



The Ivy Vine

July
2026



Rev. Dr. Carol Trissell

Each year after Christmas and before New Year's Day, it is common for us as human beings to reflect back on the year that is ending. The word "retrospective" is drawn from a Latin word that is translated as "to look back". According to Merriam Webster, a retrospective is "an analysis, review, or contemplation of past events, experiences, or produced works."

July brings an end to the first 12 months of my ministry with Ivy Chapel as Interim Pastor. I have been contemplating what we have accomplished together. My retrospective on outreach to our community has been presented to the Council and will be shared with the congregation in August. There will be other reports to complete and present in the near future as well.

As an internal processor, I have been spent time sitting in the sanctuary, looking through photos, praying, and remembering. To create a shared retrospective, this all has to stir around inside my spirit. Then I add a healthy dose of self-awareness (thank you, clinical pastoral education!). Finally, I listen for the Spirit to speak before sharing with you all.

As of this moment, it is still processing.

More than any task or plan, I want to express my gratitude to all of you as community members of Ivy Chapel. These 12 months have energized dormant gifts God had given me. They have stretched my spiritual discipline of study and reflection needed for weekly preaching and writing devotionals. They have led me to strive to be a better pastor and a better person than ever before.

In summary, I have been richly blessed!

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This community known as Ivy Chapel deserves the very best any Pastor can offer. Your compassion for others, your genuine joy in being together, and your willingness to open these doors so that “whosoever” may come to know Christ, are fruits of the Spirit evident in this place. Ivy Chapel is not perfect. No gathering of human beings is perfect. Yet, I see in you a hope to grow, to continue, and to expand your reach so that others may experience what you have already discovered in community with God and with one another.

*May the grace of God our Creator,
the love of Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
and peace of the Holy Spirit our Sustainer
be with you all!*



Scripture ^{of} Worship

5 July 2023, Sixth Sun after Pentecost: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67, Psalm 45:10-17, Romans 7:15-25a, Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

12 July 2026, Seventh Sun after Pentecost: Genesis 25:19-34, Psalm 119:105-112, Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

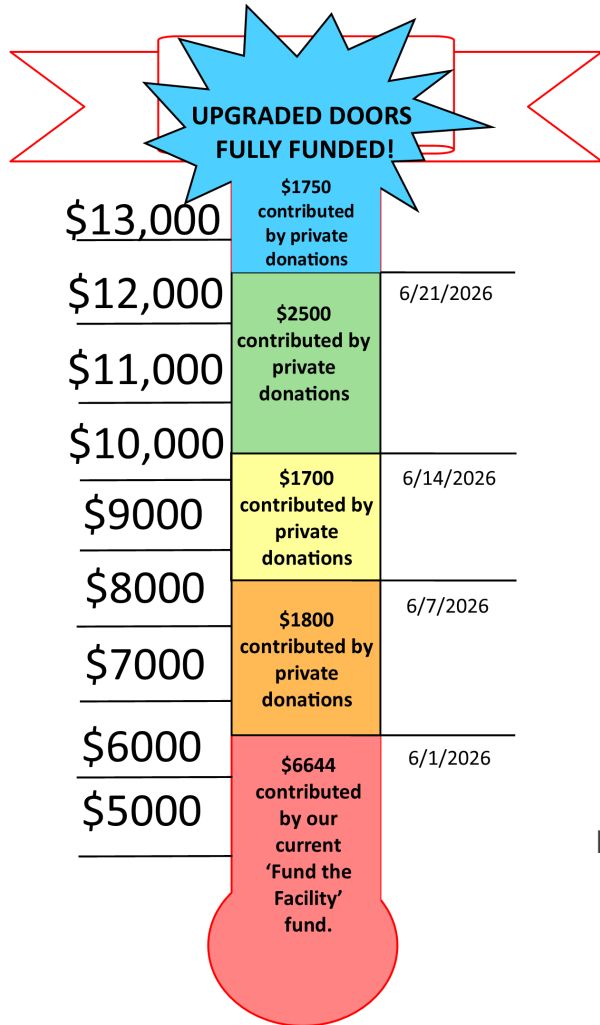
19 July 2026, Eighth Sun after Pentecost: Genesis 28:10-19a, Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24, Romans 8:12-25, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

26 July 2026, Ninth Sun after Pentecost: Genesis 29:15-28, Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128, Romans 8:26-39, Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

2 Aug 2026, Tenth Sun after Pentecost: Genesis 32:22-31, Psalm 17:1-7, 15, Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21

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

Door Upgrades Update



THANK YOU!

Ivy Chapel and community members continue to show their wonderful spirit and generous nature by FULLY FUNDING the upgrades to our front doors before the work began!

The doors are being upgraded June 30th and July 1st and the new security measures finalized on July 2nd and will be ready to welcome everyone to Sunday worship on July 5th— we hope to see you there!

New Door Procedures Training

Mark your calendar for Sunday, July 19th at 11:30am to learn all about the safety upgrades and how to use our new electronic door system.

You can make a morning of it when you start by joining us for worship at 10am, enjoy Fellowship with coffee and treats following worship, and then stay to be 'in the know' on how the new system works— you won't need a key!!!

Please contact Kara in the office with any questions—
314-434-4991 or ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org

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 Settled Pastor Search Committee is finalizing our church profile in order to post the position listing through the UCC Missouri Mid-South Conference. We expect to have it ready for approval by Council and then the UCC Missouri Mid-South Council by middle of July, after which the profile will be posted.

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

June Council Lifted Up:

- ♥ Ivy Chapel Youth, Tara Lowry and Linda Lowry all the work and effort they put forth preparing and providing a meaningful Youth Sunday worship on June 7th.
- ♥ Ivy Chapel congregation and all who helped make the "Homecoming Sunday" a success and a special time for all.

Trustees

The Trustees have scheduled the teams to replace the front door locking mechanism and upgrade to ADA compliant doors with push buttons to open to start the end of June/beginning of July.

Trustees also continue to maintain the property and mow the grass, even with tractor issues!

Mary^{and}Martha Wmns Grp

The Mary and Martha Women's Group will meet on Tue, July 21st at 1 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. We will discuss plans for the Salad Luncheon which is the following Sunday, July 26th.

The suggested donation is \$10.00 and the money will be divided between Ivy Chapel and the Uganda Mission brought to us by Dave Mentzel.



IVY YOUTH IN ACTION



THANK YOU!!!!

Ivy's youth led worship on Sunday, June 7th and we were gifted with a wonderful and timely lesson about what is truly important and how something small can be the biggest of all! (Matthew 13:31-32)

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 on the lookout for information from Tara regarding fun summer activities for the youth.



With permission, join the Ivy mailing list to get the e-KYP each week, the monthly Vine and any special announcements from Ivy. Join the text list by texting your name to the church cell 314-705-6822 for special announcements sent via text.

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 tara@ivy-chapel.org

Are you interested in helping move Ivy Chapel towards more interaction with the community through our media outreach? Join the media team!



The next meeting will be July 5th after Fellowship time. Help us to shape the future of Ivy online!

New Guidelines for Member Privacy

In order to safeguard the privacy of our community members, Ivy Chapel is changing the information we share in our online publications, including our website. Contact information for our Care Corp volunteers, and “Who to Call for What” is available by contacting the church office. It is also posted in our Narthex. This information and the Ivy Chapel Directory will no longer be available on our website in order to protect members’ privacy. Ongoing changes are also being made to listings for birthdays and prayer requests. If you have questions about the changes, please contact the church office.

STAFF:

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E-KYP (E-KEEPING YOU POSTED)

By end of any Wednesday
Send your news to Ivy Chapel
ivy chapelucc@ivy chapel.org emailed every Friday.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING
RENTING SPACE AT IVY CHAPEL
PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE
AT 314-434-4991 OR
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Summer Collections for Partner Charities



The
'Bag
of

Food— Oatmeal Canned Fruit
Pantry Essentials — Seasoning & Spices
Personal Care Items — Toilet Paper
Cleaning Supplies — Dish Soap

Summer increases the need for families who have food insecurity. Children are home from school and are not having their nutritional needs met.



**Circle Of Concern
Food Pantry**

Feeding Families is Just the Beginning

The request from Circle of Concern is for:
cereal/oatmeal, snacks (8-12 servings) and condiments.

All items can be left on the lower left hand shelf in the main coat closet.

Charities we partner with:

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/



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



RITENOUR CO-CARE FOOD PANTRY: Place food and personal care items on **2nd SHELF**.
Rccfoodpantry.org



INSTITUTO EL REY: Explore the website how YOU can help students in rural northern Honduras pursue their dreams.
ierschool.org



Every Child's Hope:
everychildshope.org



Lydia's House:
www.lydiashouse.org



UP—Unleashing Potential: upstl.org



Emmaus House : emmaushomes.org



This month please join us in wishing a

Happy Birthday to ...



Stephen Lowry — Jim Sheahan
Chris Moody — Tyler Ray
Elizabeth Schurwan — Bill Pasia
Jessica Kempa — Cole Winship



Serving God's People-July Schedules

Liturgists

5 July	Linda Lowry
12 July	John Weiland
19 July	Audrey Farrell
26 July	Blair Bittick
2 Aug	Julie McAlister

Greeter/Ushers

5 July	Don Wolff and John Weiland communion server Donna Grote
12 July	Kay and Earl Kreder
19 July	Dottie Foster and Gail Thoele
26 July	Kathryn Kuntzman and Jack Molyneaux
2 Aug	Julie McAlister and Dave Mentzel communion server Valerie Waterman

JULY

Dottie Foster—Leader
Gail Thoele —Leader

**CARE
CORPS**




AUGUST

Debbie Glenn —Co-leader
Evelyn Stecher -Co-leader

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 as well as the office. **THANK YOU!**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	2 AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am	3 Office Closed	4 AA 10:30am #350 Independence Day-
5 6th S aft Pentecost grn 10am Worship Yoga 4-5 AA 6pm YR	6 TKD 5:30-6:30pm Independence Day- Observed Office Closed	7 AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm Office Closed Deacons-7pm Zoom	8 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	9 AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 6-7pm	10 Square dancing 3:30-5:30pm 7-9pm	11 AA 10:30am #350
12 7th S aft Pentecost grn 10am Worship Yoga 4-5 AA 6pm YR	13 TKD 5:30-6:30pm Council Mtg 7pm	14 AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm Office Closed The Ivy Vine Articles DUE	15 TKD 5:30-6:30pm Men's Luncheon 11:30am Talayna's Italian Pizza	16 AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 6-7pm	17	18 AA 10:30am #350
19 8th S aft Pentecost grn 10am Worship SECURITY TRAINING @11:30 Yoga 4-5 AA 6pm YR	20 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	21 AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm Office Closed Mary & Martha Wms Grp 1pm	22 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	23 AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 6-7pm	24	25 AA 10:30am #350
26 9th S aft Pentecost grn 10am Worship Salad Fundraiser Yoga 4-5 AA 6pm YR	27 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	28 AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm Office Closed	29 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	30 AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 6-7pm	31	August 1 AA 10:30am #350

AHEAD IN AUGUST: 4th Deacons 7pm 10TH—Council Meeting 7pm via Zoom 16TH-RALLY DAY 18TH- Mary & Martha Meets @ 1pm 19TH- Men's Luncheon 11:30am 23rd-Dessert for \$1 after worship

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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