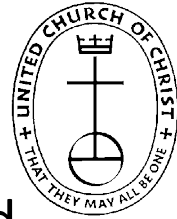


Jan. 5, 2025

# Ivy Chapel UCC



## Ivy Chapel UCC Welcomes You!

If you are unable to join us in person for Sunday worship, find us on YouTube as [Ivy Chapel UCC](#)

First Sunday of the month Communion is offered.

## e-KYP— Keeping You Posted

Find out more about us by visiting our website or following us on Facebook:

[www.ivychapel.org](http://www.ivychapel.org) / [www.facebook.com/IvyChapel](https://www.facebook.com/IvyChapel)

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.

5 Jan 2025, Second Sunday after Christmas Day: Jeremiah 31:7-14, Psalm 147:12-20, Ephesians 1:3-14, John 1:[1-9] 10-18

Jan.6th, Epiphany of the Lord: Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-7 and 10-14, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12



When Matthew told the story of the wise men, he placed it in this big picture, this tradition of hope, referring to what had gone before so that those who heard the story then were able to connect with the ancient story of God's marvelous work. The early Jewish Christians found and understood Jesus and themselves within the long, long story of God's work of saving and healing this world, the story of Israel and the promises of God which were, so the Bible tells us, for the nations, too, for all the people of the world. The whole story held together for them, it made sense, and they located themselves within it.

Don't we want to find ourselves in the story, too, to hear what happened so long ago, and to connect our own lives with it? We strangers from a distant land and far-off time want to kneel with the wise ones from the East, in awe and joy for the gift before us. And we want to know how God is still at work in this world we live in now, how God is still speaking to us, today, as God spoke through the prophets, through dreams and angels and a bright, shining star, so long ago.

How is God still speaking to us, year after year, in every season, calling us to this joy, this remembering, this new vision?

[\(From the Sermon Seeds series on the UCC website click here for the full text \)](#)



12 Jan 2025, First Sunday after the Epiphany: Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22



Please send any pictures of the 26 years of the Wilson family at Ivy Chapel to the office- [ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org](mailto:ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org) with identifying information about the picture included. Physical pictures can also be scanned to digital if brought to the office.



All items are due by Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025. **THANK YOU!**



RSVP's for Pastor Dan's Retirement and the Wilson Family Farewell Reception are due this coming **Friday, Jan 10th.**

Please follow the link in your emailed invitation or call the office to RSVP— 314-434-4991 **THANK YOU!**

If you did not grab your Christmas Poinsettia, they are now in the kitchen. Please pick them up this week or let the office know you do not want the plant— thank you!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** 4<sup>TH</sup>- Sue Wilson 🎉

## GREETER/USHER

29 Dec —Kathryn Kuntzman and Jack Molyneaux

5 Jan — Pat and Carl Winship

communion preparer **Sue Wilson**

## LITURGIST

29 Dec Ann Molyneaux

5 Jan JoAnn Moody



## CARE CORPS

➤ JAN — Sue Wilson 314-324-3765

➤ FEB — Pat Winship 636-394-5991



➤ **Men's luncheon Jan 19 Hunan Empress 164 Four Seasons Shopping Center**

➤ **OUR WEB SITE, [www.ivychapel.org](http://www.ivychapel.org), has pictures of events with Ivy Chapel members, church information, Calendar, For access to areas that are protected, members may e-mail [ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org](mailto:ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org), for password. Newsletter articles are due each 15th day of the month Please send to the church office, [ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org](mailto:ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org)**

➤ **OUTSIDE GROUPS: JUNIPER ROOT WOODLAND MICROSCHOOL M-F; SQUARE DANCING 2ND F; TKD M/W/TH; AA MEETINGS TUE & SAT, WOMEN'S TUE/THUR, YOUNG PEOPLE'S- SUN**