



Welcome to Ivy Chapel UCC!

We're grateful you've joined us for Sunday Worship.
First Sunday of the month Communion is offered.

Dec. 14, 2025

Ivy Chapel's KYP
(Keeping You Posted)

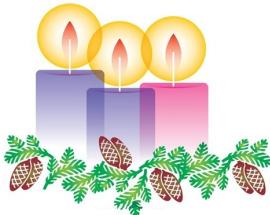


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<— www.facebook.com/IvyChapel www.ivychapel.org —>



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.

14 Dec 2025, Third Sun of Advent: Isaiah 35:1-10, Mathew 2:2-11



During this Advent Season we will explore the theme of
"Come to Us, Abide with Us"

Join us today as we light the Third Advent candle to
"Awaken Our Joy"

Advent Storytelling

All children of God no matter their age

are invited to come together for

Advent Storytelling on Wednesday, December 17th 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.

Christmas Poinsettias

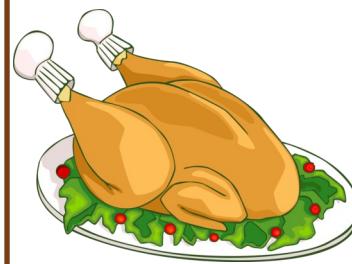
Today is the last day to order your
poinsettias for Christmas.

Be sure to
order yours for
\$10 each from
Donna Grote
TODAY!



Buy-A-Bird

Today is the last day
to donate
this year to
Isaiah 58's amazing Christmas drive.
They provide 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 today!

Men's Luncheon

This Wednesday, Dec 17 at The Shack-
12521 Olive Blvd., Creve Coeur.

Please contact Frank with any questions-314-603-1466.

THANK YOU



The special food gathering from Ivy before Thanksgiving for Isaiah 58 was delivered and very much appreciated.

Every Child's Hope received Ivy's generous contribution of gift cards and checks totaling \$790.

That helps 32 children have a gift for Christmas!

Ivy Chapel Staff Gifts 2025

As you know, we collect for Ivy Chapel staff Christmas gifts this time of year. If you would like to contribute, please make checks payable to Ivy Chapel UCC, with "Staff Gifts" on the memo line. You can designate your gift toward a specific staff member, or it will be divided according to a typical distribution used in past years. Please mail your check to Ivy Chapel to the attention of Financial Secretary Don Wolff no later than **Friday December 19th** or bring your check in person to worship service on **Sunday December 21st**.
—John Weiland — Moderator, Ivy Chapel UCC

Mary and Martha Wmnns Grp

No Mary and Martha Women's Group Meeting in December.
The next meeting will be Jan 20th to plan for 2026.

Dierberg's Gift Cards

Just a reminder that if you shop at Dierberg's, you can purchase Gift Cards in \$50.00 and \$100.00 amounts to pay for your groceries and Ivy Chapel will receive 5% of the value of the cards. They will be available in Fellowship Hall when we have a Coffee Hour or Lunch or you can get them anytime by calling Kay Kreder at 314-878-5296.

You can pick them up from her or she will bring them to you on the next Sunday.
They could be a wonderful Christmas gift for someone you know!



IVY YOUTH Sundays

Dec.14— "The Merry Mix-Up Pageant" Rehearsal during Sunday School
Dec.21— "The Merry Mix-Up Pageant" during Worship
NO Confirmation Class or FAITH101 today



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

12 Jane Farrell
13 Valerie Waterman

16 Emily Pfau
18 Gary Lindhorst
19 Audrey Farrell



GREETER/ USHER

14 Dec — Frank Purviance and John Weiland
21 Dec — Kathryn Kuntzman and Jack Molyneaux

CARE CORPS

► DEC — Debbie Glenn 314-954-2286 and Evelyn Stecher 636-536-6542

LITURGIST



14 Dec — Jo Ann Moody
21 Dec — Ivy Youth

► Men's luncheon Jan 21— Hunan Empress 164 Four Seasons Shopping Center

► 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

You're Invited!

ADVENT STORYTELLING

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THIS 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 or 314-973-6284.

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.
Dress rehearsal will be the morning of Sat., Dec 20th-time tbd.
Please reach out to Tara Lowry at taralowry96@gmail.com if interested.



Looking Ahead:

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 Children’s 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

FAITH 101 meets after worship today

Jan. 23-24 — Overnight LOCK-IN at Ivy Chapel- 6pm-10am

Jan.25— Grab a worship bag and join us for the service

Feb. 1—Sunday School for kids up to seventh grade following the Children’s Message

Confirmation Class meets after worship today

Feb.8— ‘SOUPER BOWL of CARING’ Sunday

Grab a worship bag and join us for the service

Feb.15— Sunday School for ALL youth following the Children’s Message

Confirmation Class meets after worship today

FAITH 101 meets after worship today

Feb 18— Ash Wednesday

Feb.22— Grab a worship bag and join us for the service