



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

18th Sunday after Pentecost
27 September 2026

Scripture readings for today: 2 Corinthians 4: 5-12, Matthew 5:14-16



The scriptural metaphor of the clay jar (2 Cor. 4) calls to mind one of the most important teachings of Christianity: the incarnation, that the presence of God was embodied in Jesus Christ, who is fully human and fully divine.

This ancient Christian teaching provokes the faithful to wonder about their own relationship between material and non-material life. As Christians, we are meant to ponder that life itself is a combination of the two. Human life is a combination of our physical and spiritual realities. The jar and what is in the jar are separate while connected.

People of faith are reminded of this so that we do not become overly invested in material or spiritual life, but remain invested in the connection of those things, the incarnate life. The abundant, eternal promises of God, and salvation as we understand it...this is what is contained in the clay jar of the church, our faith, our very selves.

A clay jar is breakable, a world as we know it can end. But the spiritual contents spill out into the future, somehow unending.

Subversive stewardship exists at the same intersection.

It means **using your gifts to create the world that God calls us to build AND experiencing transformation in the process.**

What if we saw our pledges as gifts that connect us to one another? That is a powerful shift of perspective from our regular spending, where spending dollars means receiving good and services.

Subversive stewardship is way to see our giving as building God's world and playing by the rules of the Gospel to create a better world.

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:

- *Cat and dog treats
- *Canned cat and dog food
- *Cat litter
- Any

New or GENTLY used:

- *Cat and dog toys
- *Leashes and collars



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.

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.

Prayer Requests for this week:

Prayers for Healing :

Bob Meinz, Ivy's Minister of Music
Ed Weiland, brother of Ralph
Perry Ensz, friend of Jan
Anita Gamble, friend of Evelyn
Bob Palck, friend of Evelyn
Maureen Miller, aunt of Kara
Mark Gerdes, friend of the congregation
Lindsey Lowry, sister-in-law of Steve and Linda
Sue Yarber and Danette Patton, friends of Pastor Carol

Prayers of Support and Comfort:

Mike Waller, friend of the community
Doris De Fer, member of community
Susan Tapp Uptergrove, cousin of Pastor Carol
Serena, online request

Prayers for Wisdom and Guidance :

Pastoral Search Committee



Every Child's Hope is having a Trunk or Treat event for their youth. We help the children celebrate each year by donating candy. They have requested gummies, sour candies, Twizzlers, Skittles or similar candy.

Please NO chocolate or nuts.

There will be a container in the narthex October 4th-25th.
Thank you for remembering the kids.

The Mary & Martha Women's Group is collecting jackets and coats during the month of October for Isaiah 58 to be delivered in November. These are to be clean, washable and gently used coats that you may have and are no longer using. They cannot accept wool coats that their clients would have to dry clean.

Please check your closets.



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

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.



4 Oct 2026, Nineteenth Sun after Pentecost — World Communion Day:

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Happy Anniversary to...



Rich Heend
Jo Ann Moody

Mark Gerdes
Kevin Wilking



Frank Pfau and Beth Noonan

Sept. 27— Grab a worship bag and join us for the service

Oct. 4— Sunday School following the Children's Message

Confirmation Class meets after Fellowship today

FAITH 101 meets after Fellowship today

**** may change- check with Christian Education for details**



**IVY YOUTH
Sunday
Worship**

**GREETER/
USHER**

27 Sept — Donna Grote and Jan Wirtz

4 Oct — Diann and Jim Sheahan

communion prep Valerie Waterman



LITURGIST

27 Sept — Jo Ann Moody

4 Oct — 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

➤ **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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