8:30-3:30 | Tuesday<br>JRWP 8:30-3:30                                       | Wednesday<br>JRWP 8:30-3:30 | Thursday<br>JRWP 8:30-3:30                                                                                        | Friday<br>JRWP 8:30-3:30 |

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