



Good News!

January 2025

Welcoming. Witnessing.
Worshiping... through Christ.

Emanuel United Church of Christ

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Emanuel United Church of Christ—304 E. Adams, Jackson, Missouri 63755
Founded in 1867—Incorporated as German Evangelical Emanuel Church in 1891

Church Leadership

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Sam Roethemeyer

Organist: Christy Shinn

Choir Director: Kelly Crawford

Administrative Assistant: Debra Hoffmann

Office Assistant: Cathy Sievers

Council President: Jimmy McCormack



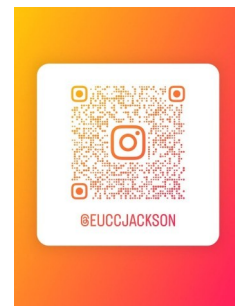
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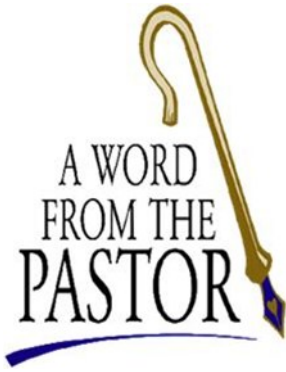
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God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.



Dear Friends in Christ,

By the time this newsletter is in your hands, we will have sung “Joy to the World”, decorated the trees and opened presents; made, eaten, and given away yummy cookies; and spent time with family and friends. And after weeks of waiting, we celebrated the birth of Jesus. My prayer is that this Christmas Season you were blessed with the anticipation of Christ coming into this world, that you looked into the face of Christ and saw the heart of God, that you had your family close and that you kept the meaning of CHRISTMAS in your heart.

As we come to a New Year we have been blessed with so much: a growing church, wonderful worship, amazing children and adult education ministry, a fantastic choir, as well as our outreach ministries of Prayer Shawls and the Clothing Closet. As we approach 2025, we know that God brought both this community of faith and my desire to serve together and I know that together we can create a ministry that will continue to grow in Jackson and beyond.

We have so much happening in our church and I just want to invite each one of you to be a part of our faith community. Here are some of the great things happening:

- Sunday Worship
- Bible Study
- Sunday School for all ages
- Clothing Closet
- Choir
- Social Media Ministry; *Meditations from Emanuel and Online Worship, website, Facebook and Instagram.*

Come be a part of this church we all call home! See you in Church!

Yours in Christ

Pastor Josh



Upcoming Events

Wed.	Jan. 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meditations from Emanuel • No Confirmation
Thurs	Jan. 2	Bethany Circle 7pm in church parlor
Fri.	Jan 3	Church Women United Bible Study (9am) & Board meeting (10am) at Westminster Presbyterian
Sun.	Jan. 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faith and Fellowship 9 am • Worship 10:10 am —Installation of Church Council
Wed.	Jan. 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meditations from Emanuel • Choir Practice 6 pm
Thurs.	Jan 9	Stewardship Committee 6 pm
Sat.	Jan. 11	Clothing Closet open 9-11 am
Sun.	Jan. 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church Council 8 am • Faith and Fellowship 9 am • Worship 10:10 am
Wed.	Jan. 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Study 10 am • Meditations from Emanuel • Confirmation 7 pm
Thurs.	Jan. 16	• Prayer Service 7 pm in chapel
Sun.	Jan. 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faith and Fellowship 9 am • Worship 10:10 am • CBE meeting after worship
Wed.	Jan. 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Study 10 am • Meditations from Emanuel • Choir Practice 6:00 pm • Confirmation 7 pm
Sun.	Jan. 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faith and Fellowship 9 am • Worship 10:10 am
Wed.	Jan. 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Study 10 am • Meditations from Emanuel • Confirmation 7 pm

Weekly Use of Church Facilities	
Every Monday	TOPS 11 am
Every Tuesday	Guitar Lessons 1:30-6:30 pm

Greeters-January

Jan. 5	Shawn Peetz family
Jan. 12	Ann Fields Earlene Sokolowski
Jan. 19	Cassi & Josh Holcomb
Jan. 26	Roxie Davis Brenda Pender

Acolytes & Readers-January

	Acolytes	Reader
Jan. 5	Lincoln Lanie	Lincoln
Jan. 12	Maklain Keagan	Maklain
Jan. 19	Lincoln Lanie	Lincoln
Jan. 26	Maklain Keagan	Keagan

Welcome 2025

Altar Flowers-January

Flowers will be provided by the office staff.


The due date for submissions for the February newsletter is January 23, 2025. Please send submissions to: office@euccjackson.org or call 573.243.3323.



1	Michael Brockmire
2	Landon Trankler
2	Logan Mouser
4	Larry Statler
5	William Schweer
7	James B. Johnson
7	Lola Mae Wheeler
7	Logan Dahlia Scholl
10	Teresa Pensel
11	Kadence Crawford
15	Alice Benton
16	Larry Hennecke
17	J W Jones
17	Dorothy Rowley
19	Austin Bock
20	Patti Jones
20	Katherine Moonier
20	Parker Peetz
21	William Koppenaal
22	Edwin Peetz Jr.
23	Shirley Bock
24	Tanner Beussink
26	Amber McCormack
27	Maklain Zschille
27	Keagan Zschille
28	Shelby Prokopf
29	Sara Blechle
29	Christina Shinn

Recommended Scripture January

January 5	Jeremiah 31:7-14 Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:10-18
January 12	Isaiah 43:1-7 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
January 19	Isaiah 62:1-5 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11
January 26	Psalms 19 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:14-21



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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

We Keep in Prayer

Mary Lou Abernathy, Pat Abernathy, LaDonia Beggs, June Borgfield, Bonnie Ehlers, Betty Hoffmeister, Alice Koeppel, Robert Loos, Marvin Peetz, Helen Poston, Alice Quigley, Emilie Wendel



Alyssa and I would like to thank all those that gave cards, gifts and that attended the Christmas at the Parsonage this holiday season.

We are so deeply blessed to be called here to Emanuel and for our ministry together.

We both wish you all a Happy New Year, may 2025 bring you the grace, mercy and love of God.

Pastor Josh and Alyssa

Thank You

Thanks to all the families who donated poinsettias in memory of their loved ones. The Poinsettia Garden beautified our sanctuary during the season of Advent and Christmas.

If you would like to keep your poinsettia, please pick it up after worship on January 5.

Those not picked up will be discarded on January 9.

A complete list of poinsettia donations is on the next page.

Thank You

Dear Members of Emanuel United Church of Christ and Pastor Joshua Rau

On behalf of the Jackson Ministerial Alliance I want to express our sincere and heartfelt gratitude for the wonderful evening on Thursday, December 5, 2024 at the Live Nativity Scene.

This night truly became a wonderful evening for many of our community to enjoy the signs and sounds of the anticipation of our Savior's birth again through your caring and loving commitment to host such a meaningful night for all to come and enjoy.

THANK YOU so much for hosting our Live Nativity Scene. Thank You for everyone who had a part in setting up the stable, P.A. system, music, costumes, refreshments, decorations, and so much more to make this an evening for our community and all who came to celebrate the birth of Christ again this Advent leading us to Christmas Day.

Emanuel has hosted this event for a long time and each year the members of Emanuel and new pastoral leadership now with Pastor Joshua have made it an even greater event to be a part of. Your hospitality and warmth is truly a welcome to all who receive the joy and love of Christ's birth into their hearts!!

Blessings this Advent Season,
Peace and Hope

Pastor Sam





POINSETTIAS 2024



In Memory Of	Given By
Our Grandparents	Josh & Alyssa Rau
Arlen Rau-Pastor Josh's father	Josh & Alyssa Rau
Ernst & Lula Hoffmann	Paul Hoffmann Family
Fred & Nellie Hill	Paul Hoffmann Family
Dennis Sievers	Cathy Sievers Family
Gary Pender	Brenda Pender
Shirley Statler	Mark Statler
Louis & Mary A Loos	Katie Beardslee
Mary Loos	Robert Loos
Adolf Sokolowski	Earlene Sokolowski & Family
Carolyn Brown	Marcie, Greg, & Lanie Brown
Duane A. Pensel	Terry & Family
Carl R. Pensel	Pensel Family
Ervin & Della Mae Peetz	Judy & Kent Peetz
Earl & Dorothy Peetz	Judy & Kent Peetz
Sharon Dreyer	Hartle Family
Leonard, Dolly, Bryan & Terry Dambach	Mark & Lisa Dambach
Merrill & Norma Simmons	Mark & Lisa Dambach
Kenneth Rowley, Sr.	Dorothy Rowley and Family
Louis & Lydia Maag; Bill McCormack	Families
Paul & Esther Heider; Riley Heider; Gina Heider	Families
Jim & Babs Martin	The Martin Family
George, Charleene, and Doug Becker; Angelia Kessler	Duke and Joy Kessler
Allen Peetz	Peetz Family
Alan Beilke	Peetz Family
Family Members	Ann Fields
Debra Scholl	Pam & Rick Brown Family
Ruby & Alvin Bock	The Bock Family
Family Members	Christy Bock
Family Members	Patricia Holley
Wolfenkoehler Family, Dale, Edna, & James	Susan Brown
Stanley Beggs; Scott Beggs; Bill and Laura Beggs	LaDonia Beggs and Family
Don & Alma Bock; Hayden Trankler	Trankler Family
Jason St. John	Beth, Katy, & Maggie St. John
Conley & Bertha Bowman	Louise St. John Family
Nova Crawford; Suzanne Schneider	Crawford Family
Loved ones in Doggett Family Loved one in Garland Family	Stephania Doggett
Loved ones in Meier Family Loved one in Roethemeyer Family	Sam & Marilee Roethemeyer

January 5, 2025



January 16, 2025

SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER

The 3rd Thursday of each month
7:00 pm in the Chapel.

Join us each month as we
gather for a time of prayer and
meditation..

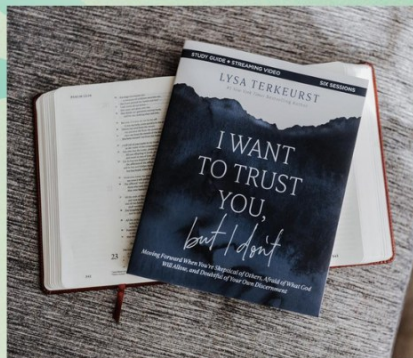
This will be a time of word, silent
prayer and prayers of the
people.



BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday - 10:00 am
January 15th-February 19th

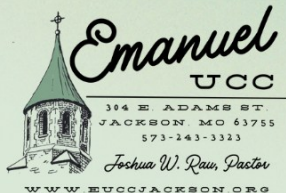
In-Person and via Zoom



Join us for a six week study of
Lysa Terkeurst book
I want to trust you, but I don't.

Broken trust can send us spiraling: *Can anyone really be trusted? What if distrust is actually the wisest choice to make.*

Are there biblical answers for any of this? Lysa Terkeurst will help us answer these questions and equip us to understand what the bible says about trusting God and others.



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82233137556?pwd=HpnCJhA3fHOc75bKoRRujLysa8rQ6I.1>

Meeting ID: 822 3313 7556
Passcode: 1867

Faith and Fellowship

We know the need to have time of fellowship with each other as well as a time of education for all ages. With this in mind we will be gathering each Sunday morning for what we call Faith and Fellowship. All are invited to gather for fellowship anytime during the 9 o'clock hour. There will be food and beverages available in fellowship hall, or bring something of your own and have a time of fellowship with each other.

We also have, starting at 9:00 or there about have a chance to strengthen our faith through education. There are 4 classes for all ages:

Little Lambs ~ Birth-3rd grade

Young Disciples ~ A multi grade Sunday School class that embraces the feel of the one-room schoolhouse.

Joy Class ~ Young Adults

Faithful Followers ~ Older adults

Come and join us as together we gather for a time of Faith and Fellowship!



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**MEDITATIONS
FROM
EMANUEL**

with Pastor Josh



**Posted online Wednesday
mornings on our Facebook and
YouTube**

Women's Ministries



Bethany Circle

Eight members and 4 guests gathered in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, December 12 for Bethany's annual Christmas party.

Delicious soups and a variety of other dishes, candies, and desserts were enjoyed by all.

The 2024 Secret Pals were revealed. President Deb led the Christmas games; starting with Name that Christmas Tune. Other mind challenging games were also enjoyed.

The next meeting of Bethany will be held on January 2 when members will share recycled Christmas "left overs".

A fun evening was enjoyed!

Respectfully submitted

Cathy Sievers, Secretary



Spice of Life

The Spice of Life met at the home of Ann Fields at 5 p.m. on December 10 for a Christmas Party/Meeting. We had good food and a GREAT time together!!

The monetary donations for school supplies will be distributed to the area schools.

We discussed our shut-ins and will be shopping for gifts for them.

We discussed making donations to the Food Pantry such as detergent, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.

We will be making improvements to the Clothing Closet and will be shopping for those items that are needed.

Respectfully submitted

Barb Chaney, Secretary



Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship met after worship on Sunday, November 3 in the sanctuary to discuss upcoming events, service projects, and organizational business.

Next meeting will be in February 2025.

Officers for 2025

President: Catheryn Hartle

Vice President: Kelly Crawford

Secretary: Erica Cooper

Treasurer: Earlene Sokolowski

Prayer for the New Year

God of Love,

You are with us in every transition and change.

As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love.

We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us.

We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment.

We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.

We ask this in your Holy Name.

—Joseph P. Shadle

Stewardship Corner

Congratulations, we reached our Dime-A-Day goal, actually surpassed it at \$5,200.00. That money has been used to help pay for a new roof on parsonage. In January, we will begin a new project and that's to raise \$5,000.00 to help pay for a new printer/copier for the church office. The present one has some old age problems.

If you would give a dime a day which is \$36.50 a year for each member of your family we will be able to reach this goal. Just indicate on your check or on an envelope that the money is for dime-a-day. Thanks to everyone who contributed last year. Dimes add up.

We have several things coming up in the spring and we will be informing you of them along the way. Remember the food pantry. We want to continue our support for the community. We are donating things like canned meat, peanut butter, chili, soups, oil, flour, stews, pancake mixes, sugar, Mac n cheese.

January we are collecting canned meats specifically, canned chicken, canned tuna, spam, and stews. February we will collect canned beans, pork n beans, etc.

Please pass our good fortunes forward. Our goal is to promote and connect stewardship to the overall goals and standards of our church. Let's all try to do more for our church, our community, our friends, and our families in this new year. Thanks to the entire congregation for being good examples of stewardship.

The Stewardship Committee



Requests from the Church Office

As we enter 2025, the office staff is requesting your help as we prepare for the projects and events of the new year.

Church Calendar—If you or your organization will be sponsoring an annual event or a special event, please notify the church office of the requested date as early as possible so that it can be placed on the church calendar. This will help prevent conflicts in scheduling.

Church Fellowship Yearbook 2025—New information regarding church organizations, church committees, etc. will be needed. Yearbook will be prepared in January.

Church Annual Report for 2024—see details below.

Annual Report for 2024

It is the beginning of a new calendar year and that means it is time to look back at the happenings of the previous year and to share that information with all the members of the congregation. Therefore, it is time for all church organizations, committees and leaders to submit a written report summary of their activities, missions, accomplishments, etc. to the church office for inclusion in the Annual Church Report. Also include things such as meeting schedules, officers, financial information, and any other noteworthy items.

The annual report should tell the story of our church for 2024. Therefore, we need information from the following groups (*and any others that may not be in this list*): Church Council, Finance, Audit, Christian Board of Education, Women's Fellowship, Bethany Circle, Spice of Life, Margaret Puchbauer Scholarship Committee, Pastoral Relations Committee, Stewardship Committee, Prayer Shawl Ministry, and Clothing Closet Ministry.

Emanuel UCC Office Staff

Annual Report Information

Due in the church office by

January 26, 2025

Church Council Minutes

Below are the unapproved minutes from the December 8 Church Council Meeting. Minutes will be approved at the next council meeting.

EUCC Council Meeting

Meeting Members: Stephania Doggett, Katie Beardslee, Matt Zschille, Pat Holley, Matt Roethemeyer, Jimmy McCormack, Layton Beggs, Kelly Crawford

Members absent: Geoff Shinn, Christy Bock

Previous minutes were available for review. Motion for approval of previous minutes with corrections made by Katie and seconded by Matt Z. Council approved.

Treasurer and Financial reports given by Pat Holley. Will file for audit. The first payment for the organ repair was made. We are on the list to be serviced in February.

Report of Committees

Buildings and grounds report: The boiler went out. A temporary fix will be here on 12/9. Possibly an igniter.

- The gutters need to be cleaned.
- Rubber needed under the pews in the Chapel.

Audit committee report: None

Rental property: The one year lease ends in Aug. The property looks good.

Clothing Closet: Thanked everyone for the cleaning up. Motion made by Katie to approve \$300 for new signage to promote the Clothing Closet. Matt Z. 2nd. Motion passed.

Stewardship Committee: Louise St. John and Matt R. are planning an auction.

CBE report: Meeting Thursday 12/12.

Lay Service/ Member Care report: A member needs a ride.

Worship report: None

Head Usher report: None

Pastor Report with notes from Pastor Joshua Rau See report with notes.

Old Business

Live nativity was a success.

The holiday market was a success.

New Business

Council members chose the same positions with Kelly to take over worship coordinator.

Pat informed the council to start planning to train a treasurer. Possibly make it a paid position one day/wk.

Next meeting: January 12 at 8 am.

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

Submitted by: Geoff Shinn, Church Council Secretary

2025 Council Members

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

Security Update

As part of our commitment to ensuring a safe and secure environment for everyone, we have updated the code for the church door. This change is being made as a proactive measure to enhance the security of our facilities.

Please keep this code confidential and do not share it with anyone outside our church community.

To receive the new code, you can:

- Contact the Church Office.
- Contact Pastor Josh
- Contact a member of the Church Council.

A list of individuals who have the new code is being kept in the office. If you need to share the code with another church member, please notify the office so their name can be added to the list.

We kindly ask for your understanding and cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for being a valued part of our church family. Let us continue to work together to create a welcoming and safe space for worship and fellowship.

Blessings,
Emanuel UCC Church Council

Church Offering Envelopes for 2025 are available for pickup

- If you have been using a set of offering envelopes you may pick up your box of envelopes in the vestibule.
If you no longer wish to use the envelopes, please notify the church office.
- If you have not received a box in the past, but would like to receive a box of envelopes for 2025, *please notify the church office or Christy Bock.*
- **Online Giving** is available. This allows you the ability to easily give one time, or set up automatic recurring giving. Scan the QR code below or visit the church website—<https://euccjackson.org/> to set up your giving options.



Ways to Give

Expense Reimbursement

In order to be reimbursed for church related expenses, members must submit the request along with a receipt in one of the methods listed below:

- Complete a paper copy of the Expense Reimbursement form (available in the wall file to the left of the church office door).
- Complete an electronic form that is available on the Members Information page of the church website.

<https://euccjackson.org/member-information>

Financial Report— Pat Holley, Treasurer		
2024 BUDGET		
Annual Budget	Budgeted Contributions Monthly Average	2024 YTD Annual Budget thru Nov '24 (11 Mos)
\$191,365.00	\$15,947.08	\$175,417.88
	Nov '24 MTD Contributions	Nov '24 YTD Contributions
	\$17,822.35	\$140,619.99
	2024 Nov Excess (Shortfall)	2024 Annual Budget Short- fall thru Nov '24
	\$1,875.27	(\$34,797.89)

Emanuel UCC's CLOTHING CLOSET

FORMERLY 'DONATION STATION'

**Emanuel United Church of
Christ ministry will be
providing FREE clothing to
anyone from the community.**

FREE

DETAILS

**2nd Saturday
of Each Month**

**320A East Adams
Jackson, MO 63755**

**9:00 AM -
11:00 AM**

PICK YOURS UP NOW!

**AVAILABLE SIZES:
INFANT thru ADULT**



**QUESTIONS? NEED A DIFFERENT TIME? NEED A RIDE?
PLEASE CALL 573-243-3323**

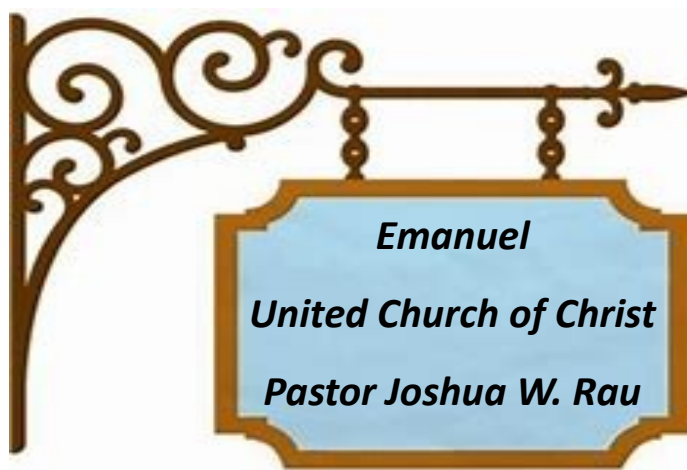
Feel free to print this flyer (or pick up a printed copy in the church vestibule) and display in an appropriate place in the community.



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



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
Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.	Monthly—3rd Thursday

Check out our website at euccjackson.org