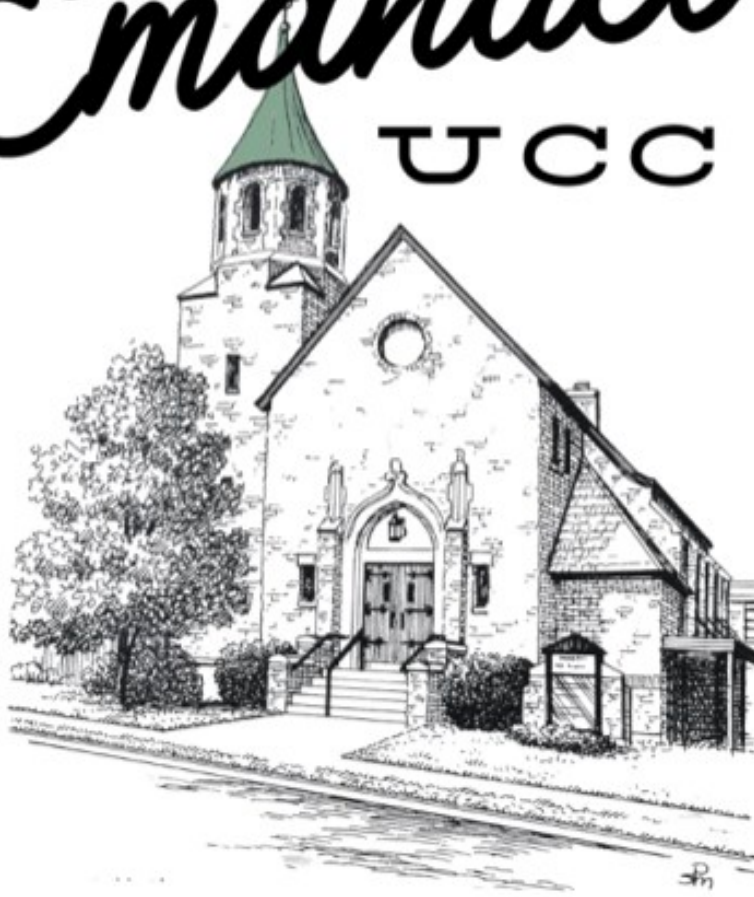


# *Emanuel*

## UCC



## *Good News!*

### **August 2025**

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

# Our Staff

**Pastor:** Joshua W. Rau  
**Choir Director:** Kelly Crawford  
**Organist:** Christy Shinn  
**Administrative Assistant:** Debra Hoffmann  
**Office Assistant:** Alyssa Rau

# Our Leadership

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

*Church Council Meetings are the 2nd Sunday at 8:00 am.  
All members are welcome to attend council meetings.*



Visitor Info



Ways to Give

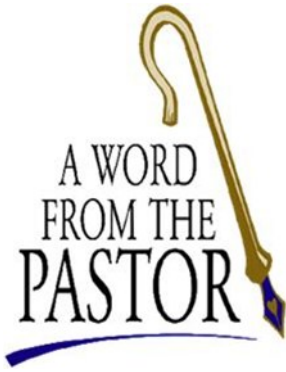
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Dear Friends in Christ,

As August arrives, we find ourselves standing at the threshold of change. The summer sun still shines warmly, but hints of a new season are beginning to stir. Backpacks are being dusted off, classrooms prepared, and families are adjusting to the rhythm of school days once more. This time of year, reminds us not just of transitions, but of fresh opportunities for growth—in knowledge, in community, and in faith.

In this spirit of new beginnings, I am overjoyed to share our excitement for **Ignite Worship**, our new contemporary worship experience launching this month! Beginning August 23, we'll gather in the fellowship hall with contemporary music, prayer, and scripture discussion in a casual, spirit-filled atmosphere. This service is born out of a desire to offer more ways for hearts to connect with God—and we believe it will bless our community in powerful ways.

As we look around Emanuel UCC, it is clear that God is moving in and through us. We are not a static congregation—we are a faith community that is alive and vibrant! Whether it's the laughter of children, the deep conversations in our Sunday school classes, the voices raised in worship, or the quiet service behind the scenes, the Spirit of God is breathing life into every corner of our church.

As your pastor, I am continually humbled and grateful for the privilege of walking this journey with you. It is a true blessing to serve this amazing church and the broader Jackson community. You are a people of kindness, creativity, courage, and deep faith—and I thank God daily for calling me to be part of your story.

As we step into this new season together—of school, of worship, of ministry—I invite you to embrace it with open hearts. Let us grow in grace. Let us try new things. Let us be brave in faith and generous in love. God is doing a new thing... right here, right now. Can you see it?

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Josh

## 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**



# Upcoming Events

Sat.	Aug. 2	Fellowship Hall Reserved
Sun.	Aug. 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Faith &amp; Fellowship 9:00 am</li> <li>Worship 10:10 am</li> <li>Sundae Funday after worship</li> </ul>
Thurs.	Aug. 7	Bethany Circle in church parlor 7:00 pm
Sat.	Aug. 9	Clothing Closet open 9-11 am
Sun.	Aug. 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Faith &amp; Fellowship 9:00 am</li> <li>Worship 10:10 am</li> <li><i>Rev. Sam Roethemeyer, Worship Leader</i></li> <li>Women's Fellowship after worship</li> </ul>
Sun.	Aug. 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Faith &amp; Fellowship 9:00 am</li> <li>Worship 10:10 am</li> <li><i>Rev. Sam Roethemeyer, Worship Leader</i></li> <li>CBE after worship</li> </ul>
Sat.	Aug. 23	Ignite Worship 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall
Sun.	Aug. 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Church Council 8:00 am</li> <li>Faith &amp; Fellowship 9:00 am</li> <li>Worship 10:10 am</li> <li><i>Blessing of the Backpacks</i></li> </ul>
Sat.	Aug. 30	Ignite Worship 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall
Sun.	Aug. 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Faith &amp; Fellowship 9:00 am</li> <li>Worship 10:10 am</li> </ul>

## Weekly Use of Church Facilities

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

## Greeters--August

August 3	Paul & Debra Hoffmann
August 10	Ann Fields Mark Statler
August 17	Catheryn Hartle Barb Chaney
August 24	Larry & Shirley Bock
August 31	TBD

## Altar Flowers--August

Heather Beggs will be providing flowers for the month of August.



Pastor Josh will be on vacation **August 8-18**.

He will be available by text, phone call or email.

Debra will be in the church office on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of those weeks from 9am-3pm.

## Women's Fellowship Meeting Sunday, August 10 Following Worship

All women of the church are encouraged to attend.

## Blessing of the Backpacks

If you are a student in any grade or college, we invite you to bring your backpack to have it blessed as you begin this new school year.



**August 23, 2025**

**5:30 pm**

**Ignite Worship**

**August 24, 2025**

**10:10 am**

**Traditional Worship**







4	Cameron Crawford
5	Laura Quigley
7	Jonathon Jones
8	Jarrett Benton
8	Pam Brown (Abernathy)
8	Mandy Peetz
10	Laurie Hency
11	Pastor Joshua Rau
11	Doug Mayfield
14	Cole Craven
14	Olivia Craven
15	Lanie Brown
15	Jimmy McCormack
17	Josh Holcomb
17	Bill Nekula
19	Lori Quade
20	Keira Brothers
23	Paige Lutes Kester
25	John Smith
26	Harper Jean Drew
27	Kaylee Blechle
28	Cathy Sievers
30	Eric Friedrich

## August Anniversaries



4	Jerry & Melba Bailey, 46th
6	Lance & Samantha Trankler, 20th
7	Katie & Nick Biri, 21st
7	Barbara & Craig Floyd, 49th
11	Austin & Sarah Bock, 13th
16	Heather & Layton Beggs, 28th

## Recommended Scripture--August

August 3	Psalm 107:1-9, 43 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21
August 10	Isaiah 1:1, 11-20 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40
August 17	Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 Hebrews 11:29—12:2 Luke 12:49-56
August 24	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17
August 31	Jeremiah 2:4-13 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14

## We Keep in Prayer

Mary Lou Abernathy, Pat Abernathy, LaDonia Beggs, June Borgfield, Betty Hoffmeister, Alice Koepfel, Robert Loos, Lori Martin, Marvin Peetz, Helen Poston, Alice Quigley, Dorothy Rowley



*The due date for submissions for the September newsletter is August 25, 2025. Please send submissions to: [office@euccjackson.org](mailto:office@euccjackson.org) or call 573.243.3323.*

## Women's Ministries



### Bethany Circle

Bethany Circle did not have a business meeting in July. Several members of the circle gathered in the Jackson City Park to enjoy the Jackson Municipal Band concert.

Respectfully submitted,

*Secretary Cathy Sievers*

*Greetings church family!* There is a member of our congregation that would love to make it to worship service but is unable to drive.

If you would be willing to give a ride to and from the Monticello house that would be great! A low sitting vehicle would be optimal.

For more information please contact me or the church office.

Thanks

Matt Zschille, Lay Services Director



We would like to thank everyone for the thoughts, prayers, and support following Lori's surgery.

Thank you to Pastor Sam and Marilee, Pastor Josh and Alyssa for their support and checking on Lori.

Thank you to all the members of the Women's Fellowship for the wonderful meals that they brought to us while Lori is recovering.

*Lori, Tim, and Scott Martin*



### Women's Fellowship

The next meeting of Women's Fellowship will be August 10, 2025 following worship.

## Stewardship Corner

The word of the month is patience

Patience is the capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset. It's more than just waiting; it involves a calm, enduring spirit and a willingness to persevere through challenges. True patience also includes a degree of self-control and the ability to manage emotions like frustration or annoyance when faced with delays or difficulties.

Do patience and stewardship go together? Stewards of God wait patiently upon the Lord. We may not know what His plan may be but we remain grateful, continue to share our talents, support financially, and take care of each other as we wait for answers.

Each of us have our own sets of problems, we need to accept that we need the kindness and love of others to support us as we patiently work for solutions. We also need to be there for others and patiently offer support and encouragement. Patience and stewardship go hand in hand for our Christian lives.

Continue to be good stewards, continue to support the church, ask friends to share the experience of worship and fellowship, support our pastor and each other. Thanks for all you do.

*The Stewardship Committee*  
*Louise St. John, President*

# EUCC T-Shirts



The Stewardship Committee is offering an opportunity for you to purchase a church T-shirt. They are available in long sleeve or short sleeve with a choice of colors: white, black, red or gray.

Order form is attached to the email or print copy that you received.

Please return order form and payment to the church office by August 15, 2025.

 **EMANUEL UCC'S**  
**FAMILY SUMMER SERIES**

Experience the joy of community, grow in faith together, and enjoy fun-filled activities for all ages at our Summer Family Series.

**SAVE THE DATE**

 **AUGUST 3 | 11:20 AM**  
**SUNDAE FUNDAY**

**FREE PICNIC LUNCH + ICE CREAM SUNDAES**

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**[euccjackson.org](http://euccjackson.org)**

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## Choir Practice & Fellowship – Join Us!


We're excited to kick off a new season of choir at EUCC!

Our first gathering will be a special practice and time of fellowship at The Shinn's house on Wednesday, August 27th at 6:00 PM. We'd love for all current choir members and anyone interested in joining choir to join us as we reconnect and prepare for the upcoming season. Please bring a snack or dish to share.

Following that, choir practices will be held at church on:

- Wednesday, September 3rd
- Wednesday, September 17th

Mark your calendars! Our first Sunday to sing in worship will be on Sunday, September 7th.

 We look forward to seeing (and hearing!) everyone soon!



## 🔥 Coming This August – Ignite Worship 🔥

**Starting Saturday, August 23, 2025 – 5:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall**

We're excited to introduce **Ignite Worship**, a new contemporary worship experience at Emanuel UCC! Gathered in our fellowship hall/contemporary worship space, this relaxed, Spirit-filled service is designed to spark connection, reflection, and renewal.

Bring your Bible, bring your favorite cup to sip, and come ready to be inspired through:

- ♦ Contemporary music
- ♦ Engaging Scripture and message
- ♦ Uplifting prayer

Whether you're seeking a fresh way to worship, or simply a space to be renewed, **Ignite Worship** is for you.

Come as you are—and invite a friend!

**Let's gather, grow, and glorify God—together.**



# Church Council Minutes

Below are the unapproved minutes from the July 20, 2025 Church Council Meeting. Minutes will be approved at the next council meeting.

## **EUCC Council Meeting 7/20/25**

Meeting Members: Jimmy McCormack, Kelly Crawford, Geoff Shinn, Katie Beardslee, Pat Holley, Matt Roethemeyer,

Members absent: Layton Beggs, Christy Bock, Matt Zschille

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

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

## **Report of Committees**

Buildings and grounds report:

1. Weeds have been sprayed.
2. Wasps & mud dobbers have been removed from the bell tower.
3. The basement A/C drain has been repaired, but still needs a cover to prevent it from being bumped again.
4. The source of the rainwater near the elevator in the basement is still a mystery.

Audit committee report: None

Rental property: 1. New renter - Lydia Shinn. Approved by the council. Will receive keys after signing lease and paying deposit & rent.

Clothing Closet: Was open on 7/12

Stewardship Committee: Louise St. John is having surgery again and will need to step down as Chairwoman of this committee.

CBE report: Water event on 7/19 went well. Final summer event is the church picnic on 8/3.

Lay Service/ Member Care report: Pat Abernathy is OK with not getting a ride to church currently because of health issues.

Worship report: All is well.

Head Usher report: None

Pastor Report with notes from Pastor Joshua Rau

1. With the new Ignite Worship space location in the new fellowship hall, if the new fellowship hall is rented out for an event it needs to conclude by 4:00 PM on Saturday evenings to allow enough time to be converted into a worship space. Matt R. motioned to update the Facility Usage form to reflect the time change. Pat seconded. Motion passed.
2. KHIS radio has Ministry Partners instead of selling advertisements. Each \$20 donation gets you a 30 second ad and promotional mentions. To help increase awareness of the Ignite Worship, Pastor Josh recommended a \$160/month partnership. Individuals or businesses can be the Ministry Partner to pay for those advertisements and are also mentioned. Matt R. motioned to do a 6 month partnership and Emanuel will pick up the monthly expense if not paid for by an individual or business. Kelly seconded. Motion passed.

## **Old Business**

New picture directory. The last one was made in 2016. Council decided to look into making one on our own. Submitting our own pictures or setting up a date for people to get digital pictures made if they don't have a suitable picture to submit. Group pictures could be taken on a Sunday morning. An example from St. John's UCC, which was made with Shutterfly, was passed around. Kelly will ask around for anyone interested to spearhead this project.



## **New Business**

1. Church insurance review. A meeting with our current provider (UCC Insurance Board) is scheduled for Monday 7/21 at 6:00 PM. A meeting with Church Mutual is scheduled for Wednesday 7/23 for an agent to take pictures and submit a quote.
2. Passing of the Peace - Several members have commented that it seems awkward in its placement in the service, but want to continue having it. Suggested by Council to keep it in the worship service but move it earlier in the service and have a song/Gloria Patri following to help facilitate getting people back to their seats, minimize the length of time allowed and give the congregation a way to know that the service is continuing on.
3. Kelly and Jimmy will form the nominating committee
4. Budget Committee will meet on Thursday, Aug 21 with Kelly, Geoff and Matt R as council representatives

Next meeting: August 24, 2025 8:00 AM

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 with motion by Matt R. seconded by Geoff with the Lord's prayer led by Jimmy.

Submitted by: Geoff Shinn, Church Council Secretary

### **JUNE 2025 BUDGET COMPARISON**

<b>2025 BUDGET</b>		
<b>Annual Budget</b>	<b>Budgeted Contributions Monthly Average</b>	<b>2025 YTD Annual Budget thru June '25 (1 Mo)</b>
\$235,086.00	\$19,590.50	\$117,543.00
	<b>JUNE '25 MTD Contributions &amp; Other Income</b>	<b>JUNE '25 YTD Contributions &amp; Other Income</b>
	\$19,272.96	\$77,797.60
	<b>2025 JUNE Excess (Shortfall)</b>	<b>Projected EOY 2025 Annual Budget Shortfall based on Income Thru JUNE '25</b>
	(\$317.54)	(\$79,490.80)

## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

*Pat Holley, Treasurer*

<b>CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL OFFERINGS &amp; DEDICATED FUNDS NOT AVAILABLE TO FUND CHURCH BUDGET</b>		
	<b>Contributions in</b>	<b>Contributions YTD</b>
UC Funds	\$0.00	\$1,050.68
Dime-A-Day	\$0.00	\$523.34
CWS Blankets	\$0.00	\$370.00
California Disaster Relief	\$0.00	\$595.00
FMSC	\$0.00	\$910.14
Food Pantry	\$0.00	\$190.00
One Gt Hr Sharing	\$0.00	\$245.00
Strengthen the Church	\$415.00	\$415.00



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# Worship With Us!

<b>Ignite Worship</b> A Contemporary Worship Experience	<b>Traditional Worship</b> Liturgical Worship Celebration
<b>Saturday</b> 5:30 p.m   Fellowship Hall	<b>Sunday</b> 10:10 a.m.   Sancturary

Holy Communion~ Monthly 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday and Sunday

Faith and Fellowship ~Sunday School | 9:00 a.m.