



The Ivy Vine

February

2025

Together We Are A Montage

Mon-tage – several distinct pictures that blend together with each other to produce a composite image

Not being a particular “artsy” person, I am fascinated by a picture montage. A montage is an image comprised of many small individual pictures, carefully selected and laid together to form a larger design, or image. I wonder at the creativity in the artist’s soul that allows the person to weave the colors, the shapes, and subject matter into a new image, defined not only by its overall look, but by all the individual elements that flow together so beautifully.

Can Ivy Chapel UCC be compared to a montage? If you look closely, do you see many individuals clear and strong in their own purpose? If you look at Ivy Chapel’s congregation, do you also see larger design that defines the purpose for the life of Ivy Chapel; a purpose that weaves us all together? What image does God, the Creator Artist, see in the montage that forms Ivy Chapel?

I believe that God, who recognizes the beauty of Ivy Chapel’s montage of members, friends, laity and leaders, gives us the ability and resources to be true to our soul and purpose, even when facing challenges.

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Sometimes we find ourselves wandering through life's "deserts", be it career changes, family crises, passing of family and dear friends, even simply the uncertainty of life as we know it today. These experiences may leave us feeling alone, fearful, or grieving. When I have these feelings, I look towards God for direction, finding solace in a favorite verse from Psalm 34, where David acknowledges and praises God for deliverance from trouble. Verse 4 reads, "I sought the Lord and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears." Our faith community, Ivy Chapel, also offers a pathway through those "desert times", simply by knowing that Ivy and God are here for us, always.

Consider the possibility that God, the Creator Artist, helped guide us, as individuals to this sanctuary we call Ivy Chapel, not only to fulfill God's holy mission, as members, friends and leaders of Ivy Chapel, but to give each of us a faith community that offers sanctuary for life today, and hope for the future.

"I sought the Lord and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. Psalm 34:4

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Scripture Worship

2 Feb 2025, Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany:

Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30

9 Feb 2025, Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany:

Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13] Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11

16 Feb 2025, Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany:

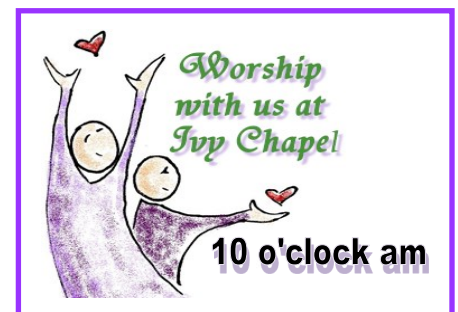
Jeremiah 17:5-10 Psalm 1 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26

23 Feb 2025, Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany:

Genesis 45:3-11, 15 Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 Luke 6:27-38

2 Mar 2025, Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany:

Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 1 Corinthians 15:51-58 Luke 6:39-49



January Council Lifted Up:



Pastor Dan and Sue Wilson for their 26 years of faithful and dedicated service to Ivy Chapel.



The many beautiful voices that joined to create the wonderful inter-generational Advent anthem. It truly enhanced our worship experience.



Valerie Waterman for her Christmas Eve service solo.



All who helped with the annual “Hanging of the Greens” to beautify our worship space for Advent and Christmas season and then the “de-frocking” in January.

A Message from our first Guest Pastor

Greetings!

My name is Rev. Dr. Carol Trissell. I will be worshipping with you on February 2 and 9 and every Sunday in March. Currently, I serve as an UCC endorsed chaplain at SSM Health Saint Louis University Hospital. Prior to working 10 years as a chaplain, I served 20 years as a pastor at 4 different congregations in Florida, Kansas, and Missouri.

Epiphany UCC in Benton Park is my church home. Ivy Chapel and Epiphany have a long history of ministry together in Joint Neighborhood Ministries and food distribution service. I look forward to meeting you and providing pulpit supply for your congregation in this time of transition.

Blessings and peace,
Carol

Ivy extends a warm welcome to Rev. Dr. Trissell who will be leading worship on Feb. 2nd & 9th and then again for the entire month of March.

All About Ivy Chapel Care Corp

One of Ivy Chapel's many strengths is our commitment and ability to care for each other. The Ivy Chapel Care Corps was formed to support families experiencing special circumstances such as recovery from surgery, long term illness, death of a family member or birth of a baby!

During worship Care Corp members listen to prayer concerns and announcements. They communicate with each other and then reach out to offer assistance to those in need. Ivy's love is shown through conversations, cards, meals, company, or anything that might be helpful.

If you or anyone you know is in need of assistance, Please contact Kara in the office at 314-434-4991 or ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org (after office hours at 314-409-2832) or the designated monthly Care Corp leader listed in the weekly KYP or monthly Vine to initiate support.

Feb– Gail Thoele– 314-576-0091

Mar– Linda Lowry– 314-703-2776

Apr– Julie McAllister– 314-488-6078

May– Valerie Waterman– 636-391-9886

June– Kay Kreder-314-878-5296

July– Diann Sheahan– 314-275-2913

Aug– Kathryn Kuntzman– 636-391-8468

Sept– Gail Thoele- 314-576-0091

Oct—Jan Wirtz—314-740-7385

Nov– Ann Molyneaux—314-878-0966

Dec– Debbie Glenn-314-954-2286

and Evelyn Stecher-636-6542

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for the marvelous, spirited and enjoyable Retirement Reception given in celebration of our sacred, bountiful 26 years of ministry together! The joyous occasion was a blessing. What a lovely memory to add to all of our treasured memories of Ivy Chapel United Church of Christ.



We praise God for bringing our lives together.
We will miss you dearly.

With our gratitude and our love,
Dan, Sue, Ashton and Sarah Wilson



A giant THANK YOU to everyone who helped to plan, organize, prepare food, set-up and take down tables and chairs, and decorate for Pastor Dan and the Wilson Family's Reception, we couldn't have done it without you!



A special thanks goes to Linda Ledbetter who personally poured 99 molded chocolates for the reception as thank you gifts!



Trustees

In January, we put up two Memorial flags. A U.S. Flag in honor of Frank Melvin and the Christian flag in memory of Carole Purviance. They were flying at half-staff in observance of President Carter's passing.

The Trustees kept busy in 2024 with the completion of several major projects:

- Memorial Garden refresh.
- Maintenance of the HVAC systems including repair of the zone controller on the lower and west furnaces and the replacement of the unit servicing Fellowship Hall..

In 2025, we hope to tackle some major projects in addition to the regular mowing, trimming, raking, and general maintenance of the grounds. The new projects include:

- Fix drainage at Pavilion
- Replace sprinkler pipe - steps to sign
- Seal and restripe parking lot – (contractor)

The tentative dates for the clean-up of our mile of Woods Mill Road are Sunday, February 23; Sunday, May 4; Sunday, August 3; and Sunday, Nov. 2.

Thanks to all who help the Trustees with these projects: Don Wolff, Steve Lowry, Mark Gerdes, Julie McAllister, and Dave Mentzel to name just a few.

Mary^{and}Martha Wmns Grp

The Mary and Martha Women's Group met on Jan. 21st and were led in a devotion by Pat Winship. We made the following tentative plans for 2025.

Feb. 18-Take a tour of a candy producing company and check on collecting personal care products for Lydia's House.

Mar. 18 Have a Lenten Devotion and make folded Easter cards for sick and shut-in members and friends.

Apr.12 Make individual Easter Baskets with Emmaus Seven Pines residents on Sat., Apr. 12 at their home.

May 20 Travelogue with Steve and Linda Lowry about their trip to Egypt.

June **No Meeting**

July 15 Plan Salad Luncheon and prepare and serve the luncheon on Sun., July 20th.

Aug. 19 Talk about Make A Wish Nonprofit Company by Tara Lowry and plan for Dessert for A Dollar on Aug. 24th.

Ivy Information

Worship with US!

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

The Lord's Supper:
first Sunday of the month

Connect with Ivy

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.

Office Administrator-Kara White: ivy chapelucc@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 ivy chapelucc@ivychapel.org.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING RENTING
SPACE AT IVY CHAPEL
PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT 314-434-4991
OR IVYCHAPELUCC@IVYCHAPEL.ORG**

E-KYP (E-KEEPING YOU POSTED)

By end of any Wednesday
Send your news to Ivy Chapel
ivy chapelucc@ivychapel.org emailed every Friday.

WITH GOD'S BLESSINGS



Happy Birthday to ...



2 Isabella Del Carmen
3 Carol Faust
Gregory Scott

14 Diann Sheahan
16 Paul Farrell

20 Joe Del Carmen
Marg Ivey
23 Kate Mc Neal
27 Taylor Cox

Serving God's People- Feb Schedules

Liturgists

2 Feb	Pat Winship
9 Feb	John Weiland
16 Feb	-----
23 Feb	Jim French

Greeter/Ushers

2 Feb	Don Wolff and John Weiland communion preparer Gail Thoele
9 Feb	Kathryn Kuntzman and Jack Molyneaux
16 Feb	Pat and Carl Winship
23 Feb	Kay and Earl Kreder

CARE CORPS



- FEB — Gail Thoele 314-576-0091
- MAR — Linda Lowry 314-703-2776

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/>



RITENOUR CO-CARE FOOD PANTRY: Place food and personal care items on **2nd SHELF**. Rccfoodpantry.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



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 AA 10:30am #350
2 4th S aft Epiphany Grn 10am Worship /† LS Annual Meeting – Elmer Awards 11am AA 6pm YR	3 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	4 AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 Deacons-7pm Zoom	5 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	6 AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm	7 Square dancing 3:30-5:30pm 7-9pm	8 AA 10:30am #350
9 5th S aft Epiphany Grn 10am Worship AA 6pm YR	10 TKD 5:30-6:30pm Council Mtg 7pm	11 AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349	12 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	13 AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm The Ivy Vine Articles DUE		15 AA 10:30am #350
16 1st S in Lent prpl 10am Worship AA 6pm YR	17 TKD 5:30-6:30pm President's Day	18 AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349 Mary & Martha Wms Grp 1pm	19 TKD 5:30-6:30pm Men's Luncheon 11:30am- Duffy's Pub and Grill 1024 Schnucks Woods Mill Plaza	20 AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm	21	22 AA 10:30am #350 Private Rental 3-9 FH
23 2nd S in Lent prpl 10am Worship HWY Clean-Up after worship AA 6pm YR	24 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	25 AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349	26 TKD 5:30-6:30pm	27 AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm	28	March 1 AA 10:30am #350

**AHEAD IN MAR: 5TH–Ash Wednesday worship 10TH-Council Meeting
18th-Mary & Martha Women's Grp 19th-Men's Lunch 11:30am @ Stackhouse**

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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