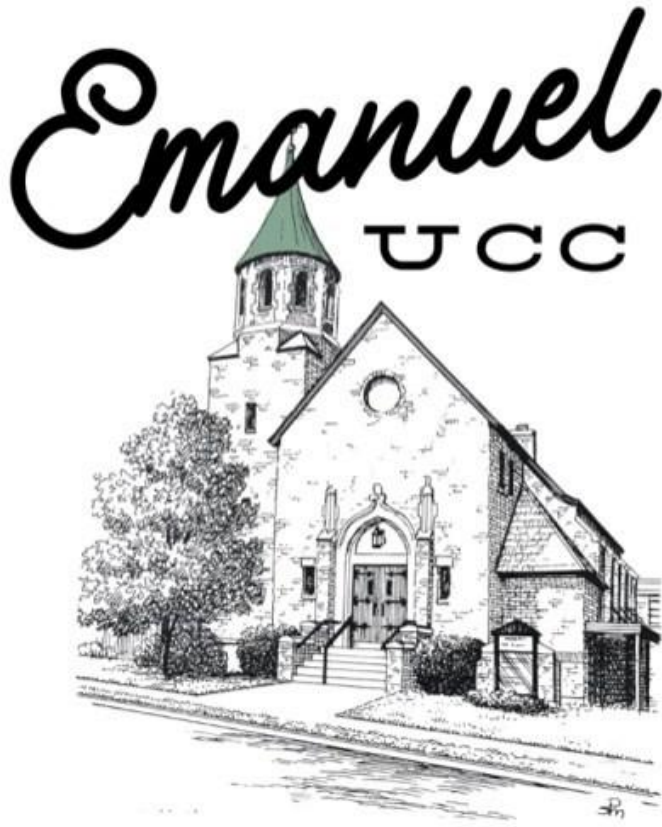




Good News!

October 2026

Welcoming. Witnessing. Worshiping... through Christ.

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Founded in 1867—Incorporated as German Evangelical Emanuel Church in 1891

Message from Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Sam Roethemeyer

Emanuel is again in transition. We celebrate the ministry of Joshua and Alyssa. We give thanks for the past, but we must move forward. As Pastor Emeritus I share with you these thoughts as we do.

First, God will be with Emanuel at all times. Pastors come and go. Only God will never leave us. The presence of God is very vital to the life of the church.

Second, God is in control. Will we rest in God by trusting him to lead us in worship, serving, caring and reaching out to invite others to be with us.

Third, we must walk forward in faith trusting God will be our guide and strength to call a new pastor.

Fourth, ministry must go on in this interim period. The Great Commission doesn't include conditionals. Paul reminds us that equipping the saints for the work of the church and the work of the ministry is important. In the interim the lay leadership of the church must make sure ministry continues.

Finally, it is that we do not scatter but most strongly gather together for support and encouragement. May the interim bring blessings you never expected. And I pray that God will provide new leadership, a new pastor to lead us in the future.

If any emergency comes up, please call the church office and I will gladly reach out to those concerns of hospital, nursing home, communion to the shut-ins, death of loved ones, etc.

God is with us. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

Pastor Sam

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

October 25, 2026
After Worship

October 4, 2026



Tentative Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Elections:
 - Church Council Nominees-
 - CBE Nominees
 - Conference Delegates
4. Budget/Financial report
5. Buildings & Grounds report
6. Business from the floor
7. Adjourn



October Events

Thurs.	Oct. 1	Bethany Circle 2:00 pm
Sun.	Oct. 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faith & Fellowship 9:00 am Worship 10:10 am <i>Worship Leader: Rev. Phil Hodson, Missouri Mid-South Conference Minister</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eastern Association Meeting-3:00 pm
Tues.	Oct. 6	Stewardship Committee Meeting-6:00 pm
Sat.	Oct. 10	Clothing Closet open 9-11 am
Sun.	Oct. 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Church Council Meeting 8:00 am Faith & Fellowship 9:00 am Worship 10:10 am <i>Worship Leader: Christy Shinn</i>
Sun.	Oct. 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faith & Fellowship 9:00 am Worship 10:10 am <i>Worship Leader: Bruce Gentry</i> <i>Director of Baptist Student Center at Southeast Missouri State University</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CBE Meeting after worship
Sun.	Oct. 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faith & Fellowship 9:00 am Worship 10:10 am <i>Worship Leader: Christy Shinn</i> Congregational Meeting after worship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat 4-6 pm

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--October

Oct. 4	Roxie Davis Dorothy Rowley
Oct. 11	Rick & Pam Brown
Oct. 18	Larry & Shirley Bock
Oct. 25	Mark & Lisa Dambach

Altar Flowers--October

Oct. 4	Melanie Lutes (for Matthew)
Oct. 11	Lori Martin
Oct. 18	Anonymous
Oct. 25	Brenda Pender

Worship Leaders--October

Oct. 4	Rev. Phil Hodson
Oct. 11	Christy Shinn
Oct. 18	Bruce Gentry
Oct. 25	Christy Shinn

Women's Fellowship Fundraiser

Sweet Treats Support a Great Cause!

Butter Braid
THE ONE AND ONLY
FROZEN PASTRY DOUGH

Delicious Pastries for Family, Friends and Our Community!

Sales: September 28 - November 1

See Ann Fields or Barb Chaney to place an order.

If you would like to sell the Butter Braid items, contact Catheryn Hartle for an order form.

A Little Goodness Goes a Long Way!

Thank you for supporting Women's Fellowship!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Mark your calendar for the **Sausage Supper** coming up on November 7th.

Be on the lookout for sign-up sheets!!

NOVEMBER 7

The due date for submissions for the November newsletter is October 22, 2026. Please send submissions to: office@euccjackson.org or call 573.243.3323.

🍁🎃 WE NEED YOUR TRUNK! 🎃🍁

Emanuel UCC's Annual Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat is coming up on **Sunday, October 25th from 4:00–6:00 PM**, and we need our church family to help make it a fun afternoon for everyone!

🚗 **We are looking for church members who are willing to decorate their vehicle and provide a trunk for our Trunk or Treat!**

You can go **simple or elaborate**—fall decorations, a fun theme, costumes, games, or anything creative you'd like! Most importantly, bring your smiles and help us make this a fun and welcoming event for the children and families in our community.

🍁 **Please consider donating your trunk and a supply of candy!**

If you can participate, please let a member of the Joy Sunday School Class know so we can plan for enough trunks.

October 25 • 4:00–6:00 PM

304 E. Adams Street

🎃 Trunk or Treat • Chili • Hot Dogs • Games • S'mores • Costumes & FUN!

Let's fill our parking lot with decorated trunks, happy kids, and lots of fall fun! 🍁 🚗 🎃



Stewardship Corner

Stewardship has evolved to mean the active responsibility of overseeing, care, and protection of something valued like people, our church, our community and the finances for current and future generations.

This is not just for self-interest but stewardship satisfies interests greater than our own.

Religious stewardship is the managing of spiritual gifts, time, talents, and giving monetarily to support the church. It is the divine belief in one's responsibility to the world.

There are 5 key qualities of a good steward: faithfulness, trustworthiness, diligence, generosity, and accountability. Good stewards understand that what has been given to them is just a loan from God. Good stewards are prayerful and seek the Lord's guidance. Do the will of God from your heart.

We are challenged to help others: *Give to the Food Pantry and Clothing Closet, *Help our friends and neighbors who are in need. I was on a trip recently and a young lady said, "Here let me get that door for you". She was smiling and I saw the kindness in her face. I saw her stewardship. You don't realize how much the little things matter every day: *Waving at your neighbor with a smile on your face *Letting someone with 2 items go in front of you at the grocery store checkout *Picking up something someone has dropped. We were all raised that this was considered "good manners or being polite" but it's also stewardship. It does not take big gestures to be a steward small ones matter.

Start with selecting one thing every day to do to be a good steward--*Call a sick friend, *Send a card, *Pick trash up out of a neighbor's yard, *Pray for the church or someone who is having a tough time *Cook a little extra to take to an elderly neighbor, friend, or family *Offer to bring someone to church *Sing in the choir, *Spend an hour cleaning the church, *Serve on a committee at church, and do all these things with a smile on your face and joy in your heart.

EUCC is full of good stewards. Let's do a little more.

The Stewardship Committee



FOOD PANTRY

For the month of October, the food pantry is in need of:

- CANNED PUMPKIN
- CANNED CRANBERRY SAUCE
- MUSTARD
- KETCHUP
- MAYONNAISE



Special Mission Offering

Gifts to Neighbors in Need support the United Church of Christ's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). The other two-thirds of the offering support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, direct service projects, and grants.

Donation Envelopes are available in the pews. Please make checks payable to EUCC and write NIN in the memo line.

Offering will be collected **October 4-18.**

Women's Ministries



Bethany Circle

Members gathered in the church parlor at 6:30 PM on September 3. Debbie Hoffman opened the meeting with sharing of joys and concerns. Cathy Sievers led the opening prayer.

Debbie presented a devotion about different working women in the Bible and followed with 2 poems paying tribute to working women.

Business meeting was called to order by President Debra Hoffman. Roll call was answered by 7 members.

Minutes from the August meeting were read by Secretary Lisa Dambach and approved. Treasurer Dorothy Rowley reported a current balance of \$1798.54. Debbie reports that the Audit Committee has completed their January to July audit of the books and all is well.

Old Business:

Dorothy presented a check for \$200.00 to Debbie to pass on to Pastor Sam for the Food Pantry as approved in August. Debbie will contact Mrs. Trankler at West Lane School regarding the donation for lunch debt relief assistance. Dorothy will purchase 2 Visa gift cards for the Jackson Fire Department. Other organizations were again discussed for donations and was tabled at this time.

Bethany Circle will meet at 2:00 PM from October through March and resume a 6:30 PM meeting time from April through September.

Bethany Circle members will assist with the preparations for the Church Women United Annual Awareness Luncheon on September 11, 2026. Attendees were reminded to bring a salad to share.

New Business:

The Christian Board of Education is sponsoring a Fall Family Faith Night at Beggs Family Farm on September 27 from 4-6 PM and all are invited. Debbie reports the Christ Evangelical in Cape Girardeau will be making apple butter in October and any volunteers are welcome.

Upcoming Events:

- ✓ Church Women United Annual Awareness Luncheon is September 11 at EUCC.
- ✓ Jackson Noon Optimist Luncheon is September 30, 2026 at EUCC.
- ✓ 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.

Closing:

Next meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2026, at 2:00 PM.

The meeting concluded with the Mizpah prayer and refreshments were served by hostess Joy Kessler.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Dambach
Secretary



Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship held their quarterly meeting on August 9, 2026. Minutes were printed in the September newsletter. Next meeting will be in November.



Clothing Closet

Emanuel UCC is pleased to offer free clothing to anyone in need through our Clothing Closet Ministry

2nd Saturday of each month
9:00 am-11:00 am

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## Church Council Minutes—September

Below are the unapproved minutes from the September 13, 2026 Church Council Meeting. Minutes will be approved at the next council meeting.

### **EUCC Council Meeting Minutes 9/13/26**

Meeting Members: Kelly Crawford, Geoff Shinn, Katie Beardslee, Matt Zschille, Pat Holley, Ann Fields, Matt Roethemeyer, Jimmy McCormack, Layton Beggs

Members absent:

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 with an opening prayer by Ann Fields.

Previous minutes were available for review. Motion for approval of previous minutes made by Matt R. and seconded by Kelly. Council approved.

Treasurer and Financial reports given by Pat Holley. Will file for audit.

Pat presented the Budget Worksheet. Matt R. motioned to approve the Budget worksheet and send it to a congregational vote at the Congregational Meeting on Oct 25, 2026. Matt Z. seconded. Motion passed.

### **Report of Committees**

#### **Buildings and grounds report:**

1. Langford Mechanical will be called to fix the basement men's urinal and the kid's nursery toilet.
2. Investigate remodeling the men's bathroom. Lighting upgrade. Fix flooring. Possibly make handicap accessible.
3. Check on removing phone tree to reduce cost.
4. The recently completed concrete sidewalk repair was paid for \$600.
5. The dying tree was removed at the parsonage for \$800.
6. The parsonage is secure and in good shape. Heather, Layton & Kelly weeded the flower beds. We still need to check gutters.
7. The east A/C was low on freon. It has been recharged and is working. It is the same age as the one that was recently replaced in the sanctuary. It was recommended to continue using it until it quits.

**Audit committee report:** None

**Rental property:** A/C weep hole was clogged. It has been rectified. The exterior door has been fixed to close easier.

**Clothing Closet:** Was open 9/12 and served 13 people. 11 of which had never been there before.

**Stewardship Committee:** None. Meeting 9/14

**CBE report:** Meeting 9/20. Planning Family Faith night in Sept. Getting free curriculum online. Started confirmation class with 2 students, Henley Roethemeyer & Emma Biri.

**Lay Service/ Member Care report:** All is well

**Worship report:** All is well

**Head Usher report:** All is well

**Pastor Report with notes from Pastor Sam Roethemeyer** All 17 shut ins will have received communion by Tuesday 9/15. Larry Borgfield has been added to the list.

Matt R. motioned to provide Pastor Sam \$400/month for providing communion to the current shut ins and local hospital visits. For beyond local visits, additional mileage and time records will be kept. A contract will be drawn up. Katie seconded. Motion passed.

## **Old Business**

The Noon Optimist Club revised lease was well received by the club.

Supply pastor(s) update

- Most Sundays are filled until the end of the year with the exception of a couple.
- Pastor Sam is wanting time for Christmas Eve service. Council will ask individuals what they prefer. Suggestions were 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:30 PM. Council decided there will not be Christmas Day services.

The congregational meeting was set for Oct 25, 2026.

- Council nominees
  - Layton Beggs run for 2nd term
  - Geoff Shinn - termed out - Mark Dambach will run
  - Matt Zschille - termed out - Cathy Sievers will run
  - Still looking for another
- CBE
  - Marcie Brown
  - Heather Beggs
- Conference Delegates
  - Joy Kessler
  - need another nominee

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.

## **New Business**

Bulletins - Change order of worship to align with current worship style.

1. Bell & Lighting of the candles
2. Prelude
3. Announcements

Debra would like a council member to write a letter for the newsletter to replace the Pastor's letter.

Search Committee Members so far: Kent Peetz, Clara Beggs, Catheryn Hartle, Rick Brown. Need 3 more per the by-laws.

Possibly renting out the parsonage was discussed. Current rental rates in Jackson would be \$2000+/month for similar houses.

Fundraising ideas from Barb Chaney were presented. Council liked several ideas and passed the list to the Stewardship committee.

Next meeting: October 11, 2026

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 with motion by Geoff, seconded by Matt Z. with the Lord's prayer led by Jimmy.

*Submitted by: Geoff Shinn, Church Council Secretary*

# Financial Report--Pat Holley, Treasurer

## August 2026 BUDGET COMPARISON

| 2026 BUDGET   |                                                        |                                                                                   |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Annual Budget | Budgeted Expense Monthly Average                       | 2026 YTD Annual Budget thru August '26                                            |
| \$215,488.00  | \$17,957.33                                            | \$143,658.67                                                                      |
|               | <b>August '26 MTD Contributions &amp; Other Income</b> | <b>August '26 YTD Contributions &amp; Other Income</b>                            |
|               | \$12,627.74                                            | \$99,085.63                                                                       |
|               | <b>2026 August Excess (Shortfall)</b>                  | <b>Projected EOY 2026 Annual Budget Shortfall based on Income Thru August '26</b> |
|               | (\$5,329.59)                                           | (\$66,859.56)                                                                     |

## YTD MONTHLY INCOME VERSUS EXPENSE TREND

|                                   | January           | February          | March            | April            | May              | June             | July             | August           |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Actual YTD Income</b>          | \$6,357.20        | \$17,876.95       | \$30,060.19      | \$44,350.83      | \$59,359.94      | \$69,779.94      | \$86,457.89      | \$99,085.63      |
| <b>Budgeted YTD Expense</b>       | \$17,957.33       | \$35,914.67       | \$53,872.00      | \$71,829.33      | \$89,786.67      | \$107,744.00     | \$125,701.33     | \$143,658.67     |
| <b>Projected Annual Shortfall</b> | -<br>\$139,201.60 | -<br>\$108,226.30 | -<br>\$95,247.24 | -<br>\$82,435.51 | -<br>\$73,024.14 | -<br>\$75,925.12 | -<br>\$39,243.44 | -<br>\$66,859.56 |

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

**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.**

| CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL OFFERINGS & DEDICATED FUNDS NOT AVAILABLE TO FUND CHURCH BUDGET |                             |                        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
|                                                                                          | Contributions in August '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               |
| Disaster Relief                                                                          | \$200.00                    | \$200.00               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                                             |                             | <b>\$4,137.00</b>      |

## **Christian Board of Education (CBE) Meeting Minutes - September 20, 2026**

The Christian Board of Education (CBE) met on **Sunday, September 20**, in-person. Members in attendance included Morgan Hoffman (President), Marcie Brown (Treasurer), Heather Beggs (Event Coordinator), Lydia Shinn (Secretary).

### **Old Business/Follow-Up**

N/a

### **New Business**

#### **Fall Family Faith Nights**

We discussed hosting Fall Family Faith Nights at the Beggs Family Farm. There would be a bonfire and other activities from 4-6 on Sunday, September 27th.

We also discussed events for the upcoming year.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next CBE meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, October 18th**, 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*



## October Birthdays

|    |                 |
|----|-----------------|
| 1  | Shawn Peetz     |
| 4  | Tyler Lutes     |
| 6  | Linda Kremer    |
| 7  | Larry Meier     |
| 11 | Lori Martin     |
| 12 | Heinz Brown     |
| 14 | Katy St. John   |
| 17 | Carla Quigley   |
| 18 | Derek Sievers   |
| 19 | McKenna Dye     |
| 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 |



## October Anniversaries

|    |                           |
|----|---------------------------|
| 11 | Mark & Lisa Dambach, 46th |
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### Recommended Scripture October

|         |                                                                             |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Oct. 4  | Exodus 20:1-20<br>Psalm 19<br>Matthew 21:33-46                              |
| Oct. 11 | Exodus 32:1-14<br>Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23<br>Philemon 4:1-9<br>Matthew 22:1-14 |
| Oct. 18 | Exodus 33:12-23<br>Psalm 99<br>1 Thessalonians 1:1-10<br>Matthew 22:15-22   |
| Oct. 25 | Deuteronomy 34:1-12<br>Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17<br>Matthew 22:34-46              |

## 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

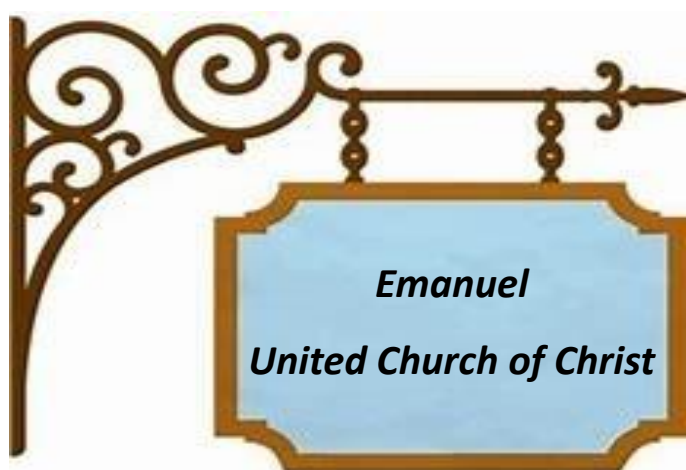
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| Worship and Ministry |            |                                                |
|----------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Faith & Fellowship   | 9:00 a.m.  | Sundays                            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

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