



# The Ivy Vine

2024

June



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## Take Heart

In antiquity, the human heart was regarded as “the center of volition.” This meant that (long before the advent of medical science) the heart was conceived of as the part of a person which supplied that individual with courage. Consequently, giving someone the command “Take heart” was the equivalent of saying “Be of good courage.”

There are a variety of incidents depicted in the Gospels during which Jesus declares, “Take heart!” Each time Jesus says this, he is summoning people to display courage. One example of such an interaction was recounted in the Gospel reading during worship at Ivy Chapel United Church of Christ on a recent Sunday. Jesus concludes his farewell speech to the disciples, declaring in John 16:33, “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” (Today’s New International Version, 2005) The Common English Bible (2010) translates this passage: “I’ve said these things to you so that you will have peace in me. In the world, you have distress. But be **encouraged!** I have overcome the world.”

Every human being is a child of God who needs encouragement. In her book The Art of Encouragement (2002), Candy Paull cites an Irish proverb, “God likes help when helping people.” Paull also writes, “**Encouragement** is... inspiring each other to embrace life with enthusiasm, courage, and love.” There is a lovely, mutual quality to offering encouragement. In the greeting of his letter to the Church in Rome, the Apostle Paul writes, “To all God’s beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you, and peace from God and the Lord Jesus Christ. First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world... For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you - or rather so that we may be mutually **encouraged** by each other’s faith, both yours and mine.” (Romans 1:7-8, 11-12)

Long ago, in the days the Early Christian Church was gaining a foothold, there was a new convert, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the disciples gave the baptismal name Barnabas,

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meaning **“son of encouragement.”** (Acts of the Apostles 4:36) He was given this name because leaders of ‘The Way’ perceived the Spirit of God dynamically alive in him. Barnabas became an exceptional, vivacious disciple who boldly witnessed to the eternal love of Christ! The verb **“to encourage”** is defined by Merriam-Webster as “to give support, confidence, or hope to (someone).” Isn’t this what Jesus of Nazareth faithfully and consistently does? Each time Jesus proclaims, “Take heart!” what Jesus is doing is offering **encouragement** to those he is addressing. Through his words and his actions, Jesus is eternally calling all people to **encourage** one another.

Candy Paull closes her book The Art of Encouragement with the Benediction which is inscribed at the Gloucester Cathedral in England. The inscription is based on a lovely Benediction from the Book of Common Prayer (1892, 1928, modified):

*Go forth into the world in peace.  
Be of good courage.  
Hold fast to that which is good.  
Render to no one evil for evil.  
Strengthen the fainthearted.  
Support the weak.  
Help the afflicted.  
Honor all people.  
Love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;  
and the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
Amen.*

Everyone needs **encouragement**. The Gloucester Benediction summons each and every human being, *“Go into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Strengthen. Support. Help. Honor. Show love to everyone.”* As taught by our Savior Jesus Christ, may we joyfully offer **encouragement**.

God likes help when helping people.  
Love everyone.  
Always encourage,  
Pastor Dan



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# 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ivy Chapel United Church of Christ

A giant heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who came and helped us celebrate Ivy Chapel's 60th Anniversary on May 19th— we had a wonderful time and truly appreciate everyone participating in the festivities!

A big thank you also goes out to those who helped plan, organized, and volunteered at stations: Dottie Foster, Linda Lowry, Julie McAllister, Dave Mentzel, Frank Purviance, Diann Sheahan, John Weiland, Pastor Dan Wilson, Sue Wilson, Don Wolff, Dick Volz and the organizer— Jo Ann Moody.

To see more pictures of the festivities please click on this [link](#) or scan here:

If you have pictures from the event you would like to share please send them to Kara in the office and she will add them to the website.



There are still a few t-shirts left in limited sizes! If you would like one, please contact Kara in the office at 314-434-4991 or [ivy chapelucc@ivy chapel.org](mailto:ivy chapelucc@ivy chapel.org).



# Scripture Worship

**2 June 2024, Second Sunday after Pentecost:** 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20], Deuteronomy 5:12-15, Psalm 139:1-6 and 13-18, Psalm 81:1-10, 2 Corinthians 4:5-12, Mark 2:23—3:6

**9 June 2024, Third Sunday after Pentecost:** 1 Samuel 8:4-11 [12-15] 16-20 [11:14-15], Genesis 3:8-15, Psalm 138, Psalm 130, 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1, Mark 3:20-35

**16 June 2024, Fourth Sunday after Pentecost:** 1 Samuel 15:34—16:13, Ezekiel 17:22-24, Psalm 20, Psalm 92:1-4, and 12-15, 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17, Mark 4:26-34

**23 June 2024, Fifth Sunday after Pentecost:** 1 Samuel 17:[1a, 4-11, 19-23] 32-49, Job 38:1-11 or 1 Samuel 17:57—18:5, 10-16 Psalm 9:9-20 or Psalm 133, Psalm 107:1-3 and 23-32, 2 Corinthians 6:1-13, Mark 4:35-41

**30 June 2024, Sixth Sunday after Pentecost:** 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27, Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24, Psalm 130 or Lamentations 3:22-33, Psalm 30, 2 Corinthians 8:7-15, Mark 5:21-43

**7 July 2024, Seventh Sunday after Pentecost:** 2 Samuel 5:1-5 and 9-10, Ezekiel 2:1-5, Psalm 48, Psalm 123, 2 Corinthians 12:2-10, Mark 6:1-13

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu//index.php>



## CHRISTIAN ACTION



Thank you for the generous response for pool items for Every Child's Hope. We hoped to supply each of the 30 children with a towel again this year and Ivy came through!

Ivy collected **37 pool towels**, 6 pool noodles and 6 pairs of swim goggles. They were delivered on the last day of school in time for the pool opening.

Thank you for enriching the lives of the children at ECH.

## Mary *and* Martha Wmns Grp

A group of 5 people visited the Republic Recycling Center on May 21<sup>st</sup>. We learned that most of the recycling is automated using spinning rubber discs in various widths and angles to separate paper, infrared lights to identify brown and white paper and the various plastics with air jets to separate them, and strong magnets to pull out metals. Things that might interfere with this process are pulled out by people at the beginning of the cycle. About 80% of what they receive is recycled by them with some items going to other processors and some going to landfills.

It is indeed a dusty, noisy environment.

The Mary and Martha Group will NOT meet in June and will meet again on July 18<sup>th</sup> in the Multipurpose Room at 1 p.m.

# April Council Lifted Up:

- Earl Kreder for his frequent (weekly!) tractor maintenance.
- Linda Lowry for her gracious assistance to the CE Board with her Children's Message and Sunday School activities in May.
- A big THANK YOU to the many volunteers who helped plan, organize, set up (and take down) Ivy Chapel's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on May 19<sup>th</sup>. A special thank you to everyone who stayed to share memories and make the occasion special!

## Trustees

The Trustees held workdays in late April and May. Leaves and tree branches were removed from the playground and lower lot. The area east of the playground fence was cleared of weeds. On the upper lot, gumballs and twigs were cleared, weeds sprayed, and mulch was spread along the front of the Church.

Trees were trimmed in the Memorial Garden and gutters were cleaned. It was decided that the trees hanging over the Sanctuary roof would need to be removed by a tree company and we are currently soliciting bids from several tree services.

Julie and Dave continue to do a wonderful job in beautifying the parking lot island. The year's second highway clean-up of Woods Mill Road was accomplished on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

# WITH GOD'S BLESSINGS

Happy   
Anniversary to...

6/9/1978 Mark and Jo Ann Moody  
6/18/1994 Rich and Sarah Heend  
6/20/1959 Jim and Diann Sheahan  
6/20/1987 Bruce and Janet Wilking  
6/22/1991 Dan and Sue Wilson  
6/24/1967 Bill and Norma Pasia  
6/25/1966 Jack and Ann Molyneaux  
6/28/1969 Ralph and Myrna Weiland

Happy Birthday to... 

### June

1 Cindy Kettler	16 Jason Lowry
3 John Weiland	21 Sarah Scott
8 Curt Wintrose	22 Heide Lauer
10 Marsha Fix	24 Nelie Mc Neal
14 Krissy Lowry	Amy Kavalasuskas
15 Carl Winship	Rory Winship

# Serving God's People

## Greeter/Ushers

2 June	Dottie Foster and Gail Thoele <b>communion server Donna Grote</b>
9 June	Don Wolff and John Weiland
16 June	Kathryn Kuntzman and Jack Molyneaux
23 June	Myrna and Ralph Weiland
30 June	Pat and Carl Winship
7 July	Donna Grote and Jan Wirtz <b>communion server Gail Thoele</b>

## June Schedules

## Liturgists

2 June	Pat Winship
9 June	John Weiland
16 June	-----
23 June	Jim French
30 June	Diann Sheahan
7 July	Rod Hertenstein

## CARE CORPS

- JUN — Kay Kreder 314-878-5296
- JUL — Diann Sheahan 314-275-2913

### 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**  
314-576-0091/314-591-0057.



God has called us to our positions, and we rejoice when we are able to serve God in these places of ministry. If there is some way in which our staff may be of help to you, please contact us at the numbers below.

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Office hours: Monday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 9:30AM–2:30PM

Charities we serve: Please place items on the designated shelves in the cloak room or otherwise designated.

**CIRCLE OF CONCERN**—*Shopping and monthly needs List* is on FH bulletin board. Place on **TOP SHELF**.  
636-861-2623 <https://www.circleofconcern.org/>



**Isaiah 58 Ministries Bag of Blessings** list on FH bulletin board. Place on **3rd-4th SHELVES**: food items, egg cartons, clothing, plastic bags, glass cases. <https://i58ministries.org/>



**Every Child's Hope** <https://everychildshope.org>  
**Lydia's House** <https://www.lydiashouse.org>  
**UP—Unleashing Potential** <https://upstl.org>

**INSTITUTO EL REY**: Explore the website how YOU can help students in rural northern Honduras pursue their dreams. [www.ierschool.org](http://www.ierschool.org)



**RITENOUR CO-CARE FOOD PANTRY**: Place food and personal care items on **2nd SHELF**. [Rccfoodpantry.org](http://Rccfoodpantry.org)

**Getting new eyeglasses? Ask your eye doctor if they will take your old pair to recycle or go to this web site**  
<https://allaboutvision.com/resources/donate.htm>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
<b>2</b> 2nd S aft Pentecost grn <b>10am Worship / †</b> <b>LS</b>  AA 6pm YR	<b>3</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>4</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349	<b>5</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>6</b> AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 6-7pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> AA 10:30am #350 <b>FH-Private Rental</b>
<b>9</b> 3rd S aft Pentecost grn <b>10am Worship</b>  AA 6pm YR	<b>10</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm  <b>Council Mtg 7pm</b>	<b>11</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349  Deacons-7pm Zoom	<b>12</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>13</b> AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 6-7pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> AA 10:30am #350  <b>The Ivy Vine Articles DUE</b>
<b>16</b> 4th S aft Pentecost grn <b>10am Worship</b>  AA 6pm YR	<b>17</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>18</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349	<b>19</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm  <b>Men's Luncheon 11:30am- The Reserve 11411 Olive Boulevard</b>	<b>20</b> AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 6-7pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> AA 10:30am #350
<b>23</b> 5th S aft Pentecost grn <b>10am Worship</b>  AA 6pm YR	<b>24</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>25</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349	<b>26</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>27</b> AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 6-7pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Art Camp 9am-1pm—Fellowship Hall and Pavilion</b>						
<b>30</b> 6th S aft Pentecost grn <b>10am Worship</b>  AA 6pm YR	July 1 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	July 2 AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349	July 3 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	July 4 AA (Ladies #744) 9:30-11am TKD 6-7pm  Independence Day	July 5	July 6

**AHEAD IN JULY: 4TH–INDEPENDENCE DAY 8TH–Council Meeting 16th Mary & Martha Women's Grp 17th Men's Lunch 11:30am @ The Reserve 21st–Salad Fundraiser after worship**

<b>LS=THE LORD'S SUPPER</b> <b>KYP=KEEPING YOU POSTED</b> <b>M&amp;M GRP=MARY AND MARTHA WOMEN'S GROUP</b>	<b>FH = Fellowship Hall</b> <b>EMMP=Eric Moody Memorial Pavilion</b> <b>SY=SANCTUARY</b>	<b>AA=Alcoholics Anonymous</b> <b>JRWP=JUNIPER ROOT WOODLAND PRESCHOOL</b> <b>TKD= INERTIA MARTIAL ARTS</b>
Monday JRWP 8:30-3:30	Tuesday JRWP 8:30-3:30	Wednesday JRWP 8:30-3:30
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