



The Ivy Vine

August
2026



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"Tell me the facts and I'll learn. Tell me the truth and I'll believe. But tell me a story and it will live in (my) heart forever." Native American Proverb

As human beings, we are wired for stories. They connect us with others through shared experiences. They spark our empathy. They help us understand the world around us. During chapel at seminary, I heard one preacher who only told stories to share the points of his message. In my first pastorate, a congregant said she would never forget the illustration I shared about being in line at the grocery store. Powerful, relatable stories stay with us.

One of the things that I love most about the Bible is that it is full of stories of how individuals related to God. The story of Abraham who left his home with his family to go to an unknown land. The story of Joseph and his beloved coat of many colors. The story of a Moses seeing a bush on fire, but not consumed. The story of Mary's visit by an angel telling her she would give birth though she was not yet married. The stories Jesus told of "The Good Samaritan" and "The Prodigal Son". These are stories I heard first as a child, but they have informed me throughout my life about God's nature and character.

The theme for worship during August is "A Story of God's People". We will be reflecting upon the stories from Genesis and Exodus as well as from the Gospel of Matthew. These are stories about Jacob, Joseph, Moses, and the people of Israel during their slavery in Egypt. These are stories about Jesus and his interactions with his disciples. The hope is that in hearing these stories once again, we can discover insights to lead us forward through a time of change.

In August we will also explore our story as the people of God at Ivy Chapel. On August 9 after worship, we will have an informational forum to review what has been done during the first year of our interim process. I will present a report on Key Actions that have been taken. We will review the ways we have expanded our Outreach in order to grow as a congregation.

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Our Moderator, John Weiland, will present an update from the Pastoral Search Committee about where we are in the process of seeking a Settled Pastor.

We at Ivy Chapel will learn new stories as we kick off our 2026-2027 Christian Education program on “Rally Day”, August 23. I hope you will plan to attend and stay for our special time of fellowship hosted by Mary & Martha Women’s Group, “Dessert for \$1. Additionally, Confirmation Class will resume on August 30 to review materials covered and complete our final sessions this Fall.

Finally, we can listen to each other’s stories as we continue to build relationships that add meaning and purpose to our lives. We all have a story to share. Perhaps your story will be just what God will use to give courage and hope to someone in need of it.



Weekly Prayer Requests

Ivy will now be including Prayer Requests in our weekly KYPs.

If you would like a prayer to be included in our weekly KYP or worship announcements, please contact Pastor Carol, the main office or submit them through our website on the prayer request page.

Scripture & Worship

2 Aug 2026, Tenth Sun after Pentecost: Genesis 32:22-31, Matthew 14:13-21

9 Aug 2026, Eleventh Sun after Pentecost: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28, Matthew 14:22-33

16 Aug 2026, Twelfth Sun after Pentecost: Genesis 45:1-15, Matthew 15:21-28

23 Aug 2026, Thirteenth Sun after Pentecost: Psalm 124, Exodus 1:8-14, 2:1-10

30 Aug 2026, Fourteenth Sun after Pentecost: Exodus 3:1-15, Matthew 16:21-28

6 Sept 2026, Fifteenth Sun after Pentecost: Exodus 12:1-14, Psalm 149, Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20

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

CONGREGATIONAL FORUM

A congregational forum will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, August 9. The forum will focus on reports regarding the Intentional Interim Period (August 2025-July 2026) to date.

Reports will include:

- Accomplishments
- outreach endeavors to grow Ivy Chapel
- information from the Pastoral Search Committee.

All of the information distributed will be posted on the Ivy website following the event.

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 has finalized the church profile and will be posting the position listing through the UCC Missouri Mid-South Conference at the beginning of August. Thank you for your continued support of the committee and Ivy.

July Council Lifted Up:



Frank Purviance and Kara White for coordinating the Narthex door replacement project – it went well and it works!



Bob Meinz and Earl Kreder for their special music at the July 5th worship service and Valerie Waterman for her vocal offering at the July 12th worship service. Their gifts truly enhance our worship experience.



The Pastoral Search Committee for their commitment to completing Ivy Chapel's Settled Pastor Church Profile document.



Kara White, Don Wolff and Valerie Waterman for “fighting the fight” with Ivy Chapel's sound system.

The Dessert for a Dollar Bake Sale will be on Aug. 23rd. It is a serving of a dessert for 2 people for \$1.00 or however much you might like to contribute. There will be small plates and plastic bags for wrapping the desserts available from Kay Kreder on the two Sundays prior to the Sale. Desserts will then be brought on Sunday morning before worship already wrapped and labeled as to what they are. We can use all contributions of baked items.

The money raised will be divided equally between the two lunch pantries we support-Circle of Concern and Isaiah 58- to buy what they feel is needed, personal care, cleaners, food etc.

The remainder of the meeting was spent planning the Salad Luncheon for the following Sunday. This money will be divided equally between the Ivy Fund the Facility and the Sisters Rising World Wide (Uganda Mission).

The Trustees had a busy month!

Trustees

- Earl replaced a broken carburetor on the tractor.
- Replaced the broken door system on the main doors with an ADA compliant system.
- Trained all of our renters on the new use of the door system.
- Dave and Julie cleaned up and mulched the planting at the islands and at the front of the building.
- Dave continues to maintain the vegetable garden.
- Jim and Mary cut the grass and trimmed the Memorial Garden and the flag pole bushes.
- Mark and Earl cut the grass. Tom and Jim are also Grass Guys.
- Bruce cut the Hill and Playground.

Front Door Update

The safety upgrades and new electronic entry system have been installed and are operational!

Please note that the main doors now require an access code for entry before or after scheduled events, such as worship.

Existing keys will no longer work at the main entrance (Narthex) doors.

Please contact the office to set up a time to get your entry keycode.

314-434-4991 or ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org



IVY YOUTH IN ACTION

The Confirmation Class will be starting up again at the end of the month. Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 30th for the first class following Fellowship time. Look for more information to be coming out soon regarding other youth classes and activities.

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

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@ivychapel.org



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

Join the media team!

Please contact the office if you are interested 314-434-4991 or ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org
Help us to shape the future of Ivy Chapel online!

New Media Release Forms

As Ivy continues to move into the digital age through livestreaming our worship services and our new website, we need to make sure we have permission from our members to show their images.

We are asking you to review and sign our new media release form for us to include you in the livestream, on our website, and social media.

Please check with Pastor Carol or the Ivy office to obtain a copy.

This month please join us in wishing a Happy Birthday to ...

Dottie Foster
Michelle Moody
Gloria Wintrode
Kathryn Kuntzman

Erin Winship
Earl Kreder
Brittany Wolff
Jim French

Nick Wintrode
Claire Lowry
Michael Pfau
Michelle Purviance



Happy
Anniversary to...



Carl and Pat Winship
Earl and Kay Kreder



Serving God's People-August Schedules

Liturgists

2 Aug	Audrey Farrell
9 Aug	Julie McAllister
16 Aug	Kathryn Kuntzman
23 Aug	Jo Ann Moody
30 Aug	John Weiland
6 Sept	Linda Lowry

Greeter/Ushers

2 Aug	Julie McAlister and Dave Mentzel communion preparer Jan Wirtz
9 Aug	Diann and Jim Sheahan
16 Aug	Donna Grote and Jan Wirtz
23 Aug	Don Wolff and John Weiland
30 Aug	Dottie Foster and Gail Thoele
6 Sept	Kay and Earl Kreder communion preparer Gail Thoele

AUGUST

Debbie Glenn –Leader
Evelyn Stecher -Co-leader

CARE
CORPS



SEPTEMBER

Donna Grote–Leader
Linda Lowry -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 AA 10:30am #350
2 10th S aft Pentecost grn 10am Worship/† LS Yoga 4pm AA 6pm YR	3 TKD 5--6pm	4 AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm Deacons-7pm Zoom	5 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	6 AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 5:30-6:30pm	7 Square dancing 3:30-5:30pm 7-9pm	8 AA 10:30am #350
9 11th S aft Pentecost grn 10am Worship Yoga 4pm AA 6pm YR	10 TKD 5--6pm Council Mtg 7pm	11 AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm Private Rental FH-6:30-9pm	12 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	13 AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 5:30-6:30pm The Ivy Vine Articles DUE	14	15 AA 10:30am #350 Private Rental FH-12-7
16 12th S aft Pentecost grn 10am Worship Yoga 4pm AA 6pm YR	17 TKD 5--6pm	18 AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm Mary & Martha Wms Grp 1pm	19 TKD 5:30-6:30pm Men's Luncheon 11:30am-Mimi's Cafe	20 AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 5:30-6:30pm	21	22 AA 10:30am #350 Private Rental FH-2-8
23 13th S aft Pentecost grn 10am Worship RALLY DAY Dessert for \$1 Yoga 4pm AA 6pm YR	24 TKD 5--6pm	25 AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	26 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	27 AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 5:30-6:30pm	28	29 AA 10:30am #350
30 14th S aft Pentecost grn Yoga 4pm AA 6pm YR	31 TKD 5--6pm	September 1 AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5-6pm	September 2 TKD 5-6pm	September 3 AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 5-6pm	September 4	September 5 AA 10:30am #350

AHEAD IN SEPTEMBER: 1st Deacons 7pm 7TH LABOR DAY HOLIDAY-OFFICE CLOSED 14TH—Council Meeting 7pm via Zoom 15TH- Mary & Martha Meets @ 1pm 16TH- Men's Luncheon 11:30am

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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