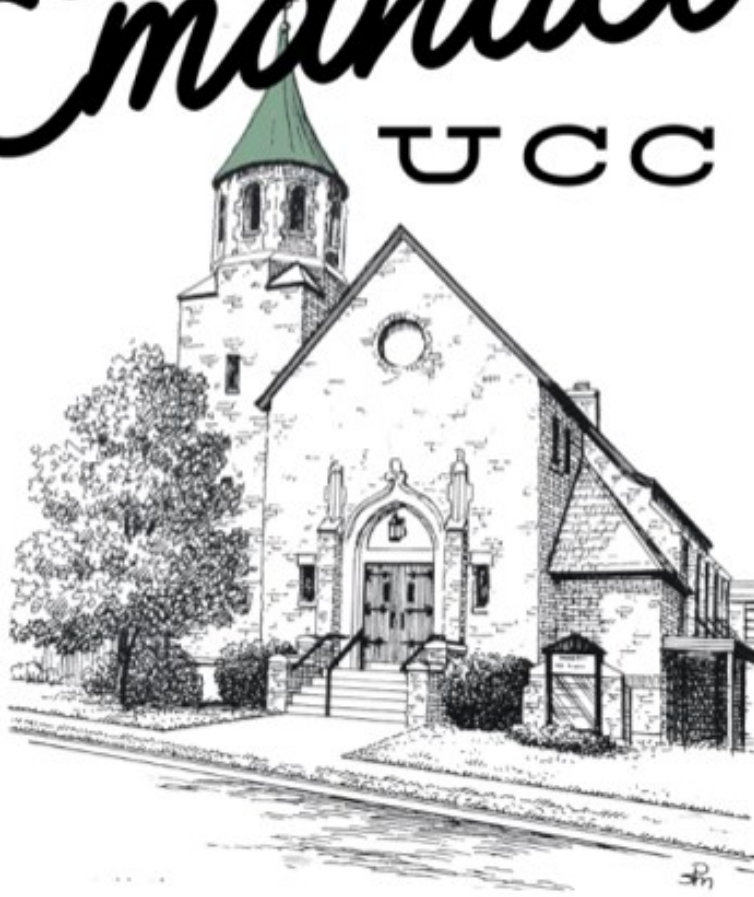


Emanuel

UCC



Good News!

November 2025

Welcoming. Witnessing. Worshiping... through Christ.

Our Staff

Pastor: Joshua W. Rau
Choir Director: Kelly Crawford
Organist: Christy Shinn
Administrative Assistant: Debra Hoffmann
Office Assistant: Alyssa Rau

Our Leadership

President: Jimmy McCormack
Vice President: Katie Beardslee
Treasurer: Pat Holley
Secretary: Geoff Shinn
Buildings and Grounds: Matt Roethemeyer
Worship Coordinator: Kelly Crawford
Lay Services Director: Matt Zschille
Head Usher: Layton Beggs

*Church Council Meetings are the 2nd Sunday at 8:00 am.
All members are welcome to attend council meetings.*



Visitor Info



Ways to Give

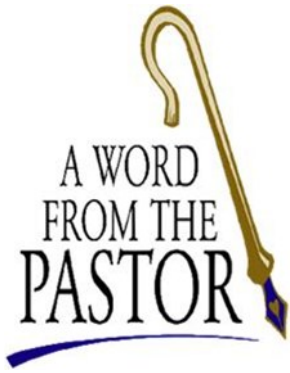
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“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” — 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Dear Friends in Christ,

As the leaves turn and the days grow shorter, we enter into this season of thanksgiving. Scripture calls us to give thanks in *all* circumstances—not only when life is easy, but even in the ordinary and challenging moments of our journey. Gratitude shapes our faith and opens our eyes to God’s blessings that surround us each day.

At Emanuel, I am deeply thankful for the many blessings of ministry we share together. I give thanks for the joy of walking alongside one another in faith, for the warmth of our church family, and for the music that fills our worship services. In every hymn and praise song that we sing, every prayer lifted, every act of service offered, we witness God at work among us.

This November, I invite you to pause and reflect on the blessings in your own life—large and small. Take time to name them, to lift them up in prayer, and to share them with others. Gratitude is not only an attitude; it is also a calling. As Paul reminds us, giving thanks in all things is part of living into God’s will for us.

So let us be a people of thanksgiving. Let our words, our service, and our worship bear witness to the One who gives us life. In all that we do—whether at home, at work, or at church—may we live with grateful hearts, offering thanks to God.

With thanksgiving,

Pastor Josh

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Pastoral Care

If you or someone you know is in need of a pastoral visit or would like home communion. Please reach out to Pastor Josh. He is available to the needs of Emanuel at any time, day or night

Pastor Josh ~ 715-294-0157

November 2, 2025

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

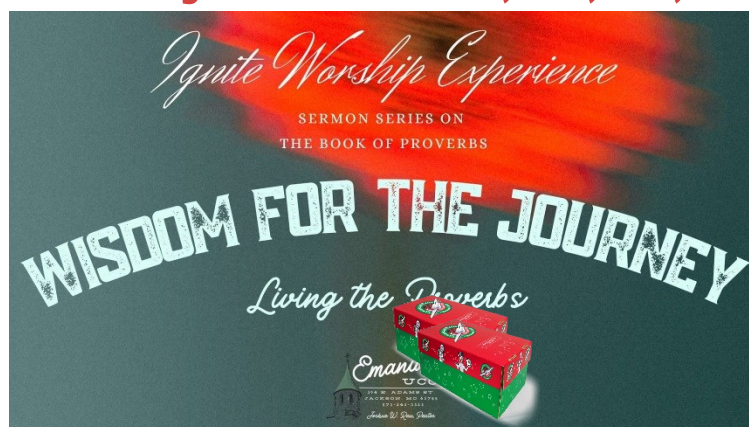
All Saints' Sunday celebration has a long history in the worship life of the Christian Church. It is a Sunday when we honor and remember those who, in death, have joined the Church Triumphant, as well as the faithful saints of the present who serve Jesus Christ.

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. 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.

In Memory

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death
Bonnie Ehlers	August 2, 1933	January 11, 2025
Emilie Wendel	November 23, 1943	January 28, 2025
Esther Roberts	July 13, 1927	April 25, 2025
Kenny Abernathy	February 8, 1936	May 28, 2025
Betty Hoffmeister	March 22, 1929	September 20, 2025

Saturday November 8, 15, 22, 29



Blessing of the Shoeboxes



November 16

November 23, 2025



FAMILY THANK OFFERING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

The annual "Family Thank Offering" will be taken on Sunday, November 23.

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

Your participation in this endeavor will be greatly appreciated.





Upcoming Events

Sat.	Nov. 1	No Ignite Worship Sausage Supper 4:00-7:00 pm
Sun.	Nov. 2	- Faith & Fellowship 9:00 am - Traditional Worship 10:10 am <i>All Saints Sunday</i>
Tues.	Nov. 4	Bible Study in Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm
Wed.	Nov. 5	Choir Practice 6:00 pm
Thur..	Nov. 6	Bethany Circle in church parlor 2:00 pm
Sat.	Nov. 8	- Clothing Closet open 9-11 am - Ignite Worship 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall
Sun.	Nov. 9	- Church Council 8:00 am - Faith & Fellowship 9:00 am - Traditional Worship 10:10 am - Women's Fellowship Meeting after worship
Tues.	Nov. 11	- Veterans Day - Bible Study in Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm
Sat.	Nov. 15	Ignite Worship 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall
Sun.	Nov. 16	- Faith & Fellowship 9:00 am - Traditional Worship 10:10 am <i>Blessing of the Shoeboxes</i> - CBE after worship
Tues.	Nov. 18	Bible Study in Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm
Wed.	Nov. 19	Choir Practice 6:00 pm
Fri.	Nov. 21	Fellowship Hall Reserved
Sat.	Nov. 22	Ignite Worship 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall
Sun.	Nov. 23	- Faith & Fellowship 9:00 am - Traditional Worship 10:10 am <i>Family Thank Offering</i> - Decorate for Advent/Christmas Season
Thur.	Nov. 27	Thanksgiving Day—office closed
Sat.	Nov. 29	Ignite Worship 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall
Sun.	Nov. 30	- Faith & Fellowship 9:00 am - Traditional Worship 10:10 am <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>
Wed.	Dec. 3	Mid-Week Advent Worship 6:30 pm
Thurs.	Dec. 4	Live Nativity on church lawn 6:00-8:00 pm
Sat.	Dec. 6	Holiday Market 10:00 am--2:00 pm Ignite Worship 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

Weekly Use of Church Facilities

Every Monday	TOPS 11am
Every Tuesday	Guitar Lessons 3:30-6:30 pm

Greeters--November

Nov. 2	Layton & Heather Beggs
Nov. 9	Paul & Debra Hoffmann
Nov. 16	Keagan & Maklain Zschille
Nov. 23	Rick & Pam Brown
Nov. 30	Larry & Shirley Bock

Altar Flowers--October

Nov. 2	Joy Kessler
Nov. 9	Judy Peetz
Nov. 16	Judy Peetz
Nov. 23	Shirley McCormack
Nov. 30	Poinsettia Garden

Readers--October

Nov. 2	Ann Fields
Nov. 9	Pat Holley
Nov. 16	Dorothy Rowley
Nov. 23	Barb Chaney
Nov. 30	Pam Brown

Operation Christmas Child



Emanuel will be participating in the Operation Christmas Child project again this year. Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

As you begin your Christmas shopping, include this important project on your list. The list of gift suggestions will help you as you plan your box.

Boxes must be brought to the church by Sunday, November 16. Pastor Josh will bless them during worship.

If you are unable to prepare a box, monetary donations can be made to help cover the cost of shipping the boxes. Make checks payable to EUCC and write Operation Christmas Child in the memo line.

EUCC Project Leaders: *Heather Beggs, Clara Beggs and Morgan Hoffman.*



Gift Suggestions

A "WOW" Item Small backpack Soccer ball and pump Stuffed animal Toy Hobby kit	Personal Care Items Toothbrush Washcloth Comb and brush Nail clipper and file Water bottle Flashlight
Games & Activities Puzzles Coloring books Dry watercolor set Binoculars and compass Jump rope Stickers Games	Toys Small ball Building blocks or Legos Slinky or yo-yo Toy cars Plastic animals Interactive toys Other small toys & figures
School Supplies Pencils, erasers, pens Crayons Colored pencils Markers Notebooks Index cards Scissors Ruler Glue Stick Drawstring Bag	DO NOT INCLUDE Soap Food, candy or gum Toothpaste Used or damaged items Scary or war-related items Wearable camouflage Seeds or organic matter Liquids Medication Money Breakable items Matches, aerosols Knives or razor blades
Clothing & Accessories Flip-flops or shoes Sunglasses Hat Clothing & undergarments Winter cap, scarf, mittens	Box Dimensions: <i>Cardboard</i> 12x7x4.38 inches <i>Plastic</i> 13x7.5x4.7 inches

A full printed list of Gift Suggestions is available in the vestibule.



Stewardship Corner

There is going to be stress put on food banks across the country in the near future. They are in need of everything. We want to support our local Jackson Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry. Please bring in nonperishable items. Think of food items that don't need a lot of additives to make a meal. Soups, stews, peanut butter, canned spaghetti, ramen noodles, tuna, canned chicken, instant oatmeal and other food of this nature can be helpful. We have a very active food pantry mission. Thanks to all of you who support this mission.

Winter is coming. If you have gently used sweat-shirts, coats, jackets, gloves, boots, sweat pants, etc., hanging in our closets, please donate to our other mission—the Clothing Closet. All sizes are needed. Our Clothing Closet is open the second Saturday of each month. All are welcome to volunteer.

Thank you for your support of the Dime-a-Day project. Current balance is \$1,441.89.

Taking care of others is one of the calls of being a Steward of God. Most of us are so blessed. We need to pay it forward.

Stewardship Committee



Church Offering Envelopes for 2026 Now Available

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Church offering envelopes for 2026 may be picked up in the vestibule.

As a cost saving measure, we are not using personalized envelopes this year. The treasurer has prepared sets of generic envelopes (weekly or monthly) based on your usage last year. At the top of each set is a slip of paper that has your name and envelope number printed on it. You will need to write your name and/or your envelope number on the envelopes you use during the year.

If you have questions, contact Pat Holley.

Recommended Scripture for November

November 2	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31
November 9	Psalms 145:1-5, 17-21 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20:27-38
November 16	Psalms 98 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19
November 23	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43
November 30	Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44

ADVENT SING

AT EMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 30, 2025

6:00 pm

304 E. Adams, Jackson, MO

FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS
FOLLOWING THE ADVENT SING



Emanuel UCC's
Annual Pop-Up Shop

Holiday Market



Saturday, December 6



10 am - 2 pm



304 E. Adam's, Jackson, MO



Local Vendors with Unique Gifts &
Handmade Items



Holiday Treats & Seasonal
Refreshments



Fun Raffles, Giveaways, &
Special Surprises



Women's Ministries



Bethany Circle

Eight members of Bethany Circle met in the church parlor on October 2, 2025. President Debra Hoffmann opened with prayer. Joys and concerns were shared by those present. Debra presented the devotion "Preparing for Autumn with God" and read a writing on the lessons of candy corn.

Secretary and treasurer's reports were given and accepted as read.

Old Business

- Praise team will provide music for the October Ignite services except for Oct. 18 which has to be cancelled because Pastor Josh will be attending the Annual Conference meeting.
- Church Women United—a report was given on the Annual Awareness Luncheon that was held at 1st General Baptist Church in Cape. Three members of Emanuel attended.
- Bible Study continues to be offered each Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm.
- A special thanks to the hard-working ladies who have organized the clothing closet.

New Business

- Members were asked to assist Women's Fellowship with the 5th Wednesday meal served to Jackson Noon Optimist Club.
- Operation Christmas Child project will be going until November 16.
- Congregational Meeting will be October 26.
- Fall Festival will be held October 26, 4-6 pm.
- Advent Sing will be held at Emanuel on November 30.
- Holiday market to be held on December 6.

Bethany Circle will meet on November 6 at 2 pm. In the church parlor. Lisa Dambach will lead the devotion and Dorothy Pensel will be the hostess. All women of Emanuel are invited to attend our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary Cathy Sievers



Women's Fellowship



Women's Fellowship Meeting

November 9th following worship

MEETING, LUNCH, CLOSET ORGANIZING
(LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED)

Thank You Note from West Lane Elementary

What a "sweet" way to start this work week! Our faith based partners in hope, Emanuel UCC in Jackson dropped off donuts and cupcakes for our staff to enjoy. Thank you so much EUCC, we appreciate your "sweet" gesture!



Christmas Poinsettias

We will be placing a group order for poinsettias. If you would like to place an order, there are envelopes with order forms in the pews as well as in the vestibule. Please include your payment (check/cash).

Make the check payable to EUCC and write Poinsettia in the Memo line.

You may also give your orders to Debra Hoffmann or Alyssa Rau or bring it to the church office by November 17. Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary for the first Sunday of Advent.

Fall Festival Fun



We had a great turn out (approximately 80 people) for the Fall Festival despite the inclement weather. Thanks to everyone that participated. This was a great out-reach to our community.

Church Council Minutes

Below are the unapproved minutes from the October 12, 2025 Church Council Meeting. Minutes will be approved at the next council meeting.

EUCC Council Meeting

Meeting Members: Kelly Crawford, Geoff Shinn, Pat Holley, Matt Roethemeyer by phone, Jimmy McCormack,

Members absent: Katie Beardslee, Matt Zschille, Layton Beggs

The meeting was called to order at 8:12 with an opening prayer by Pastor Josh.

Previous minutes were available for review. Approval tabled to next meeting.

Treasurer and Financial reports given by Pat Holley. Will file for audit. Discussion centered around how to pay the bills. Motion made by Geoff to transfer \$10,000 from the Zschille Fund to General Fund checking to cover payroll and bills until the Bank of Missouri CD matures on 11/18/25. Funds to be replenished by CD maturity. Jimmy seconded. Motion passed. Motion by Geoff to use Seabaugh checking to pay Langford bills and elevator inspection. Kelly seconded. Motion passed. Pat also brought up the need for controls for finances.

Report of Committees

Buildings and grounds report: Jimmy put up the outside railing at the Clothing Closet

Audit committee report: Met 10/1. The committee will meet again in January.

Rental property: All is well

Clothing Closet: Thanked Jimmy for putting up the handrail. Had 14 people on 10/11. It was the most people ever served.

Stewardship Committee: Discussing a quilt raffle for the general fund. Dime-A-Day to be repurposed for special projects. Possibly have welcome bags for visitors. Invite a friend Sunday in Nov.

CBE report: None

Lay Service/ Member Care report: None

Worship report: All is well

Head Usher report: None

Pastor Report with notes from Pastor Joshua Rau

Old Business

1. Congregational Meeting Agenda
 - Call to Order
 - Opening Prayer
 - Election
 - Nominations from the Floor
 - Council Nominees
 - Matt Roethemeyer - 2nd term
 - Pat Holley - 2nd term
 - Ann Fields
 - CBE Nominees
 - Nominations from the Floor
 - Morgan Hoffman
 - Amber McCormack
 - Lydia Shinn
 - Conference Delegate
 - Nominations from the Floor
 - Alyssa Rau
 - Budget/Financial
 - Buildings & Grounds
 - Business from the floor
 - Adjourn
2. Staff Evaluation Follow-up PSRC representative Chris Crawford in executive session.

Church Council Minutes

New Business

1. Kelly will call people using offering envelopes to see if they want a box for next year.
2. Sausage Supper - Nov 1
 - A. Ad to be put in Cash-Book Journal
 - B. Committee meets again 10/16/25
3. Eastern Association Committee on Ministry
 - A. Have submitted a request for annual renewal of Pastor Josh's license to provide baptisms and administer holy sacraments. Jimmy will draft a letter to recommend renewing his license.

Next meeting: Nov 9, 2025

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 with motion by Geoff, seconded by Kelly with the Lord's prayer led by Jimmy.

Submitted by: Geoff Shinn, Church Council Secretary

September 2025 BUDGET COMPARISON

2025 BUDGET		
Annual Budget	Budgeted Contributions Monthly Average	2025 YTD Annual Budget thru September '25 (1 Mo)
\$235,086.00	\$19,590.50	\$176,314.50
	September '25 MTD Contributions & Other Income	September '25 YTD Contributions & Other Income
	\$64,840.57	\$160,355.07
	2025 September Excess (Shortfall)	Projected EOY 2025 Annual Budget Shortfall based on Income Thru September '25
	\$45,250.07	(\$23,939.15)

Election Results Congregational Meeting October 26, 2025

- Church Council Members
 - Matt Roethemeyer—2nd term
 - Pat Holley—2nd term
 - Ann Fields
- Christian Board of Educations
 - Morgan Hoffman
 - Amber McCormack
 - Lydia Shinn
- Conference Delegates
 - Alyssa Rau

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL OFFERINGS & DEDICATED FUNDS NOT AVAILABLE TO FUND CHURCH BUDGET

	Contributions in September '25	Contributions YTD 2025
UC Funds	\$0.00	\$1,550.68
Dime-A-Day	\$20.55	\$543.89
CWS Blankets	\$0.00	\$370.00
California Disaster Relief	\$0.00	\$595.00
FMSC	\$0.00	\$910.14
Food Pantry	\$0.00	\$190.00
One Gt Hr Sharing	\$0.00	\$245.00
Strengthen the Church	\$0.00	\$415.00
Women's Prison Kits	\$75.00	\$75.00



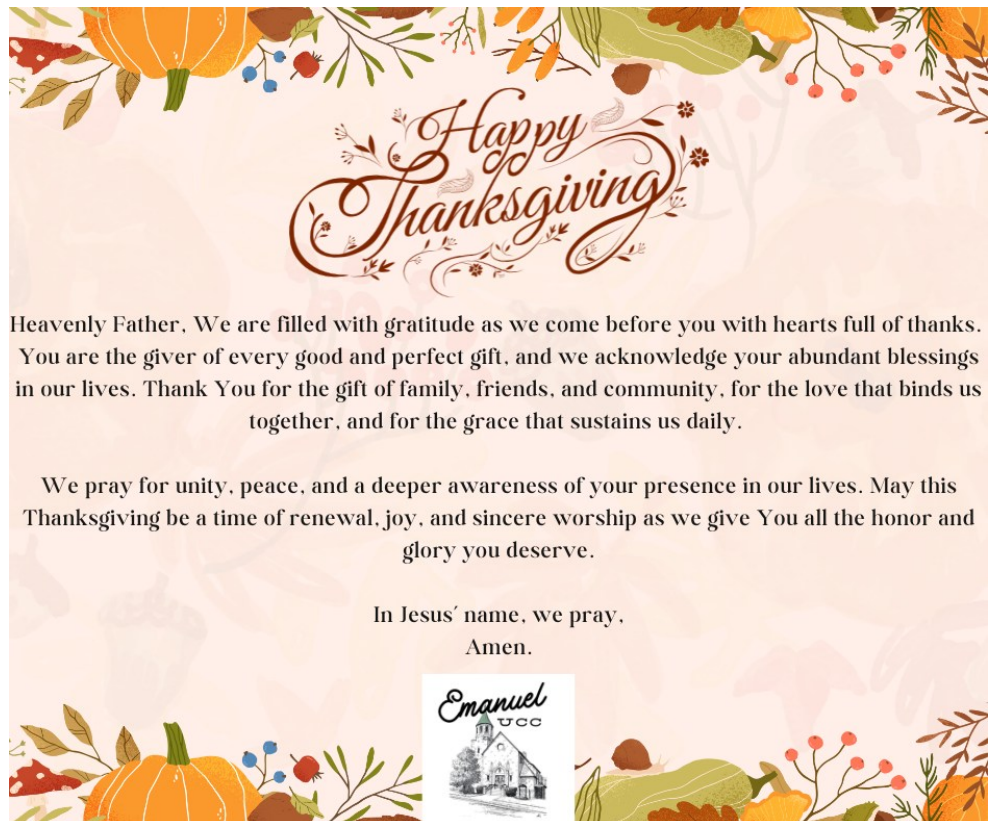
November Birthdays



November Anniversaries

3	Todd Martin
4	Scott Masterson
4	Matt Zschille
8	Kevin King
9	Henry Scholl
12	Rachel Hodo
14	Emma Jean Brockmire
15	Doug Turner
16	Karrie Zschille
18	Skyler Hornbeak
18	Lucille Schweer
23	Keira Crawford
24	Layla Blechle
25	Stephania Doggett
26	Barb Chaney
26	Charles Reinecke
26	Jamie Rosborg
26	Steve Zschille
28	Melba Bailey
29	Becky Nekula

7	Bruce & Alice Benton, 54th
8	Chad & Morgan Hankins, 9th
18	Larry & Shirley Bock, 36th
18	Mark & Melanie Lutes, 25th
19	Tim & Lori Martin, 37th
30	Paul & Debra Hoffmann, 51st



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, Pat Abernathy, LaDonia Beggs, June Borgfield, Larry Brockmire, Alice Koeppel, Robert Loos, Junior Peetz, Marvin Peetz, Helen Poston, Alice Quigley, Cindy Smith

The due date for submissions for the December newsletter is November 21, 2025. Please send submissions to: office@euccjackson.org or call 573.243.3323.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Worship With Us!

Ignite Worship A Contemporary Worship Experience	Traditional Worship Liturgical Worship Celebration
Saturday 5:30 p.m Fellowship Hall	Sunday 10:10 a.m. Sancturary

Holy Communion~ Monthly 1st Saturday and Sunday

Faith and Fellowship ~Sunday School | 9:00 a.m.