

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! *Happy Anniversary to...*



Dick Volz



Trish and Mark Baker

Sept. 20— Sunday School following the Children’s Message
Sept. 27— Grab a worship bag and join us for the service
**** may change– check with Christian Education for details**



IVY YOUTH
Sunday
Worship

GREETER/
USHER
20 Sept —Donna Grote and Jan Wirtz
27 Sept — Julie McAlister and Dave Mentzel

 LITURGIST 20 Sept—Julie McAllister 27 Sept —Kathryn Kuntzman	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
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➤ **Mary & Martha Women’s Group**– October 20th- 1pm in the Multipurpose Room

➤ **Men’s Luncheon** — October 21st —-Yellowstone Café -11:30 am

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 17th Sunday after Pentecost
20 September 2026

Scripture readings for today: Proverbs 3:1-12, John 14: 1-6



The Book of Proverbs may not be the first place one turns to for ideas about stewardship, philanthropy, or generosity. However, Proverbs has a lot to say about living one’s best life. Too often, living a good life focuses on accumulating wealth and goods. **Proverbs—and Jesus—teaches that a good life is much more than hoarding money and things.**

The cycle of endless consumption and accumulation is as old as time and is evolving every minute. While corporations, advertising, and marketing strategies urge us—some would even say, compel—us to buy, buy, buy, it is human nature to question if that’s all there is. The Book of Proverbs provides answers to that question.

At the center of Proverbs is a profound and unshakable reverence for God—recognizing and acknowledging that God is the creator and sustainer of all life. Here we read that pursuing wisdom leads to longevity, wealth, esteem in the eyes of others, and a healthy respect for others. Choosing the path of wisdom leads to purpose and meaning as one moves through life.

A good life is lived in a trusting and faithful relationship with God, who blesses us with meaning and purpose, and authentic and deep relationships, as we live in humble obedience to God’s teachings—lives of love, generosity, integrity, and in community. Jesus tells us, “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matt 6:21).

Treasure in this context, and in Proverbs 3, is not just material wealth and resources. Treasure encompasses our time, talent, skills, expertise, knowledge, presence, influence, activism, volunteerism, and more—all to be cultivated and shared generously.



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.

We are pleased that Bi-State Pet Food Pantry will be the featured animal assistance organization at this year's event.

Here is the 'Wish List' if you would like to bring a donation:

New ONLY:

New or GENTLY used:

*Cat and dog treats

*Cat and dog toys

*Canned cat and dog food

*Leashes and collars

*Cat litter

Any

monetary gifts are always welcome!



And then be sure to stick around for...

IVY CHAPEL'S ANNUAL BBQ

Saturday October 3rd, 4:30-6:30pm at Ivy Chapel. There will be indoor seating in our Fellowship Hall and outdoor seating in our pavilion-weather permitting.

\$10 -Hamburger, Bratwurst, or Veggie burger meals, with 2 sides & 1 dessert

\$5 - Hotdog meal with 2 sides & 1 dessert

Side options include: Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Potato Chips

Dessert options: Angel Food Cake or Brownies

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 this week:

Ed Weiland, brother of Ralph

Perry Ens, friend of Jan

Mark Gerdes, friend of the congregation

Lindsey Lowry, sister-in-law of Steve and Linda

Sue Yarber and Danette Patton, friends of Pastor Carol

Linda Wilson, friend of Gail

Anita Gamble, friend of Evelyn

Bob Palck, friend of Evelyn

Maureen Miller, aunt of Kara

William Skasick, online request

Weekly

Prayer Requests

Prayers for Wisdom and Guidance this week:

Pastoral Search Committee

Prayers of Comfort and Presence this week:

Mike Waller, friend of the community



Circle of Concern
Food Pantry
Feeding Families is Just the Beginning

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.

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.