

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! *Happy Anniversary to...*

Stuart Kirk Calvin Heend
Nathanial Thompson   Gary and Sue Lindhorst

Sept. 6— Sunday School following the Children’s Message
Sept. 13— Grab a worship bag and join us for the service
Communion Class after Fellowship
FAITH 101 after Fellowship
IVY YOUTH Sunday Worship
** may change– check with Christian Education for details

GREETER/USHER
6 Sept —Kay and Earl Kreder
Communion preparer Gail Thoele
13 Sept—Kathryn Kuntzman and Jack Molyneaux

LITURGIST
6 Sept — Linda Lowry
13 Sept — Jim French
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 15th Sunday after Pentecost
6 September 2026

Scripture readings for today: Joel 2:12-18, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21



In Matthew 6, Jesus calls us to a way of living that resists the temptation of “showy religion.” He cautions against practicing faith merely to be seen, warning that such attention-seeking empties the act of its power. Instead, he points us toward the “secret place,” the quiet intimacy where trust in God shapes our hearts and where generosity takes root.

This invitation is not a rejection of religious practice but a re-orientation of it. Jesus expects his followers to give, pray, and fast: not if, but when. These are regular, disciplined acts of faith. What matters is the intent: whether these practices reflect genuine trust in God or simply seek human approval.

Like the Puerto Rican yagrumo leaf that turns toward the heavens before the rain, our generosity turns us toward the Source of all life. The tree’s silver side catches the light, not to boast of its brilliance, but to signal expectancy: a quiet trust that nourishment is coming.

In the same way, **our hidden acts of generosity and prayer reflect God’s light, not our own.**

Jesus’ words also challenge our understanding of value and reward. We often want recognition, but Jesus urges us to trust God with the timing of the reveal — or whether it is revealed at all. In God’s economy, the real reward of generosity is transformation, not applause. “Where your treasure is,” Jesus says, “there your heart will be also.”

Our giving, praying, and fasting are ways of training our hearts to desire what God desires. Generosity, then, becomes both inward and outward, rooted in the secret life with God, yet shining in compassion and justice. It is the overflow of love, not the performance of piety.

TODAY is the last day for the Christian Action and Christian Ed collection of **SCHOOL SUPPLIES** for Every Child's Hope.
Any items from the list are appreciated.

Backpacks - Glue Sticks - Colored Pencils - Hand Sanitizers -
#2 Pencils - Boxes of Crayons - Black Dry Erase Markers - Highlighters-
Three-Prong Pocket Folders - Highlighters - School Scissors - 1-inch Binders -
Washable Markers - Pencil Pouches/Boxes -Wired Headphones (USB-C) -
Boxes of Facial tissue -Sticky Notes (3x3) -Loose-leaf paper packs -
Composition Notebooks -Quart Ziploc Slider Bags -
Spiral Notebooks (wide-ruled) -Sandwich-size Ziploc Slider Bags
A receptacle for donations is in the narthex.



Circle of Concern
END of SUMMER REQUESTS :

Pasta Sauce * Canned Chicken
Dinner Helpers * 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.

Prayers for healing for:

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

Weekly Prayer Requests

Prayers of support and comfort for:
Mike Waller, friend of the community

TREE REMOVAL UPDATE

You might have 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.

AHEAD ON THE CALENDAR

Mary and Martha Wmns Grp

The Mary and Martha Women's Group will meet on Tue., Sept 15 at 1 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. We will be making favors for the Lydia's House Communal Thanksgiving Meal. All are welcome!

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.