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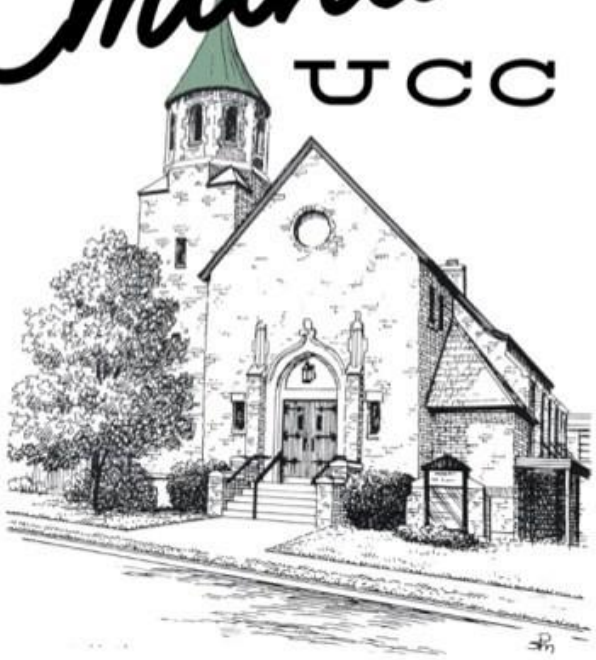

Good News!

November 2026

Welcoming. Witnessing. Worshiping... through Christ.

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Message from Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Sam Roethemeyer

In November we celebrate Stewardship Sunday and Thanksgiving Sunday. It occurs to me that both Sundays remind us that thankfulness makes the difference. Life is a gift from God. To be a part of this world even with all its troubles is still a blessing, at least for those who don't have to struggle to have their basic needs met.

Living can be what it ought to be when we maintain an attitude of thankfulness to God for this gift of time, talent and treasure. Paul writes "give thanks in all circumstances," He not only wrote this but lived it to the very best. I believe our lives could be transformed if we really believed that thankfulness makes the difference. In the midst of every experience we could internalize the truth: God's gift to me—to you. I don't know what might happen if we begin living this way, but if we could find the same contentment Paul found, wouldn't life be richer, fuller and more meaningful.

Give thanks to God—come to worship and find thankfulness does make a difference.

Pastor Sam
Pastor Emeritus

November 22, 2026

All Saints Day

All Saints Sunday celebration has a long history in the worship life of the Christian Church. It is a Sunday when we honor and remember those who, in death, have joined the Church Triumphant, as well as the faithful saints of the present who serve Jesus Christ.

In this time, we remember those of our congregation who have died during the past year Each name will be read, the chime tolled and a candle lit for each.

Rhonda Sievers
February 5, 1947—February 27, 2026

Pat Abernathy
April 3, 1933—March 19, 2026

Susan Brown
December 19, 1949—October 25, 2026

Afterward, there will be an opportunity for anyone in the congregation to come forward to light a candle in memory of someone dear to them.

Family Thank Offering November 22

The annual "Family Thank Offering" will be taken during worship on Sunday, November 22.

Along with this special offering we are also going to be collecting canned goods. The offering and the food will be donated to the Jackson Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry.

Your participation in this endeavor will be greatly appreciated.

November Events

Sun.	Nov. 1	• Faith & Fellowship 9:00 am • Worship 10:10 am *Worship Leader: Rev. Ann Mowery* **All Saints Day**
Wed.	Nov. 4	Choir Practice 6 pm
Thurs.	Nov. 5	Bethany Circle **2:00 pm**
Sat.	Nov. 7	**Sausage Supper**
Sun.	Nov. 8	• Church Council Meeting 8:00 am • Faith & Fellowship 9:00 am • Worship 10:10 am *Worship Leaders: Stewardship Committee*
Sat.	Nov. 14	Clothing Closet open 9-11 am
Sun.	Nov. 15	• Faith & Fellowship 9:00 am • Worship 10:10 am *Worship Leader: Christy Shinn*
Tues.	Nov. 17	• Stewardship Committee Meeting-6:00 pm
Wed.	Nov. 18	• Choir Practice 6 pm
Sun.	Nov. 22	• Faith & Fellowship 9:00 am • Worship 10:10 am *Worship Leader: Rev. Julie Kies* • Thank Offering during worship • Decorate church for Advent/Christmas season after worship. Volunteers needed.
Thurs.	Nov. 25	Happy Thanksgiving
Sun.	Nov. 29	• Faith & Fellowship 9:00 am • Worship 10:10 am *Worship Leader: Dr. Bruce Gentry*

Weekly Use of Church Facilities	
Every Monday	TOPS 11am
Every Tuesday	Guitar Lessons 3:30-6:30 pm
Every Wednesday	Noon Optimists 12:00-1:00 pm

Greeters--November

Nov. 1	Joy Kessler Brenda Pender
Nov. 8	Rick & Pam Brown
Nov. 15	Paul & Debra Hoffmann
Nov. 22	Mark & Lisa Dambach
Nov. 29	Roxie Davis Mark Statler

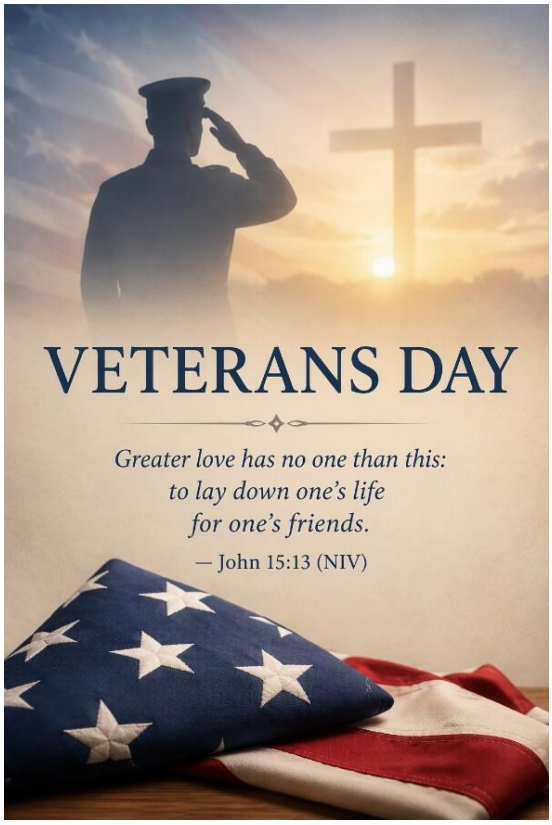
Altar Flowers--November

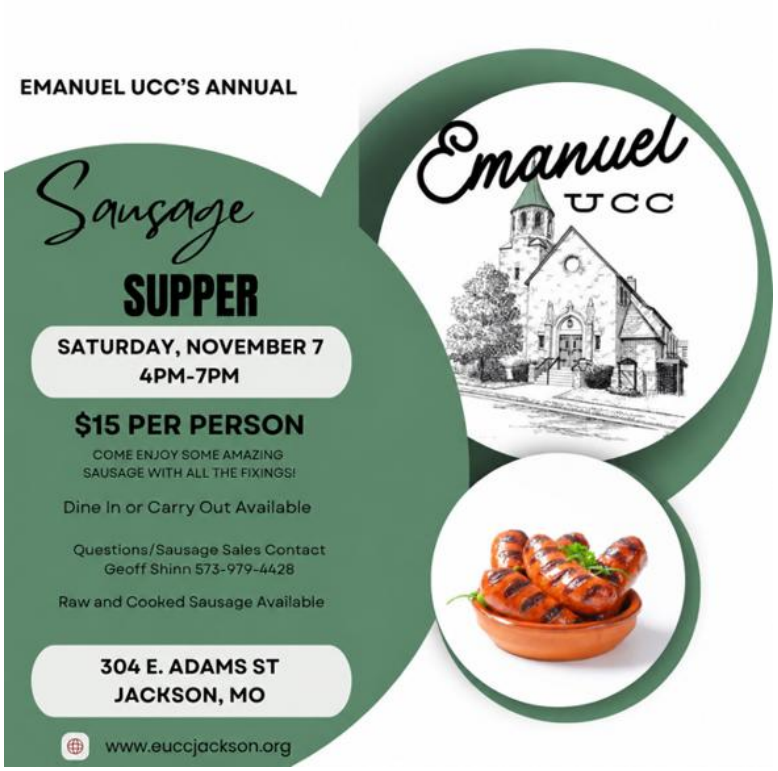
Nov. 1	Shirley McCormack
Nov. 8	Debra Hoffmann
Nov. 15	Shirley McCormack
Nov. 22	Kelly Crawford
Nov. 29	TBD

Worship Leaders--November

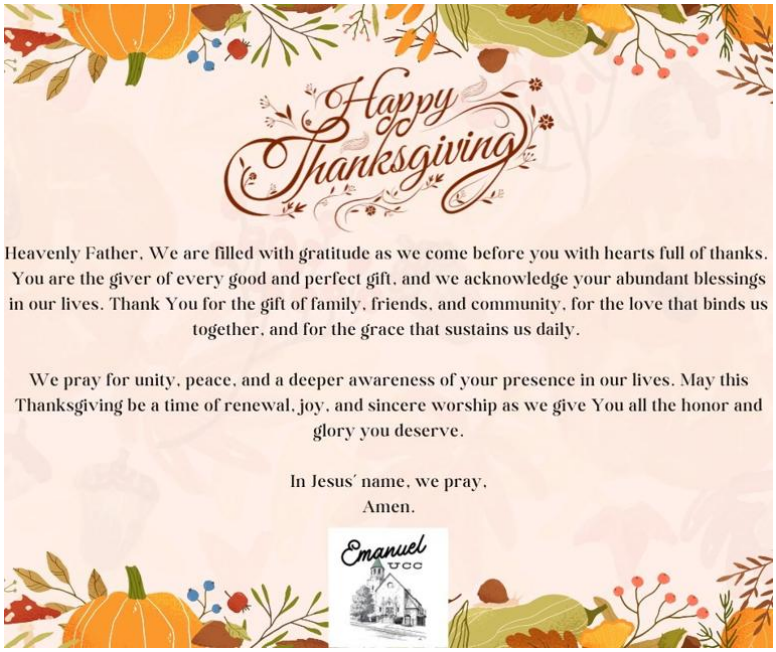
Nov. 1	Rev. Ann Mowery
Nov. 8	Stewardship Committee
Nov. 15	Christy Shinn
Nov. 22	Rev. Julie Kies
Nov. 29	Dr. Bruce Gentry

The due date for submissions for the November newsletter is November 23, 2026. Please send submissions to: office@euccjackson.org or call 573.243.3323.





Sausage Available for Purchase
Raw--$5 per pound
Cooked--$7 per pound
Orders are due by Nov. 1



Stewardship Corner

The seasons are changing and once again we find ourselves also wanting to change things.

When you start rearranging your closets, remember to donate your slightly worn clothing, jackets, shoes, sweatpants, etc. to one of our biggest missions, the Clothing Closet. We provide clothing to many needy families. Thanks to all who donate and work at the donation station.

The weather is getting cooler, remember those who may have a housing or food deficit. The food pantry is always in need of money and food. The food should be non-perishable.

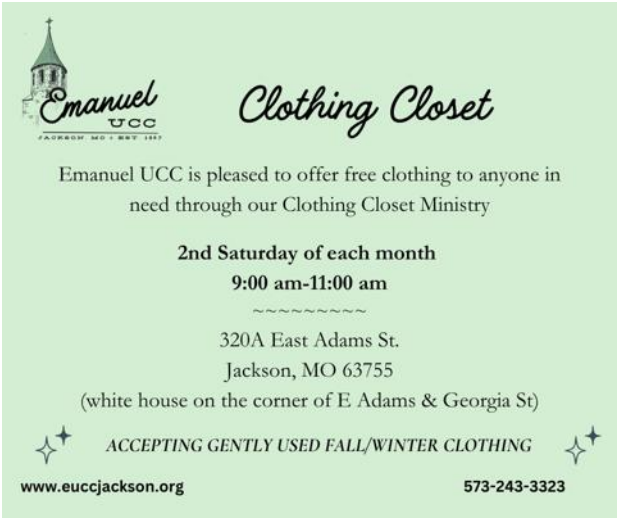
Our church is always in need of help. Take an hour or so and help clean, organize, or join a committee. You are welcome to become part of our Stewardship Committee, let Louise St John know or just contact the church office. Join the choir. Join Bethany Circle.

We have several things coming up at church. The Sausage Supper--which always needs help, and the Holiday Market. Please help where you can and support these events. Grab a friend and bring them.

As always show your love and concern for others by being good stewards. Pray for our church, our country, those who are struggling and remember a smile and a hug go a long way.

Our church is full of amazing people. Thanks for all you do.

The Stewardship Committee



> *6 We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; 7 ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; 8 the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.*
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> Romans 12:6-8

Thank you to those who participated in the Book Study—"The Gift of Years by Joan Chittister". If you were unable to attend, several members have the book that they would loan you to read. We had a good time of discussion and fellowship.

Marilee Roethemeyer

Women's Ministries

Bethany Circle

Members gathered in the church parlor at 2:00 PM on October 1. President Debra opened the meeting with sharing of joys and concerns.

Earlene presented a devotion about "Embracing Change". She gave us 10 suggestions on how to accept changes in our lives.

Business meeting was called to order by President Debra Hoffmann. Seven members answered roll call.

Minutes from the September meeting were read by Debra (in the absence of the secretary Lisa Dambach) and approved. Treasurer Dorothy Rowley reported a current balance of $1,457.86.

Old Business:

- Meeting times for 2026-27: October-March at 2:00 pm. April-September at 6:30 pm.
- Church Women United Annual Awareness Luncheon was held at EUCC on September 11. Thanks to everyone who participated.
- Dorothy delivered Thank You Cards and two $100 gift cards to the Jackson Fire Department.
- Our $200 donation to the Jackson Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry was given to Pastor Sam.
- Dorothy will write the donation check for $200 that will go into the Lunch Fund at West Lane Elementary. The principal will allocate the funds as needed.
- Several circle members helped serve the Jackson Noon Optimist Club luncheon on September 30.

New Business:

- We will elect officers for 2027 at the November meeting.
- Upcoming Events were discussed.

Upcoming Events:

- Eastern Association UCC Meeting is October 4 at EUCC.
- Jackson Noon Optimist NOW meeting is October 21, 2026 with the Women's Fellowship providing lunch.
- Sausage Supper—November 7
- Live Nativity—December 3

The meeting concluded with the Mizpah prayer and refreshments were served by hostess Dorothy Rowley.

Closing:
Next meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2026, at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Hoffmann
President

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship will hold their quarterly meeting on November 8, 2026 following worship.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

November is Thanksgiving month and Stewardship month. It is time to remember what we can do for others.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is larger than our church. It has reached across congregations and state lines. We seek to serve all God's people.

We need volunteers to assist with this ministry. We have received a donation of new yarn, and it is available to anyone willing to crochet or knit a prayer shawl.

Contact Marilee Roethemeyer if you can help.

Church Council Minutes–October

Below are the unapproved minutes from the October 11, 2026 Church Council Meeting. Minutes will be approved at the next council meeting.

EUCC Council Meeting Agenda 10/11/26

Meeting Members: Geoff Shinn, Katie Beardslee, Matt Zschille, Pat Holley, Ann Fields, Matt Roethemeyer, Jimmy McCormack,
Members absent: Kelly Crawford, Layton Beggs
The meeting was called to order at 8:05 with an opening prayer by Ann. Previous minutes were available for review. Motion for approval of previous minutes made by Katie and seconded by Matt R. Council approved.
Treasurer and Financial reports given by Pat Holley. Will file for audit.

Report of Committees

Buildings and grounds report: 1. The ants in the parsonage bathroom have been eradicated. 2. The urinal in the lower men's room has been fixed. 3. The light in the lower women's restroom will be replaced. 4. All exit signs and light batteries have been replaced for about $200.
Audit committee report: All is well. Will meet again in January.
Rental property: All is well.
Clothing Closet: 9 people came on 10/10. We are welcoming donations of winter and children's clothing.
Stewardship Committee: Met 10/6. Discussed church service they are in charge of. The next meeting is Nov 17.
CBE report: Fall Family night went well.
Lay Service/ Member Care report: All is well.
Worship report: All is well.
Head Usher report: All is well. Lamp oil will be ordered.
Pastor Report: Council recommends not to host the Eastern Association meeting next time. A paper version of the Courier will be printed in addition to the e-mailed version.

Old Business

Search Committee Members so far: Kent Peetz, Clara Beggs, Catheryn Hartle, Rick Brown, Stephania Doggett, Joy Kessler. Damien Lake suggested that the Search Committee should meet and choose a chairperson and Council liaison and find one more member then contact him to begin the search process.

A letter will be drafted to the Voshage family, that since the organ repair costs have been met, requesting permission to repurpose excess and future memorial funds to the General Fund to keep the church running. Explain that we have moved to seeking a part-time pastor in an effort to cut expenses.

Check with June Borgfield about using some of her donation for the tree removal and restroom renovation since the sidewalk repair came in under budget.

Christmas Eve service: After discussion, Pat motioned to have Christmas Eve service at 9:00 PM. Matt R. seconded. Motion passed.

Debra would like a council member to write a letter for the newsletter to replace the Pastor's letter. Council decided to continue to let Sam write it if he is willing.

New Business

The congregational meeting was set for Oct 25, 2026.

Agenda

- Call to Order
- Opening Prayer
- Election of officers
- Council nominees
    - Layton Beggs run for 2nd term
    - Geoff Shinn - termed out - Mark Dambach will run
    - Matt Zschille - termed out - Cathy Sievers will run
- CBE -
    - Marcie Brown
    - Heather Beggs
- Conference Delegates
    - Joy Kessler
    - need another nominee

- Budget/Financial
- Building and Grounds
- Introduce the Search Committee
- Business from the Floor
- Adjourn

- Matt R. motioned to appoint Joy Kessler as the Conference delegate so she can get registered for the meeting. Final approval will be at the congregational meeting. Geoff seconded. Motion passed. The meeting will be available on Zoom if she is unable to attend in person. Marilee Roethemeyer was also suggested as a delegate.

- Facebook administration was discussed. Matt is having difficulty removing Josh Rau and adding Heather Beggs to be able to post on Facebook.

- Matt had been contacted by Journey church to tour the fellowship hall. They are looking for a space to have a church. Currently all of their equipment is housed in a 20 ft enclosed trailer that they set up at various locations.

The possibility of renting out the parsonage was discussed further. No action was taken.

Next meeting: November 8, 2026

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 with motion by Matt Z., seconded by Ann with the Lord's prayer led by Jimmy.

Submitted by: *Geoff Shinn, Church Council Secretary*

Financial Report--Pat Holley, Treasurer

YTD MONTHLY INCOME VERSUS EXPENSE TREND

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept*
Actual YTD Income	$6,357.20	$17,876.95	$30,060.19	$44,350.83	$59,359.94	$69,779.94	$86,457.89	$99,085.63	$122,467.76
Budgeted YTD Expense	$17,957.33	$35,914.67	$53,872.00	$71,829.33	$89,786.67	$107,744.00	$125,701.33	$143,658.67	$161,616.00
Projected YTD Shortfall	-$139,201.60	-$108,226.30	-$95,247.24	-$82,435.51	-$73,024.14	-$75,925.12	$67,274.47	$66,859.56	$52,197.65

Income Each Month	$6,357.20	$11,519.75	$12,183.24	$14,290.64	$15,009.11	$10,420.00	$16,677.95	$12,627.74	$23,382.13
Monthly % Increase/Decrease		81.21%	5.76%	17.30%	5.03%	-3.06%	60.06%	-24.28%	85.16%
# Sundays Each Month	4	4	5	4	5	4	4	5	4
Weekly Average	$1,589.30	$2,879.94	$2,436.65	$3,572.66	$3,001.82	$2,605.00	$4,169.49	$2,525.55	$5,845.53

Note: $3,996.71 of income in July resulted from a gain on sale of securities associated with a $20,000 withdrawal from UC Funds account. This was a one-time gain not resulting from contributions.

***Note: Sept includes income of $4667.04 left from Men's Fellowship (one-time gain not from contributions)**

Financial Report--Pat Holley, Treasurer

September 2026 BUDGET COMPARISON

2026 BUDGET		
Annual Budget	**Budgeted Expense Monthly Average**	**2026 YTD Annual Budget thru September '26**
$215,488.00	$17,957.33	$161,616.00
	September '26 MTD Contributions & Other Income	**September '26 YTD Contributions & Other Income**
***	$23,382.14	$122,467.76
	2026 September Excess (Shortfall)	**Projected EOY 2026 Annual Budget Shortfall based on Income Thru September '26**
	$5,424.80	($52,197.65)

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL OFFERINGS & DEDICATED FUNDS NOT AVAILABLE TO FUND CHURCH BUDGET		
	Contributions in September '26	**Contributions YTD 2026**
UC Funds	$0.00	$750.00
Dime-A-Day	$0.00	$219.00
CWS Blankets	$0.00	$615.00
Ordination Svc - Fallen Firefighters Mem	$50.00	$663.00
FMSC	$0.00	$1,000.00
Food Pantry & Family Thank Offering	$0.00	$320.00
Neighbors in Need	$0.00	$0.00
One Gt Hr Sharing	$0.00	$220.00
Strengthen the Church	$0.00	$150.00
Women's Prison Kits	$0.00	$0.00
Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Shipping	$0.00	$0.00
Christmas Fd/Veterans of the Cross	$0.00	$0.00
Disaster Relief	$200.00	$200.00
	TOTAL	**$4,137.00**

*** Includes $4,667.04 in Men's Fellowship Funds not used

Christian Board of Education (CBE) Meeting Minutes - October 18, 2026

The Christian Board of Education (CBE) met on **Sunday, October 18**, in-person. Members in attendance included Morgan Hoffman (President), Marcie Brown (Treasurer), Heather Beggs (Event Coordinator), Lydia Shinn (Secretary), and Katie Beardslee (Council Liaison).

Old Business/Follow-Up

We want to thank all who attended the Fall Family Faith Night that happened on September 27th.

New Business

Items in the Beginner Room

The members that were in attendance went into the Beginner Room and decided what items needed to be kept.

Next Meeting

The next CBE meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, November 15th**, following worship.

For questions or to assist with any of these initiatives, please reach out to a CBE member. Thank you for your continued support of Christian education at our church!

Lydia Shinn, Secretary

November Birthdays

3	Todd Martin
4	Matt Zschille
9	Henry Scholl
12	Rachel Hodo
14	Emma Jean Brockmire
15	Doug Turner
16	Karrie Zschille
18	Skyler Hornbeak
23	Keira Crawford
25	Stephania Doggett
26	Barb Chaney
26	Charles Reinecke
26	Jamie Rosborg
26	Steve Zschille
28	Melba Bailey

November Anniversaries

7	Bruce & Alice Benton, 55th
8	Chad & Morgan Hankins, 10th
18	Larry & Shirley Bock, 37th
18	Mark & Melanie Lutes, 26th
19	Tim & Lori Martin, 38th
30	Paul & Debra Hoffmann, 52nd

We Keep in Prayer

Please keep in your prayers those who are in need of healing and our shut-ins and homebound members. May God's grace surround them with comfort and care.

Mary Lou Abernathy, LaDonia Beggs, June Borgfield, Larry Borgfield, Larry Brockmire, Larry Doggett, Jeffrey Kies, Alice Koeppel, Robert Loos, Junior Peetz, Marvin Peetz, Helen Poston, Alice Quigley, Cindy Smith

Recommended Scripture November

Nov. 1	Joshua 3:7-17 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 23:1-12
Nov. 8	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78:1-7 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13
Nov. 15	Judges 4:1-7 Psalm 123 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30
Nov. 22	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100 Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46
Nov. 29	Psalm 80:1-7. 17-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37

FALL FESTIVAL

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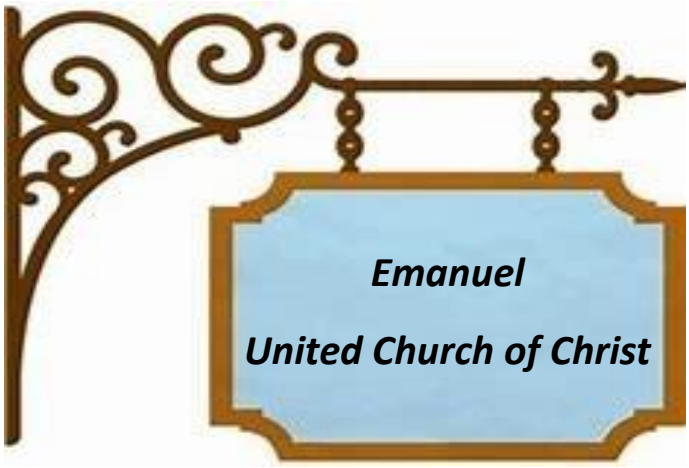

Good News!

Worship and Ministry		
Faith & Fellowship	9:00 a.m.	Sundays
Worship	10:10 a.m.	Sundays
Communion	10:10 a.m.	Monthly—1st Sunday and Special Church Holidays

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