



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

Linda Lowry
Holly Winship



Sept. 13— Grab a worship bag and join us for the service
Communion Class after Fellowship**
FAITH 101 after Fellowship**

Sept. 20— Sunday School following the Children’s Message
** may change- check with Christian Education for details

**IVY YOUTH
Sunday
Worship**



**GREETER/
USHER**

13 Sept—Kathryn Kuntzman and
Jack Molyneaux
20 Sept —Donna Grote and Jan Wirtz



LITURGIST

13 Sept — Jim French
20 Sept—Julie McAllister

**CARE
CORPS**



SEPT — Donna Grote — Linda Lowry
OCT — Jan Wirtz — Julie Mc Allister
Please reach out to the office if you need
their contact information

➤ Mary & Martha Women’s Group– September 15- 1pm in the Multipurpose Room

➤ Men’s Luncheon Sep 16 —Chimi’s —60 Four Seasons Shopping Center

Worship with Us

EVERY SUNDAY: Worship 10am with Coffee Fellowship directly after
FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAYS: Children’s Sunday School after Children’s Sermon
(The Lord’s Supper: first Sunday of the month)



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Welcome to Ivy Chapel United Church of Christ

We’re grateful you’ve joined us for Sunday worship.

Whoever you are, wherever you are on life’s journey– YOU are welcome here!

KYP-Keeping You Posted

16th Sunday after Pentecost
13 September 2026

Scripture readings for today: Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Mark 8: 27-38



“Who do you say that I am?” Jesus’ question to the disciples in Mark 8 is not only a test of theological accuracy; it is a summons to unveil the true allegiance of the heart. Our answers inevitably shape what—and whom—we treasure, because naming Christ as Messiah re-orders all other loyalties. Matthew 6:21 tells us, “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Stewardship, then, is not merely about budgets and benevolence reports; it is locating the gravity that pulls our hearts, the gravitational center around which money, time, energy, and hope orbit.

In a culture that equates generosity with publicity—naming rights on buildings, donor walls, social-media hashtags—Jesus’ own pattern is startling. He embraces his identity as Messiah yet commands silence. He reveals divine love not through acclaim but through costly self-giving. Here we glimpse a different economy: an invitation to invest our hearts where applause cannot reach and where the return is measured in transformed lives rather than public praise.

To practice hidden generosity is to trust that God’s gaze—not the crowd’s—is what matters. It liberates both giver and gift from the tyranny of recognition and keeps our motives free from the corrosion of vanity. Such hidden stewardship is not small-minded privacy; it is a spacious discipline that keeps the heart’s treasure unentangled from ego’s craving for affirmation.

Unseen faithfulness as a profound act of discipleship—an investment of the heart that outlasts any plaque or ledger. If you looked at your own budget, calendar, and attention, what would it reveal about your heart’s priorities?

Deacons appreciate everyone’s cooperation in maintaining a safe and welcoming worship environment. We ask that everyone continue to respect those with compromised immune systems and take precautions as needed.



Christian Action and Christian Ed wanted to send a giant
THANK YOU to all who donated
SCHOOL SUPPLIES
For Every Child’s Hope during this drive.
All items were appreciated
as was Ivy's continued generosity.



Circle of Concern
CURRENT REQUESTS :
Canned Chicken — Tomato Products
Cereal/Oatmeal

Items can be placed on the lower left shelf in the main coat closet. Thank you!

The ‘Bag of Blessings’ request for **SEPTEMBER** from Isaiah58 is below.

- Food— Sardines, Chili
- Pantry Essentials — Cooking Oil - 48 oz or smaller
- Personal Care Items — Shampoo, Razors, Shaving Cream
- Cleaning Supplies — Laundry Detergent - 50 oz or smaller



Please leave any items on the shelf in the closet designated for them.

CHARITIES WE SUPPORT.

Please place items on **DESIGNATED SHELVES** in the coatroom for these local charities.

- CIRCLE OF CONCERN:** www.circleofconcern.org.
- ISAIAH 58 MINISTRIES:** www.i58ministries.org
- RITENOUR CO-CARE FOOD PANTRY:** www.ritenourcocare.org
- EVERY CHILD’S HOPE :** www.ech.org
- LYDIA’S HOUSE :** www.lydiashouse.org
- UP- UNLEASHING POTENTIAL :**up-stl.org
- INSTITUTO EL REY:** www.ierschool.org

AHEAD ON THE CALENDAR

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS Saturday October 3rd, 3-5pm at Ivy Chapel. Join us at Ivy Chapel for a special drive-thru Blessing of the Animals. 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 CHAPEL’S ANNUAL 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.

Consecration Sunday– October 11th

Be sure to plan to join us on October 11th for a special worship service as we come together to celebrate our Stewardship season journey with Consecration Sunday and a special luncheon following worship.

Prayers for healing for:

- Ed Weiland, brother of Ralph
- Perry Ensz, friend of Jan
- Lindsey Lowry, sister-in-law of Steve and Linda
- Tami Johnson, sister-in-law of Linda
- Mary Ann Perry, friend of Pat & Carl
- Anita Gamble, friend of Evelyn
- Bob Palck, friend of Evelyn
- Maureen Miller, aunt of Kara
- William Skasick, online request

Weekly Prayer Requests

Prayers of support and comfort for:

Mike Waller, friend of the community

Sacrament of Baptism and Rite of Membership

Pastor: We gather now to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism and rite of membership.

All: There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Creator of us all.

Pastor: The sacrament of baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God. In this sacrament we are united to Jesus Christ and given part in Christ's ministry of reconciling people to God. It demonstrates the burial of self will and the resurrection to a life of obedience to God. It shows also the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on those whom God has chosen. In baptism, God works in us the power of forgiveness, the renewal of the Spirit, and the knowledge of the call to be God's people always.

All: This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ's body.

Pastor: Mary, do you desire to be baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Candidate: I do.

Pastor: Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

Candidate: I do

Pastor: Do you promise by the grace of God, to be God's disciple, to follow in the way of Jesus, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

Candidate: I do.

Pastor: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God, and contributing to the work of this congregation as we endeavor to serve the community and the world?

Candidate: I do.

Pastor: I baptize you, Mary, my sister in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let the members and friends of Ivy Chapel United Church of Christ express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry.

All: We welcome you with joy as partners in the common life of this church and the Church Universal. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the Church of Jesus Christ. God grant that together we may continue to grow as witnesses of our Risen Savior, living in the wisdom and the love of Christ.

Presentation of Membership Certificate

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, you have filled the world with joy by giving us the gift of Jesus. Bless Mary and fill her with joy. Give her strength for life's journey, courage in times of challenge, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.



Ivy Chapel welcomes Mary O'Brien .

We are so excited you have chosen Ivy Chapel
to walk with you as you continue on your faith journey .