



## Welcome to Ivy Chapel UCC!

We're grateful you've joined us for Sunday Worship.

First Sunday of the month Communion is offered.

Nov. 23, 2025

Ivy Chapel's KYP  
(Keeping You Posted)



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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.

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



## A Thanksgiving Blessing

As we sit at table and rejoice in the mercy and goodness of the one God, may the bonds of friendship be strengthened, may our fellowship be a light in the darkness, and—most importantly—may we remember that in opening ourselves to each other we open ourselves to God.

## *Hanging of the Greens*

Be sure to join us Saturday, Nov. 29th at 9:30am to help 'Prep for Hanging of the Greens'. There will be coffee provided -all are welcome to come and help us prepare.

Then join us Sunday, November 30th during worship as we kick-off our celebration of this holiday season with the 'Hanging of the Greens'. That will be followed by decorating the tree with traditional Chrismons and learning about their special meanings.



## 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!



Order your poinsettia for Christmas!  
We will use them to decorate the altar on Christmas Eve and then you can take yours home to have for Christmas. They will be available for purchase for \$10 each from Donna Grote though Dec.14th.

The annual Congregational Meeting will be Nov. 30th, directly following worship, to discuss and approve the 2026 Budget, Slate of Officers, board members and delegates for our Association and Conference. Please contact the office if you need the Zoom link.



The office will be closed from Tues., Nov 25 – Sun., Nov 30th while Kara is out of town for the Thanksgiving holiday. Please use the after hours cell for any issues– 314-705-6822.

## Happy Anniversary to...

Stephen and Linda Lowry  
11/24/1979

Valerie Waterman & John Parsons  
11/26/2005



## IVY YOUTH Sundays

Nov.23— Grab a worship bag and join us for the service

Nov.30— Join us as we help to Hang the Greens during the service

## GREETER/ USHER

23 Nov — Kay and Earl Kreder

30 Nov — Julie McAlister and Dave Mentzel

## LITURGIST



23 Nov — JoAnn Moody

30 Nov — Linda Lowry



## CARE CORPS

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

➤ **Men's luncheon Dec 17 Massa's 14312 South Outer 40 Rd, Town and Country**

- OUTSIDE GROUPS: JUNIPER ROOT WOODLAND MICROSCHOOL M-F; SQUARE DANCING 2ND F; TKD M/T/W/TH; AA MEETINGS TUE & SAT, WOMEN'S TUE/THUR, YOUNG PEOPLE'S- SUN

# IVY YOUTH IN ACTION



Mark your calendars for Dec.21st to come and see  
“The Merry Mix-Up Pageant” during the 10 am worship service.  
Rehearsal will begin on Sun., Nov. 30th and will be held during the  
Sunday School portion of worship. All youth from Pre-K to Senior High  
are encouraged to participate. There will be a dress rehearsal the  
morning of Sat., Dec 20th-time tbd. Please reach out to Tara Lowry  
at [taralowry96@gmail.com](mailto:taralowry96@gmail.com) if interested.



## Looking Ahead:

- Nov.23— Grab a worship bag and join us for the service
- Nov.30— Come and help with the Hanging of the Greens and Chrismons  
“The Merry Mix-Up Pageant” Rehearsal during Sunday School
- Dec. 7— “The Merry Mix-Up Pageant” Rehearsal following the  
Youth Message  
Confirmation Class and FAITH101 meet after worship today
- Dec.14— “The Merry Mix-Up Pageant” Rehearsal during Sunday School
- Dec.17— Advent Storytelling-6pm
- Dec.20— “The Merry Mix-Up Pageant” Dress Rehearsal — time tbd
- Dec.21— “The Merry Mix-Up Pageant” during Worship  
**NO Confirmation Class or FAITH101 today**
- Dec.28— Grab a worship bag and join us for the service
- Dec.30— Christmas Party –6pm
- Jan. 4— Sunday School for kids up to seventh grade following  
the Youth Message  
Confirmation Class meets after worship today
- Jan.11— Grab a worship bag and join us for the service
- Jan.18— Sunday School for ALL youth following the children’s Message  
Confirmation Class meets after worship today

# You're Invited!

## ADVENT STORYTELLING



All children of God no matter their age are invited to come together for Advent Storytelling on Wednesday, December 17th. Starting at 6 pm in the Sanctuary, all are welcome to take turns reading Christmas books aloud by the light of the Christmas tree. Afterwards we will enjoy pizza, cookies, and hot chocolate in Fellowship Hall. Come share the Christmas Spirit! No RSVP required.

## YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY!

There is no Christmas Party like an Ivy Youth Christmas Party.



Youth from kindergarten to 12th grade are invited to come play games, watch Christmas movies, and enjoy tasty Christmas treats.

Linda and Steve Lowry have graciously offered to host the Youth Christmas Party at their home in the Creve Coeur area.

The Youth Christmas Party will be on Tuesday, December 30th at 6 pm.

# Youth Lock-In

Have you ever wondered what it's like to spend the night at Ivy Chapel?

Well, for our youth in 4th grade and up, they are about to find out!



The Youth Lock-In will be from 6 pm on Friday, January 23rd to 10 am on Saturday, January 24th. There will be food, there will be movies, there will be shenanigans! Dinner and breakfast will be provided, but please be sure to bring a sleeping bag, blanket, and pillow, as everyone will be sleeping on the floor (my old lady back can already imagine what that will be like). Please let Tara Lowry know if you plan on attending.

If you have any questions regarding any of the youth activities please contact Tara at [taralowry96@gmail.com](mailto:taralowry96@gmail.com) or 314-973-6284.