



# The Ivy Vine

June  
2026



Rev. Dr. Carol Trissell

In the liturgical year of church, June and July are often times to take a relaxing breath. The church year will begin to speed up in August and will run full speed through Pentecost Sunday. This somewhat mirrors the academic year as well. So, many of us are anticipating a slower pace with long evenings to relax and maybe even catch a sunset or a Cardinals game.

One aspect of the creation story that is frequently overlooked or downplayed is that God rested at the end of his creative work. “By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so, on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.” Genesis 2:2-3 NIV

In a culture that values productivity and “doing,” it can be difficult to rest. When I retired from full time ministry as a chaplain, I did not know what to do with myself. I looked at my calendar and email multiple times a day. My Google calendar had large gaps with nothing listed. The new entries in my email were mostly promotional: buy shoes, buy clothes, attend events, come to our restaurant. Almost two years later, I still find days when I think, “what am I going to do today?”

Some of you reading this may long for that “problem,” especially if you have school age children, or are still working full time outside the home, or both. Rest is a precious commodity in those stages of life. When you are not working at your place of employment, you are cleaning house, doing laundry, going to the grocery store, paying bills, or any number of daily and weekly tasks.

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In addition to God's example in creation, God also gave us a commandment to rest and keep some time as holy. "Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God." (Exodus 20:10) Christians traditionally observe the Sabbath as Sundays. In studying this passage, I don't believe the day of the week is the most important concept. I think the key concepts here are rest from work and time set aside as sacred to God. This includes worship, prayer, service, reflection, relationships with which God has blessed us, interests or hobbies that feed our spirits, and rest to nourish our bodies.

My hope is that you will have time these warmer months to unplug, relax, rest, travel, enjoy family time, and spend doing whatever you love and feeds your spirit.

***"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,  
and I will give you rest."  
Matthew 11:28***

# Scripture <sup>for</sup> Worship

**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

**14 June 2026, Third Sun after Pentecost:** Genesis 18:1-15 [21:1-7], Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19, Romans 5:1-8, Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]

**21 June 2026, Fourth Sun after Pentecost:** Genesis 21:8-21, Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17, Romans 6:1b-11, Matthew 10:24-39

**28 June 2026, Fifth Sun after Pentecost:** Genesis 22:1-14, Psalm 13, Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 10:40-42

**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

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 Settled Pastor Search Committee is in the process of updating our church profile which is needed to complete the position listing through the UCC Missouri Mid-South Conference. We expect to have it completed within about one month. Thank you for your continued support of the committee and Ivy.

## May Council Lifted Up:

- ♥ Kara White and Jo Ann Moody for their work on Ivy Chapel's Rummage Sale.
- ♥ Ivy's Boards for providing weekly fellowship time after Sunday worship services.

## Trustees

The Trustees have been getting bids to replace the front door locking mechanism and upgrade to ADA compliant doors with push buttons to open. The work will begin in 4-7 weeks or as soon as the materials get here.

Trustees also helped set up the tables for the Homecoming Picnic and with clean-up afterwards.

## 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. Council boards have volunteered to host one Sunday a month each.

However, if you would like to help or to "sponsor" a specific Sunday to **set-up, make coffee or bring treats**, please let Kara know and she will add you to the schedule.

## *Ivy's Homecoming Celebration!*

On Sunday, May 17th, Ivy celebrate our 62nd anniversary with an encouraging and heartfelt message from Ivy's own, Rev. Dr. Laura Mignerone. Following worship, we enjoyed a Homecoming Picnic together in Fellowship Hall. Pictures will be posted on the website— look for information and links in upcoming KYPs. We enjoyed seeing so many of you there! Thank you for celebrating Ivy with us.

## *Mary and Martha Women's Group*

The Mary and Martha Women's Group met in Pastor Carol's Office on May 19<sup>th</sup> due to Rummage Sale Leftovers in the Multipurpose Room. A devotion by Linda Ledbetter reminded us to look deep within ourselves for flaws which we hide from ourselves under layers of everyday busyness and other pursuits. Thank you, Linda.

The July Salad Luncheon will be on Sun., July 26<sup>th</sup> after worship with a suggested donation of \$10.00. The money received will be divided between the Uganda Mission (participated in by Dave Mentzel) and Ivy Chapel.

Following the meeting, we adjourned to Fellowship Hall where Dave Mentzel, Jeanne Fields, and Diana Riley (Dave's daughter) showed pictures of the location in Uganda where they worked last January. They were able to Skype with a staff member. This group has provided a well for water and now, a new Medical Center for the people there. They described the living conditions of these impoverished people and the dangers to which they are exposed. About 20 church members attended. Thank you very much Dave, Jeanne and Diana.

There will be no M&M Meeting in June. The next meeting will be July 21<sup>st</sup> at 1 p.m.



Pictured left to right:: Jeanne Fields, Dave Mentzel, Diana Riley (Dave's daughter)

## Summer Collection

Summer increases the need for families who have food insecurity.

Children are home from school and are not having their nutritional needs met.

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.

Thank you.



Circle Of Concern  
Food Pantry

*Feeding Families is Just the Beginning*

# News from Ivy Partners:



Proceeds from both fundraisers to benefit the St. Louis LGBTQ+ Faith Alliance.



## 1st EVER Hot Dog Fundraiser!

Join us Wednesday,  
June 3rd from 5-7pm  
at Steve's Hot Dogs,  
17089 N. Outer 40 Rd

There will also be a cornhole tournament and Bingo and Door Prizes!

## Quilt Raffle

Get your \$5 ticket and enter the drawing to win this amazing Yo-yo style Quilt believed to date from the 1930's!



Scan this QR code for tickets -->



## 7th Annual Nun Run for Lobodegi Hospital in Uganda



Every step makes a difference!  
Join us for our annual 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, June 18th at 9 am and be a part of a powerful movement to support health care for the most vulnerable.  
This year a generous donor will be matching donations up to \$20,000!

Scan this QR code to sign up:



Unleashing Potential is celebrating Darlene Sowell's lasting vision over the past 17 years and her upcoming retirement at the end of May.

VISION 17: Powering UP the Future is their way of honoring Darlene's legacy and continuing to empower the future by donating \$17 to celebrate Darlene's 17 years serving UP.

**UP**  
**UNLEASHING  
POTENTIAL**

Scan this QR code to donate.





# IVY YOUTH IN ACTION



## YOUTH SUNDAY IS HERE!!!!

We invite you to join us on Sunday, June 7th, as the Ivy youth lead the worship.

There will be singing and praising and learning—just like a normal Sunday—but with the *awesomeness* of the youth! We hope to see you there!!

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 taralowry96@gmail.com or 314-973-6284.

# Happy Birthday to ...

- 1 Cindy Kettler
- 3 John Weiland
- 8 Curt Wintrode
- 10 Marsha Fix
- 14 Krissy Lowry



- 15 Carl Winship
- 16 Jason Lowry
- 21 Sarah Scott
- 22 Heide Lauer
- 24 Nelie Mc Neal & Amy Ray & Rory Winship



# Happy Anniversary to...

- 6/9/1978 Mark and Jo Ann Moody
- 6/18/1994 Rich and Sarah Heend
- 6/20/1959 Jim and Diann Sheahan
- 6/20/1987 Bruce and Janet Wilking
- 6/24/1967 Bill and Norma Pasia
- 6/25/1966 Jack and Ann Molyneaux
- 6/28/1969 Ralph and Myrna Weiland



## Serving God's People-June Schedules

### Liturgists

7 June	Kathryn Kuntzman
14 June	Audrey Farrell
21 June	Jo Ann Moody
28 June	John Weiland

### Greeter/Ushers

7 June	Donna Grote and Jan Wirtz <b>Communion prep Valerie Waterman</b>
14 June	Kay and Earl Kreder
21 June	Julie McAllister and Dave Mentzel
28 June	Diann and Jim Sheahan

**JUNE**

Diann Sheahan 314-275-2913  
Ann Molyneaux 314-878-0966

**CARE CORPS**



**JULY**

Dottie Foster 314-878-4286  
Gail Thoele 314-576-0091

### 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!**



# Looking Ahead for Summer 2026:

## June

- 7th– Youth Sunday
- 17th– Men’s Luncheon @ Hu Hut
- 19th– Juneteenth
- 21st–Father’s Day

## July

- 4th– Independence Day
- 15th– Men’s Luncheon @ Talayna’s
- 21st– Mary & Martha Women’s Group
- 26th–Salad Fundraiser after worship
- 27-31st– Art Camp



## August

- 12th—Rally Day
- 18th—Mary & Martha Women’s Group
- 19th—Men’s Luncheon@ El Maguey
- 23rd—Dessert for \$1

### **E-KYP (E-KEEPING YOU POSTED)**

By end of any Wednesday  
Send your news to Ivy Chapel  
ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org emailed every Friday.

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

## 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>1</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>2</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm  Deacons-7pm Zoom	<b>3</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>4</b> AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 6-7pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> AA 10:30am #350
<b>7</b> 2nd S aft Pentecost grn <b>Youth Sunday</b> <b>10am Worship</b>  Private Event 12:30– 4  Yoga 4-5 AA 6pm YR	<b>8</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm  <b>Council Mtg</b> <b>7pm</b>	<b>9</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>10</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>11</b> AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 6-7pm	<b>12</b>  Square dancing 3:30-5:30pm 7-9pm	<b>13</b> AA 10:30am #350
<b>14</b> 3rd S aft Pentecost grn <b>10am Worship</b>  Yoga 4-5 AA 6pm YR	<b>15</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm  <b>The Ivy Vine</b> <b>Articles DUE</b>	<b>16</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>17</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm  <b>Men's</b> <b>Luncheon</b> <b>11:30am–</b> <b>HuHut</b>	<b>18</b> AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 6-7pm	<b>19</b> Juneteenth	<b>20</b> AA 10:30am #350
<b>21</b> 4th S aft Pentecost grn <b>10am Worship</b> <b>Father's Day</b>  Yoga 4-5 AA 6pm YR	<b>22</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>23</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>24</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>25</b> AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 6-7pm	<b>28</b> <sup>6</sup>	<b>29</b> <sup>7</sup>
<b>28</b> 5th S aft Pentecost grn <b>10am Worship</b>  Yoga 4-5 AA 6pm YR	<b>29</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>30</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	July 1 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	July 2 AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 6-7pm	July 3	July 4 Independence day

**AHEAD IN JULY: 3<sup>RD</sup> —OFFICE CLOSED INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVED 4<sup>TH</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY**  
**7<sup>TH</sup> Deacons 7pm 13<sup>TH</sup>—Council Meeting 7pm via Zoom 15<sup>TH</sup>- Men's Luncheon 11:30am**  
**21<sup>ST</sup> Mary & Martha Meets @ 1pm 26<sup>TH</sup>-Salad Fundraiser 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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