



The Ivy Vine

September
2026



Rev. Dr. Carol Trissell

Summer break is over! Children and youth are back in school. Ivy Chapel is awash in planning for our last few Confirmation classes, our annual Fall BBQ, and a new Drive-thru Blessing of the Pets. Over the last few weeks, my focus has been preparation for Stewardship Season.

The theme this year is “There Our Hearts Will Be”. This is drawn from the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 6. It is part of the Sermon on the Mount attributed to Jesus. “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. **For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**” We give our energy, our time, our gifts and skills, our hope in the areas about which we are most passionate.

Our tagline for Stewardship Season is “**Be A Blessing**”. You will hear more in September worship about this tagline and why we were inspired to choose it. We will focus on some practical ways the members and friends of Ivy Chapel can carry this out. Our hope is that it will continue to inspire and inform us throughout the coming church year. As we await the selection and arrival of a new Settled Pastor, our ministry continues.

For me, I am passionate about kindness and compassion. The tee shirt I am wearing today is an example: “*In a world where you can be anything, BE KIND*”. I strive to be kind to family, friends, our church community, and to strangers. This grows from my belief that every person is a beloved child of God. It is also grounded in the example of Jesus from scripture. Of course, there are moments when I fail to achieve this. Yet, I return to this desire repeatedly because that is where my heart is.

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So, where is your heart? What is your passion in life and faith? How do you seek to be a blessing to others? I hope you will begin to reflect and pray about these things as we enter this season and church year.

*Give as 'twas given to you in your need;
Love as the Master loved you;
Be to the helpless a helper indeed;
Unto your mission be true.
Make me a blessing,
Make me a blessing,
Out of my life
May Jesus shine;
Make me a blessing, O savior, I pray,
Make me a blessing to someone today.*

“Make Me A Blessing”

Songwriters: George S. Schuler/Gloria Roe



Scripture & Worship

6 Sept 2026, Fifteenth Sun after Pentecost and First Sunday of Stewardship:

Joel 2:12-18, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

13 Sept 2026, Sixteenth Sun after Pentecost and Second Sunday of Stewardship:

Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Mark 8:27-38

20 Sept 2026, Seventeenth Sun after Pentecost and Third Sunday of Stewardship:

Proverbs 3:1-12, John 14:1-6

27 Sept 2026, Eighteenth Sun after Pentecost and Final Sunday of Stewardship:

1 Corinthians 2:1-5, 10-13, 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

4 Oct 2026, Nineteenth Sun after Pentecost:

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20, Psalm 19, Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46

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

NEWS FROM COUNCIL

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:

In August, the Settled Pastor Selection Committee finalized the UCC Church Profile and the position for Settled Pastor was listed with the UCC. The committee met with the Missouri Mid-South Associate Conference Minister, who provided guidance about next steps in candidate review and interviews. The committee has received several candidate profiles and are currently conducting preliminary reviews of these profiles.

August Council Lifted Up:



John Weiland and Pastor Carol for putting together the Congregational Forum to update the members.



The Ivy youth for always being willing to make announcements when asked.



The M&M's Women's group for the salad luncheon.

PARKING LOT TREE REMOVAL UPDATE

Starting Labor Day weekend you will noticed the empty spaces where the two Sweetgum trees used to be in our parking lot and entrance area! Phase One was the removal of the trees on Fri., Sept. 4, and after consultation with an arborist, Phase Two will occur in Fall 2027. The replacement for the island will be Missouri native tree(s) that benefit our local ecosystem of birds and bees. The replacement near the office is under discussion at this time due to underground wiring and pipes. More information to come and opportunities to help plan and plant as we move into 2027.

Stewardship 2026



There Our Hearts Will Be invites us into a season of deep spiritual alignment—an honest, hopeful exploration of how our practices, priorities, and resources reveal what truly claims our hearts. Rooted in Jesus' teaching from Matthew 6, this theme reframes giving not as performance or obligation, but as the quiet, courageous work of placing our hearts in God's care. Turning to the breadth of our sacred scripture, we'll examine what we love, whom we trust, and how we live out our faith.

Ultimately, *There Our Hearts Will Be* is an invitation to:

- ◇ **Re-center our lives** on God's quiet faithful presence.
- ◇ **Let our giving reflect** our deepest values and commitments.
- ◇ **Align our actions** with our confession of Christ.
- ◇ **Allow God to transform, heal and renew** our hearts.
- ◇ **Practice a generosity** that is not performative, but rooted, joyful and Spirit-led.

Through this journey, we will discover again that faithful stewardship is not primarily about money—it is about placing our hearts in God's hands, trusting that where our hearts go, our lives, choices, and resources will follow.

Together as a community shaped by grace, we will ask:
Where is our treasure? How can our hearts more fully align with God's?

In this season, we commit to making our answer clear.
There our hearts will be.

Looking Ahead for Ivy

Stewardship 2026

Each Sunday in September Ivy will be focusing on a different example of how to practice 'There Our Hearts Will Be' in our own lives through the examples in scripture and from a special guest speaker sharing their experiences.

We will then observe together with the global community, World Communion Sunday, on October 4th followed by Ivy's Consecration Sunday on October 11th which will conclude with a luncheon for all after worship. We invite you to join us on this journey to where 'Our Hearts will be.'

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Join us at Ivy Chapel for a special drive-thru Blessing of the Animals on Saturday October 3rd, 3-5pm at Ivy Chapel. We will be honoring the animal-human bond in honor of the feast day of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals. We invite you to bring your pets for an individual blessing from the safety and comfort of your personal vehicle. Simply drive up to receive your blessing – animal-friendly pets of all shapes, sizes and species are welcome! Please bring a photo of pets who are more comfortable at home so they can also receive this special blessing.



And then be sure to stick around for...



**IVY'S
FALL
BBQ**

Saturday October 3rd, 5-7pm at Ivy Chapel.

We will have hamburger or bratwurst plate options and hotdogs for the kids. There will be indoor and outdoor seating available. For more information about either event, please contact the office.



Ivy Chapel will be hosting their annual Fall Blood Drive on Thursday Nov. 5th– please sure to add it to your calendar to be able to give.

Look for more information to come in future KYPs and Vines.

Give Blood-Save a Life

Mary and Martha Wmns Grp

The Mary and Martha Women's Group met on Aug. 18th and had a touching devotion from Linda Ledbetter called The Red Marble about a grocer

who gave food to destitute boys by asking them to trade food for a marble. The final funds raised by Dessert for a Dollar was \$260.00 and it was decided to give \$130.00 each to Isaiah 58 and Circle of Concern. The food pantries appreciate this kind of contribution so they can buy what they need. Programs for the autumn months were discussed as follows:

September – Make favors for Lydia's House's communal Thanksgiving Meal.

October – New gift books for Christmas for all ages by Sarah Heend, Librarian.

November – Project with Seven Pines Residents?

Trustee's continue to maintain the grass cutting. They acquired bids for the removal of the two sweetgum trees in the parking lot causing issues as well as a third tree that

is dead near the vegetable garden that also needs to be removed. The removal is scheduled for Friday, September 4th. Annual fire marshal and fire alarm systems inspections occurred and everything is up to code.

Continued thanks to all of those helping to maintain Ivy's property inside and out!

Trustees



IVY YOUTH IN ACTION

The Confirmation and FAITH 101 classes will be starting up again this month. Sunday School will still happen on the first and third Sundays of the month after the Children's Worship portion of the service.

Look for more information to be coming out soon regarding other youth classes and fall activities.

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

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

Sarah Heend
Frank Purviance
Gail Thoele
Stuart Kirk

Nathaniel Thompson
Calvin Heend
Linda Lowry
Holly Winship

Dick Volz
Richard Heend
Jo Ann Moody
Mark Gerdes



Happy
Anniversary to...



Gary and Sue Lindhorst
Trish and Mark Baker
Frank Pfau and Beth Noonan



Serving God's People-September Schedules

Liturgists

6 Sept	Linda Lowry
13 Sept	Jim French
20 Sept	Julie McAllister
27 Sept	Kathryn Kuntzman
4 Oct	Jo Ann Moody

Greeter/Ushers

6 Sept	Kay and Earl Kreder communion preparer Gail Thoele
13 Sept	Kathryn Kuntzman and Jack Molyneaux
20 Sept	Donna Grote and Jan Wirtz
27 Sept	Julie McAlister and Dave Mentzel
4 Oct	Diann and Jim Sheahan communion preparer Valerie Waterman

SEPTEMBER
Donna Grote-Leader
Linda Lowry -Co-leader

**CARE
CORPS**



OCTOBER
Jan Wirtz-Leader
Julie McAllister -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!**

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.



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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/



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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	2 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	3 AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 6-7pm	4	5 AA 10:30am #350
6 15th S aft Pentecost grn 10am Worship/† LS Yoga 4pm AA 6pm YR	7 Labor Day- Office Closed	8 AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm Deacons-7pm Zoom	9 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	10 AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 6-7pm	11 Square dancing 3:30-5:30pm 7-9pm	12 AA 10:30am #350
13 16th S aft Pentecost grn 10am Worship Yoga 4pm AA 6pm YR	14 TKD 5:6pm Council Mtg 7pm	15 AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm Mary & Martha Wms Grp 1pm	16 TKD 5:30-6:30pm Men's Luncheon 11:30am-Chimi's 60 Four Seasons Shpg Cntr, 3147865090	17 AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 6-7pm The Ivy Vine Articles DUE	18	19 AA 10:30am #350
20 17th S aft Pentecost grn 10am Worship Yoga 4pm AA 6pm YR	21 TKD 5:6pm	22 AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	23 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	24 AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 6-7pm	25	26 AA 10:30am #350
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AHEAD IN OCTOBER: 3rd—BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS —3-5PM 3rd—ANNUAL IVY BBQ —5-7PM 6th Deacons 7p 11TH CONSECRATION SUNDAY— Fellowship meal after worship 12TH—Council Meeting 7pm via Zoom

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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