



# The Ivy Vine

May  
2026



Rev. Dr. Carol Trissell

Over the last few months as your Intentional Interim Pastor, I have encouraged our community to look forward. We have made changes in our ministries and in our building to address where we are now and position us to step into the “not yet”. We have tried on some new things. We have reclaimed some elements of our past. We have hoped, dreamed, and imagined what can be as we anticipate a new Settled Pastor in the months ahead.

This month I am encouraging you to look back. Ivy Chapel United Church of Christ was founded on May 13, 1964. May is our anniversary month. May is a time to celebrate the relationships, the people, and the ministries that led us to who we are today. And there is much to celebrate! I have been blessed to review pictures and documents from our rich history. From ARKS to OWLS to clown appearances to mission trips to Instituto del Rey, Ivy Chapel was an active body of faith. We had an adult choir, a children’s choir, enjoyed outdoor gatherings, Harvest Festivals, Spaghetti dinners, and confirmation celebrations. You and I even have connections in the past: Ivy Chapel participated in the former breakfast ministry of my home church Epiphany UCC.

It is only natural when we look back to feel nostalgic. There are people in that past who were loved by us who are no longer physically present. Some have completed their work on earth and are celebrating in the presence of God. Some have moved away due to their work or other life situations. Some have left due to challenging moments in our church. It is only natural to our creation as human beings to feel some sorrow, regret, and sentimentality. Our church has naturally changed over the sixty plus years of our existence.

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All of this to say, let's embrace all our history in this month of May. Let's remember the high moments and the challenges. It's all a part of the mosaic named Ivy Chapel. To that end, on May 17<sup>th</sup>, we will have "Homecoming Sunday". Ivy's own Rev. Dr. Laura Hertenstein Mignerone will lead us in worship. We will share in a picnic style luncheon in our Fellowship Hall. We will have photos and memorabilia from our past to view. The Council has invited back former staff, former members, and members of our community to join us in this celebration. Please invite people you know to be our guests on this special commemoration of all we have experienced together.

*Creator God, we give you thanksgiving and praise for all you have done in our presence through these sixty-two years. We are grateful for all the people who have walked through our doors in the many seasons of our past. We are blessed for the opportunities we have had to share your love in various ways. May all that was, all that is, and all that will ever be bring glory and honor to your name! Amen.*

## Scripture <sup>for</sup> Worship

**3 May 2026, Fifth Sun of Easter:** Acts 7:55-60, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16, 1 Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14

**10 May 2026, Sixth Sun of Easter:** Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:8-20, 1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21

**17 May 2026, Seventh Sun of Easter— Ivy Homecoming:** Acts 1:6-14, Psalm 68:1-10,32-35, 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11, John 17:1-11

**24 May 2026, Pentecost Sun:** Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30, Psalm 104:24-34 and 35b, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21, John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

**31 May 2026, Trinity Sun, First Sunday after Pentecost:** Genesis 1:1—2:4a, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20

**7 June 2026 Second Sun after Pentecost:** Genesis 12:1-9, Psalm 33:1-12, Romans 4:13-25, Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

All of the scripture we use for worship can be found through this website through the Vanderbilt University library's lectionary collection. [www.lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu](http://www.lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu)

# 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.

## SEARCH UPDATE:

The committee has met and begun to formulate a plan to move forward with our search for Ivy's new Settled Pastor. They will be working with the Missouri Mid-South Conference leadership to find suitable candidates for the future envisioned for Ivy. We will continue to update you all on our next steps and with any additional news.

Thank you for your continued support of the committee and Ivy.



## April Council Lifted Up:



Tara Lowry, Ivy youth, Valerie Waterman and Bob Mainz for the joyous music on Palm Sunday.



Rich Heend, his colleague Beth Bennett, and Kara White, Ivy's Office Administrator, for their combined efforts on Ivy Chapel's new website.



Kathryn Kuntzman for her celebration of Irish music at the March 15<sup>th</sup> worship service.

# Save the Date for Ivy's Homecoming Celebration!

ANNUAL CHURCH  
*Homecoming*



Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 17th and plan to join us in as we are blessed with a special message from Ivy's own, Rev. Dr. Laura Mignerone.

Following worship, we invite everyone to join us for a Homecoming Picnic in Fellowship Hall. A picnic style luncheon will be provided for this time of Fellowship as we reflect on Ivy's past, celebrate the present and look towards our bright future! Please contact the office to RSVP by May 14th or if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

## FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP

Due to the wonderful participation and feedback from all, we will be continuing to offer weekly community time after worship in Fellowship Hall. Each Sunday a different group will be putting together the drinks and treats for everyone to share. If you would like to help or "sponsor" a specific Sunday to set-up up the community time please let Kara know and she will add you to the schedule.



## Summer Collection

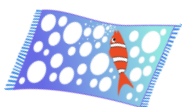


Summer is coming and the youth at Every Child's Hope are looking forward to swim lessons and a fun time in the pool.

We are gathering new beach towels, dive toys, goggles and adult flip flops.

**All are needed but our goal is 30 towels!**

Place items in the container in the narthex May 10, 17, and 24. If you would like us to shop for you, place the donation in an envelope marked ECH in the offering plate. The kids thank



SIGN UP NOW for Ivy's

 **ImpactLife**  
**SPRING BLOOD DRIVE**

Ivy Chapel UCC is hosting an Impact Life Blood Drive **4 to 7 pm Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**. Blood Donations are in high demand and **YOUR** blood donation is much needed.



**Sign up here online:**  
[bloodcenter.org/group](http://bloodcenter.org/group)  
Grp#10670



Or scan this code —>

**Thank you  
for giving the Gift of Life!**



# IVY YOUTH IN ACTION

Thank you to all who supported the Youth Easter Cookie Fundraiser. The youth made and decorated cookies that were shared AND sold on Easter Sunday. They were delicious and a much appreciated alternative to the chocolate and sugary candy for that day.



It is time to sign up for Summer Camp at MoVal!



This year's sessions include:

June 21-26—High School Camp (grades 9-12)

June 28-July 2— Family Camp (all ages)

July 5– 10—All Ages Camp #1 (grades 3-9)

July 12-17—All Ages Camp#2 (grades 3-9)

July 19-23— Adventures in Community (ages 18+)

For more information please check online at : [missourimidsouth.org/camp-moval](http://missourimidsouth.org/camp-moval)

The Confirmation Class and YOUTH101 class will be taking a pause for the summer.

They will start up again closer to school starting — be on the look out for more information regarding the dates and timing for the classes.

Sunday School will still happen on the first and third Sundays of the month after the Children's Worship portion of the service.

Be sure to stay up to date with everything related to Ivy Youth by following us on Instagram and Facebook. All of our activities are also posted on the Youth page of the Ivy website.

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 Updates

## Mary<sup>and</sup>Martha Wmns Grp

The Mary and Martha Women's Club met on April 21<sup>st</sup> in Pastor Carol's Office. A devotion from Kay Kreder was a hymn that was a favorite of past member, Helen Kersten. It is called I Heard a Forest Praying and speaks about how trees are used and their worth.

Pastor Carol talked with us about Autism and the spectrum it encompasses. We also learned some of the typical behaviors and ways of responding to them. She told us about her son, Nathaniel, who is autistic. Thank you Pastor Carol

Next month a special program will be presented by Dave Mentzel who did a Mission Trip to Uganda, Africa in January. Everyone at Ivy is invited to come and hear his experiences there. We will meet at 2 p.m. and light refreshments will be served. Dave accompanied his daughter who is a nurse in a group of nurses that made the trip. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex so we can set up accordingly. We hope everyone will join us.

Watch the KYP for additional information.

## Rummage Sale THANK YOU!!!

A giant thank you to everyone who donated, helped organize, helped the day of the sale and helped clean up.

We made over \$1500!!! Which means we were able to donate \$150 to Ritenour Co-Care Pantry.

## Lydia's House Spring Sheet Collection

Thank You for all your donations for the collection of twin sheets for Lydia's House for Abused Women and Children.

It was great success and they were very appreciative for everything.

Thank you for your generosity yet again Ivy!



# Happy Birthday to ...

- 1 Ann Molyneaux  
Bill Wirtz
- 2 Adam James
- 9 Pat Winship
- 10 Jamie Del Carmen  
Bradley Kuntzman
- 14 Alex Kuntzman
- 18 Amanda Dunham
- 21 Tom Glenn
- 25 Trish Baker



# Happy Anniversary to...

5/26/1962  
Rudolph and Heide Lauer



5/26/2007  
Shannon and Paul Farrell



5/26/2018  
Katie and Matt Amsler

## Serving God's People-May Schedules

### Liturgists

3 May	Jo Ann Moody
10 May	John Weiland
17 May	Linda Lowry
24 May	Jim French
31 May	Julie McAllister
7 June	Kathryn Kuntzman

### Greeter/Ushers

3 May	Julie McAllister and Dave Mentzel <b>Communion preparer Gail Thoele</b>
10 May	Diann and Jim Sheahan
17 May	Frank Purviance and John Weiland
24 May	Dottie Foster and Gail Thoele
31 May	Kathryn Kuntzman and Jack Molyneaux
7 June	Donna Grote and Jan Wirtz <b>Communion prep Valerie Waterman</b>

### CARE CORPS

<b>MAY</b>	<b>JUNE</b>
Kathryn Kuntzman 636-391-8468 Kay Kreder 314-878-5296	Diann Sheahan 314-275-2913 Ann Molyneaux 314-878-0966

### 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!**



PLEASE CHECK OUT IVY'S  
NEW WEBSITE!!!



If you have any questions or suggestions please contact the office— we would love feedback! 😊

Spread the word and be sure to follow/like Ivy Chapel United Church of Christ on Facebook AND Instagram. Upcoming events will be posted which can be shared with friends. This is an easy way to invite others to join us!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING RENTING SPACE AT IVY CHAPEL PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT 314-434-4991 OR IVYCHAPELUCC@IVYCHAPEL.ORG**

Be sure to check out the Fellowship Hall bulletin board throughout each month to see news and events from our sister churches and organizations we partner with and support. If you would like to have a flyer placed on the bulletin board please contact the office for more information at 314-434-4991 or ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org.

**E-KYP (E-KEEPING YOU POSTED)**  
By end of any Wednesday  
Send your news to Ivy Chapel  
ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org emailed every Friday.

### 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 **SIDE SHELF**. 636-861-2623  
[www.circleofconcern.org/](http://www.circleofconcern.org/)



**RITENOUR CO-CARE FOOD PANTRY:** Place food and personal care items on **2nd SHELF**.  
[Rccfoodpantry.org](http://Rccfoodpantry.org)



**Isaiah 58 Ministries Bag of Blessings** list on FH bulletin board. Place on **3rd-4th SHELVES**:  
[.i58ministries.org/](http://.i58ministries.org/)



**INSTITUTO EL REY:** Explore the website how YOU can help students in rural northern Honduras pursue their dreams.  
[ierschool.org](http://ierschool.org)



**Every Child's Hope:**  
[everychildshope.org](http://everychildshope.org)



**Lydia's House:**  
[www.lydiashouse.org](http://www.lydiashouse.org)



**UP—Unleashing Potential:** [upstl.org](http://upstl.org)



**Emmaus House :** [emmaushomes.org](http://emmaushomes.org)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>2</b> AA 10:30am #350
<b>3</b> 4th S of Easter wht <b>10am Worship/</b> ✠LS  Yoga 4-5 AA 6pm YR	<b>4</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>5</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 KD 5:30-6:30pm  Deacons-7pm Zoom	<b>6</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>7</b> AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 6-7pm  <b>Blood Drive</b> <b>4:30-7pm</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> AA 10:30am #350
<b>10</b> 5th S of Easter wht <b>10am Worship</b>  <b>Mother's Day</b> Yoga 4-5 AA 6pm YR	<b>11</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm  <b>Council Mtg</b> <b>7pm</b>	<b>12</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 KD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>13</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>14</b> AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 6-7pm	<b>15</b>  Square dancing 3:30-5:30pm 7-9pm  <b>The Ivy Vine</b> <b>Articles DUE</b>	<b>16</b> AA 10:30am #350
<b>17</b> 6th S of Easter wht <b>10am Worship</b>  Yoga 4-5 AA 6pm YR	<b>18</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>19</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 KD 5:30-6:30pm <b>Mary &amp; Martha</b> <b>Wms Grp 1pm</b>	<b>20</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm  <b>Men's</b> <b>Luncheon</b> <b>11:30am</b> <b>The Country</b> <b>Club</b> 288 Lamp and Lantern Village, 636-256-7201	<b>21</b> AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 6-7pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> AA 10:30am #350
<b>24</b> <b>PENTECOST SUN</b> <b>10am Worship</b>  Yoga 4-5 AA 6pm YR	<b>25</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm <b>Memorial Day</b>  <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>26</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 KD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>27</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>28</b> AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 6-7pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> AA 10:30am #350
<b>31</b> <b>TRINITY SUN</b> wht <b>10am Worship</b>  Yoga 4-5 AA 6pm YR	June 1 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	June 2 AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	June 3 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	June 4 AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 6-7pm	June 5	June 6

**AHEAD IN JUNE: 2<sup>rd</sup> Deacons 7pm 8<sup>th</sup>—Council Meeting 7pm via Zoom 16<sup>th</sup>—Mary & Martha Meets @ 1pm 17<sup>th</sup>— Luncheon 11:30am 21<sup>st</sup>—Father's Day**

Juniper Root Micro School meets daily, Monday-Friday, from 8:30-3:30

LS=THE LORD'S SUPPER  
KYP=KEEPING YOU POSTED  
M&M GRP=MARY AND MARTHA WOMEN'S GROUP

FH = Fellowship Hall  
EMMP=Eric Moody Memorial Pavilion  
SY=SANCTUARY

AA=Alcoholics Anonymous  
JRWP=JUNIPER ROOT WOODLAND PRESCHOOL  
TKD= INERTIA MARTIAL ARTS

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