



***Good News!***

**June 2025**

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Worshiping... through Christ.**

**Emanuel United Church of Christ**

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Emanuel United Church of Christ—304 E. Adams, Jackson, Missouri 63755  
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:** Alyssa Rau

**Council President:** Jimmy McCormack



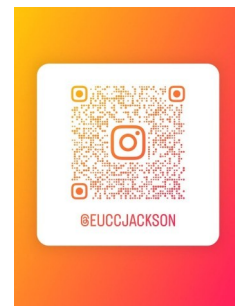
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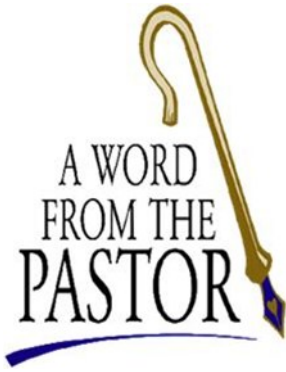
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*God is still speaking,*  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



## Office Hours

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



*“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!”*

— Psalm 133:1

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we enter the month of June and embrace the arrival of summer, we are once again reminded of the beauty and blessings that this season bestows. The longer days, the time shared with family and friends, and the opportunity to pause from our usual routines all point us toward the goodness of God’s creation and the gift of community.

This season offers us more than rest and recreation—it invites us to reflect on the richness of our shared life as a faith family. Whether through worship, fellowship, acts of service, or quiet conversations, our life together bears witness to the grace of God at work among us. In these simple but sacred connections, we are reminded that we do not walk this journey alone.

This June, we also look forward with great joy and gratitude to a significant milestone in the life of our congregation: the celebration of Rev. Sam Roethemeyer's 50th anniversary of ordained ministry on June 8th. Pastor Sam has offered decades of faithful service, pastoral wisdom, and spiritual guidance to the Church and to countless individuals. We give thanks to God for his steadfast ministry and look forward to honoring him in a spirit of joy and deep appreciation.

In addition, I warmly invite you and your loved ones to join us for Family Movie Night on June 25th, an evening of fellowship and fun for all ages. Events such as these remind us that the bonds we share extend beyond the sanctuary and into every area of life together.

As we move through the summer months, may we be ever mindful of the blessings that surround us and the presence of Christ that unites us. May this season bring you rest, renewal, and a deeper sense of belonging in the body of Christ.

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

Sun.	June 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Faith &amp; Fellowship 9:00 am</li> <li>Worship 10:10 am</li> </ul> <p>Rev. Ann Mowery, Worship Leader <i>Congregational Meeting after worship</i></p>
Tues.	June 3	Blood Drive 12:30 pm-5:30 pm
Thurs.	June 5	Bethany Circle 7:00 pm in Church Parlor
Sat.	June 7	Fellowship Hall Reserved for private event
Sun.	June 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Faith &amp; Fellowship 9:00 am</li> <li>Worship 10:10 am</li> </ul> <p><i>Pentecost Sunday</i> <i>Recognition of Pastor Sam's 50 years of ordained ministry</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet and Greet for Pastor Sam after worship</li> </ul>
Sat.	June 14	Clothing Closet open 9-11 am
Sun.	June 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Church Council Meeting 8:00 am</b></li> <li>Faith &amp; Fellowship 9:00 am</li> <li>Worship 10:10 am</li> </ul> <p><i>Holy Trinity Sunday</i> <i>Father's Day</i></p>
Sun.	June 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Faith &amp; Fellowship 9:00 am</li> <li>Worship 10:10 am</li> </ul> <p><i>Strengthen the Church Offering</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CBE after worship</li> </ul>
Tues.	June 24	Church Office closed
June 24-28		Pastor Josh will be out of town.
Wed.	June 25	Movie Night 6:30-9:00 pm on church lawn
Sun.	June 29	<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--June

June 1	Pat Holley
June 8	Ann Fields and Barb Chaney
June 15	Mark Statler
June 22	Paul & Debra Hoffmann
June 29	Katie Beardslee Earlene Sokolowski

## Altar Flowers-June

June 1	Stephania Doggett
June 8	Katie Beardslee
June 15	Ann Fields
June 22	Dorothy Rowley
June 29	Emma Brockmire



**The due date for submissions for the July newsletter is June 23, 2025. Please send submissions to: [office@euccjackson.org](mailto:office@euccjackson.org) or call 573.243.3323.**



## June Birthdays

1	Scott Peetz
4	Jordan Brown
6	Jessica Maxwell Joshua Southard
8	Jane Koppenaal
10	Dennis McCormack Diana Roethemeyer
11	Jake Hency
12	Cassi Holcomb
15	Collin Maxwell
16	Gavin Shinn
19	Cindy Bromley
20	Mark Lutes
21	Greg Brown
22	Douglas Wessell
23	Christy Bock
25	Pat Holley
29	Ali Quigley Connie Werner

## June Anniversaries



3	Jacob & Jena Scholl, 8 <sup>th</sup>
5	Lee & Debbie Bock, 43 <sup>rd</sup>
9	Chris & Kelly Crawford, 24 <sup>th</sup>
14	Josh & Cassi Holcomb, 17 <sup>th</sup>
15	Larry & Emma Brockmire, 56 <sup>th</sup>
15	Jimmy & Amber McCormack, 12 <sup>th</sup>
20	Matthew & Diana Roethemeyer, 16 <sup>th</sup>
20	Geoff & Christy Shinn, 27 <sup>th</sup>

## Recommended Scripture for June

June 1	Psalm 97 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17:20-26
June 8	Romans 8:14-17 Acts 2:1-21 John 4:8-17 (25-27)
June 15	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15
June 22	Psalm 42 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39
June 29	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62

## 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





## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

June 1, 2025 ~ After Worship

Agenda:

Approval of Rental House Roof Repair  
Update on Financial State of the Church

# FAITH & LOVE

Celebrating  
Pastor Sam Roethemeyer's  
50 years of Ministry

Details:  
Sunday, June 8, 2025  
Church Service: 10:10am  
Meal/Reception: 11-2pm

Emanuel UCC  
304 E. Adams St  
Meal/Reception:  
Fellowship Hall



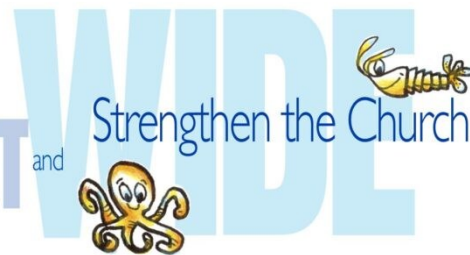
**DONATE BLOOD. HELP SAVE LIVES.**

## Blood Drive Emanuel United Church of Christ

Fellowship Hall  
304 E Adams St  
Jackson, MO 63755

**Tuesday, June 3, 2025  
12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

To schedule an appointment: Contact Cath-  
eryn Hartle, the church office, use the QR  
code below, or use your blood donor app.



The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. **By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.**

**Offering available in the pews June 22 and 29.**

Please write your name on the envelope so that it can be recorded on your giving statement. If you write a check, please write "STC" in the Memo line.

**June  
24-28**



June 24-28 Pastor Josh will be on vacation, but will be available by text or phone call. Pastor Sam will be available for *emergency* pastoral needs.

## Women's Ministries



### Bethany Circle

The meeting opened with Welcome, Joys and Concerns and Prayer.

The business meeting was called to order by President Debra Hoffmann followed by five members answering to roll call.

Treasurer Dorothy Rowley reported a balance of \$550.33.

#### New Business:

- Approved a donation of \$25 to the Memorial Fund in memory of Esther Roberts.
- Reminder that members are asked to make a \$20 donation to Bethany Circle during their birthday month as part of our fundraising efforts.
- Members were encouraged to attend the Church Women United Friendship Day event on Friday, May 2 at 6 pm at St. John's UCC in Fruitland. Earlene will be participating in the program.
- Upcoming calendar events were discussed
  - \* May 10 Mother's Day Luncheon
  - \* June 3—Blood Drive —12:30-5:30 pm

Business meeting was adjourned. Alyssa Rau presented the devotion based on a special reading from Proverbs 31. Refreshments were served by hostess Earlene Sokolowski.

The next meeting will be June 5 at 7 p.m. Dorothy Rowley will be providing the devotion/program and Shirley Bock will be serving as hostess.

Respectfully submitted,

*Debra Hoffmann for Secretary Cathy Sievers*



### Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship hosted the annual Mother's Day Luncheon on May 10. See article on page 8

## Stewardship Corner

Our stewardship goal for the month is **kindness**. Think of ways to be kind to your family, your friends, and your community. Perhaps you can pick up some trash out of the street or off the curbs. Perhaps you can mow your neighbors yard. Perhaps you can recognize one of your family members for something they have done or accomplished. Perhaps just a smile. There are a million ways to show kindness and it's usually free.

Remember to give to the Dime-a-Day program which will be used for a new roof on the rental house. \$36.50 a year for each member of your family. Our goal is \$5000. Our total now is \$1371.34. You can give the whole amount or you can give 70 cents a week. Please mark your check for Dime-a-Day, or place in an envelope designated for Dime-a-Day.

Also we continue with our contributions either monetary or food for the food pantry to give to those who are in need. Contribute your good used clothes and shoes to our donation station. There are many ways to be a good steward. Bring a friend to church to share the worship experience. Give of your time and talents. Be kind and loving.

Thanks for all you do

*The Stewardship Committee  
Louise St. John, President*

## Overflowing with Gratitude: A Record-Breaking Mother's Day Luncheon!

Our hearts (and cups!) are truly overflowing after this year's **Annual Mother's Day Luncheon** — and we're thrilled to share that it was our **biggest one yet!** With **134 RSVPs and 129 in attendance**, the fellowship hall was full of love, laughter, and the joyful noise of community gathered around the table.

This incredible turnout wouldn't have been possible without the amazing women of Emanuel UCC who invited their moms, sisters, daughters, neighbors, and friends. What a beautiful reminder that when we extend an invitation, God does the multiplying.

A special shoutout to **Hannah Shinn Rinehart**, who shared an encouraging and faith-filled message — complete with science jokes and delightfully nerdy moments that had us smiling and saying, *"Only Hannah!"* Her words reminded us that *faith and intellect, laughter and reverence, can walk hand-in-hand.*

We also loved watching families and friends gather in front of this year's beautiful backdrop for their annual photo tradition — one more way we're building memories and community, year after year.

And none of it could have happened without our dedicated planning team: **Christy Bock, Amber McCormack, Cassi Holcomb**, and honorary committee members **Vickie Rinehart** and **Sarah Busch**. Your creativity, coordination, and servant hearts made every detail shine.

**So go ahead and mark your calendars now:**

**Next year's luncheon will be Saturday, May 9, 2026 at 11:00 AM!**

Let's keep growing this tradition and inviting others into the joy we've found together. Because when we show up, share a meal, and speak love — **our cups truly overflow.**





## **Christian Board of Education (CBE) Meeting Minutes - May 18, 2025**

The Christian Board of Education gathered on May 18 to finalize plans for an exciting new *Summer Family Series—a reimagined Vacation Bible School experience focused on faith, family, and fun! This three-part series invites all ages to participate in accessible, intergenerational events designed to build relationships and share God's love with our congregation and community.*

### **Summer Family Series at Church**

Join us for three fun, faith-filled events this summer designed for all ages! Whether you come with your kids, grandkids, friends, or on your own—everyone is welcome as we grow together in faith and fellowship.

#### **June 25 – Family Movie Night**

**Time:** 6:30–9:00 PM

**Location:** Church Lawn

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets for a movie under the stars! We'll enjoy popcorn, snacks, and a short discussion about faith and family. (Due to licensing, we can't publish the movie title—but trust us, it's a good one!)

#### **July 19 – “Fun in the Sun” Water Day**

**Time:** 2:00–4:00 PM

**Location:** Church Lawn

Get ready to cool off and laugh hard with water games, popsicles, and summer fun for all ages. Invite friends and neighbors—this is a great way to connect and enjoy the season together!

#### **August 3 – Sundae Funday & School Blessing**

**Time:** After Sunday Worship

**Location:** Church Lawn

We'll gather for a picnic lunch, ice cream sundaes, and a special blessing for students, teachers, and staff heading back to school. You'll also have the opportunity to support local kids in need through a meaningful outreach effort.

### **All events are free and open to the community.**

Help us spread the word and bring someone along—you won't want to miss these joyful summer gatherings!



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



**JUNE 25 – FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**

FREE OUTDOOR MOVIE + CONCESSIONS

**JULY 19 – FUN IN THE SUN**

FREE WATERPLAY + SWEET TREATS

**AUGUST 3 – SUNDAE FUNDAY**

FREE PICNIC LUNCH + ICE CREAM SUNDAES



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\*ALL EVENTS FREE + OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

# Church Council Minutes

Below are the unapproved minutes from the May 11, 2025 Church Council Meeting. Minutes will be approved at the next council meeting.

## **EUCC Council Meeting 5/11/25**

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

Members absent:

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 noted concerns with giving vs. operating expenses. Ideas were given to attract more giving members. Possibly offering a contemporary service on a different day. It was decided to form a focus group to evaluate interest and determine a direction for the church. Pastor Josh will put together a survey and send it to the Stewardship committee and Council for review and approval.

## **Report of Committees**

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

1. There was a water main break going to the rental house. Langford Mechanical fixed the break and replaced the sidewalk. Since it was on our side of the meter, all of this is expected to be our expense. Even replacement of the sidewalk.
2. The rental house roof needs replaced. A quote from Hunter for the ridge cap only (\$500) or entire roof replacement (\$8031.07). A motion was made by Matt R. to replace the entire roof pending approval by the congregation. Matt Z. second. Motion passed.

A motion to call a Special Congregational Meeting on June 1, 2025 to seek approval for spending over \$5000 was made by Matt R. Katie second. Motion passed.

Audit committee report: None

Rental property: The renter is leaving this summer. He has completed his Master's degree and is looking for a larger place. The council recommended looking for a new tenant by word of mouth.

Clothing Closet: T-shirts are now being displayed on hangers to minimize folding

Stewardship Committee: see CBE report

CBE report: Collaborating with Stewardship on 3 summer evening events to include the community instead of VBS

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 Joshua Rau

## **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. Need to check printing costs and someone willing to put it together. Tabled until June meeting.

Pastor Sam celebration of 50 years in the ministry. It will be held on June 8, 2025 which is Pentecost Sunday. There will be a meal and meet and greet following church.

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## New Business

Special Congregational Meeting called. See buildings & grounds report.

Contemporary service survey. See Treasurer report.

Next meeting: June 15, 2025 8:00 AM

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 with motion by Geoff, seconded by Matt R. with the Lord's prayer led by Jimmy.

Submitted by: Geoff Shinn, Church Council Secretary

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

*Pat Holley, Treasurer*

MARCH 2025 CORRECTED & RESTATED		
2025 BUDGET		
Annual Budget	Budgeted Contributions Monthly Average	2025 YTD Annual Budget thru Mar '25 (1 Mo)
\$235,086.00	\$19,590.50	\$58,771.50
	Mar '25 MTD Contributions & Other Income*	Mar '25 YTD Contributions & Other Income
	\$17,926.23	\$37,802.01
	2025 Mar Excess (Shortfall)*	Projected 2025 Annualized Budget Shortfall based on Income Thru Mar '25
	(\$1,664.27)	(\$83,877.96)

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL OFFERINGS & DEDICATED FUNDS		
	Contributions in Mar '25	Contributions YTD 2025
UC Funds	\$200.34	\$600.68
Dime-A-Day	\$50.17	\$473.34
CWS Blankets	\$0.00	\$370.00
California Disaster Relief	\$0.00	\$595.00
FMSC	\$175.00	\$900.14
Food Pantry	\$0.00	\$180.00
One Gt Hr Sharing	\$170.00	\$170.00

\*March includes one-time contributions of \$4,000 regular offering, \$5,000 contribution to designated fund (not available to fund budget), and \$2,690.25 receipts from Stewardship Auction.

APRIL 2025 BUDGET COMPARISON		
2025 BUDGET		
Annual Budget	Budgeted Contributions Monthly Average	2025 YTD Annual Budget thru Apr '25 (1 Mo)
\$235,086.00	\$19,590.50	\$78,362.00
	Apr '25 MTD Contributions & Other Income	Apr '25 YTD Contributions & Other Income
	\$9,099.83	\$46,901.84
	2025 Apr Excess (Shortfall)	Projected EOY 2025 Annual Budget Shortfall based on Income Thru
	(\$10,490.67)	(\$94,380.48)

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL OFFERINGS & DEDICATED FUNDS		
	Contributions in Apr '25	Contributions YTD 2025
UC Funds	\$150.00	\$750.68
Dime-A-Day	\$50.00	\$523.34
CWS Blankets	\$0.00	\$370.00
California Disaster Relief	\$0.00	\$595.00
FMSC	\$0.00	\$900.14
Food Pantry	\$0.00	\$180.00
One Gt Hr Sharing	\$75.00	\$245.00





Dear Friends in Christ,

We are prayerfully exploring the possibility of adding a new style of worship to complement our traditional service. This additional service would be held in the Fellowship Hall and would offer a fresh and different approach to worship while remaining rooted in the love of Christ and the spirit of our community. Everyone is filled differently spiritually and we want to make sure that we are meeting the needs of not only our members but that of the greater community.

To help us better understand your interests, preferences, and hopes for this new opportunity, we invite you to complete a short survey. Your input will be vital in shaping a service that is meaningful and welcoming for all.

There are printed copies in the vestibule for those that wish. The survey is also available on the church website and the church Facebook page.

**Please complete the survey by June 13, 2025.**

We are excited to see how the Holy Spirit continues to move in our congregation and to explore new ways we can grow in faith together and fill the spiritual needs of the greater community.

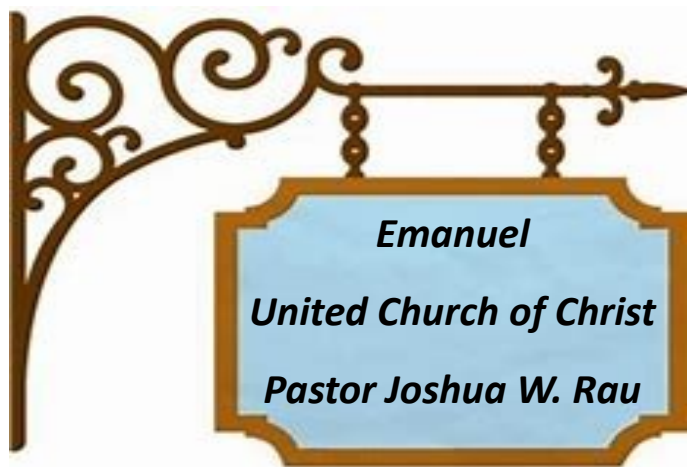
Thank you for your participation and your continued support of our shared ministry.

In Christ's love,  
Emanuel UCC Church Council

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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

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