The Ivy Vine

October

2026



Rev. Dr. Carol Trissell

Fall is here! Our daylight hours are growing shorter. Our nights are cool while the sun is still warm. It is one of my favorite times of the year. It is also one of the busy times of the church year. This weekend Ivy Chapel will have its annual Blessing of the Pets and Fall BBQ. Sunday our confirmands will have one of their final classes in preparation for Confirmation in November. Later this month all of our children and youth are invited to a fun activity at The Painting Spot. Additionally, plans for Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas are in process.

It is a productive time for our Pastoral Search Committee as well as they continue review of applications and selecting applicants to interview. Soon those interviews will be underway, leading to a time when a final candidate will be identified. In the church office, we are reviewing processes, clearing physical space, and organizing digital files to welcome a new Pastor. Please continue to pray for our Pastoral Search Committee and that person who will need us into the next chapter of our church!

In this season of change, it is important to ground ourselves in our relationship to God and to one another. Our mission as a faith community guides us forward. Our Open and Affirming Covenant ever stretches us to provide welcome and hospitality to everyone who God leads to our "doors", both physical and digital. The tagline of our Stewardship Season, "**Be A Blessing**" inspires us how to share God's love in practical ways that we all can do: **Practice Peace; Give Thanks; Pray Often; Be Kind; Do Good; Have Courage; Lead With Love; Be The Light; Encourage Others; Be Joyful; Work For Justice.**

These are the spiritual foundations that steady us and keep us moving forward through a time of change. So, let us embrace a time of change with all the gifts it can bring. Be certain that the God who brought Ivy Chapel into being, has seen us through sixty-two years of ministry, will lead us forward into the unknown with grace and love.

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Almighty Father give us a vision of a dying world
that needs Your love and care.
We see the need, the yearning for a Savior,
In Jesus name, grant this our prayer.
And when we falter be Thou our comfort;
guide us as Your children that our lives may be
A beacon in this darkness that surrounds us,
A light that others then may see.
(Refrain) ***To be God's people in this place,***
live His goodness, share His grace,
Proclaim God's mercy thru His Son,
be His love to everyone.
"To Be God's People" by Charles F. Brown



Scripture for Worship

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
11 Oct 2026, Twentieth Sun after Pentecost:
Exodus 32:1-14, Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23, Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14
18 Oct 2026, Twenty-first Sun after Pentecost:
Exodus 33:12-23, Psalm 99, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22
25 Oct 2026, Twenty-second Sun after Pentecost:
Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17, Thessalonians 2:1-8, Matthew 22:34-46
1 Nov 2026, Twenty-third Sun after Pentecost:
Joshua 3:7-17, Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37, 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13, Matthew 23:1-12

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 September, the Settled Pastor Selection Committee met in person to discuss the candidate profiles they have received. They will now begin the process of conducting online interviews to narrow the candidate pool.
They are very excited about the number and variety of candidates and what that could mean for Ivy's future.

October Council Lifted Up:

- Pastoral Search Committee (John Weiland, Jim French, Kathryn Kuntzman, Tara Lowry, Jo Ann Moody and Jan Wirtz) for their hard work moving forward in the search for Ivy Chapel's next settled pastor.
- Dave Mentzel and Julie McCallister get "high fives" for further trimming the gumball trees after they were cut down, and carrying away the "leftovers".
- Kara White and her husband, Ed, for hanging the "Be a Blessing" on Ivy's outside sanctuary wall.

Door Thank You!

Thank you all so much for your incredible generosity in funding our front door renovations!! Below is a summary of this project through August:

Total costs for renovation: $13,611.59
Donations received May through August: $11,200
Fund the Facility" designated funds: $2,411.59

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.

We invite you to join us on Sunday, October 11th, as we wrap up our Stewardship Season with Consecration Sunday. We will first worship together as we celebrate all of the ways we are blessed and can 'Be A Blessing' and then join us for a fellowship luncheon after worship– ALL are invited!

Trustees

- Continue to keep the grass mowed.
- Rottler Pest control company has been contracted to perform services quarterly
- Three Sweetgum trees have been removed and two of those stumps removed. One tree has been cut to a five foot height for future consideration.
- The open time for the automatic door was increased to 15 seconds, per user comments.

The ADA doors have been getting rave compliments from all users.

Mary and Martha Wmns Grp

The Mary and Martha Women's Group met on Sept. 15, 2026.

JoAnn Moody presented a thoughtful devotion about maintaining meaningful relationships with those in our lives. Sarah Heend, Librarian, brought us information about the services available at the County Libraries. We were unaware of many of these. She gave us printed information to which we can refer and she will be back in October to give us ideas about new books in a variety of types.

It was decided that we would collect 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. We then decorated 90 small boxes which we will later fill with candies for Lydia's House to use as favors at their communal Thanksgiving Dinner. The next meeting is on Tue., Oct. 20th at 1:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room with Sarah Heend who will present ideas for good reads. Everyone is welcome.

Oct 3rd- Fall Fun at Ivy



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 and 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

New or GENTLY used:
*Cat and dog toys
*Leashes and collars

And then be sure to stick around for...

IVY'S FALL BBQ



Join us for BBQ from 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.

Looking Ahead for Ivy

TOTENFEST

Sunday, November 1st, 2026

You will recall one of the traditions of our forebears in Christian faith is the celebration of "Totenfest" (German for 'The Festival of the Dead'). Ivy Chapel will share together in this sacred ritual. We'll observe "Totenfest" during worship on November 1st. You are invited and encouraged to submit the names of those you love who have died within this past year. Please provide the name(s) IN PRINT to our church office by Sunday, October 25th. A printed list will be posted just outside Pastor Carol's study. As the date approaches, please verify that the name of each person you would like recognized is on the list. The names will be read aloud during our worship on Sunday, November 1st. *Thank you.*

➢ ***Please return by Sunday, October 25th*** **to the church office OR email Kara: ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org**

PLEASE PROVIDE:

(1) The NAME OF LOVED ONE:

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(2) YOUR RELATIONSHIP to the loved one:

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ImpactLife

Ivy Chapel will be hosting their annual Fall Blood Drive on Thursday Nov. 5th– 4-7pm. please sure to add it to your calendar to be able to give.

Sign-up is already available – scan here for the link

Give Blood-Save a Life!

UCC Tri-Family Annual Thanksgiving Feast

Mark your calendars for the annual Tri-Family Thanksgiving feast on Sunday, Nov 22nd at 11:30 at St. John's UCC.
We will again join together with our sister churches in the Chesterfield area to have a meal and fellowship together in a celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday and everything we are thankful for.
Look for more information to come in the KYP's and November Vine.

Christian Action

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 4-25.
Thank you for remembering the kids.

M&M Women's Group Winter Coat Collection



M& M 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.

Ivy Youth In Action

The Confirmation and FAITH 101 classes are scheduled for Sunday, October 4th after Worship and Fellowship time. Sunday School will still happen on the first and third Sundays of the month after the Children's Worship portion of the service.

The youth have a planned **Adventure Excursion** to the *Painting Spot* for a time of fun and fellowship together as they work on items in preparation for Confirmation.

Confirmation Sunday is scheduled for November 15, 2026.
We are excited for the youth who have been involved in the process over the past year to be able to share with Ivy and join our membership.

Be sure to be on the lookout for more information regarding fall activities and ways to participate in the upcoming holiday season's events!

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 …



Kevin Wilking
Evelyn Stecher
Jennifer Faust
Mark Moody
Rudolf "Rudi" Lauer
Don Wolff
Kara White

Happy Anniversary to…

Thom and Kathryn Kuntzman
Erin (Moody) and Scott Bowman



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.

Serving God's People-October Schedules

Liturgists

4 Oct	Jo Ann Moody
11 Oct	Jim French
18 Oct	Linda Lowry
25 Oct	John Weiland

Greeter/Ushers

4 Oct	Diann and Jim Sheahan communion preparer Valerie Waterman
11 Oct	Don Wolff and John Weiland
18 Oct	Kay and Earl Kreder
25 Oct	Dottie Foster and Gail Thoele

Care Corps

OCTOBER
Jan Wirtz–Leader
Julie McAllister -Co-leader



NOVEMBER
Pat Winship— Leader
Valerie Waterman— 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!***

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				**1** AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 5:30-6:30pm	**2**	**3** AA 10:30am #350 BOA 3-5pm BBQ 4:30-6:30pm
4 19th S aft Pentecost grn **10am Worship** **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY** Yoga 4pm AA 6pm YR	**5**	**6** AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm Deacons-7pm Zoom	**7** TKD 5:30-6:30pm	**8** AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 5:30-6:30pm	**9** Square dancing 3:30-5:30pm 7-9pm	**10** AA 10:30am #350
11 20th S aft Pentecost grn **10am Worship** **CONSECRATION LUNCHEON 11am** Yoga 4pm AA 6pm YR	**12** **Council Mtg 7pm**	**13** AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	**14** TKD 5:30-6:30pm	**15** AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 5:30-6:30pm **The Ivy Vine Articles DUE**	**16**	**17** AA 10:30am #350
18 21st S aft Pentecost grn **10am Worship** **Youth Adventure** **Private Rental-FH 12-4** Yoga 4pm AA 6pm YR	**19**	**20** AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm **Mary & Martha Wms Grp 1pm**	**21** TKD 5:30-6:30pm **Men's Luncheon 11:30am-Yellowstone Café**	**22** AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 5:30-6:30pm	**23** Private Rental –FH 10-4	**24** AA 10:30am #350
25 22nd S aft Pentecost grn **10am Worship** Yoga 4pm AA 6pm YR	**26** Reformation Day	**27** AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	**28** TKD 5:30-6:30pm	**29** AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 5:30-6:30pm	**30** All Saints' Day	**31** AA 10:30am #350

AHEAD IN NOVEMBER: 1st—TOTENFEST & DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME **ENDS** 3rd—ELECTION DAY
5th IMPACT LIFE BLOOD DRIVE 4-7pm **9TH** Council Meeting 7pm via Zoom **15TH—CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**
17H- Mary & Martha Meets @ 1pm **18TH-** Men's Luncheon 11:30am
22ND-UCC TRIFAMILY THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION 26TH– Thanksgiving
Juniper Root Micro School meets daily, Monday-Friday, from 8:30-3:30

LS=THE LORD'S SUPPER	**FH** = **F**ellowship **H**all	**AA**=**A**lcoholics **A**nonymous
KYP=**K**EEPING **Y**OU **P**OSTED	**EMMP**=**E**ric **M**oody **M**emorial **P**avilion	**JRWP**=**J**UNIPER **R**OOT **W**OODLAND **P**RESCHOOL
M&M GRP=**M**ARY AND **M**ARTHA **W**OMEN'S **G**ROUP	**SY**=**SANCTUARY**	**TKD**= INERTIA MARTIAL ARTS

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