



The Ivy Vine

2024

September



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Autumn

A treasured hymn that the church congregation I once served in Kansas loved to sing as an opening worship hymn was "Blessed Quietness" by Manie Payne Ferguson. Manie Payne was born in southeast Ireland in 1850 roughly 84 kilometers from Dublin in the town of Carlow. As a young woman, Manie came to the United States of America. In 1883, she and Theodore Pollack Ferguson were married in Ohio. In 1879, the married couple relocated to California. In November 1886, they founded the Los Angeles Mission, which was eventually renamed "Peniel Mission." This name was based on the overnight wrestling match that Jacob had with God in the Book of Genesis. When it was over, Jacob "prevailed." But, in the struggle, Jacob's hip had been put out of joint, and so he was left walking with a limp. God blessed Jacob there on that piece of land. "So Jacob called the place Peniel." (Genesis 32:30) The name "Peniel" is a Hebrew word which means "face of God."

Manie Payne Ferguson was a creative writer who composed many poems and hymns. The hymn she is best known for is "Blessed Quietness." This hymn's reassuring lyrics include: *"Joys are flowing like a river, Since the Comforter has come; He abides with us forever, makes the trusting heart His home... Like the rain that falls from Heaven, Like the sunlight from the sky, So the Holy Ghost is given, Coming on us from on high. Blessed quietness, holy quietness, What assurance in my soul! On the stormy sea, He speaks peace to me. How the billows cease to roll!"*

As autumn arrives in the Northern Hemisphere this year, one does not anticipate that there will be "quietness" - especially not in our nation as a highly contested national election is approaching. Yet, whether coming days will be characterized by tranquility or by storms, the eternal calm promised by God will be able to surface. Christ speaks peace. Retaining an enduring faith in this promise will require strength of soul. Let humankind not forget who God is. God is the Creator and the Provider. God does provide strength of soul to God's people. In your personal Peniel, watch for the "face of God." Rely on God.

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Christ Jesus reassures his disciples on the stormy sea, "Take heart. It is I. Do not fear." (Matthew 14:27; Mark 6:50) Now and forever, this reassurance is offered to all seafarers by our Loving Savior.

Let us receive and be grateful for the tranquility of the biblical psalms. Even during the most tumultuous of times, draw comfort and spiritual strength from William O'Malley's translation of God's Word: *"I thrashed in quicksand, and my Creator bent down to me, pulled me from the mire, and set my feet on rock. My panicked heart subsides, and I can breathe! Steady my steps, O God. I am wobbly as a child, reborn from the womb of pain, learning again, this time in a world far bleaker than before. Tumbling into mire, the rescue, the bleak new world - I make no pretense to understand, except that in the scroll of the Book I'm told to obey. You are the God who called me forth from nothingness. Thus, every day is a gift I don't deserve. I did nothing to merit these days of pain - and yet, neither did I merit the days of joy and peace, the heedless laughter, the rejoicing, those I love. Help me not to forget just who you are. And who I am."*

(Psalm 40 – from More Daily Prayers for Busy People by William J. O'Malley, SJ, St. Mary's Press, 1999, p. 46)

This autumn, may your soul be shored up by the strength that God provides. On the stormy sea, Christ speaks peace. God promises. God provides.

Autumn blessings,
Pastor Dan



Emergency Pastoral Care **Sept. 22 – October 4 Clergy Contact**

My availability during the time frame Sept. 22 through October 4 will be uncertain. During that span of time, I will only learn, on a day-by-day basis, what my pastoral availability will be for each following day. Therefore, I have asked a UCC clergy colleague to serve as our on-call emergency pastoral care contact the entire time.

Rev. Jeff Groene (pastor of Samuel UCC – Clayton) has graciously offered to provide Emergency Pastoral Care for Ivy Chapel UCC. If you have a pastoral care need between **Sept. 22 and October 4**, please contact **Rev. Jeff Groene** by calling him at: **314-517-2468** (cell phone) or **314-727-9540** (church phone).

Scripture Worship

1 Sept 2024, Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost:

Psalm 45:1-2 and 6-9, Psalm 15, Deuteronomy 4:1-2 and 6-9, James 1:17-27, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

8 Sept 2024, Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost:

Proverbs 22:1-2 and 8-9 and 22-23, Isaiah 35:4-7a, Psalm 125, Psalm 146, James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17, Mark 7:24-37

15 Sept 2024, Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost:

Proverbs 1:20-33, Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 19, Psalm 116:1-9, James 3:1-12, Mark 8:27-38

22 Sept 2024, Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost:

Proverbs 31:10-31, Jeremiah 11:18-20, Psalm 1, Psalm 54, James 3:13—4:3 and 7-8a, Mark 9:30-37

29 Sept 2024, Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost:

Esther 7:1-6 and 9-10; 9:20-22, Numbers 11:4-6 and 10-16 and 24-29, Psalm 124, Psalm 19:7-14, James 5:13-20, Mark 9:38-50

6 Oct 2024, Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost:

Job 1:1; 2:1-10, Genesis 2:18-24, Psalm 26, Psalm 8, Hebrews 1:1-4 and 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Ivy Chapel will be hosting
a Blood Drive on
Thursday Nov. 7th
from 4-7:30.

Look for more information to
come in future KYPs and Vines.

Give Blood-Save a Life



“Imagine Together!”

Ivy Chapel UCC Stewardship Journey

Our congregation’s autumn stewardship journey will begin Sept. 29. The theme for this year’s faith pilgrimage will be

“Imagine Together!”

Our Ivy Chapel UCC Stewardship Committee Leaders look forward to sharing in this meaningful season with everyone as we focus on responding to God’s invitation to grow in all facets of our discipleship and our giving.

Let us all actively participate in this stewardship journey which will be celebrated in worship on Sept. 29, Oct. 13 and Oct. 20. Our **“Imagine Together!”** journey will culminate on Consecration Sunday, Oct. 20.





BLESSING of the ANIMALS

Mark your calendars to come and celebrate Ivy Chapel UCC's annual Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, September 21st from 1-3pm.

We are blessed by the companionship of our pets. Let's offer them a blessing!

Or partner animal assistance organization this year is Bi-State Pet Food Pantry. You are invited to offer gifts in support of the pantry's ministry.



Items requested this year are:

Cat treats, dog treats, canned cat food, canned dog food and cat litter

New or gently used– *cat toys, dog toys, cat bedding, dog bedding, leashes and collars*

Monetary gifts are always appreciate as well.



 Come to Ivy Chapel UCC along with your creature companions where we will  enjoy a sacred time together. All God's creatures are welcome!

FALL BBQ

Mark your calendar to come get some yummy BBQ that you can eat right here at Ivy or carry out and take home on Sat. Sept 28th from 4-7pm.

Burgers, brats and hotdog meals will be available to purchase ahead of time online [through this link](#) or in person day-of.

Adult Meals-\$10

Choose 1-Hamburger or Bratwurst

Choose 2– Baked Beans, Chips, Potato Salad

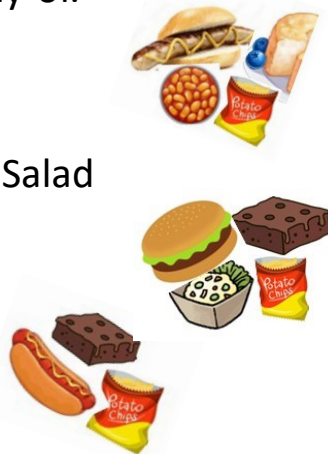
Choose 1-Brownie or Angel Food Cake

Child Meals-\$5

Hot Dog only

Choose 1-Baked Beans or Chips

Choose 1-Brownie or Angel Food Cake



August Council Lifted Up:

- The Mary and Martha Women's Group for sponsoring and preparing the Salad Luncheon fellowship time after worship on July 28th.
- Julie McAlister for her last minute fill in as worship musician at the Aug. 4th worship.
- Frank Purviance for "putting out all of the fires" associated with Ivy Chapel's Facility.
- Valerie Waterman as the "master scheduler" for Sunday music.
- Dave Mentzel for tending Ivy Chapel's vegetable garden and taking the produce to Rite-nour Co-Care Food Pantry.

Trustees

Keeping Ivy Chapel cool is one of the big jobs for the Trustees and we maintain 5 AC units. As recently as May 2022, a new AC unit had to be installed to help cool the sanctuary. Now one of the AC units for Fellowship Hall has failed and the estimated replacement cost is \$10,000. Besides providing space for the congregation to gather after the service and for special luncheons, renting out the Hall to outside groups generates important income for Ivy Chapel. An appeal for funds to replace this AC unit, *Fund the Facility*, has gone out to Church members.

As part of the annual maintenance of the HVAC systems, the zone controller on the lower and west furnaces was repaired. A new transformer will be installed to relight the outside Cross. On the grounds, mowing continues and the gutters and the playground have been cleaned up for the start of school. Trash pick-up of Woods Mill Road was accomplished on August 18. The final pick up of the year is scheduled for Sunday, November 3, weather permitting.

Mary^{and}Martha Wmns Grp

The Mary and Martha Women's Group met on Aug. 20th, 2024 with a devotion from Dottie Foster. It was decided that the money from Dessert for a Dollar on Aug. 25th will be given to Unleashing Potential (formerly Neighborhood Houses) which promotes families and education for children. Since we have the funds, it was also decided to give \$100.00 to Fund the Facility to help purchase a new air conditioner at Ivy Chapel. We shared information about our May trip to the Republic Recycling Center with those who were unable to make the trip.

On September 17th we will have lunch at Spiro's Restaurant to enjoy time together. We will meet at Ivy Chapel at 1 p.m. and carpool to the restaurant which is close to the church.

Thank You Ivy Chapel!

Please look for the letters posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board thanking Ivy Chapel as well as the Mary and Martha group for their generous donations to Isaiah 58 Ministries.

Ivy Chapel donated \$250 at the end of July and the Mary and Martha Women's Group donated \$150 raised from the Salad Luncheon in July.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of outside ministries, missions and most importantly all of God's creatures here on earth.

Our Faith, Our Vote

The United Church of Christ's 'Our Faith, Our Vote' Initiative is our denomination's ongoing commitment to equip everyone with the tools for nonpartisan faithful engagement in our democratic process. The initiative is made up of three main components:

1. voter registration
2. issue education
3. voter empowerment

[Our Faith, Our Vote at UCC.org](#)

The 2024 'Our Faith, Our Vote' Initiative asks the church to answer the call of 1 John 3:18: "Let us love, not with words or speech, but with actions and in truth." Vote with love for creation, love for our neighbors both here and abroad, love for a just peace, love for repair and reconciliation of the brokenness of our nation. Encourage your family, friends and community to vote with love. The 2024 election season is underway. Please check this page, [Vote With Love-UCC](#), for updates to learn how you can "vote with love" this year.

Faithful and Respectful Discussions

Our faith provides us with spiritual resources to share in conversations which are faithful and respectful. We can choose to have civic discussions in civil tones. We can choose respect and hope over animosity and bitterness.

[Find out more about having faithful and respectful discussions this election season by clicking here](#) .

Ivy Information

Worship with US!

EVERY SUNDAY:
10am in person and
streamed live on YouTube

The Lord's Supper:
first Sunday of the month



www.ivychapel.org —>



<— [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/ivychapel)—

www.facebook.com/IvyChapel—>



Our Support Staff

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.

Pastor Dan Wilson: pastordan@ivychapel.org / 314-580-4564

Office Administrator-Kara White: ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org / 314-434-4991

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

Minister of Music– Mike Waller

Custodian– Alondra Ramirez

Be sure to check out the Fellowship Hall bulletin board throughout each month to see news and events from our sister churches and organizations we partner with and support.

If you would like to have a flyer placed on the bulletin board please contact the office for more information at 314-434-4991 or ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org.

GIVING AT IVY CHAPEL

If you cannot attend the Sunday Worship service, you can send your offering gift to the church:

Ivy Chapel UCC,
620 North Woods Mill Road
Chesterfield, MO 63017

**FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING RENTING
SPACE AT IVY CHAPEL**

**PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT 314-434-4991
OR IVYCHAPELUCC@IVYCHAPEL.ORG**

Happy Anniversary to...

Gary and Sue Lindhorst
9/11/1982
Trish and Mark Baker
9/23/2006
9/24/1996 Wintrode
9/24/1996
Frank Pfau and Beth Noonan
9/28/1996



Happy Birthday to ...

3 Sarah Heend
Frank Purviance
4 Gail Thoele
6 Danny Faust
7 Stuart Kirk
11 Calvin Heend
15 Lelia Headrick
Linda Lowry
17 Holly Winship
28 Richard Heend
Jo Ann Moody
30 Mark Gerdes

Serving God's People

Sept Schedules

Liturgists

1 Sep	Pat Winship
8 Sep	John Weiland
15 Sep	-----
22 Sep	Jim French
29 Sep	Diann Sheahan
6 Oct	Rod Hertenstein

Greeter/Ushers

1 Sep	Don Wolff and John Weiland communion prep Sue Wilson
8 Sep	Dottie Foster and Gail Thoele
15 Sep	Myrna and Ralph Weiland
22 Sep	Pat and Carl Winship
29 Sep	Donna Grote and Jan Wirtz
6 Oct	Kathryn Kuntzman and Jack Molyneaux communion prep Pat Winship

CARE CORPS

- SEP — Dottie Foster 314-878-4286
- OCT — Jan Wirtz 314-740-7385

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 as well as the office. **THANK YOU!**

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 

RITENOUR CO-CARE FOOD PANTRY: Place food and personal care items on **2nd SHELF**. 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
						
1 15th S aft Pentecost grn 10am Worship/† LS	2 Labor Day-Office Closed	3 AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 Office Closed	4 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	5 AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm	6 Square dancing 3:30-5:30pm 7-9pm	7 AA 10:30am #350
8 16th S aft Pentecost grn 10am Worship	9 TKD 5:30-6:30pm Council Mtg 7pm	10 AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 Deacons-7pm Zoom	11 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	12 AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm Office Closed	13	14 AA 10:30am #350
15 17th S aft Pentecost grn 10am Worship The Ivy Vine Articles DUE	16 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	17 AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 Mary & Martha Wms Grp 1pm Office Closed	18 TKD 5:30-6:30pm Men's Luncheon 11:30am-Chimi's 60 Four Seasons Shpg Cntr, 3147865090	19 AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm	20	21 AA 10:30am #350 Blessing of the Animals 1-3pm
22 18th S aft Pentecost grn 10am Worship	23 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	24 AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349	25 TKD 5:30-6:30pm Office Closed	26 AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm	27	28 AA 10:30am #350 Church BBQ 4-7pm
29 19th S aft Pentecost grn 10am Worship	30 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	October 1 AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 Office Closed	October 1 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	October 1 AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm	October 1	October 1 AA 10:30am #350

**AHEAD IN OCT: 14th-Council Meeting 15th-Mary & Martha Women's Grp
16th Men's Lunch 11:30am @ Yellowstone Cafe**

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

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