

Good News!

February 2025

Welcoming. Witnessing.
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: Cathy Sievers

Council President: Jimmy McCormack



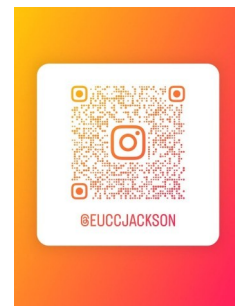
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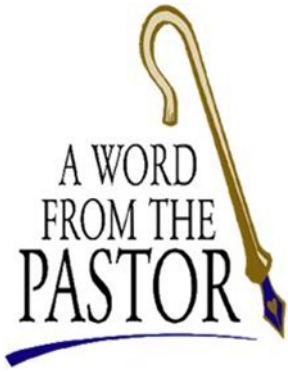
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God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



Office Hours

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



Dear Friends in Christ,

As the month of February is upon us, we are reminded of its association with love. While Valentine's Day may draw our attention to romantic love, we as a community of faith are called to a broader and deeper expression of love—God's love, which knows no boundaries and touches every aspect of our lives.

In John 13:34-35, Jesus commands us:

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

This month, let us reflect on what it means to love as Christ loves us. How do we extend grace to one another? How do we show kindness, forgiveness, and compassion to those in our church family and beyond?

February also gives us an opportunity to act as a vibrant and active community of faith. From faith and fellowship to outreach efforts, every small act of love can be a witness to God's transformative power. There are so many ways to show the love of Christ. Maybe you could write a note of encouragement to a fellow church member, call someone who seems a bit down or you know is hurting and remind them you and the church are there, or simply spend time in prayer for our community.

As we journey through this season together, let's strive to embody the love that builds bridges, heals wounds, and shines the light of Christ in a world longing for hope.

Thank you for being a part of this community of faith. Your presence, prayers, and participation are gifts that strengthen us all.

May God bless you and fill your hearts with His abiding love this February and always.

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.	Feb. 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faith and Fellowship 9 am Worship 10:10 am
Mon.	Feb. 3	Funeral Service for Emilie Wendel
Tues.	Feb. 4	Confirmation 7 pm
Wed.	Feb. 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meditations from Emanuel Bible Study 10 am Choir 6 pm Stewardship Committee 5 pm
Thurs	Feb. 6	Bethany Circle 7 pm in church parlor
Fri.	Feb. 7	Church Women United Bible Study (9am) & Board meeting (10am) at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 1900 Cape LaCroix Road in Cape.
Sat.	Feb. 8	Clothing Closet open 9-11 am
Sun.	Feb. 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Church Council 8 am Faith and Fellowship 9 am Worship 10:10 am Women's Fellowship Meeting after worship
Tues.	Feb. 11	Confirmation 7 pm
Wed.	Feb. 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meditations from Emanuel Bible Study 10 am
Fri.	Feb. 14	Happy Valentine's Day 
Sun.	Feb. 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faith and Fellowship 9 am Worship 10:10 am CBE meeting after worship
Tues.	Feb. 18	Confirmation 7 pm
Wed.	Feb. 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meditations from Emanuel Bible Study 10 am Choir 6 pm
Thurs.	Feb. 20	Prayer Service 7 pm in chapel
Sun.	Feb. 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faith and Fellowship 9 am Worship 10:10 am Congregational Meeting after worship
Wed.	Feb. 26	Meditations from Emanuel
Fri.	Feb. 28	Fellowship Hall Reserved
Sat.	March 1	Clean-Up Day at Clothing Closet
Sun.	March 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faith and Fellowship 9 am Worship 10:10 am Church Auction after worship

Weekly Use of Church Facilities

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

Greeters-February

Feb. 2	Paul & Debra Hoffmann
Feb. 9	Mark Statler Alyssa Rau
Feb. 16	Joy Kessler Earlene Sokolowski
Feb. 23	Larry & Shirley Bock

Acolytes & Readers-February

	Acolytes	Reader
Feb. 2	Lincoln Lanie	Lincoln
Feb. 9	Maklain Keagan	Maklain
Feb. 16	Lincoln Lanie	Lanie
Feb. 23	Maklain Keagan	Keagan

Altar Flowers-February

Feb. 2	Karrie Zschille
Feb. 9	Karrie Zschille
Feb. 16	Matt & Diana Roethemeyer
Feb. 23	Kelly Crawford

The due date for submissions for the March newsletter is February 23, 2025. Please send submissions to: office@euccjackson.org or call 573.243.3323.

February Birthdays



1	Blake Nekula
3	Faye Jean Langston
4	Scott Martin
4	Beth St. John
5	Rhonda Sievers
6	Joy Kessler
7	Jim Nekula
7	Collin Rosborg
8	Ken Abernathy
10	Katie Biri
12	Jesse Dunavan
12	Grayson Scholl
15	Rayleigh McCormack
16	Kent Peetz
19	Robert Friedrich III
21	Tim Martin
26	Heather Cantoni
29	Betty Burns
29	Kim Hodo

Church Record Update

Life Celebrated

Emilie Wendel

Born—November 21, 1943

Died—January 28, 2025

Services—February 3, 2025

Funeral—Emanuel UCC

Burial—St. James Cemetery, Tilsit

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



February Anniversaries

5	Jake & Laurie Hency, 14th
5	Matt & Karrie Zschille, 20th
8	Dennis & Shirley McCormack, 55th
24	Gene & Linda Click, 52nd



Recommended Scripture February

Feb. 2	Jeremiah 1:4-10 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30
Feb. 9	Isaiah 6:1-13 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11
Feb. 16	Jeremiah 17:5-10 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26
Feb. 23	Genesis 45:3-11, 15 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 Luke 6:27-38

February 20, 2025

SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER

The 3rd Thursday of each month
7:00 pm in the Chapel.

Join us each month as we
gather for a time of prayer and
meditation..

This will be a time of word, silent
prayer and prayers of the
people.



February 16, 2025

Blanket Sunday Offering



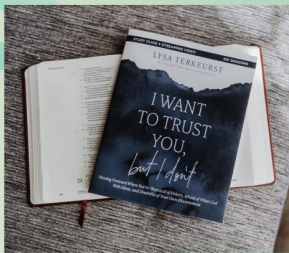
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February 5, 12, 19, 2025

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday - 10:00 am
January 15th-February 19th
In-Person and via Zoom

Join us for a six week study of
Lysa Terkeurst book
I want to trust you, but I don't.



Broken trust can send us spiraling: *Can anyone really be trusted? What if distrust is actually the wisest choice to make.*

Are there biblical answers for any of this? Lysa Terkeurst will help us answer these questions and equip us to understand what the bible says about trusting God and others.



Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82233137556?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82233137556?pwd=HpncJhA3fHOc75bKoRRujLysa8rQ6I.1)
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Meeting ID: 822 3313 7556



CONGREGATIONAL *Annual Meeting*

February 23, 2025 ~ After Worship

Women's Ministries



Bethany Circle

Eight members gathered in the Fellowship Hall for the January 2, 2025 meeting of Bethany Circle. Pastor Josh opened the meeting with prayer.

The meditation on Epiphany was shared by Cathy Sievers.

Debra Hoffmann called the business meeting to order. Secretary and treasurer's reports were given.

Reports were given on the gifts shared with the shut-ins at Christmas as well as those gifts purchased for the two Jackson R-2 school children that Bethany Circle sponsored.

Members voted to make donations to Hope for One More, Amen Center, and the Jackson R-2 Back Pack program.

Upcoming spring events were announced by President Debra and discussion on those followed.

Fellowship followed with refreshments provided by members.

Respectfully submitted

Cathy Sievers, Secretary



Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship will meet after worship on **Sunday, February 9** in the sanctuary to discuss upcoming events, service projects, and organizational business.

Next meeting will be in May 2025.

Officers for 2025

President: Catheryn Hartle

Vice President: Kelly Crawford

Secretary: Erica Cooper

Treasurer: Earlene Sokolowski

Stewardship Corner

Happy New Year! We have many wonderful things planned for this new year.

Dime-a-Day: 10 cents a day for each member of your family. You can donate weekly, monthly or yearly. \$36.50. Please mark on your check or envelope that it is for Dime-a-Day. Our goal is \$5,000 to be used to replace the copier/printer.

Auction: March 2 we will be having a silent/live auction. These are always fun with great fellowship. This will happen right after church. There will be a free-will offering meal of chili, taco soup, chicken noodle soup and hotdogs with dessert of course. We would like for there to be baked goods, house plants, things you make, etc. as part of the silent auction.

If you have a business or work for a company that would be willing to donate items or services, please let us know. This will be a special time for us.

Using what God has given us to help others, this is the goal of stewardship. It doesn't have to be big, it can be a smile.

The Stewardship Committee
Louise St. John, President

EMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

CHURCH AUCTION

SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION

MARCH 2
2025

11:15 AM

JOIN US FOR A TIME OF FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP AS WE SUPPORT THE MINISTRY AND OUTREACH OF EMANUEL.

Emanuel
UCC
344 E ADAMS ST
JACKSON, MO 63755
873-243-3323
Joshua W. Davis, Pastor

Church Council Minutes

Below are the unapproved minutes from the January 12, 2025 Church Council Meeting. Minutes will be approved at the next council meeting.

EUCC Council Meeting

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

Members absent: Pat Holley, Christy Bock

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 Jimmy with notes from Pat Holley. Will file for audit.

1. On recommendation from Pat, Kelly motioned to transfer \$20,000 from the General Fund CD if no penalty or UC Fund. If there is a penalty, use the one with the least. Matt R. second. Motion passed.
2. Pastor's housing allowance investment vehicle was tabled until Pastor Josh and Pat Holley have more conversations.

Report of Committees

Buildings and grounds report:

1. Matt R. cleared snow from the parking lots.
2. The parsonage ceiling still needs to be fixed. Searching for another contractor to respond with a quote.
3. The storage garage needs the algae cleaned off of the exterior.
4. The boiler is working better. The second new thermostat has been installed.

Audit committee report: None

Rental property: All is well

Clothing Closet: see New Business. The new signage has been ordered

Stewardship Committee:

1. The committee wants to send members who aren't attending, a card or note saying that we miss them.
 2. An auction is scheduled for March 2 with a meal after church.
 - a. In search of auction items from individuals/local businesses (themed baskets, services, etc.)
1. President-Louise St. John
Vice Pres- Rick Brown
Secretary-Alyssa Rau
Treasurer-Dorothy Rowley

CBE report: Meeting 1/19

Lay Service/ Member Care report: None

Worship report: All is well

Head Usher report: All is well

Pastor Report with notes from Pastor Joshua Rau

Old Business

Council members chose the same positions with Kelly to take over worship coordinator.

- Review of council positions and duties was handed out

Pat informed the council to start planning to train a treasurer. Possibly make it a paid position 1 day/wk.

New Business

Security concerns.
ing kept in the office.

- A list of people outside the church who know the code is be-

[New job descriptions](#) and [employee handbook](#) presented by PSRC. Council will review and either accept or suggest changes at the next meeting. Matt R. motioned to officially change the name of the committee to Pastoral and Staff Relations Committee (PSRC). Geoff second. Motion passed.

Review of cleaning service. (Update from October council meeting). Tabled due to time constraints

Clothing Closet concerns (Request made by Spice of Life) - The concern has been brought to the Council that it is not a good representation of the church. It needs a thorough cleaning and some sprucing up. Carpeting needs removed and lighting needs upgraded. The Spice of Life is not functioning as a Circle anymore, but has some funds left to spend. Kelly motioned to have a cleanup/fix up day on March 1, 2025 beginning at 9:00. Layton second. Motion passed. Kelly will contact Main Street Flooring to get measurements for new flooring. Decision on type and kind made at a later date.


The Congregational Meeting was set for February 23, 2025

Next meeting: 8:00 AM February 9, 2025

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 with motion by Geoff, seconded by Matt R. with the Lord's prayer led by Jimmy.

Submitted by: Geoff Shinn, Church Council Secretary





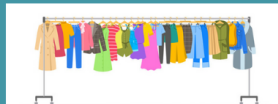
Clothing Closet

Emanuel UCC is pleased to offer free clothing to anyone in need through our Clothing Closet Ministry

2nd Saturday of each month
9:00 am-11:00 am

320A East Adams St.
Jackson, MO 63755
(white house on the corner of Adams & Georgia St)

www.euccjackson.org



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Clothing Closet Requests

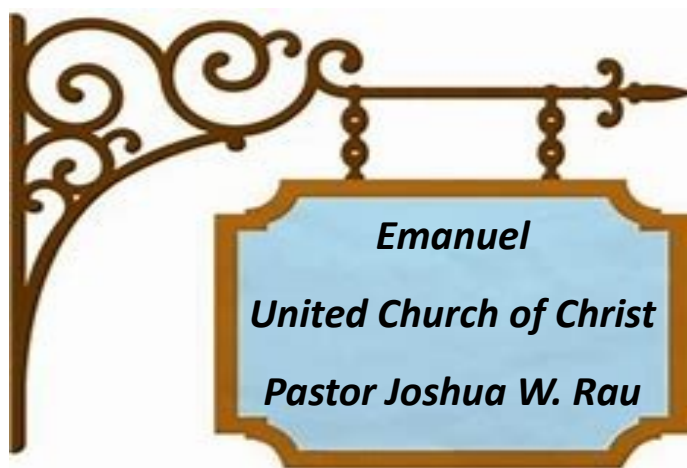
To help us maintain and improve our Clothing Closet Ministry, we need your help.

- ⇒ Donations of storage totes.
- ⇒ Monetary donations to assist with purchase of supplies, totes, etc. for a major "cleaning up and sprucing up" of the facility.
- ⇒ Volunteers to help on "Clean Up Day"—March 1. *(more information to follow)*
- ⇒ Remember to bring clothing donations to the Old Fellowship Hall at the church. **Do Not** leave items on the porch at the Clothing Closet facility.

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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
Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.	Monthly—3rd Thursday

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