

# Welcome to Ivy Chapel UCC!

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

First Sunday of the month Communion is offered.

Dec. 7, 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.

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



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

Join us today as we light the  
Second Advent candle to  
"Empower Our **Peace**"

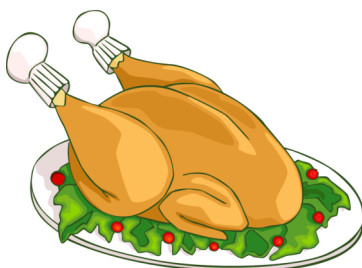
## Order your poinsettia for Christmas!

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.



## 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.

14 Dec 2025, Third Sun of Advent: Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146:5-10, James 5:7-10, Mathew 11: 2-11



The Interim Transition Team is hosting coffee fellowship on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays in January, February and March.

Mary and Martha Wmns Grp

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

## 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.

## 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. 7— "Merry Mix-Up Pageant" practice following the Children's Message  
Confirmation Class meets after worship today

Dec.14— "Merry Mix-Up Pageant" practice during Sunday School



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

8 Michael Winship  
10 Jan Wirtz

12 Jane Farrell  
13 Valerie Waterman

## GREETER/ USHER

7 Dec — Dottie Foster and Gail Thoele  
**communion preparer Valerie Waterman**  
14 Dec — Frank Purviance and John Weiland

## LITURGIST



7 Dec — John Weiland  
14 Dec — Jim French



## CARE CORPS

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

➤ Men's luncheon Dec 17 The Shack 12521 Olive Blvd. Creve Coeur

➤ 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!

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## 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.

# 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:

Dec. 7— “The Merry Mix-Up Pageant” Rehearsal following the Children’s 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 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.9— ‘SOUPER BOWL of CARING’ Sunday