



# *The Ivy Vine*

*April*

2025

# Hallelujah!

## **The story of Handel's *Messiah***

George Fredrick Handel was one of the world's greatest composers. This story is told about him:

Handel was honored to be chosen by the king of England to compose a special oratorio. Wishing to please the king, Handel asked what kind of music he would like. The king replied, "Because it will be the Easter season, make it something set to verses from the Bible."

Handel set to work on the score. He practiced it over and over with the orchestra and chorus, making changes right up until the very night of the performance.

Handel named the oratorio *Messiah*, a Hebrew word meaning "he who is an unexpected saviour." One of the pieces in the work has become known as "The Hallelujah Chorus" because it uses the word hallelujah—"praise the Lord." It was with this piece that Handel was not satisfied. He wanted to end the chorus with a sound that was awesome and moving, but he just wasn't sure how to do it.

As he directed the chorus that night before the king, he was still not sure he had thought of the right way to express God's power and praise God's name. But as the chorus began, the king was so moved he rose from his seat with tears streaming down his cheeks.

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Because no one was supposed to remain seated if the king stood, everyone in the audience immediately stood up. The sound of everyone jumping to their feet had made the sensational sound that Handel had been trying to find!

Ever since that time, whenever Messiah is performed, it is traditional for everyone in the audience to stand as “The Hallelujah Chorus” begins.

“My eyes stay open through the watches of the night, that I may meditate on your promises. Hear my voice in accordance with your love; renew my life, O Lord, according to your laws.”

Psalm 119:148-149

\*From “Before and After Easter” by Debbie Trafton O’Neal

## Scripture <sup>TO</sup> Worship

### 6 April 2025, Fifth Sunday in Lent:

Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8

**13 April 2025, Palm Sunday, Liturgy of the Palms:** Luke 19:28-40, Psalm 118:1-2 and 19-29

**Liturgy of the Passion:** Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 22:14—23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

**18 April 2025, Good Friday:** Isaiah 52:13—53:12, Psalm 22, Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9, John 18:1—19:42

### Season of Easter— Resurrection of the Lord

**20 April 2025, Resurrection of the Lord—Easter Day:** Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25, Psalm 118:1-2 and 14-24, 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43, John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

**27 April 2025, Second Sunday of Easter:** Acts 5:27-32, Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150, Revelation 1:4-8, John 20:19-31

**4 May 2025, Third Sunday of Easter:** Acts 9:1-6 [7-20], Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19



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



# PASTORAL SEARCH NEWS

Each month the Ivy Chapel Council will provide an update to the Ivy community in the monthly newsletter, The Ivy Vine, regarding the search for our new Pastor. If there are special updates those will also be announced in the weekly KYP's and posted on the website.

[Please click here to go directly to the updated page – Our Pastor Search.](#)

You can also navigate there from the front page of our website.





Start by clicking on the “ABOUT OUR CHURCH” button. A drop-down menu will appear, and under the “Our Staff” tab a link titled “Our Pastor Search” will appear, please click on that.

## SEARCH UPDATE:

This month the committee submitted the church profile to the St. Louis Association Committee to help us move forward in finding an Intentional Interim Pastor. We are now waiting to be matched with prospective Pastors and move forward with interviewing any potential candidate(s).



## March Council Lifted Up:

-  Ivy Youth for providing the set-up, clean-up and Lenten fellowship goodies after the March 9<sup>th</sup> worship service.
-  Valerie Waterman for her many talents and contributions to Ivy Chapel. We also appreciate her beautiful accompaniment of the hymns during worship.
-  Linda Lowry and Jo Ann Moody for coordinating the Ivy youth Children's Messages, Sunday School lessons and other youth activities to enhance the youth's Ivy experience.
-  Don Wolff and Steve Lowry for helping with the audio and video responsibilities, respectively, during the live worship and live-stream services – great teamwork gentlemen!

# EASTER LILIES on Sale!

Easter Lilies will be on sale through April 13th to brighten the sanctuary on Easter morning.

They are \$10.00 each.

For more information please see Donna Grote or any Deacon.



# Holy Week



Apr 13—Palm Sunday Worship—10 am

Apr 18—Good Friday Worship— 1pm

Apr 20— Easter Worship 10 am

Please join us we mark this sacred time of year.

**ALL are welcome!**



Christian Action has chosen Shannondale Ministries as the recipient of our special offering this Lent. Shannondale is a UCC mission and retreat center, a church and community center as well as a 4,040 acre tree farm with an active university forestry education program.

Right now the community has been suffering from the extremely cold winter and have urgent needs. We are collecting laundry detergent, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper and dog food through April 13. Any checks for The Lenten offering should be **made out to Ivy, with Shannondale in the memo.** If you would rather make a monetary donation please designate it for Shannondale and place it in the offering plate.

We will gladly shop for the needed items.

Thank you for helping this important UCC mission.

[For more information on Shannondale please click here.](#)



# Mary & Martha Women's Group

The Mary and Martha Women's Group met on Tue.. March 25<sup>th</sup> and began the meeting with several members bringing thoughtful readings for a Lenten Devotion. It was decided our next meeting will be on Sat., April 12<sup>th</sup> to fill the Lydia's House Welcome Bags and to go to Seven Pines Emmaus Home and make Easter Baskets with the residents. We will call to Seven Pines to see what time will work best for them. The time will be posted in the KYP. The remainder of the meeting was spent in making lovely Folded Cards to send to sick or shut-in members and friends. The cards feature a cross and will be sent



# Youth News!

The Youth sponsored 'Super Bowl of Caring' raised \$335!! On Monday the 17th, during their spring break week, the youth purchased the food, brought it to Ivy to be distributed to Circle of Concern and Isaiah58 Ministries after worship on Sunday, March 23rd. Thank you all for your donations and support!



# Trustees

The Trustees will be kept busy this spring trying to keep the upper lot clear of gumballs. As the weather warms up for good, we will be cleaning out the gutters and the last of the leaf piles. The Ivy Chapel sign by Woods Mill Road was updated and awaits signage help from the youth. Inside, there were repairs to the urinal in the men's restroom and it is working again. Trash was picked up along Woods Mill Road on March 2 and the next pick-up will be May 4.

## 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](mailto: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.

## It is time for the Spring Directory 2025!

Please submit any changes in your contact information to Kara in the Office by Friday, April 5th. The directory will be available on the website and sent as a pdf to members. If you would like a physical copy, please let Kara know in the office. You can choose letter or booklet size.  
**THANK YOU!**



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

for our next church

### **ImpactLife BLOOD DRIVE**

Ivy Chapel UCC will host an Impact Life Blood Drive  
**4 to 7:30 pm Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.**  
Blood Donations are in high demand and **YOUR** blood donation is much needed.

We wanted to make everyone aware of when Ivy will host our next Blood Drive to encourage donors to plan accordingly so that you will be eligible to donate on **May 8<sup>th</sup>.**

***Thank you for giving the Gift of Life!***

# Ivy Information

## Worship with US! Connect with Ivy Chapel

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



[www.ivychapel.org](http://www.ivychapel.org) >



<— [YouTube](#)—

[IvyChapelUnitedChurchofChrist](#)

The Lord's Supper:  
first Sunday of the month

[www.facebook.com/IvyChapel](http://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: [ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org](mailto:ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org) / 314-434-4991

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

Custodian– Alondra Ramirez



All are welcome to join us. 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. Worship with us in the church, on Facebook or [YouTube](#) Sunday at 10 a.m.

For daily spiritual nourishment; we invite you to subscribe free of charge to our United Church of Christ Still Speaking Daily Devotional at <https://www.ucc.org/daily-devotional/>

## Rent Ivy Chapel!

For rental Information please contact the office at 314-434-4991 or [ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org](mailto:ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org) Scan here for more information on available spaces

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# Happy Birthday to ...



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| 1 Elizabeth Carr  | 22 Myrna Weiland |
| 6 Marilyn Gulotta | 30 Donna Grote   |
| 7 Rod Hertenstein |                  |

## Serving God's People-April Schedules

### Liturgists

6 Apr	Jan Wirtz
13 Apr	Pat Winship
20 Apr	-----
27 Apr	John Weiland
4 May	Jim French

### Greeter/Ushers

6 Apr	Kay and Earl Kreder <b>communion preparer Pat Winship</b>
13 Apr	Julie McAlister and Dave Mentzel
20 Apr	Donna Grote and Jan Wirtz
27 Apr	Diann and Jim Sheahan
4 May	Dottie Foster and Gail Thoele <b>communion preparer Valerie Waterman</b>

**CARE CORPS**  ➤ APR — Julie Mc Allister 314-576-4946  
➤ MAY — Valerie Waterman 636-391-9886


### 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](http://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](http://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
		<b>1</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349	<b>2</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>4</b> AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm	<b>5</b> Square dancing 3:30-5:30pm 7-9pm	<b>6</b> AA 10:30am #350
<b>6</b> 8th S in Lent prpl <b>10am Worship</b>  AA 6pm YR	<b>7</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>8</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349  Deacons-7pm Zoom	<b>9</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>10</b> AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> AA 10:30am #350
<b>13</b> Palm Sunday red <b>10am Worship</b>  AA 6pm YR	<b>14</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm  <b>Council Mtg  7pm</b>	<b>15</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349  <b>Mary &amp; Martha  Wms Grp 1pm</b>	<b>16</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm  <b>Men's  Luncheon  11:30am  Harpo's</b> 136 Hilltown Vllg Cntr Chstrfld	<b>17</b> AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm  <b>The Ivy Vine  Articles DUE</b>  <b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>Good Friday  Worship @  1pm</b>	<b>19</b> AA 10:30am #350
<b>20</b> Easter wht <b>10am Worship</b>  AA 6pm YR	<b>21</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>22</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349	<b>23</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>24</b> AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> AA 10:30am #350
<b>27</b> 1st S of Easter wht <b>10am Worship</b>  AA 6pm YR	<b>28</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	<b>29</b> AAS.O.S. 10-11am AA 12pm #349	<b>30</b> TKD 5:30-6:30pm	May 1 AA (Ladies #744) 10am TKD 6-7pm	May 32	May 3 AA 10:30am #350  Work Day

**AHEAD IN MAY: 5<sup>TH</sup>-HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP 9<sup>TH</sup>—BLOOD DRIVE 13<sup>TH</sup>-Council Meeting  
15<sup>th</sup>-Men's Lunch 11:30am @ The Country Club 21<sup>st</sup>-Mary & Martha Women's Grp  
26<sup>TH</sup> MEMORIAL DAY**

<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
Thursday JRWP 8:30-3:30	Friday JRWP 8:30-3:30	

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