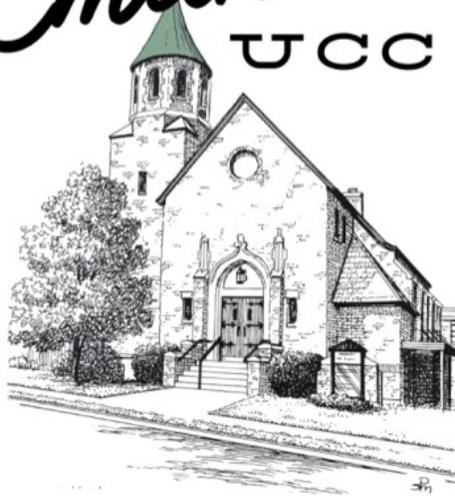


Emanuel
UCC



2026 Church Yearbook

WORSHIP SERVICES

FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP—SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP—10:10 a.m.

IGNITE CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP—SATURDAYS, 5:30 pm
in Fellowship Hall

Welcoming...Witnessing...Worshipping...through Christ

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor ~ Joshua W. Rau

Cell: 715-294-0157 (*Call or Text*)

Email: pastorjoshuarau@gmail.com

Organist: Christy Shinn

Choir Director: Kelly Crawford

Administrative Assistant: Debra Hoffmann

Office Assistant: Alyssa Rau

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Fellowship Booklet is to unite all the members of the church in Christian Fellowship and to develop an understanding of the work of the entire church.

With divine guidance and help, deepen the spiritual life, stimulate sacrificial giving and promote Christian service in the home, the local church, and the denomination, the community, the nation, and the world.

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CHURCH COUNCIL 2026

Jimmy McCormack, President

573-275-2128

Katie Beardslee, Vice President

573-576-5576

Pat Holley, Treasurer

573-579-3394

Geoff Shinn, Secretary

573-979-4428

Kelly Crawford, Financial Secretary

573-986-3344

Matt Roethemeyer, Custodian

573-576-8997

Ann Fields, Worship Coordinator

573-270-6727

Matt Zschille, Lay Services Director

573-352-0312

Layton Beggs, Head Usher

573-986-8999

Joshua Rau, Pastor

715-294-0157

**CHURCH COUNCIL
MEETINGS**

Monthly Meetings held the
second Sunday of each
month*

**CONGREGATIONAL
MEETINGS**

February 22, 2026

October (TBA)

*All church members are welcome to attend regular council meetings.

**CHRISTIAN BOARD
OF EDUCATION**

President

Morgan Hoffman

Vice President

Amber McCormack

Secretary

Lydia Shinn

Treasurer

Marcie Brown

Librarian

Karrie Zschille

Event Coordinator

Heather Beggs

Council Liaison

Katie Beardslee

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Women's Fellowship

Quarterly

Bethany Circle

First Thursday of each month

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**STEWARDSHIP
COMMITTEE**

Louise St. John—President

Rick Brown—Vice Pres.

Alyssa Rau—Secretary

Larry Bock

Cathy Sievers

Chris Crawford

Marilee Roethemeyer

Dorothy Rowley

Kim Taylor

**PASTORAL AND STAFF
RELATIONS
COMMITTEE**

Pam Brown

Chris Crawford

Roxie Davis

Morgan Hoffman

Louise St. John

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Diana Roethemeyer

Dorothy Rowley

Kelly Crawford, Council Liaison

Pastor Joshua W. Rau is an ex-officio member of all committees.

"Wise leaders connect the past, the present and the future."

Don Ledingham

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES	
February 18	Ash Wednesday—7:00 pm
February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25	Wednesday Lenten Meal and Service Meal @5:45 pm and Service@ 6:30 pm
March 29	Palm Sunday
April 2	Maundy Thursday—7:00 pm
April 3	Good Friday—Noon in the Chapel
April 5	Easter SONrise Service-6:30 a.m. and Easter Celebration-10:10 a.m.
November 1	All Saints Sunday
December 2, 9, 16	Mid-Week Advent Services—6:30 pm
December 24	Christmas Eve Service Ignite—4:30 pm Traditional—10:30 pm
December 25	Christmas Day Service—10:10 am

SPECIAL OFFERINGS	
March 15	One Great Hour of Sharing
May 24	Strengthen the Church
October 4	Neighbors in Need
December 20	Christmas Fund
Annual	Our Church's Wider Mission
<i>Emanuel is recognized as a 5 for 5 church by participating in these offerings.</i>	
February	Blankets (Monetary donations) for Church World Service
November 22	Thank Offering—donated to the Jackson Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

At Emanuel United Church of Christ we have a vibrant Christian Education program.

Sunday School for all ages meets at 9 am. There are classes for every age range. Come and study God's word with us.

There are 4 classes:

- ***Little Lambs*** ~ Birth-3rd grade
- ***Young Disciples*** ~ A multi grade/age Sunday School class that embraces the feel of the one-room schoolhouse.
- ***Joy Class*** ~ Adults
- ***Faithful Followers*** ~ Older adults

Bible Study ~ We have Bible Study sessions throughout the church year. Specific dates and topics will be announced as they are scheduled.

WEEKLY CHURCH FACILITY USAGE

TOPS—Monday 11:00 A.M.

GUITAR LESSONS—Tuesday 3:30-6:30 pm

JACKSON NOON OPTIMIST CLUB—Wednesday 11:30-1:30 pm

GUIDELINES FOR USE OF EMANUEL FACILITIES

All individuals and groups—both members and non-members—who wish to use Emanuel's facilities should follow the procedures listed below:

- A Facility Use Application Request Form must be completed at least two weeks prior to event.
- A signed Facility Use Agreement must be submitted to the church office before the day of use.
- All forms are available on our church website or by contacting the church office.

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

Kelly Crawford, Choir Director: 573-986-3344

Christy Shinn, Organist: 573-979-3963

CHOIR

Our church choir sings from September through May and would love to have you join us. Practices are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, and new members are always warmly welcomed—no matter your level of experience. If you enjoy singing and fellowship, we invite you to come to a rehearsal and see if the choir is right for you.

During the summer months, special music continues to enrich our worship services. We welcome anyone who would like to share their musical gifts, whether through singing or playing an instrument. Please consider joining us as we joyfully enhance worship together.



IGNITE CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP is a joyful, intimate gathering where faith comes alive through heartfelt music, meaningful teaching, and genuine community. In our relaxed setting, you're invited to come as you are, connect deeply with God and one another, and experience worship that feels personal and authentic.

Our passionate praise team leads us in modern worship music that lifts hearts, opens spirits, and creates space for the Holy Spirit to move. Whether you're new to church, returning after time away, or looking for a fresh way to experience worship, Ignite is a place where you are welcomed, known, and loved.

Join us as we grow together in faith, grace, and joy.

EVENTS		
Date	Event	Committee
March 6	World Day of Prayer Service at <i>Emanuel UCC</i> Organized by Southeast Area CWU	EUCC Women's Fellowship, coordinator Debra Hoffmann Cathy Sievers
April 4	Easter Brunch/Egg Hunt 10:00 a.m.	Diana Roethemeyer Karrie Zschille Heather Beggs
April 17	Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 pm	Stewardship
TBA	Mother's Day Luncheon	Heather Beggs Catheryn Hartle Amber McCormack
Summer	Vacation Bible School	CBE
August 23	Sunday School Picnic/ Ice Cream Social	CBE & Stewardship
August	Trivia Night	Stewardship Comm.
September- November	Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes	Heather Beggs Clara Beggs Morgan Hoffman
October	Fall Festival	JOY Class
November 7	Sausage Supper Serving 4:00-7:00 p.m.	Geoff Shinn, Chair Catheryn Hartle Heather Beggs Stephania Doggett Amber McCormack
November 22	Decorate Church for Advent/Christmas	JOY Class
December 3	Live Nativity 6:00-8:00 p.m.	*CBE *Jackson Ministerial Alliance
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EVENTS		
Date	Event	Committee
TBA	Holiday Market	Kelly Crawford Heather Beggs Morgan Hoffman
December 13	Christmas at the Parsonage	Pastor Josh & Alyssa
TBA	Camp MoVal events	Katie Beardslee, Liaison

OTHER PROJECTS		
Month	Project	Sponsor/Committee
January-December	Dime-a-Day	*Stewardship Comm. *Church Council
January-December	Lending Library	CBE
January-December	Cards to Shut-Ins	*Women's Fellowship *Lay Services Director
January-December 2nd Saturday	Clothing Closet	Ann Fields Roxie Davis Barb Chaney
January-December	Prayer Shawls	Marilee Roethemeyer Alyssa Rau
Jan.-May Aug.-Dec.	West Lane Elementary Faith Partnership	*Women's Fellowship coordinator
February	Valentine's for Every Child's Hope	CBE/Sunday School Classes
March 20-21	Feed My Starving Children	Area Churches
Annual	Margaret Puchbauer Scholarship— <i>Endowed at SEMO</i>	Emanuel UCC and CBE
October	Band Bags for JHS	Women's Fellowship
December 20	Children's Christmas Program and Gifts for Baby Jesus	CBE Marilee Roethemeyer
December	Jackson R-2 Hope 4 Christmas	Church Organizations

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

CLOTHING CLOSET

*Ann Fields: 573-270-6727
Roxie Davis: 573-243-5020
Barb Chaney: 573-275-8688*

Our Clothing Closet provides clothing to those in need. It is open the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9-11 a.m. In case an urgent need arises, notify Ann, Roxie, Barb, or the church office.

Please place donations in the old fellowship hall. Do not leave donations outside the Clothing Closet.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

*Marilee Roethemeyer: 573-243-2288
Alyssa Rau: 307-660-8518*

Our knitters, crocheters and sewing people are continuing to create the physical symbols of our prayers and concerns for those around and dear to us.

Please let us know when there is a need for a prayer shawl so we can spread these reminders of God's love.

If you would like to provide materials or make shawls, please contact Marilee or Alyssa.

FAITH PARTNERSHIP—WEST LANE ELEMENTARY

Women's Fellowship will coordinate this project

Emanuel is a Faith-Based Partner with Jackson R-2 West Lane Elementary School. We do something special for the staff several times during the school year. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact Kelly Crawford or Catheryn Hartle.

JACKSON MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE FOOD PANTRY

Rev. Sam Roethemeyer 573-579-2069

Emanuel UCC annually supports the mission of the Food Pantry which is to provide food for those in need in the Jackson R-2 School District. *Suggested items listed on next page.*

Food donations can be placed in the barrel in the vestibule of the church. Financial donations are also accepted.

Emanuel United Church of Christ ~ Stewardship Committee



January	Peanut Butter, Jelly, Crackers, Jello
February	Canned goods: chicken, potatoes, soups, fruit
March	Instant mased potatoes (just add water)
April	Canned Goods: baked beans, peas, tomatoes, corn
May	Sugar, cooking oil, tea bags
June	Flour, tomato sauce, complete pancake mix, syrup
July	Juice (orange, grape, apple), canned chili with meat, stew
August	Canned Goods: tuna, vegetables (green beans, etc.), Vienna sausages
September	Powdered milk, salt, pepper, pudding (already made)
October	Canned pumpkin, canned cranberry sauce, mustard, ketchup, mayonnaise
November	Soup with meat, Spaghetti O's with meatballs, dried beans
December	Hot chocolate, pork 'n beans, hot chocolate mix,

This is a new list of items needed for the Food Pantry for 2026. There is also a list posted by the donation barrel in the vestibule. Please feel free to bring one item or all for the month. If you need help to carry in items on a Sunday, let the greeters, Layton Beggs, or Matt Roethemeyer know and they will get your items carried in.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Every woman by virtue of membership in the congregation is considered a member of the Women's Fellowship.

MEETINGS—Quarterly on selected Sundays after worship
Tentative Dates for 2026:

February 8, May—TBA, August 9, and November 8

OFFICERS 2026

President—Kelly Crawford

Vice President—Heather Beggs

Secretary—Catheryn Hartle

Treasurer—Earlene Sokolowski

FUND RAISER—"Butter Braids" Sale

GREETERS FOR WORSHIP

Louise St. John

573-450-1468

Louise will contact members of the congregation to serve as greeters for each Sunday's worship service.

FLOWERS FOR SANCTUARY

Shirley McCormack

573-275-4200

Shirley will contact members of the congregation to provide flowers for each Sunday's worship service.

CARD MINISTRY

Women's Fellowship

Cards are shared for birthdays, get-well wishes, monthly cheer, and other special occasions. There are 18 shut-ins on the card list. Ladies who share cards are: *Kelly Crawford, Roxie Davis, Alyssa Rau, Cassi Holcomb, Catheryn Hartle, and Cathy Sievers.*

COMMITTEES

Bereavement Dinners—Hosted by Women's Fellowship
**Bethany Circle members will coordinate and organize*

Thanksgiving Offering—Shirley McCormack and Family

Decorating/Special Events—Heather Beggs, Melanie Lutes

Operation Christmas Child—Heather Beggs, Morgan Hoffman,
Clara Beggs

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

CWU is an interdenominational Christian women's movement unified by a common faith in Jesus Christ, and a commitment to the empowerment of women and works towards a World of peace and justice.

Church Women United of Cape Girardeau & Surrounding Areas holds monthly Bible studies and meetings. All Christian women are invited to be a part of this group.

President of the local group is Shirley Renaud-573-204-3561
They sponsor several activities throughout the year. Three special events are:

*March 6—World Day of Prayer @ Emanuel UCC

*May 1—Friendship Day @ St. John's UCC 6 pm

*Sept. 11—Awareness Luncheon @ Emanuel UCC

A full calendar of events and membership information is available in the church office. Other events will be announced in the bulletin and monthly newsletter.

BETHANY CIRCLE

MEETINGS: 1st Thursday of each month

Monthly Meeting Dates		
January 8	May 7	September 3
February 5	June 4	October 1
March 5	July 2	November 5
April 2	August 6	December 10@12 pm

OFFICERS 2026

President—Debra Hoffmann

Vice President—Joy Kessler

Secretary—Lisa Dambach

Treasurer—Dorothy Rowley

FUND RAISER—"My Daddy's Cheesecake" April 12-26

PRAYER CHAIN

Listed below are the Emanuel UCC Prayer Warriors.

If you have a prayer request please contact Pastor Josh, the church office or Catheryn Hartle. Catheryn will send out the request to those on the Prayer Chain.

When you receive a text prayer chain request there is no need to reply unless the message specifies for you to do so.

Name	Phone #
Pastor Josh Church Office	715-294-0157 * 573-243-3323
Katie Beardslee	Cassi Holcomb
Heather Beggs	Pat Holley
Shirley Bock	Melanie Lutes
Emma Brockmire	Brenda Pender
Jamie Brothers	Alyssa Rau
Susan Brown	Diana Roethemeyer
Pam Brown	Marilee Roethemeyer
Barb Chaney	Dorothy Rowley
Roxie Davis	Christy Shinn
Ann Fields	Earlene Sokolowski
Catheryn Hartle	Debbie Trankler
Debra Hoffmann	Karrie Zschille

Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul.

3 John 1:2

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST MISSION CONTACTS

Missouri Mid-South Conference 314-918-2602
483 E Lockwood, Suite 15, St Louis, MO 63119

Disaster Ministries —Missouri Mid-South Conference
Coordinator—Pastor Joshua W. Rau
715-294-0157

Eastern Association (our association of 56 churches)
President—Rev. Jim Hilker
Faith United Church of Christ
Wentzville, MO

Eden Seminary 314-961-3627
475 E Lockwood Ave., St Louis, MO 63119

Emmaus Homes 636-534-5200
3731 Mueller Rd., St Charles, MO 63301

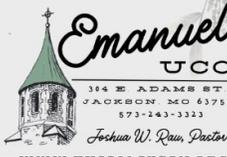
Every Child's Hope 314-427-3755
8240 St Charles Rock Rd., St Louis, MO 63114

Unleashing Potential 314-383-1733
(was *Neighborhood Houses*)
1000 N. Vandeventer Ave 2nd floor, St Louis, MO 63113

UCC Meetings	
Spring & Fall	Eastern Association Meetings TBD
November	Missouri Mid-South Conference Annual

**MEDITATIONS
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with 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

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