



The Ivy Vine

October

2024



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Imagine Together

The word “*Imagine*” is a powerful verb. Even before the time of John Lennon’s 1971 album entitled “*Imagine*,” concepts of human imagination and ingenuity have connected with people in an open-ended manner which stirs creativity!

This month, our Ivy Chapel UCC faith community is engaging together in a spiritual quest exploring where God may be leading us next. The theme of our stewardship journey is “*Imagine Together*.”

As for the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ; God had advanced vision and imagination. Similarly, God has vision and imagination for our lives! Where will this earthly journey lead? God has a vision. God has a vision for each one of us as an individual human being. God also has a vision for all of us **Together**; for all people **Together** - as one congregation, and as one world.

Embracing the “imagination of our hearts” has unlimited potential for leading towards **fulfillment**. Of course, like so many words, “fulfillment” can mean different things to different people at different times.

May you and I be blessed with the faith to claim the psalmist’s affirmation, “The LORD will **fulfill** the LORD’s purpose for me, for your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.” (Psalm 138:8)

As children of God seeking to live as Jesus Christ’s followers, we aspire to this sacred vision: “Bear one another’s burdens, and you will **fulfill** the law of Christ. So then, whenever we have the opportunity, let us work for the good of all.” (Galatians 6)

Friends in Christ, we have pivotal life opportunities on the horizon this autumn - opportunities for our congregation and for our nation to move forward.

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Our Master and Teacher Jesus Christ portrays that, for each one who seeks to live a new life in Christ, the possibilities are endless. The sky's the limit! You'd never think that you could "move a mountain." And yet, Christ proclaims, "Truly, truly, I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. And nothing will be impossible for you." (Mathew 17:20)

As Ivy Chapel UCC **Consecration Sunday, October 20** approaches; pray and act.

As our United States of America national election **Tuesday, November 5** approaches; pray and act.

My treasured companions following Christ, I rejoice in the faithful leadership which is being displayed by our denomination, the United Church of Christ! One of the exceptional areas of leadership is our wider church's encouragement for all people to register to vote; to participate in the election; and to **VOTE with LOVE**. Upon prayer and reflection, let us vote for candidates who will *govern on behalf of all people*. In the spirit of the **God of Love**, our United Church of Christ encourages: **VOTE with LOVE**.

The United Church of Christ is abundantly blessed to have as one of our leaders a compassionate, prophetic General Minister and President, the Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, who has offered the wider church her courageous Sept. 20th testimonial, quoting God's Prophet (Zechariah 7:9-10).

You may read Rev. Thompson's inspiring words by scanning here—>



VOTE with LOVE. Learn more about UCC efforts supporting voter Registration and Participation by scanning here to visit the UCC website —>



By the amazing grace of God, we ***"Imagine Together!"***

Pastor Dan

"God of all peoples, in whose image each one is created, grant us a spirit of discernment for hearing the truth when it is spoken. Guide us to stand in kindness and mercy with the vulnerable in our communities. Give us the courage to speak out against injustice and always to listen and respond in love. Amen."

- Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson
General Minister and President
United Church of Christ

"If you can dream it, you can do it."

- Sherilyn Silverstein



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
a just world for all

World Communion Sunday Neighbors In Need Offering

MENTAL HEALTH JUSTICE FOR ALL

Mental health is a
Universal Human Right

"God will not falter or lose heart until justice prevails throughout the earth." (Isaiah 42:4)



On **Sunday, Oct. 6**, along with our Christian siblings all over the world this day, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion during worship!
Rejoice!

This Sunday also is the occasion for our Neighbors In Need (NIN) Special Offering Appeal. The 2024 NIN Theme is

"Mental Health Is a Universal Human Right," based on words of the prophet:
"God will not falter or lose heart until justice prevails throughout the earth."

(Isaiah 42:4)

**May we give generously to NIN in support of
mental health justice for all people.**

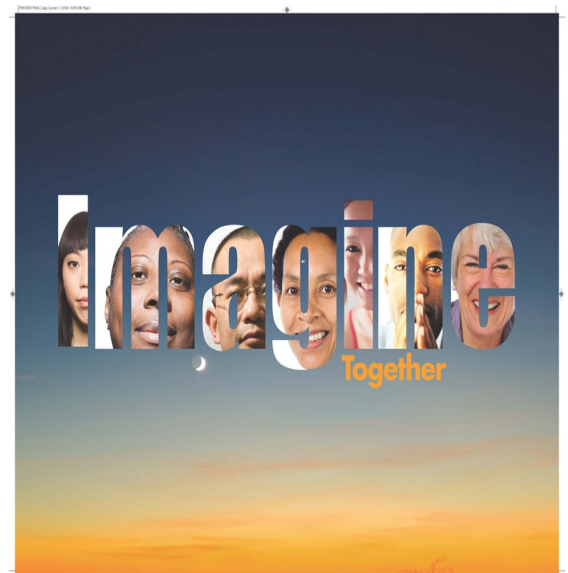
"Imagine Together!"

Ivy Chapel UCC Stewardship Journey

Our congregation's autumn stewardship faith pilgrimage began on Sept. 29 as we embraced the theme of **"Imagine Together!"**

Our Ivy Chapel UCC Stewardship Committee Leaders welcomed a guest speaker, Rev. Doni Driemeier-Showers, on Sept. 29th who helped Ivy Chapel with a meaningful start to this season 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 during worship on Oct. 13 and Oct. 20 when we culminate our **"Imagine Together!"** journey.



September Council Lifted Up:

- Don Wolff for being a quiet consistent force behind the scenes. He is at Ivy Chapel every week tending to all manner of odd jobs that need to be done, and doing all of them in his good natured way.
- JoAnn Moody for sharing the Children's Message on August 18.
- Linda Lowry, for leading the August 18th Children's Sunday School activity in Fellowship Hall.

Trustees

Thanks to the generosity of the congregation, a new air conditioner for Fellowship Hall was installed on September 12. The hot summer has slowed the pace of mowing, but care of the grounds continues including some weeding and trimming in Memorial Garden. The final trash pickup along Woods Mill Road of 2024 is scheduled for Sunday, November 3, weather permitting.

CHRISTIAN ACTION



**BUY-A-BIRD
HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER**

Many in our community struggle during the holidays with the extra expenses surrounding holiday meals and celebrations. As the cost of food continues to rise, so does the struggle.

This year we will offer holiday meals and gift cards to approximately 600 families!

Isaiah 58 MINISTRIES
Help ensure everyone can share in the bounty of the holiday season!

\$40 = One Holiday Meal
\$400 = Ten Holiday Meals
Make a Donation Today!

Online at:
IS8ministries.org/donate

or mail a check to:
Isaiah 58 Ministries
2149 South Grand Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63104
(memo: Buy-A-Bird!)

This holiday season Ivy Chapel is again participating in the "Buy A Bird" program through Isaiah 58 Ministries. Grocery gift cards are purchased and given to families so that they may buy food that makes their holiday meals special.

This year they anticipate serving over 300 families by this program at BOTH Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Your monetary gifts can be collected in the offering plate or sent to church.

We are accepting donations through October and ending November 3.

Thank you for helping to provide a festive meal for so many families.

To donate online
scan here →



For general Isaiah58 information
scan here →



TOTENFEST

Sunday, November 3rd, 2024

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 and observe “Totenfest” during worship on **November 3rd.**

You are invited and encouraged to submit the names of those you love who have passed on to life eternal within this past year. Please provide the name (s) IN PRINT to the church office by **Sunday, October 20th using the forms on the table in the Narthex.**

A printed list will be posted just outside Pastor Dan’s study at that time. Please take time to verify that the name of each person you would like recognized is on the list before **Oct. 31st.**

The names will be read aloud during our worship on **Sunday, November 3rd.**

Thank you.

 **ImpactLife**

**Reserve your time
NOW!**

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

Sign up by scanning
this link —>



For more information please contact
Sue Wilson at 314-324-3765.

**Give Blood
Save a Life!**

ECH Halloween Candy Drive

Remember looking in your trick or treat bag and seeing all of that candy? We can provide that experience for the kids at Every Child’s Hope by donating candy for their trunk or treat event. There is a bin in the narthex for your donation.

Thank you for remembering the children at ECH.



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The POWER of the VOTE

Since January 2024, politicians across the country have introduced 638 anti-Trans bills and passed 45. In the State of Ohio, legislators overrode the governor's veto to pass the first anti-Trans bill this year. Like many bills, this bill targets Trans youth by restricting access to gender-affirming healthcare and limiting participation in sports. The fact that Ohio's legislature overrode a gubernatorial veto to pass such a harmful bill highlights the hate that is present in chambers of power and exposes the depths to which elected officials may go to harm the marginalized. This is both a political and a moral issue. Clearly, it is vital for each of us to stand with the marginalized.

Ohio is the home to the headquarters of both the United Church of Christ and the Open and Affirming Coalition, meaning this bill hits close to home. As people of faith, God calls us to love our neighbors and to seek justice for the marginalized. Attacks on Trans rights are attacks on the fundamental principles of equality and human dignity.

Our vote is a powerful tool to effect change. Voting is our opportunity to select elected officials and to ensure that the voices of the marginalized are heard and are provided justice. We must be aware that voter suppression efforts, particularly those targeting communities of color and LGBTQ+ individuals, are on the rise. These efforts seek to silence vulnerable populations, making it critical for us to show up at the polls and to encourage all people to VOTE with LOVE.

God calls us to support candidates who are committed to protecting the rights of all people. By casting our ballots, we help shape a future where **EVERYONE** is treated with dignity and respect.

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

Scan here for —>
more information.



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 scan for this page 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 scanning 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)—

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 Birthday to ...

- 1 Kevin Wilking
- 4 Evelyn Stecher
- 8 Rose Louise Share
- 10 Jennifer Faust & Mark Moody
- 13 Rudolf "Rudi" Lauer
- 19 Adam Durham
- 20 Don Wolff



Happy Anniversary to...

- Thom and Kathryn Kuntzman
10/20/1985
- Erin (Moody) and Scott Bowman
10/24/2020



Scripture ^{of} Worship

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

13 Oct 2024, Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost:

Job 23:1-9 and 16-17, Amos 5:6-7 and 10-15, Psalm 22:1-15, Psalm 90:12-17, Hebrews 4:12-16, Mark 10:17-31

20 Oct 2024, Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost:

Job 38:1-7 [34-41], Isaiah 53:4-12, Psalm 104:1-9 and 24 and 35b, Psalm 91:9-16, Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45

27 Oct 2024, Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost:

Job 42:1-6 and 10-17, Jeremiah 31:7-9, Psalm 34:1-8 [19-22], Psalm 126, Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 10:46-52

3 Nov 2024, Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost:

Ruth 1:1-18, Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Psalm 146, Psalm 119:1-8, Hebrews 9:11-14, Mark 12:28-34

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

Serving God's People-OCT Schedules

Liturgists

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| 6 Oct | --- |
| 13 Oct | Sue Wilson |
| 20 Oct | ----- |
| 27 Oct | JoAnn Moody |

CARE CORPS

- OCT — Jan Wirtz 314-740-7385
- NOV — Ann Molyneaux 314-878-0966

Greeter/Ushers

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| 6 Oct | Kathryn Kuntzman and Jack Molyneaux communion prep Pat Winship |
| 13 Oct | Don Wolff and John Weiland |
| 20 Oct | Diann and Jim Sheahan |
| 27 Oct | Julie McAlister and Dave Mentzel |

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 or 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 |
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|  | | 1 AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 Office Closed | 2 TKD 5:30-6:30pm | 3 AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm | 4 | 5 AA 10:30am #350 |
| 6 20th S aft Pentecost grn 10am Worship World Communion Sunday Neighbors in Need Offering AA 6pm YR | 7 TKD 5:30-6:30pm | 8 AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 Deacons-7pm Zoom Office Closed | 9 TKD 5:30-6:30pm | 10 AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm | 11 Square dancing 3:30-5:30pm 7-9pm | 12 AA 10:30am #350 |
| 13 21st S aft Pentecost grn 10am Worship AA 6pm YR | 14 TKD 5:30-6:30pm Council Mtg 7pm | 15 AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 Mary & Martha Wms Grp 1pm The Ivy Vine Articles DUE Office Closed | 16 TKD 5:30-6:30pm Men's Luncheon 11:30am- Yellowstone Café 165 Lamp & Lantern Vlg, Twn & Ctry, 6362070501 | 17 AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm | 18 | 19 AA 10:30am #350 |
| 20 22nd S aft Pentecost grn 10am Worship Consecration Sunday AA 6pm YR | 21 TKD 5:30-6:30pm | 22 AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 Office Closed | 23 TKD 5:30-6:30pm | 24 AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm | 25 | 26 AA 10:30am #350 Private Rental 3-8 |
| 27 23rd S aft Pentecost grn 10am Worship AA 6pm YR | 28 Reformation Day TKD 5:30-6:30pm | 29 AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 Office Closed | 30 TKD 5:30-6:30pm | 31 AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm | November 1 All Saints' Day | November 2 AA 10:30am #350 |

AHEAD IN NOV: 3RD- TOTENFEST AND HWY CLEAN-UP AFTER WORSHIP 7TH- BLOOD DRIVE 4-7:30 11TH-Council Meeting 17th- Congregational Meeting 19th-Mary & Martha Women's Grp 20th Men's Lunch 11:30am @ Spiro's 27th- Thanksgiving Worship @ St. John's UCC at 7:30 pm

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| 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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