

*Good News!*

**December 2024**

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**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

**Administrative Assistant:** Debra Hoffmann

**Office Assistant:** Cathy Sievers

**Council President:** Jimmy McCormack



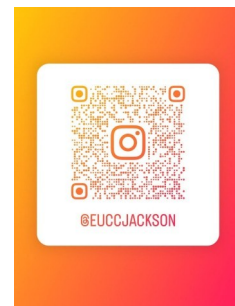
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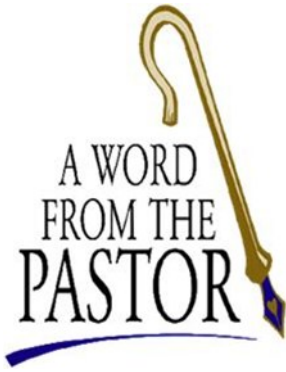


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*God is still speaking,*  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



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



Dear Friends in Christ,

As I write this to you, I am reflecting on my walk into the church this morning. I came in a different way and entered through the front doors. I was taken back by the awe and beauty of our Sanctuary and then our Chapel. It reminds me of the season we are now in, Advent. The season of Advent marks the beginning of a new church year in which we reflect anew on the meaning of the incarnation, ministry, suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus for us. This season of Advent, we focus on the threefold coming of Jesus Christ to the world in the flesh, in the Word and the Sacraments, and in glory. It is a season that we look at just how much God loves us by giving us his only Son. We celebrate this in all we do, from the singing of carols, the lighting of candles, the anticipation of this newborn child coming to save us on that Christmas morning. We are indeed blessed by a God of hope, love, peace and joy!

We have so much happening in the life of Emanuel and it is a blessing. I hope that this Advent and Christmas you find a place at one of our worship services or our bible study. Find time to gather around the Live Nativity and just come to be a part of this faith community. I have been blessed to have been called here and I know Alyssa joins me in that as well.

So, my friends, the truth that God cares enough for us mortals to take on our flesh and share our woes is shown to us in the wonderful Christmas story which we eagerly wait to celebrate. This Advent season share the reason for the hope that you have in Christ, rest assured that he is coming again soon. I can't wait to share this Season of Advent, this season of preparation with you. Thanks be to God!

Yours in Christ,

**We Wish You a Blessed Christmas**  
**&**  
**Happy New Year**



*The Staff of Emanuel United Church of Christ*



# Upcoming Events

Sun.	Dec. 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Faith and Fellowship 9 am</li> <li>Worship 10:10 am</li> <li>Advent Sing 6:30 pm at St. John's Fruitland</li> </ul>
Wed.	Dec. 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meditations from Emanuel</li> <li>Bible Study-6pm</li> <li>Choir 6pm</li> <li>Advent Worship-7 pm</li> <li>Confirmation-7:30 pm</li> </ul>
Thurs.	Dec. 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Live Nativity 6-8 pm on church lawn</li> </ul>
Sat.	Dec. 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Holiday Market-10 am—2:00 pm in Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>
Sun.	Dec. 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Church Council 8 am</li> <li>Faith and Fellowship 9 am</li> <li>Worship 10:10 am</li> <li><i>Gifts for Baby Jesus</i></li> </ul>
Tues.	Dec. 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fellowship Hall reserved for private event</li> <li>Spice of Life Meeting/Holiday Celebration 5 pm at home of Ann Fields</li> </ul>
Wed.	Dec. 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meditations from Emanuel</li> <li>Bible Study-5:45 pm</li> <li>Advent Worship-7 pm</li> <li>Confirmation-7:30 pm</li> </ul>
Thurs.	Dec. 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bethany Circle 6 pm Christmas Party in Fellowship Hall</li> <li>Christian Board of Education-6 pm</li> </ul>
Sat.	Dec. 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clothing Closet open 9-11 am</li> </ul>
Sun.	Dec. 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Faith and Fellowship 9 am</li> <li>Worship 10:10 am</li> <li>Christmas at the Parsonage-1-5 pm</li> </ul>
Wed.	Dec. 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meditations from Emanuel</li> <li>Bible Study-6 pm</li> <li>Choir 6pm</li> <li>Advent Worship-7 pm</li> <li>Confirmation-7:30 pm</li> </ul>
Sun.	Dec. 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Faith and Fellowship 9 am</li> <li>Worship 10:10 am</li> <li><i>Christmas Fund Offering</i></li> </ul>
Tues.	Dec. 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas Eve Service 10:30 pm</li> <li>Church Office closed</li> </ul>
Wed.	Dec. 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas Day Worship-10:10 am</li> </ul> <p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b></p>
Sun.	Dec. 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Faith and Fellowship 9 am</li> <li>Worship 10:10 am—Lessons and Carols</li> </ul>

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

## Greeters-December

Dec. 1	Earlene Sokolowski Catheryn Hartle
Dec. 8	Rick & Pam Brown
Dec. 15	Melanie & Mark Lutes
Dec. 22	Joy Kessler Dorothy Rowley
Dec. 29	Mark Statler

## Acolytes & Readers-December

	Acolytes	Reader
Dec. 1	Lincoln Lanie	Lincoln
Dec. 8	Maklain Keagan	Keagan
Dec. 15		Cathy Sievers
Dec. 22	Lincoln Lanie	Lanie
Dec. 29	Maklain Keagan	Maklain Keagan Lanie

The due date for submissions for the January newsletter is December 22, 2024. Please send submissions to: [office@euccjackson.org](mailto:office@euccjackson.org) or call 573.243.3323.

# Happy Birthday!

1	Harley Cooper
5	Amanda Scholl
7	Carol Ann Statler
11	Randy Drum
11	Alice Quigley
17	Nick Biri
17	Teddy Scholl
19	Susan Brown
19	David Cantoni
20	Doris Jost
20	Chris Penzel
23	Marcie Brown
23	Melanie Lutes
24	Heather Beggs
27	Rick Brown
28	Derrick Peetz
29	Susan Nekula



13	Kent & Judy Peetz, 38th
27	Erica & Mike Cooper, 16th
28	Alice & Randy Quigley, 40th
29	Connie & Michael Brothers, 51st

## Church Record Update

### Baptism:

***ALLISON ROSE BEARDSLEE***

*Born*—September 13, 2024

*Baptism*—December 1, 2024

*Parents:* John and Katie (Loos) Beardslee

*Sponsors:* Jonathan Abbott and Bethany Enlow



## We Keep in Prayer

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

# December Events

## *Advent and Christmas at Emanuel*

### JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Mid-Week Worship using *Holden Evening Prayer*  
Wednesday Evenings December 4, 11, 18  
7 PM in the Chapel

December 24 ~ Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion  
10:30 pm in the Sanctuary

December 25 ~ Christmas Day  
Worship with Holy Communion  
10:10 am in the Sanctuary

HOSTED BY THE JACKSON MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE AND EMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## *Live* NATIVITY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5  
6:00 - 8:00 pm

304 EAST ADAMS STREET, JACKSON, MO

### FREE EVENT

Visit the Live Nativity, listen to carols from area churches, and enjoy delicious refreshments.

*Fun and fellowship to jumpstart the Christmas Season!*

\*\*\*Non-perishable food items will be happily accepted for the Food Pantry.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR

## *Christmas at the Parsonage*

December **15** 1-5 pm


303 E. ADAMS STREET -  
JACKSON MO, 63755

*Join Pastor Josh and Alyssa as they open their home to all this Christmas season. Enjoy refreshments, fellowship and tour the parsonage in all its Christmas spirit.*



# BIBLE STUDY

DECEMBER 4, 11, 18 2024  
6:00 PM



Because of  
Bethlehem...  
we have a place on  
earth and a Savior in  
heaven.

*Join us as we make our way to Bethlehem this Advent season.  
We will gather for Max Lucado's "Because of Bethlehem" study.*

Emanuel United Church of Christ - Stewardship Committee

## FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

December food item is  
*Canned Soup/Stew*

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



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Meeting ID: 856 8877 9209  
Passcode: 1867

EMANUEL UCC'S  
ANNUAL POP-UP SHOP

## HOLIDAY MARKET

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7  
10 AM TO 2 PM



## Recommended Scripture—December

December 1	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 Luke 21:25-36
December 8	Malachi 3:1-4 Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6
December 15	Isaiah 12:2-6 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18
December 22	Psalm 80:1-7 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-55
December 29	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Psalm 148 Luke 2:41-52

# Christian Board of Education

The Christian Board of Education will be meeting on Thursday, December 12 @ 6 pm in the Conference Room upstairs.

## Christmas Service Projects

The Young Disciples class chose to work on a service project this year instead of taking on a Christmas program as has been done in the past. With their big hearts, we will be shopping for and donating Christmas gifts and clothing items along with other necessities to a family of four children from the Jackson R-2 School District as part of their Hope 4 Christmas program.

To continue the mission of serving others, the Little Lambs worked side by side with the Young Disciples on Sunday, November 17 to create thoughtful holiday crafts to brighten the lives of others. What a fun way to share the joy of the Christmas season!

## Celebrating Jesus' Birth

On **Sunday, December 8** during the Children's Message, the youth will present on their service projects, sharing with the congregation about their mission and heart to serve. We will also have our traditional Holy Family presentation during this time where we present the donated gifts to Unleashing Potential (formerly Caroline Mission). To conclude, we will sing Happy Birthday to Baby Jesus and share a sweet treat with the congregation. Join us to celebrate the birth of Christ!!

## Tradition Continues: Tis the Season to Serve

To continue with the theme of service, we will carry on the tradition of donating to **Unleashing Potential** (formerly Caroline Mission) in St. Louis. The Mission serves over 60 children ages 6 months to 5 years. Please help us by bringing gifts to share with these wonderful children! **Gifts can be brought in now through Sunday, December 8.** Gifts brought before 12/8 may be placed at the back of the Chapel upstairs.

**DUE:  
12/8**

### CAROLINE MISSION (Unleashing Potential):

We are collecting gifts again for Unleashing Potential (formerly Caroline Mission) in St. Louis. The Mission serves over 60 children ages 6 months to 5 years. Please help us by bringing gifts to share with these wonderful children! **Gifts can be brought in now through Sunday, December 8.** Gifts brought before 12/8 may be placed at the back of the Chapel upstairs.

### GIFT IDEAS:

hats	gloves	socks	underwear (2T and up)	activity books
small toys	coloring books	crayons	warm clothes (6 mos. and up)	

Please label **BOY/GIRL** on outside of gift.





# Thank You

Thank you to all those who donated shoeboxes and/or provided monetary donations for Operation Christmas Child. The boxes were blessed during worship on November 17.



Your donations will be used throughout the world to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Thank you to everyone who made a contribution of money or canned goods for the Family Thank Offering that was taken on Sunday, November 24.

The offering and the canned goods go to the Jackson Ministerial Alliance Food Party to help those in need in our community.

Thank you to all of the workers that helped clean up the church property on Saturday, November 23.

Thanks to everyone who worked after church on Sunday, November 24 to prepare the sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas Season.



Thanks to the generosity of those who attended the Celebration of Call for Pastor Job on November 17, we were able to donate \$416 to the Jackson R2 Children's Fund. Pictured are Morgan Hoffman, Jackson R2 Social Worker; Pastor Josh Rau; and Jackson R2 School Superintendent, Scott Smith.





# 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. Pense	Terry & Family
Carl R. Pense	Pense 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; and our daughter 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 (parents of Stan Beggs)	LaDonia Beggs and Family

Thanks to all of the families who have provided poinsettias to add to the beauty of our sanctuary during this special season. A complete list is on the next page.

The list will be updated in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

## ANNUAL SAUSAGE SUPPER RECAP

The Annual Sausage Supper on Saturday, November 9, was a resounding success! With approximately 320 meals served, including 17 shut-in deliveries, the event brought together our church family and community for a time of fellowship, service, and delicious food.

The dining hall buzzed with activity as volunteers ensured everything ran smoothly. From the perfectly set up stations for to-go containers, sides, and desserts to the warm welcome of those who came to dine in, this event was a true team effort. Special thanks to everyone who worked prepping potatoes, labeling containers, and setting up the hall, as well as those who wrapped up silverware, peeled and cubed potatoes, and coordinated meal deliveries. Your hard work and dedication are what make this event such a beloved tradition.

We also want to thank everyone who attended, cooked, served, cleaned, or supported this event in any way. The funds raised will continue to support the church's mission. Together, we created a memorable evening of food and fellowship!

Here's to another successful year—see you at next year's supper!



Ticket Ladies—Louise and Katie



Gavin and Lydia working at the bread table



Cook Shack workers



Above: Food Servers

Below: Food Prep



# Sausage Supper 2024



Hostess Cathy and Happy Eaters (some of Cathy's grandchildren)

## Women's Ministries



### **Bethany Circle**

Members of Bethany Circle met in the church parlor on November 1. Following the sharing of joys and concerns, Debra opened with prayer.

Dorothy Pensel presented the meditation taken from the book "Dear Lord, they asked me to give the devotion".

As members answered roll call, they shared the names of Veterans in their families.

President Debra reminded members of the upcoming 6 pm Bible study to be held on December 4, 11, & 18 followed by an Advent service in the chapel at 7 pm each Wednesday night.

In other business, discussion was held on remembering our shut-ins at Christmas as well as the Adoption of a Christmas Child program sponsored by Jackson R-2 School district. Members will shop for both of these activities for Christmas gifts.

Five new members were welcomed on November 10 to Emanuel. On November 17 a very special Celebration of Call service was held at 3 pm to officially welcome Pastor Joshua. The church was decorated on November 24 following worship for the Christmas Holiday.

There are numerous upcoming activities at Emanuel this Christmas season. The Live Nativity will be held on December 5. Bethany Circle will participate in the Holiday Market to be held December 7 from 10-2 in the Fellowship Hall. Yummy treats will be provided for sale by members.

The next meeting of Bethany will be held on December 12 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Soup and all the trimmings will be served. Secret Pals for 2024 will be revealed during the Christmas Party.

Meeting closed with the Mizpah and refreshments were served by Shirley Bock, hostess, during a time of fellowship.

*Respectfully submitted*

*Cathy Sievers, Secretary*



### **Spice of Life**

The Spice of Life is planning an upcoming meeting/holiday celebration at Ann Fields home on Tuesday, December 10 at 5 p.m.

There was no November meeting with so many things going on at church.

The "Butter Braid" fundraiser was a success!! Plans to distribute the remaining funds (after organ cover purchase) will be made.

Upcoming events at Emanuel include Advent Sing at St. John's UCC on December 1, and Live Nativity on December 5. On December 4, 11, and 18 there will be a Bible Study and Advent Worship Service. On December 15, there will be an Open House at the Parsonage from 1-5 p.m. Candlelight Service will be on December 24 at 10:30 p.m. Christmas Day there will be a worship service at 10:10 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted*

*Barb Chaney, Secretary*



### **Women's Fellowship**

The Women's Fellowship (WF) met following worship on Sunday, August 11 in the sanctuary to discuss upcoming events, service projects, and organizational business.

#### **Officers for 2025**

President: Catheryn Hartle

Vice President: Kelly Crawford

Secretary: Erica Cooper

Treasurer: Earlene Sokolowski

#### **Partners in Faith: West Lane Elementary**

For the second quarter of school, Christy Bock and Erica Cooper will be working with Samantha Trankler to treat the faculty and staff of West Lane Elementary for a special day during their annual "12 Days of Christmas" celebration series. Stay tuned to Facebook throughout December for updates on this partnership.

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### **Church Women United Service Opportunities**

Debra Hoffman shared various opportunities that are available through Church Women United (CWU) to serve and donate to those in need. A representative for CWU shared an organized packet of information with Debra that outlines these opportunities. One such service project is collecting plastic caps and lids that can be dropped off at one of the Cape churches. Another project is collecting old prescription bottles with the labels and sticky removed to be shared with veterinarians and others in the area. These items are being collecting by Westminster Presbyterian Church. Emma Brockmire shared that she continues to collect Best Choice labels for Women's Fellowship. She currently has 800 and will continue to collect them until she reaches 1000 labels. For 1000 labels, Women's Fellowship can receive \$65. These labels can come from *any* Best Choice item, and all that's needed is the bar code.

### **Annual Holiday Market Pop-Up Shop**

Erica Cooper reported on the upcoming Holiday Market Pop-Up Shop to be held on Saturday, December 7 from 10 am to 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Currently, we have 25 vendors signed up!! Vendors booths will be set up in the Fellowship Hall and the main hallway outside the hall. Besides vendors, Women's Fellowship will also have "Solo Cup BBQ" for sale, chicken salad sliders, and chips. And after a salty lunch, stop by Bethany Circle's booth for a sweet treat!! This is a great event that brings many through our church. Stop by between 10-2 and take care of some of your Christmas shopping!!

### **Spice of Life + Bethany Circle**

After much consideration, it was announced that the Spice of Life group will dissolve in the coming new year. These ladies will continue to serve as part of the greater Women's Fellowship. With that, the writing of cards for the shut-ins will transfer to Women's Fellowship as a whole, with Cathy Sievers being the committee chair. Bethany Circle will continue through the new year. The next Bethany Circle gathering will be held on Thursday, December 12 at 6 pm. All church women are invited to join Bethany Circle.

*Respectfully submitted*

*Erica Cooper, Secretary*

## **Stewardship Corner**

Stewardship is recognizing that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God and being grateful and generous with those gifts. We are most fortunate to have so many great stewards in our church. Thanks to everyone for all you do.

We are still supporting the food pantry. December is canned soup/stew; January will be canned meat...tuna, chicken, etc.; and February is pork 'n beans. Please remember when you go to get your groceries to add a little extra to your cart. We are so blessed and it is great to give to others who do not have our same blessings.

We have some cookbooks left over. Christmas is approaching so if there is someone you would like to give old recipes from our church family as well as some new ones, the cookbook is great. We are just asking for a donation. You can call the office or contact one of the Stewardship committee members.

We have surpassed our Dime a Day goal of \$5200.00. From January 1–October 31 we collected \$5,206.49. Thank you to everyone who donated. The money has been allocated to help replace the roof on the parsonage. You are very generous and supportive.

Things to look forward to: We are planning an auction in early spring so if you want to donate, you can start planning. We are also planning a Trivia night with no date set yet. There are other ideas being considered. If there is something you would like for the church to do, please let us know.

The committee members are Larry Bock, Dorothy Rowley, Chris Crawford, Rick Brown, Cathy Sievers, Marilee Roethemeyer, Louise St John and Pastor Josh. We would be happy for any suggestions or comments.

**Thanks to all for being examples of good stewards.**

*The Stewardship Committee*

## Church Envelopes for 2025 have been ordered

- If you have been using a set of offering envelopes you will be issued a set for 2025. *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.*
- **Online Giving** is available. This allows you the ability to easily give one time, or set up automatic recurring giving. You can access our online giving form at: <https://euccbreezechms.com/give/online>  
You may also make your request through the church office to receive an email invitation to sign up.

## Requests from the Church Office

### Looking Ahead

*As we enter the last month of 2024 and begin to look ahead to 2025, the office staff is beginning to think about several upcoming projects. We will need your assistance to help us in our efforts.*

**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**—this document will reflect our church story for the year. Please help us by providing information about your committee, organization, etc. We will be preparing this report in January. More details will be provided in the January 2025 newsletter.

Thanks to everyone for all you have done, are doing, and will continue to do to make our church strong.

*Emanuel UCC Office Staff*

## The Christmas Fund Offering

"...THE GLORY OF GOD SHONE AROUND THEM..."  
LUKE 2:9



For over one hundred years, The Christmas Fund has provided direct financial assistance to United Church of Christ ministers, church workers, and their families. This year's offering will continue to ensure that ministers, church workers, and their families receive the loving support of the Church in their moment of deepest need.

The offering will be taken on **Sunday, December 22**. Envelopes will be available in the pews.

# Church Council Minutes

Below are the unapproved minutes from the November 14 Church Council Meeting. Minutes will be approved at the next council meeting.

## **EUCC Council Meeting**

11/14/2024: Meeting at 6:00 PM

Members: Stephania Doggett, Geoff Shinn, Katie Beardslee, Pat Holley, Christy Bock, Matt Roethemeyer on Zoom, Jimmy McCormack, Layton Beggs

Members absent: Matt Zschille

Previous minutes were available for review. Motion for approval of previous minutes made by Katie and seconded by Layton. Council approved. Motion for approval of October Congregational minutes made by Katie and seconded by Christy. Council approved.

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

## **Report of Committees**

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

- The boiler was repaired
- A window at the parsonage was repaired
- Matt is working on upgrading the video system for \$15/month to a new platform to simplify streaming from one device.
- A motion to pay for the parsonage roof repair from the Dime-A-Day Fund with the remainder to be paid out of the Seabaugh fund was made by Christy. Second by Katie. Motion passed.
- Holes in the parsonage walls were fixed.
- Matt is getting a quote to replace the ceiling in the laundry room in the parsonage where it was leaking.

**Audit committee report:** None

**Rental property:** The one year lease ends in Aug. There has been a new lease agreement typed up by Debra and a digital copy has been made. A motion to have a cleanup day for the rental property on Nov. 23 from 9 AM-noon by Layton and seconded by Christy. Motion passed.

**Clothing Closet:** Needs TLC

### **Stewardship Committee:**

- Planning an auction on a Sunday before Ash Wednesday.
- Nov 24 is the Thanksgiving Service
- Planning to get new T-shirts made with the new logo
  - Embroidered \$12 bring your own or \$23 if shirt from them
  - Short sleeve \$12.50 screen printed with FAITH on back (min. 12)
  - Long sleeve \$15 . +\$2 if back is done. 2 week turnaround
  - Put an order form together
  - Matt R. to check into another cheaper option and make it a fundraiser
  - Possible Trivia Night

**CBE report:** Meeting Dec 12 at 6 PM

**Lay Service/ Member Care report:** A member would like a ride to church once a month. Coordinate with Matt Zschille.

**Worship report:** None

**Head Usher report:** All is well

**Pastor Report with notes from Pastor Josh Rau:** A motion that all online only participants may become a member was made by Katie. Seconded by Geoff. Motion passed. Discussion centered around the impossibility of defining an “active member” as one that has to physically enter the door. A shut-in member that is only able to attend online is no different than an online member who only attends virtually for whatever reason.

- Christy Bock motioned that Christy Shinn should be compensated accordingly for additional services by adding midweek Advent services and a Christmas Day service. Seconded by Pat. Motion passed.

**Old Business**

Options for a new office printer/copier were presented from Scheffers Office Furniture and GFI Digital. Geoff motioned to go with GFI to purchase the new printer specified in the quote. Layton seconded. Motion passed. Congregational approval to be sought at the February Congregational meeting.

The Memorandum of Agreement from Christopher Soer Pipe Organs as approved by the congregation was signed by Jimmy McCormack and Geoff Shinn to fix the organ. They will get us on the schedule as soon as possible after receiving the memorandum.

**New Business**

- Lainey Brown requested permission to repaint/remodel the nursery. Permission was unanimously approved.
- Feed My Starving Children is March 7-8, 2025. A motion to approve a \$2000 commitment from EUCC was made by Katie. Seconded by Geoff. Motion passed. Several fundraising ideas were mentioned with any difference not raised to be provided out of the mission budget line item.
- The Celebration of Call service is Sunday, Nov 17 at 3 PM. Pastor Josh asked the Council to be in attendance.
- A request was made by a member of the congregation to publish in the newsletter monthly contributions and how short we are from meeting the actual expenses of the church.

Next meeting: Dec 8, 2024 at 8 AM before church

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 with a motion by Layton, seconded by Katie with the Lord’s prayer led by Jimmy.

*Submitted by: Geoff Shinn, Church Council Secretary*



**Dime-a Day Donations**  
as of November 30, 2024  
**\$5,270.05**

**Financial Report**

Pat Holley, Treasurer

<b>2024 BUDGET</b>		
<b>Annual Budget</b>	<b>Budgeted Contributions Monthly Average</b>	<b>2024 YTD Annual Budget thru Oct '24</b>
\$191,365.00	\$15,947.08	\$159,470.83
	<b>Oct '24 MTD Contributions</b>	<b>Oct '24 YTD Contributions</b>
	\$13,289.73	\$128,410.07
	<b>2024 Oct Shortfall</b>	<b>2024 Annual Budget Shortfall thru Oct '24</b>
	(\$2,657.35)	(\$31,060.76)