



Good News!

October 2024

**Welcoming. Witnessing.
Worshiping... through Christ.**

Emanuel United Church of Christ

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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

Office Staff: Debra Hoffmann, Cathy Sievers

Council President: Jimmy McCormack

Head Usher: Layton Beggs



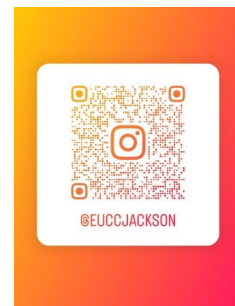
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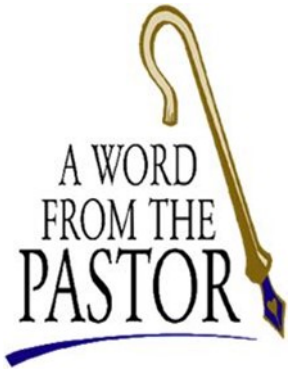
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God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



Office Hours

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



Dear Friends in Christ,

“Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

– Matthew 11:28-30

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I have narrowed down most of the post-it notes on my desk, completed the work on the chapel and am beginning planning worship, I have been reflecting on the changing of seasons and can you believe we are in October already. October brings us into the fullness of the autumn season. But while the earth (in the northern hemisphere at least!) is going about the business of yielding up leaves and harvests in preparation for the unplanted season to come, we in the church have geared up for meaningful ministry. Our Confirmation class is in full swing, we have bible study, a new prayer service starting, trunk or treat—and did I mention autumn traditions like a trip to a pumpkin farm, and the hoopla (and sugar-high) that accompanies Halloween? Whew!

At times, gathering ourselves to enter this fuller than full rhythm it can feel like being on a roping horse (to bring in my MT ties)—grab on tight, for you’re in for quite a ride! Given these realities, we do well to remember to breathe...to make choices that support sanity and to pace ourselves. So, as you read about the many opportunities embedded within this newsletter, I invite you to enter the stream at a pace that will be energizing rather than depleting.

So many great things are happening within our church and within our community. I am so honored to be here serving alongside you. I am so blessed to have been called by you to be your shepherd and I can’t wait to see what God has instore for us!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Josh



Upcoming Events

Wed.	Oct. 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meditations from Emanuel Choir Practice 6:00pm Confirmation Class 7pm
Thurs.	Oct. 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CBE 6pm Bethany Circle 7pm in church parlor
Sun.	Oct. 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faith and Fellowship 9am Worship 10:10am
Tues.	Oct. 8	Bible Study 6pm
Wed.	Oct. 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meditations from Emanuel Confirmation Class 7pm
Thurs.	Oct. 10	Sausage Supper Planning Meeting 7pm
Sat.	Oct. 12	Clothing Closet open 9-11am
Sun.	Oct. 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Church Council Meeting 8am Faith and Fellowship 9am Worship 10:10am
Tues.	Oct. 15	Bible Study 6pm
Wed.	Oct. 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meditations from Emanuel Choir Practice 6:00pm Confirmation Class 7pm
Thurs.	Oct. 17	Prayer Service
Sun.	Oct. 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faith and Fellowship 9am Worship 10:10am Congregational Meeting
Tues.	Oct. 22	Bible Study 6pm
Wed.	Oct. 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meditations from Emanuel Confirmation Class 7pm
Thurs.	Oct. 24	Stewardship Committee Meeting 6pm
Sun.	Oct. 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faith and Fellowship 9am Worship 10:10am Fall Festival 4-6pm
Tues.	Oct. 29	Fellowship Hall reserved for private event. 6-8pm
Wed.	Oct. 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meditations from Emanuel Fellowship Hall reserved—Women's Fellowship serving Jackson Noon Optimist luncheon. Choir Practice 6pm Confirmation Class 7pm

Weekly Use of Church Facilities

Every Monday	TOPS 11am
Every Tuesday	Guitar Lessons 1:30-6:30 pm

Altar Flowers—September

Oct. 6	Brenda Pender
Oct. 13	Louise St. John
Oct. 20	Ann Fields
Oct. 27	Pat Holley

If you would like to serve as a greeter, please contact Louise St. John to get on the schedule.

Greeters—October

Oct. 6	Rick & Pam Brown
Oct. 13	Dorothy Rowley Earlene Sokolowski
Oct. 20	Layton & Heather Beggs
Oct. 27	Erica Cooper Family

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Acolytes & Readers—October

	Acolytes	Reader
Oct. 6	Lincoln Lanie	Lincoln
Oct. 13	Maklain Keagan	Maklain
Oct. 20	Lincoln Lanie	Lanie
Oct. 27	Maklain Keagan	Keagan

The due date for submissions for the November newsletter is October 24, 2024. Please send submissions to: office@euccjackson.org or call 573.243.3323.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

October

1	Shawn Peetz
1	Steve Sokolowski
4	Tyler Lutes
6	Linda Kremer
6	Emily Smith
7	Larry Meier
9	Jordan Johns
11	Lori Martin
12	Heinz Brown
14	Katherine St. John
17	Carla Quigley
18	Derek Sievers
18	Brenda Smith
19	McKenna Dye
22	Michael Blechle
22	Judy Peetz
23	Kathy Prokopf
25	Madilyn Mouser
26	Doug Voshage
28	Beckett Brown
28	Rhett McCormack
28	Lance Trankler
29	Mark Statler
30	Elsie Peetz
30	Louise St. John
31	Larry Borgfield
31	Connie Kuecker



October Anniversaries



4	Mary Lou & Kenny Abernathy, 66 th
4	Christy & Mark Bock, 21 th
6	Sara & Michael Blechle, 17 th
25	Jennifer & Sam Dye, 10 th

Recommended Scripture for October

October 6	Job 1:1, 2:1-10 Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16
October 13	Job 23:1-9, 16-17 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10: 17-31
October 20	Job 38:1-7, 34-41 Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45
October 27	Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52

Please pray for the following and their families:

Mary Lou Abernathy, Pat Abernathy, June Borgfield, Alice Koeppel, Robert Loos, Marvin Peetz, Helen Poston, Alice Quigley, Emilie Wendel

October 6, 2024



Neighbors in Need Offering

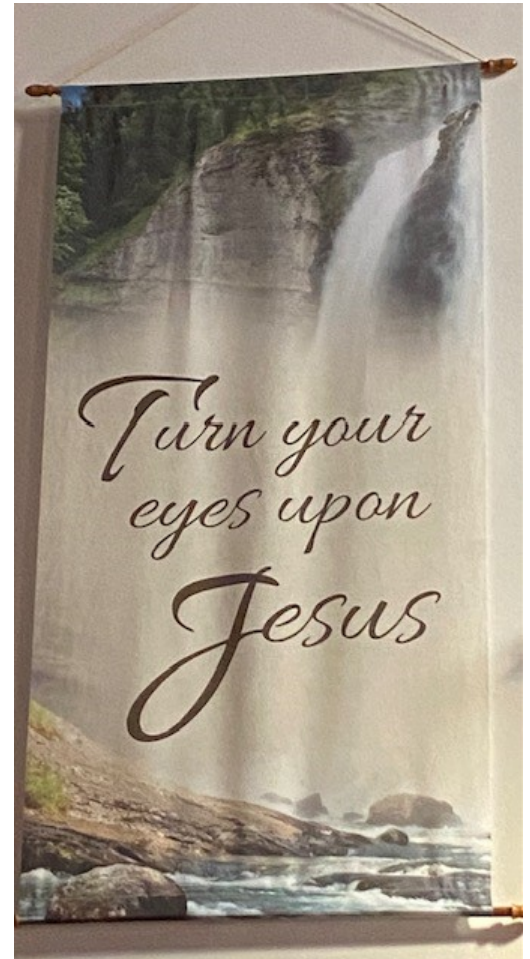
In 2024, the Neighbors in Need theme is **"Mental Health Justice For All!"** This year's focus is on Mental Health Justice. In 2015, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ passed a resolution to become WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged) for mental health.

Please see the flyer attached to the newsletter email for details on this offering.

Donations may be made during the month of October. Special envelopes are available in the pew racks. Please make checks payable to EUCC and write NIN in the memo line.

October 13

Banner Dedication



In Loving Memory of Allen Peetz

The picture is one of six new banners that will be displayed in the church sanctuary on Sunday, October 13.


Donations made by members, friends and the family of Allen were used to purchase these beautiful banners that will enhance our worship in the sanctuary for many years to come.

**MEDITATIONS
FROM
EMANUEL**
with Pastor Josh



Posted online Wednesday mornings on our Facebook and YouTube

**Emanuel UCC
Bible Study**



**Tuesday Evenings 6:00 pm
September 10th - November 5th**
Join us either in person or via zoom

We are a community of faith that welcomes all to join us as we look at a study called:
Faith ~ Depending on God

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/83115821238?pwd=if8TX9ibzai8a3LEe7GQqbmMSTl07r.1>

Meeting ID: 831 1582 1238
 Passcode: 580276

Congregational Meeting October 20, 2024

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Church Council Elections (3 positions to be filled)
Council nominees:
 Jimmy McCormack - run for 2nd term
 Katie Beardslee - run for 2nd term
 Kelly Crawford
 Melanie Lutes
 Ann Fields
 Shawn Peetz
3. Budget/financial report
4. Buildings & Grounds report
 Organ repair vote
 Parsonage roof repair vote
5. Conference Delegates (volunteers needed)

A copy of the budget is attached to the newsletter email. Printed copies are available in the vestibule or church office.

SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 18-20, 2024
CONFERENCE YOUTH EVENT @ CAMP MO-VAL

LOVE > FEAR

CYE is happening at Camp Mo-Val October 18th-20th, and registration is now open. Enjoy playing games, conquering the low ropes course, making new friends, and so much more! CYE participants will also get to write and present the "Youth Report" for Conference Annual Gathering on Saturday October, 19th. Come experience what it means to say that "Love is Greater than Fear."

Stewardship Corner

Acts 20:35. In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

The Stewardship Committee is very grateful for the generosity of our church members. So many brought in oil last month, and peanut butter this month for the Food Pantry. Next month's item will be flour. We are also thankful for the "Dime a Day" donations!

We have started to plan a multi-generational event to take place in November which is going to be an outstanding show of our church's love and gratitude to our community...more details to come later.

Thanks for all you do!
The Stewardship Committee

Emanuel United Church of Christ ~ Stewardship Committee



FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

October food item is

Flour

Each month we will be collecting for
the Jackson Ministerial Alliance
Food Pantry



Dime-a Day Donations

as of September 30, 2024

\$4,356.49



EUCC'S ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 27
4-6 pm - 304 E. Adams Street

**TRUNK OR TREAT | CHILI + HOT DOGS |
GAMES | S'MORES | COSTUMES | FUN**

Let your light shine so people everywhere may see your good actions and praise God in heaven because of it. | Matthew 5:16

FREE EVENT



November Events

Emanuel UCC's Annual

SAUSAGE SUPPER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9
4 PM - 7 PM

304 EAST ADAMS STREET | JACKSON, MISSOURI

\$14 TICKETS
*MAY BE PURCHASED AHEAD OR DAY OF

 **DINE IN
OR
CARRY OUT** 

 **PRESALE TICKETS:**
AVAILABLE
OCTOBER 20

ORDER EARLY:
RAW AND COOKED
SAUSAGE AVAILABLE

QUESTIONS/SAUSAGE SALES:
GEOFF
573-979-4428



Celebration of Call

Lord, Here I am, Send Me


The members of Emanuel United Church of Christ, proudly invite you to join us as we celebrate the call of our new pastor

Joshua W. Rau

We will celebrate this blessed occasion through worship and Litany of Celebration of Call. Your presence will make this event a memorable experience.

Sunday, November 17, 2024
3:00 pm

Clergy and Ministers are invited to wear robes and red stoles. Please arrive by 2:45pm



Operation Christmas Child



Emanuel will again be participating in the Operation Christmas Child project this year. Heather Beggs, Clara Beggs and Morgan Hoffman will be our leaders.

As you begin your Christmas shopping, include this important project on your list.

Discover how God used an Operation Christmas Child shoebox in my life...



Event

Date: Friday, October 18, 2024

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Place: First Baptist Church Jackson
212 S. High St., Jackson, MO 63755
Please join us to learn more about the vision of Operation Christmas Child.

Anabel Rosario Fermin grew up in a Christ-centered, pastor's family in the Dominican Republic. Though her family never had material abundance, she was taught that God was faithful. When Anabel was around 8-10 ears old, she received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift. Inside she found stuffed animals, school supplies, and other needed items. The shoebox showed her that God is faithful even when it doesn't feel that way.



Ten years after Anabel received her shoebox gift, she lost her father, mother and older sister in a tragic accident. Even amidst her grief, she felt the Lord reminding her again that He was still faithful. To hear more about God's faithfulness in her life, please join us for a special time of Anabel sharing her testimony.

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

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:

Cardboard
12x7x4.38 inches
Plastic
13x7.5x4.7 inches

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

Boxes will be collected in November.

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

Church Council Minutes

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

EUCC Council Meeting

9/8/2024: Meeting before church 8:00 AM

Members: Stephania Doggett, Katie Beardslee, Matt Zschille, Pat Holley, Christy Bock, Matt Roethemeyer, Jimmy McCormack

Members absent: Geoff Shinn, Layton Beggs

Previous minutes were available for review with added budget committee names. Motion for approval of previous minutes with amendments made by Pat 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:

- The internet is up and running. Mike Cooper is ordering the phone system.
- Lights in the pastor's office were replaced.
- Replacing stove lights
- Lights and doorbell fixed
- Need A/C belt replaced
- Need parsonage garage door opener ..Matt to get

Audit committee report: All is good until Dec.

Rental property: Tenant committed to stay until the end of the school year.

Clothing Closet: None

Adopt a Hwy: On hold during construction

Stewardship Committee: Meets this week

CBE report: Will meet 9/19

Lay Service/ Member Care report: None

Worship report: All is well

Head Usher report: All is well

Pastor Report with notes from Pastor Josh Rau: See report dated Sept 2024

Old Business

October 20, 2024 set as the Congregational meeting date

Budget Committee present budget to council 2 weeks prior to Congregational Meeting

Chris Soer gave [bids for cleaning and servicing/fixing of the organ.](#)

Christy Bock is checking into getting new tablecloths with Heather Beggs. Motion made by Matt Roethemeyer to order new tablecloths at \$15 each and seconded by Katie Beardslee.

Sausage Supper is set as Nov 9 to work around Bailey Beggs wedding. Sausage Supper planning committee is scheduled to meet on Sep 26, 5:30 PM

New Business

Groups using church facilities/non-members knowing the code

⅔ of the money needed for organ repair from Patsy Voshage Estate has already been received. Motion by Matt Roethemeyer and seconded by Pat Holley to approve organ repairs pending congregational approval.

Parsonage roof needs to be repaired. Brandon Hill's quote is for the entire parsonage for \$10,705.74 for replacement. Replaces decking, water guard, ice shield, new underlayment, metal edging, and Certaineed shingle. A motion was made by Christy Bock and seconded by Matt Zschille to accept the bid pending congregational approval 10/20. Will present to the congregation to obtain money from the memorial fund.

Reviewed and approved proposed budget motion by Matt Roethemeyer and seconded by Christy Bock to approve new budget.

Pat Holley is looking into replacing church debit card with church credit card.

New organ cover ordered and Spice of Life to pay for it. \$404.00

Rebranding (new look). Pastor Josh

Congregational Meeting Agenda

Call to Order

Church Council Elections (3 positions to be filled)

Council nominees:

Jimmy McCormack - run for 2nd term

Katie Beardslee - run for 2nd term

Kelly Crawford

Melanie Lutes

Ann Fields

Shawn Peetz

Budget/financial report

Buildings & Grounds report

Organ repair vote

Parsonage roof repair vote

Conference Delegates (volunteers needed)

Next meeting: October 13, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 with motion by Matt R., seconded by Christy with the Lord's prayer led by Jimmy.

Submitted by: Stephanía Doggett, Worship Coordinator

Women's Ministries



Bethany Circle

Members and guests gathered in the home of LaDonia Beggs on September 5, 2024. Susan Brown served as co-hostess.

Joys and concerns were shared followed by the opening prayer by hostess LaDonia.

Those present enjoyed the program "What's so great about being an old woman" presented by Earlene Sokolowski.

Roll call was answered by sharing influential people in your life".

Upcoming activities at Emanuel were discussed. Pastor Josh will be leading a Bible study on Tuesday evenings starting September 10. Bethany Circle is now accepting monetary donations during September for the Missouri Women's Prison Kits program sponsored by Church Women United. Checks can be made to Emanuel with notation for the women's prison kits.

Other activities at Emanuel in October include Band Bag project sponsored by Spice of Life on October 20, Congregational meeting October 20 and Women's Fellowship serving Jackson Noon Optimist lunch on October 30.

Remember the Stewardship Committee is asking for Emanuel members to bring peanut butter for the food pantry during the month of September.

Respectfully submitted

Cathy Sievers Secretary



Spice of Life

The Spice of Life and a group of helpers filled Band Bags for Jackson High School band members. Thanks for your help and to all who supported this project. It is very much appreciated!!

After filling Band Bags on September 22 following the morning worship, the Spice of Life met for a business meeting. It was announced that we received \$140 in donations for Band Bags.

Spice of Life members are selling "Butter Braid" items. Orders will be turned in on November 4. Money from orders will go to the "new organ cover" and organ maintenance.

Respectfully submitted

Barb Chaney, Secretary



Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship met on August 11 for the quarterly meeting. Next meeting will be November 10 following worship.

Spice of Life Fundraiser

Members of the Spice of Life circle will be selling "Butter Braid" products now through the first part of November. Items will be delivered before Thanksgiving. Items such as pastries, cookie dough, pizzas may be purchased.



Your support of this project will be greatly appreciated. Proceeds will go to a new cover for the organ and for organ maintenance.

Spice of Life members

Thank You



Thank you to everyone who made a donation to the **Missouri Women's Prison Packs**. A total of \$400 was collected. Donations will be taken to the Festival of Sharing on October 4 at Dexter.

Band Bags



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West Lane Elementary Partnership



EUCC is a faith-based partner for West Lane Elementary School. These gifts were delivered to all the faculty and staff at West Lane on September 10 as a welcome back to school and a thank you for all of their work.

Christy Bock and Erica Cooper prepared these items: a writing tablet and pen with bible verses on them and a thank you card from Emanuel.



Chapel

We have a brand-new space in our church to find comfort, a place to pray, a more intimate setting for smaller worship and a great place for others in the community to use. With the help of so many, we now have a chapel, it is located just behind the choir room near the offices. Please come and take a look at this beautiful space.

If you find yourself in need of a place to pray, find some peace or comfort or maybe would like to have Pastor Josh pray with you, please come to the chapel. You can always contact Pastor Josh via his cell phone (texting ok) 715-294-0157



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.*



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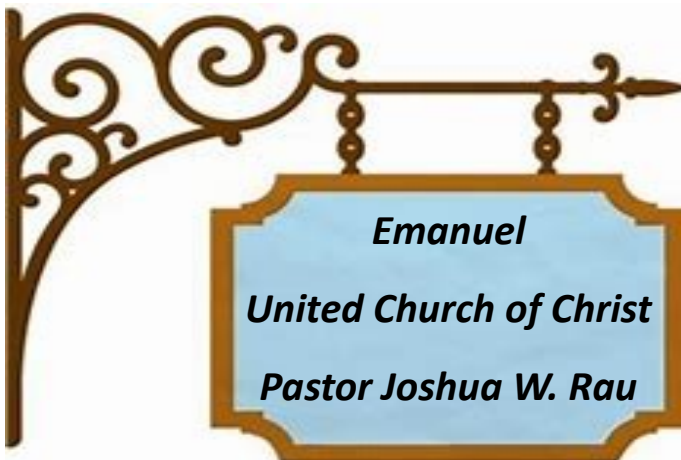


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Faith & Fellowship 9:00 a.m.
 Worship 10:10 a.m.

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

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