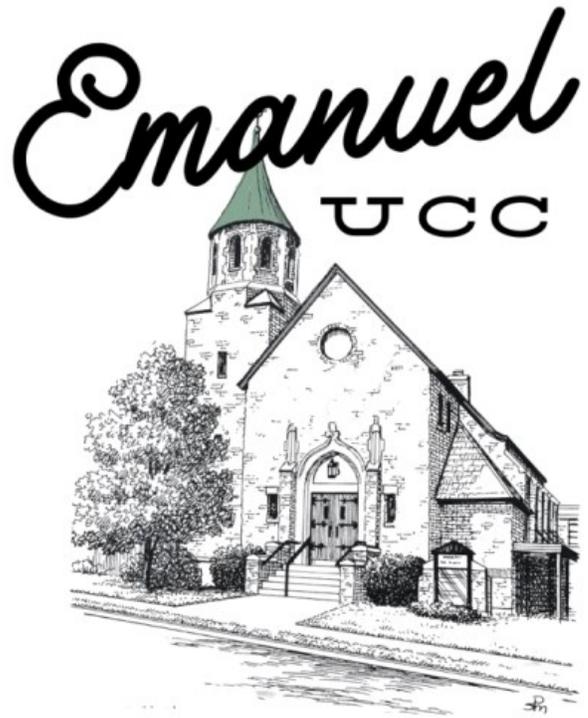


# Annual Report 2025



Welcoming. Witnessing. Worshiping... through Christ.

**Emanuel United Church of Christ**

*Pastor* ~ Joshua W. Rau

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## Church Staff

**Pastor:** Joshua W. Rau

**Organist:** Christy Shinn

**Choir Director:** Kelly Crawford

**Administrative Office Assistant:** Debra Hoffmann

**Office Assistants:** Cathy Sievers (Jan.-March) and Alyssa Rau (April-December)

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### Congregational Meeting Agenda

*February 22, 2026*

Call to Order  
Opening Prayer  
Minutes — 2025 Congregational Meetings  
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*Emanuel United Church of Christ is a community of believers dedicated to spreading the love of Christ and serving our community.*

## Pastor's Report

*“Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”* (Ephesians 3:20–21)

Dear Emanuel Church Family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we reflect on another year of ministry together, my heart is filled with deep gratitude. It is truly a blessing to serve as your pastor and to walk alongside you in worship, prayer, service, and community. I give thanks for every moment we have shared — the joys we have celebrated, the challenges we have faced, and the countless ways God has shown faithfulness in and through this congregation.

Scripture reminds us, *“Let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up”* (Galatians 6:9). This year, I have seen that faithfulness lived out in so many ways; in the dedication of our amazing staff, the commitment of our leaders and volunteers, the generosity of our congregation, and the spirit of welcome that continues to define Emanuel. You embody what it means to be the church, not simply in what we do, but in how we love.

Our worship life continues to be a beautiful expression of who we are — grounded in tradition, energized by creativity, and centered in Christ. Whether gathered in the sanctuary, the Ignite space, or online, we have lifted our voices in praise, brought our prayers before God, and encountered the grace that renews and strengthens us week after week. I am grateful for our musicians, worship leaders, tech teams, and all who make these moments of holy connection possible.

I am also thankful for the gifted staff we have here at Emanuel. Christy, Kelly, Debra and Alyssa, all serve with integrity, compassion, and faith. Their dedication behind the scenes and in visible ministry is a true blessing to our church and to me personally. Ministry is never done alone, and I am grateful for this team who shares in the calling to care for God's people.

As we look ahead, we do so with hope and confidence in God's promises. *“For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope”* (Jeremiah 29:11). The future of Emanuel is bright, not because of our own strength, but because God continues to lead, guide, and sustain us.

My prayer is that we will continue to be a place of light in our community, a place where love is practiced boldly, and where grace is lived and shared freely. May we keep listening for where God is calling us next, trusting that the Spirit is already at work preparing the way.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you. Thank you for your faith, your generosity, your prayers, and your commitment to Christ and to one another. It is truly a joy to be your pastor.

May the peace of Christ dwell richly among us, and may God continue to bless Emanuel in the year ahead.

With gratitude and hope,



Pastor, Emanuel UCC

## *Emanuel Year in Review*

### *Worship Life*

We have engaged in meaningful, God filled worship. We have been enriched by members of the church—reading scripture and trying new ways to enrich the worship services. We continue to have wonderful music with our choir and other musicians. Worship is the central part of who we are and together we continue to grow in our faith.

We continued our mid-week Advent worship and Christmas Day worship along with our mid-week Lent worship with a meal, and added a Good Friday and SONrise Easter Worship. We began Ignite Worship Experience at the end of August and that has been enriched with the addition of a praise team.

We updated some of our audio/video for worship and mainstreamed on one platform which has enriched things so much. My thanks to Matt Roethemeyer who was instrumental in this process.

### *Educational Life*

We have been blessed with a great Christian Board of Education who is always looking at ways to enrich the life of our congregation. They plan and organize many activities and have been a vital part of the ministry of Emanuel.

We continue to have Bible Study several times per school year, and this has been a great ministry here. We engage with one another, learn more about God's word and gather for great fellowship.

Our Sunday School teachers have been working hard to continue to bring bible-based education to both the young and older members of the church. Although greater attendance would be wonderful, they are steadfast in teaching those that attend.

### *Ministries of Emanuel*

Our *Women's Fellowship* is always hard at work doing so many things. From all the assistance for funeral dinners and other activities after church, to working for other groups these ladies have come together to show their faith. We are grateful for Bethany Circle as well. What a valuable group of ladies.

Our *Prayer Shawl Ministry* was very active as we gave out many shawls and sent lots of prayer forward. Thanks to all that have made Prayer Shawls—it is a blessing!

The *Music Ministry* of this church is outstanding, my gratitude to our talented music staff. Christy and Kelly truly enrich the traditional worship life and bring the gift of music to all present. Chris and Keira have made our Ignite Contemporary Experience a truly touching service.

### *Pastoral Care*

Pastor Josh has the privilege of doing pastoral care. He has over this year been able to visit with our shut ins and those needing visits to our area hospitals. He has been with families as they say good-bye to loved ones. He presided over funerals and baptisms and has connected with several members that seek spiritual care and guidance on a regular basis.

We have received new members into the church and there are a few more looking to join in the future. Holy Communion has been given to those unable to attend our worship. Pastor Josh will continue to reach out to our members and is always looking at some ways to try and connect with others on our membership list that don't regularly attend worship or at church events.

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### *The Church*

Our church building continues to be a place of worship, spiritual care, excitement and connection. We have used our Chapel for more intimate worship experiences. We have redesigned the conference room and it is used for our many groups to meet in. Our Ignite Contemporary worship space in the Fellowship Hall continues to develop and has been a great way to connect. May groups continue to use Emanuel for teaching and meeting.

### *Greater Ministry*

Pastor Josh continues making connections within both our local community and the greater area. He is a member of the Jackson Ministerial Alliance, North Cape Ministerial Alliance, and serving as the Disaster Ministries Coordinator of the Missouri Mid-South Conference of the UCC.

Everyday Pastor Josh is out in the community he has the privilege of talking about the ministries of Emanuel and continues to welcome all to our church. He is a member of The Optimist Club of Jackson.

## **Pastor Emeritus Report**

Someone asked me—"What is a Pastor Emeritus?" A Pastor Emeritus is an honorary title for a retired pastor recognizing their long, faithful service. This title comes from the Latin "one who has earned discharge by service." This means they have completed their active term but remain honored and sometimes involved in advisory or limited ministry roles without full authority.

I am grateful to have been a spiritual leader at Emanuel from 1988-2013 and now am very honored to serve Emanuel in ways that are helpful to our full-time pastor, Pastor Joshua Rau. I am very glad that I can support his ministry among us. Paul wrote "Dear brothers and sisters, honor those who are your leaders in the Lord's work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance. I am very honored to be Pastor Emeritus and to work alongside each of you and our pastor in sharing the Good News of God's love and sharing in the ministry of the church helping those less fortunate. This year I was blessed by all of you celebrating my 50 years in ministry.

I continue to keep Emanuel and Pastor Joshua in my prayers as we continue to serve God in Christ empowered by god's spirit.

*Rev. Sam Roethemeyer*

*Pastor Emeritus of Emanuel United Church of Christ*

# 2025 Church Leaders

## Church Council 2025

**Jimmy McCormack, President (2027)**

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**Layton Beggs, Head Usher (2026\*)**

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**Matt Zschille, Lay Services (2026\*)**

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**Matt Roethemeyer, Custodian (2025\*)**

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\*1st term, can re-run (Last year of term)

## Christian Board of Education

President—Morgan Hoffman

Vice President—Amber McCormack

Secretary—Erica Cooper

Treasurer—Marcie Brown

Librarian—Karrie Zschille

Event Coordinator—Heather Beggs

Council Liaison—Katie Beardslee

## Women's Fellowship

President—Catheryn Hartle

Vice President—Kelly Crawford

Secretary—Erica Cooper

Treasurer—Earlene Sokolowski

## Bethany Circle

President—Debra Hoffmann

Vice President—Susan Brown

Secretary—Cathy Sievers

Treasurer—Dorothy Rowley

## Pastoral Relations Committee

Chris Crawford

Roxie Davis

Morgan Hoffman

Debra Hoffmann

Louise St. John

## Stewardship Committee

Louise St. John—President

Rick Brown—Vice President

Alyssa Rau—Secretary

Dorothy Rowley—Treasurer

Larry Bock

Cathy Sievers

Chris Crawford

Marilee Roethemeyer

## Audit Committee

Jordan Brown

Earlene Sokolowski

Christy Bock, Council Liaison

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

## Church Council President Letter

*James McCormack*

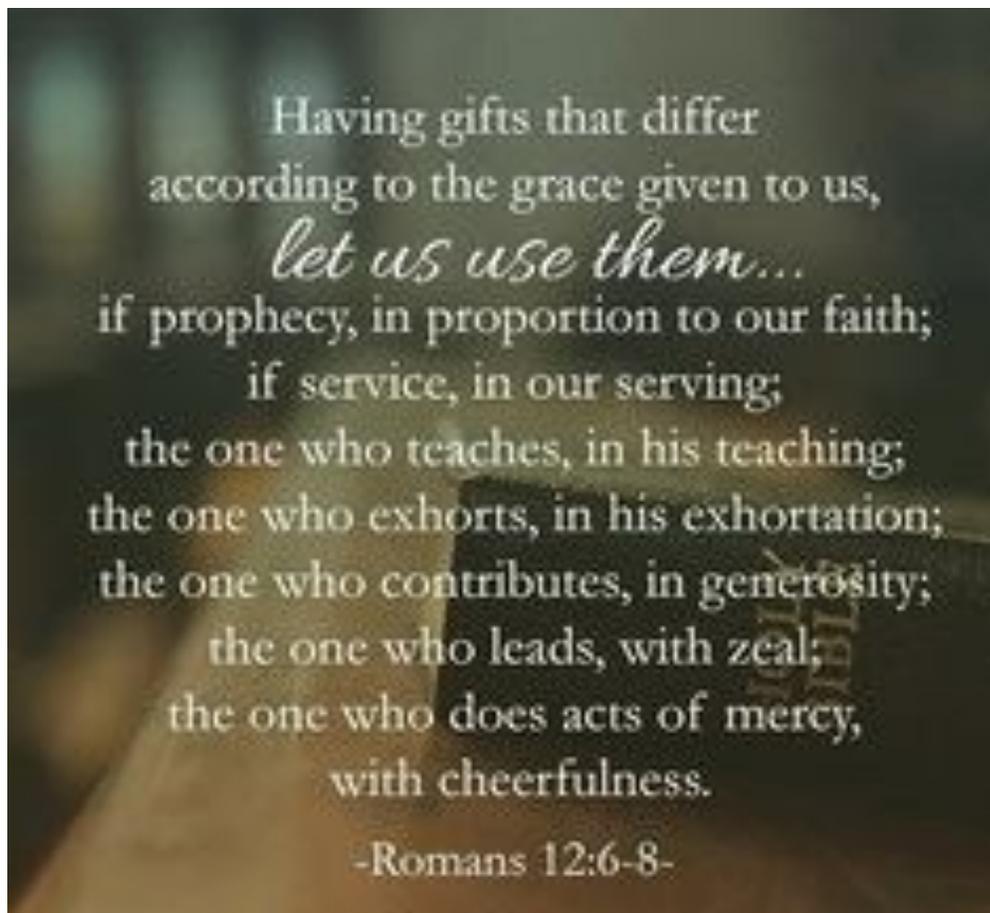
First, thank you all for the privilege to serve you as church council president. We have a great congregation and fantastic dedicated people on the church council.

It has been amazing to see members step up to the challenge to make sure that our traditions have been upheld while working with new ideas to improve our church. We have made some adjustments to how things were done and dealt with some repairs, but I can't think of any better people to be working with than our church council and church members.

The council worked hard to trim our budget, but I want to remind everyone how important it is to support our church financially.

Thank you to everyone who has helped me out this past year. I want to especially thank Pastor Josh for everything he has done. I want to thank all of the office staff for making sure everything that needed to get done, got done.

I look forward to the future of Emanuel and I am proud to be your church council president. Please let me know if you see or know of anything that needs my attention. Thank you all for everything you do to make our church a place where we can all come to worship and praise God.



# CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS 2025

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES—FEBRUARY 23, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 11:20. Pastor Josh opened with a prayer.

Minutes from 2024 meeting. There were no questions on the minutes. A motion to approve was given by Shirley McCormack. Seconded by Melanie Lutes. Motion passed.

The Financial Report was given by Pat Holley. She reported on the fund balances, budget vs. actual numbers and the audit report came back clean.

There were no questions about the Annual Report.

The Delegate Report was given by Alyssa Rau. The Resolution was not passed and the Conference must follow their own bylaws.

### Buildings and Grounds

1. The organ repair was being put on the schedule within the next month.
2. Clothing Closet clean up day is March 1.

Rental Property - The renter intends to renew the lease.

Approval of new office printer/copier for \$9875. The money would come from unrestricted memorial funds and Dime a Day. Rick Brown made a motion for the approval of the purchase of the new office printer/copier. Larry Bock seconded. Motion passed.

Bylaws Revision - Addition of the word "Staff" to Pastoral and Staff Relations Committee. Motion to add the word "Staff" to the bylaws was made by Katie Beardslee. Cathy Sievers seconded. Motion passed.

Cathy Sievers retired from being Office Assistant. The position was announced as being open and Council was accepting applications until March 9. Cathy was presented flowers and a card and thanked for her service.

Business from the floor - none

Meeting adjourned at 11:34 with motion by Dennis McCormack, seconded by Andrew Scholl with the Lord's prayer led by Jimmy.

*Submitted by: Geoff Shinn, Church Council Secretary*

## **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES—JUNE 1, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 by Jimmy McCormack. Jimmy opened with a prayer.

The Clothing Closet/rental house roof is leaking. An estimate from Hunter Roofing, who has done other roofing projects for the church including the parsonage and the sanctuary, was submitted to replace the roof for \$8,031.07. His advice was to replace the roof now or you could repair now and replace in 2 years. Council recommends to replace the roof now. Emma Jean Brockmire asked if there was any insurance claim that might help with the cost. It was explained that the roof is very old and there would not be any insurance claim available. Emma Jean moved to replace the roof. Cathy Sievers seconded. Motion passed.

A financial status of the church was given by Pat Holley. She opened by saying our church is a special place, but we have lost many members. She presented a summary of contributions versus dedicated funds since 2019. She asked the congregation for ideas on what we can do to grow the church with people and contributions. She also encouraged the congregation to complete the survey by June 13, so the Council could discuss the results at their next meeting. Jimmy emphasized that the Council is looking for ideas to increase membership and attendance.

There were no questions from the floor.

Meeting adjourned at 11:27 with motion by Cassi Holcomb, seconded by Christy Bock. Motion passed with the Lord's Prayer led by Jimmy.

*Submitted by: Geoff Shinn, Church Council Secretary*

# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES—OCTOBER 26, 2025

## October Congregational Meeting 10/26/25

Council President, Jimmy McCormack called the meeting to order at 11:11.

Pastor Josh led the congregation in prayer.

Jimmy asked for nominations from the floor for Church Council. There were none. Motion to accept by acclimation made by Larry Bock. Seconded by Shirley McCormack. Motion passed.

Church Council Elections (3 positions to be filled)

### **Council Nominees**

Matt Roethemeyer - 2nd term

Pat Holley - 2nd term

Ann Fields

Jimmy asked for nominations from the floor for CBE. There were none. Motion to accept by acclimation made by Cathy Sievers. Seconded by Morgan Hoffman.

### **CBE Nominees**

Morgan Hoffman

Amber McCormack

Lydia Shinn

Jimmy asked for nominations from the floor because we can have two delegates. There were none. Motion to accept by acclimation made by Matt Roethemeyer. Seconded by Shirley Bock. Motion passed.

### **Conference Delegate**

Alyssa Rau

**Budget/financial** - Pat Holley expressed hope of growth of the church to help maintain the budget. Pat explained that the UCC changed guidelines for pastoral compensation to include housing as a component of compensation. She also mentioned that the Council and the budget committee had helped trim as much as possible from the budget and volunteers would be needed to complete tasks that had previously been outsourced. She also mentioned that we would use offering envelopes as requested by each household. Please let the office know if you prefer 12 (monthly) or 52 (weekly) envelopes. Larry Bock motioned to approve the budget. Matt Roethemeyer seconded. Motion passed.

**Buildings & Grounds** - Matt Roethemeyer stated we had replaced the roofs on the parsonage and rent house in the past year. Minor repairs and maintenance on the A/C units. The boiler will be turned on in the next few weeks. There were no questions.

There was no business from the floor.

Motion to adjourn made by Dennis McCormack. Seconded by Matt Roethemeyer. Motion passed. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 11:25 led by Jimmy McCormack

*Submitted by Geoff Shinn, Church Council Secretary*

**DESIGNATED FUND BALANCES AS OF 12/31/2025**

**GENERAL FUND**

**Restricted Funds (designated for specific purpose by donor):**

Youth Fellowship	\$223.42
Youth Ministry	\$165.87
Prayer Shawl Ministry	\$372.50
Children's Praise Packs	\$395.93
Christian Education Fund	\$420.00
FH Kitchen Improvements Fund	\$950.00
Church Repairs & Maintenance	\$9,080.95
Dime-A-Day Fund	\$1,514.89
Borgfield Sidewalk Repair Fund	\$6,219.20
Music Fund	\$1,789.51
Clothing Closet	\$239.73
Margaret Puchbauer Scholarship	\$0.00
Technology Fund	\$725.00
Men's Fellowship	\$4,667.04
Organ Repair Fund	\$329.00
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>\$27,093.04</b>

UC Funds	\$28,563.54
<b>Total Designated Funds</b>	<b>\$55,656.58</b>

**MEMORIAL Fund**

**Temporarily Restricted Funds**

Gary Pender	\$60.00
John Ruester	\$105.03
Patsy Voshage	\$29,725.3
Duane Pensel	\$85.00
Val Tuschhoff	\$662.57
Marilyn Whitmore	\$170.00
Kies Family	\$200.00
Esther Roberts	\$45.00
Mary Sue Ritter Nieman	\$490.00
Betty Hoffmeister	\$1,448.70
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>\$32,991.60</b>

<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	
General Memorial Fund	\$2,775.36
<b>Total Designated Funds</b>	<b>\$35,766.96</b>

**SEABAUGH FUND**

**Restricted Funds**

Remaining Principal from Gift	\$135,878.34
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>\$135,878.34</b>

<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	
Seabaugh Fund Checking	\$19,381.88

<b>Total Designated Funds</b>	<b>\$155,260.22</b>
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**2026 BUDGET WORKSHEET**  
*(Updated 01/2026)*

Personnel Expense	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Budget	Budget Change \$
Pastor Salary	\$51,499	\$51,499	\$52,932	1,433
Pastor Social Security/Medicare Tax (will change to EICA offset after coordination - rate 7.65%)	\$0	\$3,940	\$5,264	5,264
Pastor Benefits	\$37,791	\$39,822	\$41,999	4,208
Pastor Professional Expense	\$5,000	\$6,540	\$5,500	500
Supply/Pastor Compensation (allow for 6 days in 2025)	\$1,050	\$2,125	\$1,000	(50)
Office Staff (MO min wage incr to \$15/hr. 1/1/2026)	\$12,841	\$17,082	\$18,050	5,219
Organist (paid \$500 add'l for Lenten services)	\$6,840	\$6,840	\$7,320	480
Choir Director	\$3,119	\$3,120	\$3,120	1
Employer Payroll Tax for Staff (7.65% of salaries)	\$5,684	\$2,103	\$2,467	(3,217)
Workers' Compensation Insurance	\$2,000	\$466	\$1,000	(1,000)
Other Personnel Expense (background checks, recognition, required personnel disclosures, recognition, etc.)	\$100	\$498	\$100	0
<b>Total Personnel Expense</b>	<b>\$125,924</b>	<b>\$134,034</b>	<b>\$138,762</b>	<b>12,839</b>
<b>Worship Expense (Notes 1-4)</b>				
Bulletins, Printing & Supplies (1)	\$300	\$460	\$300	0
Equipment - Worship	\$100	\$247	\$100	0
Guest Speakers & Music	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
Music & Copyrights (2)	\$500	\$693	\$700	200
Instrument Maintenance (3)	\$1,700	\$299	\$1,100	(600)
Misc. Worship Expense (4)	\$100	\$377	\$100	0
<b>Total Worship Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,700</b>	<b>\$2,076</b>	<b>\$2,300</b>	<b>(400)</b>
<b>Education &amp; Youth Activities</b>				
Curriculum (includes SS, Adults & Confirmation)	\$2,500	\$1,877	\$2,200	(300)
Sunday School Activities	\$930	\$13	\$500	(430)
Camp Fees	\$1,000	\$0	\$400	(600)
VBS (Curriculum & Activities)	\$500	\$77	\$100	(400)
Other Education Supplies (includes confirmation)	\$150	\$0	\$100	(50)
Youth Missions (use dedicated funds)	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
<b>Total Youth Education</b>	<b>\$5,080</b>	<b>\$1,967</b>	<b>\$3,300</b>	<b>(1,780)</b>
<b>Mission &amp; Care Ministry (Notes 5-6)</b>				
Our Church's Wider Mission	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$0	(4,000)
Eden Theological Seminary	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$0	(4,000)
Member Care (5)	\$1,500	\$1,141	\$1,100	(400)
Other Mission & Ministry Expense (Feed My Starving Children (6) \$1200 total pledge for 30 volunteers @ \$40 each)	\$4,000	\$1,100	\$1,000	0
<b>Total Mission &amp; Care Ministry</b>	<b>\$13,500</b>	<b>\$6,241</b>	<b>\$2,100</b>	<b>(8,400)</b>
Contributions received through 12/31/2025 totaled \$190,677 & Other Income less associated expense totaled \$16,998 resulting in \$207,675 to pay expenses. Note: Contributions included \$60,000 in special contributions to enable church to pay expenses				
Ignite Service contributions totaled \$1889.16 less expenses of \$947.12 (including radio spots), netting \$942.				

Office Expenses (Notes 8-13)	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Budget	Budget Change \$
Telephone Service (7)	\$1,560	\$1,770	\$1,680	120
Internet & Software Expense (8)	\$3,500	\$5,214	\$4,200	700
Printing & Mailing Expense (9)	\$200	\$78	\$100	(100)
Postage	\$300	\$362	\$300	0
Advertising & Chamber Membership Expenses (10)	\$750	\$310	\$200	(550)
Office Equipment Purchases (11)	\$500	\$70	\$100	(400)
Office Equipment Repairs & Maintenance (12)	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
Office Supplies (13)	\$1,250	\$2,417	\$2,000	750
Bank & Other Office Expenses (Primarily Online Contribution ACH fees not paid by members)	\$100	\$423	\$100	0
<b>Total Office Expenses</b>	<b>\$8,160</b>	<b>\$10,644</b>	<b>\$8,680</b>	<b>520</b>
<b>Facility Operating Expense (Notes 14-21)</b>				
Gas Service	\$8,500	\$4,931	\$8,500	0
Utilities	\$9,000	\$10,132	\$9,000	0
Trash, Mowing & Other Services (14)	\$4,000	\$3,932	\$1,200	(2,800)
Church Insurance Package (15)	\$37,000	\$29,651	\$28,576	(9,124)
Inspections & Licenses (16)	\$2,000	\$1,717	\$2,000	0
Minor Repairs & Maintenance (17)	\$4,000	\$3,941	\$4,000	0
Repairs Rental Property	\$5,000	\$248	\$750	(4,250)
Major Repairs	\$0	\$2,897	\$0	0
Janitorial Service and Supplies (20)	\$7,000	\$5,003	\$4,350	(2,650)
Real Estate Taxes - Rental Property (21)	\$862	\$871	\$870	8
Misc Expense		\$44		
<b>Total Facility Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$78,062</b>	<b>\$63,366</b>	<b>\$59,246</b>	<b>(18,316)</b>
<b>Other Expense (Notes 22-26)</b>				
Conference Delegates (22)	\$800	\$1,747	\$800	0
Conference Support for 130 members (23)	\$260	\$0	\$0	(260)
Meetings & Special Events (24)	\$500	\$198	\$200	(300)
Legal and Professional Fees (25)	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
Pastor Search Expense (26)	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
Miscellaneous Expense (27)	\$100	\$2	\$100	0
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>\$1,660</b>	<b>\$1,947</b>	<b>\$1,100</b>	<b>(560)</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$235,086</b>	<b>\$220,276</b>	<b>\$215,488</b>	<b>(16,597)</b>

**DONATED SERVICES NOT INCLUDED IN BUDGET**

Chris Crawford, Kiera Crawford & Pat Holley (service music & bookkeeping),  
Accent Security Alarms (equipment, monitoring & service), Koehler Bookkeeping (payroll processing)  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
Kelly Crawford, Catheryn Hartle, Morgan Hoffman, Debra Hoffmann,  
Jimmy McCormack, Pastor Rau, Geoff Shimm, and Pat Holley

## 2025 EOY BUDGET REPORT

	2025 Actual	2024 Actual	Variance
<b>Contributions</b>			
2025 Regular Contributions (includes \$1,889 from Ignite services and \$50,000 special one-time contribution from estate)	\$190,677	\$136,326.00	54,351
2025 Designated Contributions for Church Use & Special Offerings of \$3,801 none of which is available to use for GF budget)	\$11,260	\$16,108.00	-4,848
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$201,936</b>	<b>\$152,434.00</b>	<b>\$49,502</b>
<b>Other Receipts</b>			
Rent & Facility Use Fees	\$4,800	\$5,710	-910
Interest & Dividend Income	\$2,469	\$2,315	154
Gain on Sale of Investments - UC Funds Withdrawals	\$5,474	\$0	
Special Fundraising Projects (net of expense)*	\$4,241	\$2,435	1,806
Misc Income	\$15	\$0	15
<b>Total Other Receipts</b>	<b>\$16,999</b>	<b>\$10,460</b>	<b>6,539</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$218,935</b>	<b>\$162,894</b>	<b>56,041</b>
<b>Personnel Expense</b>			
Pastor Salary	\$51,499	\$51,499	0
Supply Pastor Compensation	\$2,125	\$1,050	1,075
Social Security/Medicare Tax Paid to Pastor or Employer Match	\$3,940	\$3,940	0
Pastor Benefits	\$39,822	\$37,791	2,031
Pastor Professional Expense	\$6,540	\$5,000	1,540
Staff Salaries	\$27,042	\$22,800	4,242
Employer Payroll Tax	\$2,103	\$1,744	359
Workers' Compensation Insurance	\$466	\$2,000	-1,534
Other Personnel Expense	\$498	\$100	398
<b>Total Personnel Expense</b>	<b>\$134,035</b>	<b>\$125,924</b>	<b>8,111</b>
<b>Worship Expenses</b>			
Worship Supplies	\$460	\$300	160
Guest Speakers/Music	\$0	\$0	0
Licenses & Copyrights	\$693	\$500	193
Instrument Maintenance	\$299	\$1,700	-1,401
Ignite Service Expenses (offset by \$1,889 in Ignite contributions)	\$947	\$0	947
Equipment & Other Worship Expense	\$624	\$200	424
<b>Total Worship Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,023</b>	<b>\$2,700</b>	<b>323</b>
<b>Education</b>			
Sunday School Activities (including Camp Fees)	\$0	\$1,930	-1,930
Sunday School Curriculum	\$1,877	\$2,500	-623
Vacation Bible School	\$77	\$500	-424
Miscellaneous Education Expense	\$13	\$150	-137
<b>Total Youth Education</b>	<b>\$1,967</b>	<b>\$5,080</b>	<b>-3,113</b>
<b>Mission &amp; Care Ministry</b>			
Our Church's Wider Mission	\$2,000	\$4,000	-2,000
Eden Theological Seminary	\$2,000	\$4,000	-2,000
Other Mission & Ministry Exp	\$1,098	\$4,000	-2,902
Member & Local Ministry (Jxn School Partnership & Funeral Meals)	\$1,141	\$1,500	-359
<b>Total Mission &amp; Care Ministry</b>	<b>\$6,239</b>	<b>\$13,500</b>	<b>-7,261</b>
<b>Office Expense</b>			
Telephone	\$1,770	\$1,560	210
Technology (Internet, Software Licenses & Service)	\$5,214	\$3,500	1,714
Printing Expense	\$78	\$200	-122
Postage	\$362	\$300	62
Advertising & Dues	\$310	\$750	-440
Equipment Purchases	\$70	\$500	-430
Equipment Repairs & Maintenance	\$0	\$0	0
Office Supplies	\$2,417	\$1,250	1,167
Bank Charges (Online Contrib Fees \$82.58 & stop payment fee \$30)	\$113	\$100	13
Misc Office Expense (Bank deposit tkts \$110.63 & Sam's Club Renewal \$200)	\$311	\$0	311
<b>Total Office Expenses</b>	<b>\$10,644</b>	<b>\$8,160</b>	<b>2,484</b>
<b>Facility Operating Expense</b>			
Heating Fuel	\$4,931	\$8,500	-3,569
Utilities	\$10,132	\$9,000	1,132
Maintenance Agreements	\$0	\$0	0
Trash and Other Services	\$3,932	\$4,000	-68
Insurance	\$29,651	\$37,700	-8,049
Inspections & Licenses (Does not include 2025 elevator inspections pending)	\$1,717	\$2,000	-283
Minor Repairs & Maintenance	\$4,189	\$4,000	189
Major Repairs (greater than \$500)	\$2,897	\$5,000	-2,103

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Renovations	\$0	\$0	0
Janitorial Supplies and Service (Ended outside service 11/1/2025)	\$5,003	\$7,000	-1,997
Real Estate Taxes - Probst Property	\$871	\$862	9
Other Operating Expense	\$44	\$0	44
<b>Total Facility Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$63,366</b>	<b>\$78,062</b>	<b>-14,696</b>
<b><u>Other Expense</u></b>			
UCC Conference Annual & Other Meetings	\$1,747	\$800	947
Meetings & Special Events	\$198	\$500	-302
Transition and Search Expense	\$0	\$0	0
Legal and Other Professional Fees	\$0	\$0	0
Eastern Association Support	\$0	\$260	-260
Miscellaneous Expense	\$2	\$100	-98
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>\$1,947</b>	<b>\$1,660</b>	<b>287</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>221,221</b>	<b>235,086</b>	<b>-13,865</b>

***\*2025 Special Projects: (Income \$11,431 - Expense \$7,440=\$3,991)***

Sausage Supper Net Income \$2721.32 (split 50/50 with WF)	Church Net	\$1,361
Stewardship Auction		\$2,459
Logo Shirt Sales		\$31
Quilt Raffle		\$140
<b>General Fund Net Income From Fundraisers/Special Projects</b>		<b>\$3,990</b>

# Audit Report 2025

CONGREGATION OF EMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST:

We, the members of the 2025 Audit Committee, have examined the records of the Church Treasurer for the calendar year 2025 and have confirmed the following fund balances.

**GENERAL FUND**

**Operating Account**

Beginning Balance January 1, 2025	\$8,222.92
Total Deposits	\$299,902.49
Total Disbursements	<span style="color: red;">(\$333,201.90)</span>
Balance as of December 31, 2025	<u><u>\$41,522.33</u></u>

**Debit Card Account**

Beginning Balance January 1, 2025	\$1,886.97
Total Deposits (Primarily Online Offerings)	\$12,643.21
Interest	\$0.00
Total Disbursements	<span style="color: red;">(\$13,783.32)</span>
Balance as of December 31, 2025	<u><u>\$746.86</u></u>

**Housing Equity Allowance**

Beginning Balance January 1, 2025	\$0.00
Total Deposits	\$2,000.47
Interest	\$15.46
Total Disbursements	\$0.00
Balance as of December 31, 2025	<u><u>\$2,015.93</u></u>

**Zschille Funds**

Beginning Balance January 1, 2025	\$0.00
Total Deposits	\$50,000.00
Interest	\$355.58
Total Disbursements	\$0.00
Balance as of December 31, 2025	<u><u>\$50,355.58</u></u>

12/31/2025

**INVESTMENTS**

Bank of MO CD 650016090 (Cashed at maturity & funds deposited back to GF Ckg)	<u><u>\$0.00</u></u>
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**UCC Investment Fund**

Beginning Balance January 1, 2025	\$72,333.94
Total Contributions/Dividends Reinvest/Gains of Sale	\$11,229.60
Fund Withdrawals/transfers to General Fund Checking	<span style="color: red;">(\$55,000.00)</span>
Balance as of December 31, 2025	<u><u>\$28,563.54</u></u>
Market Value as of December 31, 2025 =	<b>\$33,635.41</b>

<b>Total General Fund Cash</b>	<b>\$123,204.24</b>
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**MEMORIAL FUNDS**

Checking - Beginning Balance January 1, 2025	\$29,110.99
Total Deposits	\$24,495.35
Interest	\$22.47
Total Disbursements	<span style="color: red;">(\$30,644.92)</span>
Balance as of December 31, 2025	<u><u>\$22,983.89</u></u>

**INVESTMENTS**

Bank of Missouri CD 650017858	\$0.00	\$14,008.43
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<b>Total Memorial Fund Cash</b>	<b>\$36,992.32</b>
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**SEABAUGH FUNDS**

MMA Beginning Balance January 1, 2025	\$2,755.07
Total Deposits <i>(Interest accumulated on CDs transferred to Seabaugh Checking)</i>	\$22,249.01
Interest earned on checking account	\$6.68
Total Disbursements	<u>(\$5,628.88)</u>
MMA Balance as of December 31, 2025	<u><b>\$19,381.88</b></u>

<b>Invested Cash</b>	<b>1/1/2025</b>	<b>12/31/2025</b>
Southern Bank CD #10009897 <i>(Matured &amp; Reinvested below)</i>	\$59,064.28	\$0.00
Southern Bank CD #4047884	\$0.00	\$25,586.00
Southern Bank CD #4047885	\$0.00	\$25,843.31
Southern Bank CD #10009698	\$58,186.72	\$51,171.36
Bank of Missouri CD #650013923	\$33,620.52	\$31,208.84
Total CDs held by Seabaugh Fund	<u>\$150,871.52</u>	<u>\$133,809.51</u>

<b>Total Seabaugh Fund Cash</b>	<b>\$153,191.39</b>
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Respectfully Submitted, 2025 Audit Committee

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Diane Roethemeyer

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Dorothy Rowley

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Kelly Crawford, Council Liaison

*Need signatures of the Audit Committee.*

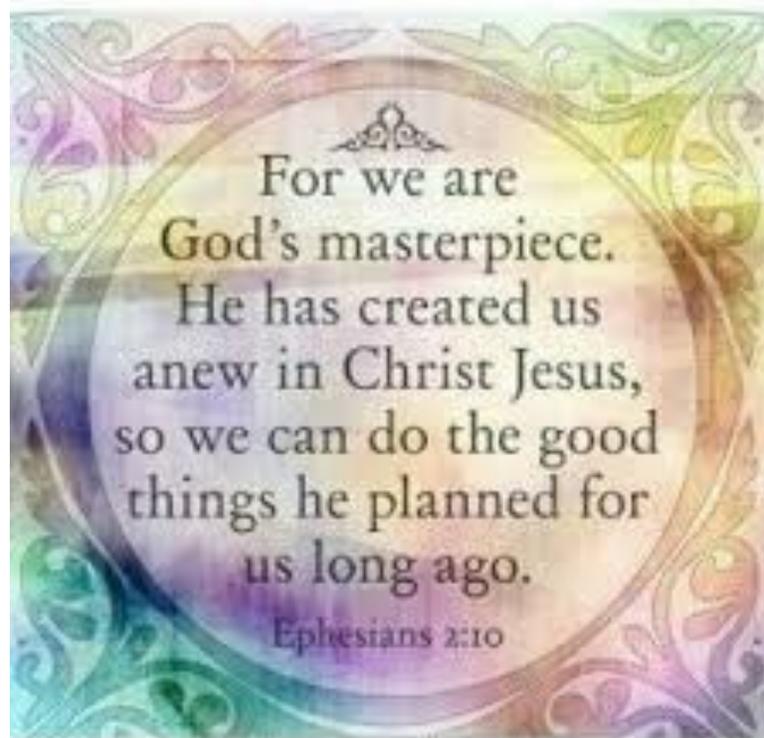
## Pastoral Staff Relations Committee—Year in Review

Over the past year, Pastor Josh and our church staff have continued to serve with faithfulness, care, and a genuine love for our congregation. As a committee, we have appreciated the open communication and mutual trust we share with them, which has allowed for honest conversations, encouragement, and support throughout the year. We are grateful for the spirit of collaboration between Pastor Josh, our staff, and the committee members, and we give thanks for the positive impact this shared leadership has had on the life of our church.

We would like to thank Debra Hoffmann for her years of service on this committee. We would also like to welcome Pam Brown, who will be joining us next year.

*In grace and peace,*

*Committee Members: Chris Crawford, Roxie Davis, Debra Hoffmann, Morgan Hoffman, and Louise St. John*



## Stewardship Committee Annual Report 2025

The stewardship committee meets monthly. Our goal is to promote giving of time, talent, money, etc to take care of God's gifts.

In 2025, we had an auction of items donated by businesses and congregation. Bailey Beggs served as our auctioneer and made it a fun time. It was a way to have fellowship and make money for the church.

We encourage everyone to donate to Food pantry to help our neighbors in need. This is a very successful mission of our church.

We bought cards and flowers to take to the mothers at the women's shelter for Mothers Day.

We worked with CBE for events in June, July and August.

We sent cards to those members of our church who are inactive just to let them know we miss them and we care about them. Our committee purchased the stickers with church logo on it. We sold T shirts for the church members to purchase.

Pastor Sam had his 50 year anniversary of ordination. Our committee helped as needed.

We place an article in the monthly newsletter entitled "Stewardship Corner". There are suggestions on how to be a good steward which includes smiling, waving at your neighbor, help an older person, sing in the choir, make quilts or shawls for Prayer Shawl Mission, work at Clothes Closet, etc. The list is endless. It is a pleasure for all of us to serve on this committee.

*The Stewardship Committee*

<b>Church Attendance Records</b>											
Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Average Sunday	131	132	116	112	109	**	71	75	74	72	65
**2020	Average attendance for January 2020-March 15, 2020 was 108. Because of the pandemic, worship was cancelled or held outdoors for the next several months. In -sanctuary worship resumed October 11 through December 2020 with an average attendance of 55. No attendance records available for outdoor worship.										

## Women's Fellowship Annual Report 2025

Meetings were held quarterly on February 9th, May 10th, August 10th, and November 9th.

### Officers for 2025:

- President:** Catheryn Hartle
- Vice President:** Kelly Crawford
- Secretaries:** Erica Cooper
- Treasurer:** Earlene Sokolowski

The Women's Fellowship participated in or helped sponsor the following activities:

- World Day of Prayer
- Lenten meals prior to services
- Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt
- Themed Basket (Be Still and Know) & baked goods for Stewardship Auction
- Mother/Daughter Luncheon
- Sponsored our 1st Blood Drive
- Sanctuary Flowers
- Greeters
- Jackson Food Pantry
- Vacation Bible School
- Trunk-or-Treat
- Sausage Supper
- Marching Band treat bags
- Live Nativity Scene food contributions
- Fundraising efforts included: Butterbraid sales & the Holiday Market event
- Partners In Faith (West Lane, JR2)
- “Adopted” 3 children for JR-2 Hope 4 Christmas program
- Assisted the Shinn family with prep for a business event
- Clothing Closet

\*\*See treasurer's report for all financial information including expenditures, fundraising, & donations made.

### Activities of the Year

#### Year-Round

Women's Fellowship provided bereavement meals to grieving families and supported the church's Clothing Closet ministry.

#### Many events happen around our church in the last quarter of the year

- Annual Fall Festival where fun was had by all ages
- Sausage Supper - another successful supper was had bringing our church family and community together in fellowship and fun.
- Holiday Market Pop-Up Shop
- Hosting the Live Nativity to highlight the true reason for the season

## Special Projects

### Partners in Education – West Lane Elementary

- As the school year began in August we gifted inspirational notes with a hand sanitizer.
- Mid semester we provided donuts and other sweet treats for their staff.
- In December we provided a flavored water bar for them to finish off the first semester of school.

### Outreach Initiatives

- Participated in the Jackson R-2 School District Hope 4 Christmas event.
- Supported Operation Christmas Child and Church Women United.
- Hosted and served luncheons for the Jackson Noon Optimist Club on fifth Wednesdays as a fundraiser.

### •A Warm Invitation

All women of Emanuel are members of Women's Fellowship. We warmly encourage you to attend our meetings and join in our activities as we continue to serve God and our community together.



## Women's Fellowship Treasurer Report 2025

<b>Beginning Balance January 1, 2025</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,079.65</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
UMSL Choir donation	\$	48.00
Bonnie Ehlers Memorial	\$	150.00
Mother's Day Brunch	\$	1,279.00
Noon Optimist Lunches	\$	441.00
Associated Grocer Labels	\$	60.00
Betty Hoffmeister Beareavement	\$	250.00
Noon Optimist	\$	230.00
Butter Braids	\$	1,136.00
Pop Up Shop	\$	830.00
Gerald Shinn open house help	\$	200.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,624.00</b>
<b>Total Funds Available</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,703.65</b>
 <b>Disbursements</b>		
Catheryn Hartle--UMSL Band	\$	165.77
R2 Partnership Expense	\$	117.00
Blanket Sunday	\$	50.00
Church Women United	\$	25.00
Wendel Memorial	\$	20.00
ECH	\$	200.00
Emmaus Home	\$	200.00
UP	\$	200.00
OCWM	\$	200.00
Eden Seminary	\$	200.00
Jackson Food Pantry	\$	300.00
Safe House	\$	150.00
Amen Center	\$	200.00
Teen Challenge	\$	150.00
Camp MoVal	\$	200.00
Salvation Army	\$	150.00
Jackson R-2 Foundation	\$	600.00
Children's Worship Bulletins	\$	111.86
Catheryn Hartle--Optimist Lunches	\$	140.78
Mother's Day Expenses	\$	1,146.29
Catheryn Hartle--Abernathy Bereavement	\$	142.87
Memorial Fund-Ehlers, Roberts, Hoffmeister	\$	60.00
Show Me Dough	\$	681.60
Postage for Christmas Shoe Boxes	\$	50.00
Ann Fields--Shut-In Gifts	\$	234.23
Catheryn Hartle--Band Bags	\$	159.41
Jackson R-2	\$	223.38
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,078.19</b>
<b>Ending Balance-December 31, 2025</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,625.46</b>

## Bethany Circle Annual Report 2025

Bethany Circle met the first Thursday of each month.

Officers	2025	2026
President	Debra Hoffmann	Debra Hoffmann
Vice-President	Susan Brown	Joy Kessler
Secretary	Cathy Sievers	Lisa Dambach
Treasurer	Dorothy Rowley	Dorothy Rowley

We had another busy year in 2025. We had 11 active members. There were 10 regular monthly meetings, one storm cancellation, and one outing to a Municipal Band Concert in the Jackson City Park.

Members helped serve various meals during the year, including funeral dinners, mid-week Lenten service meals and Jackson Noon Optimist Club 5th Wednesday meals.

Other activities were: Operation Christmas Child-Shoe Box, Christmas Gifts for Jackson R-2 Adopt-a-Family program, Church Women United Women programs, and donations made to various charities at the end of the year. Throughout the year, we also remembered our shut-ins with cards and a Christmas gift.

Respectfully submitted

*Cathy Sievers, Secretary*

Financial Report for Bethany Circle			
<b>January 1, 2025 Balance Forward</b>			<b>\$680.71</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Regular Offerings & Birthday Offerings	\$633.00		
Donations	75.00		
Other Income	16.62		
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$724.62</b>	
<b>Total Funds Available</b>			<b>\$1,405.33</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Amen Center donation	\$100.00		
Foster Adopt Connect donation	100.00		
Jackson R-2 Backpacks	100.00		
EUCC Blanket Sunday donation	25.00		
EUCC Memorial Fund — Esther Roberts	25.00		
EUCC Women’s Prison Kits donation	90.00		
Operation Christmas Child—postage	40.00		
Adopt-a-Child Christmas Gifts—Debra H.	144.18		
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$624.18</b>	
<b>December 31, 2025 Ending Balance</b>			<b>\$781.15</b>
<i>Dorothy Rowley, Treasurer</i>			

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

At least 39 prayer shawls have been documented as sent out during 2025. This is 22 more than in 2024.

As we report this, it would be a time for us again to thank God for the recoveries and comfort that has been given and to pray for those who are still struggling or in pain or mourning. Our prayers are one way we can support those we love and care for either near or far.

Thank you to those who have contributed prayer shawls, supplies or financial support to this project in 2025. We had a variety of prayer shawls that were knitted, crocheted or quilted.

We received many thank you acknowledgements from the recipients and their families.

*Any questions contact see Marilee or Alyssa.*

## Choir News

Thank you to all of our choir members for enriching our worship each Sunday. Your dedication and commitment are deeply appreciated.

In 2025, special highlights included singing at the Live Nativity at Emanuel and hosting the annual Advent Sing for churches throughout the area.

We look forward to many more years of meaningful music and worship at Emanuel United Church of Christ.

*Kelly Crawford, Choir Director*

## Clothing Closet Ministry 2025

The Clothing Closet was scheduled to be open the second Saturday of each month in from 9-11 am. However, we were closed during January because of inclement weather and also during February and March because of remodeling work being done. The remodeling project included:

- Painting—Thanks to the confirmands for helping with this project.
- New Blinds were installed.
- New shelving and hanging racks were installed.
- Deep cleaning was completed.

We served 77 people in 2025 according to our sign-in sheet. In case of an emergency need, people could call the church office for assistance.

We appreciate all of our volunteers who organize the clothing and help in various other ways as well as those who work on Saturday when the Clothing Closet is open. Additional volunteers were always welcomed and appreciated!

*Submitted by Ann Fields*

# Christian Board of Education Annual Report 2025

The Christian Board of Education was excited to be part of God's plan in 2025! Below, we share highlights from a year filled with opportunities to grow in faith, build connections, and participate in fun and fellowship. We look forward to another year of supporting our congregation, both young and young at heart.

## January

The Christian Board of Education began the year by setting our goals and plans. Officers for 2025 were:

- Morgan Hoffman, President
- Amber McCormack, Vice President
- Erica Cooper, Secretary
- Marcie Brown, Treasurer
- Karrie Zschille, Librarian
- Heather Beggs, Event Coordinator
- Katie Beardslee, Council Liaison

## February

Our youngest Sunday School class created Valentine cards, which were delivered to Every Child's Hope children's home in St. Louis. This annual tradition is a beautiful way to share God's love during the month of love.

## March

Sunday School classes continued to meet regularly, with dedicated participants of all ages growing deeper in their faith. Camp Sunday was spread throughout the duration of 4 worship services during the Children's Message. These were conducted by Katie Beardslee along with four members of our church who have attended camp in prior years.

## April

We celebrated Easter and our Risen Lord with the annual Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19th.

## May

Pastor Josh met with confirmands and their families to kick off a meaningful journey of faith and learning.

## June, July, and August

CBE put together a summer series, which consisted of a movie night in June, a water day in July, and a back-to-school Sunday Funday event in August. We welcomed everyone within our community and our church congregation to attend.

## October

We worked together with the Joy Class to bring the Fall Festival Trunk or Treat to fruition. Although it was a rainy, gloomy evening, we kept the festivities alive by bringing the fun indoors to our fellowship hall.

## **December**

The holiday season brought cherished traditions, including our **Live Nativity and Youth Christmas Program**:

- On Thursday, December 4th, the Live Nativity, hosted by our church and the Ministerial Alliance, welcomed many visitors. The event featured caroling, delicious treats, and a beautifully staged nativity scene. Special thanks to the Hale family for making this long-standing tradition possible!
- On Sunday, December 14th, gifts were brought and placed to Baby Jesus for Pastor Josh to bless them. The gifts were then delivered to UP.
- On Sunday, December 21st, the youth sang songs and delivered special scripts during the Children's Message.

## **Attendance and Spending**

- **Average Attendance per Sunday (all ages):** 30\*
- **Active Participants (0-17):** 9\*
- **Active Participants (18+):** 18\*
- **Average Offering per Sunday (all ages):** \$15\* (\*Estimated)

### **Major Spending for 2025:**

- Sunday School curriculum materials
- Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch supplies (e.g., eggs, candy, paper products) (many were donated)
- Mother's Day flowers (distributed during worship)
- Sunday Funday

We are truly blessed to reflect on all we accomplished in 2025. With God's guidance, we hope 2026 will be just as successful and fulfilling.

**With gratitude,**

*Your Christian Board of Education*

### **OFFICERS FOR 2026:**

Morgan Hoffman, President  
Amber McCormack, Vice President  
Lydia Shinn, Secretary  
Marcie Brown, Treasurer  
Karrie Zschille, Librarian  
Heather Beggs, Event Coordinator  
Katie Beardslee, Council Liaison

## **Emanuel UCC Margaret Puchbauer Scholarship**

This scholarship was begun in 2014 with a \$10,000 dollar endowment, matched by Southeast Missouri State University. Requirements include the recipient must have a 3.0 GPA, must be a full time student from (1) Emanuel UCC in Jackson, (2) any UCC Church in Cape Girardeau County or (3) any Jackson resident. Students must apply online at [semo.academicworks.com](http://semo.academicworks.com).

**Lydia Shinn** received the scholarship for the 2025-2026 Academic Year. Lydia is majoring in Elementary Education.

# CHURCH RECORDS 2025

## Baptisms (1)

December 21, 2025

**Officiant—Pastor Joshua Rau**

**Hayden Ray Ellis Miller**                      *Born:* June 2, 2025  
*Parents:* Adrian and Hannah Miller  
*Sponsors:* Katy St. John, Maggie St. John

## Confirmations (4)

Confirmed on May 4, 2025 by Pastor Joshua Rau

<b>Lanie Brown</b>	Daughter of Greg and Marcie Brown
<b>Lincoln Roethemeyer</b>	Son of Matthew and Diana Roethemeyer
<b>Keagan Zschille</b>	Son of Matthew and Karrie Zschille
<b>Maklain Zschille</b>	Son of Matthew and Karrie Zschille

## New Members (1)

**Steven W. Parrish**      Joined June 29, 2025

## Transfers Away (3):

<b>Jesse Dunavan</b>	Transfer to St. John United Church of Christ St. Charles, Missouri
<b>Tom and Marianne Sperling</b>	Transfer to St. James United Church of Christ Tilsit, Missouri

## Lives Celebrated (5)

**Date of Funeral/Services:**

**Officiant: Rev. Sam Roethemeyer**

January 21, 2025

**Bonnie Ehlers**                      *Birth:* August 2, 1933  
*Death* January 11, 2025      *Burial:* Gerald, MO  
*Officiants:* Pastor Joshua Rau and Rev. Sam Roethemeyer

February 3, 2025

**Emilie Wendel**                      *Birth:* November 21, 1943  
*Death* January 28, 2025      *Burial:* St. James UCC Cemetery  
*Officiants:* Pastor Joshua Rau and Rev. Sam Roethemeyer

May 16, 2025

**Esther Roberts**                      *Birth:* February 2, 1963  
*Death* April 25, 2025      *Burial:* St. James UCC Cemetery  
*Officiant:* Rev. Sam Roethemeyer

June 2, 2025

**Kenneth Abernathy**                      *Birth:* February 8, 1936  
*Death:* May 28, 2025      *Burial:* Russell Heights  
*Officiant:* Rev. Sam Roethemeyer

September 27, 2025

**Betty Hoffmeister**                      *Birth:* March 2, 1929  
*Death:* September 20, 2025      *Burial:* Russell Heights  
*Officiants:* Pastor Joshua Rau

## Weddings (0)

# 2026 Church Leaders

## Church Council 2026

**Jimmy McCormack, President (2027)**

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**Kelly Crawford, Financial Secretary (2027)**

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**Ann Fields, Worship Coord. (2028)**

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**Layton Beggs, Head Usher (2026)**

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**Matt Zschille, Lay Services (2026)**

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**Matt Roethemeyer, Custodian (2028)**

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(Last year of term)

## Women's Fellowship

President— Kelly Crawford

Vice President— Heather Beggs

Secretary— Catheryn Hartle

Treasurer— Earlene Sokolowski

## Bethany Circle

President—Debra Hoffmann

Vice President—Joy Kessler

Secretary—Lisa Dambach

Treasurer—Dorothy Rowley

## Pastor Staff Relations Committee

Louise St. John—Chair

Chris Crawford—Vice Chair

Morgan Hoffman—Secretary

Pam Brown

Roxie Davis

## Stewardship Committee

Louise St. John—Chair

Rick Brown—Vice Chair

Alyssa Rau—Secretary

Clara Beggs

Larry Bock

Chris Crawford

Marilee Roethemeyer

Dorothy Rowley

Cathy Sievers

Kim Taylor

## Audit Committee

Diana Roethemeyer

Dorothy Rowley

Kelly Crawford, Council Liaison

## 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

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