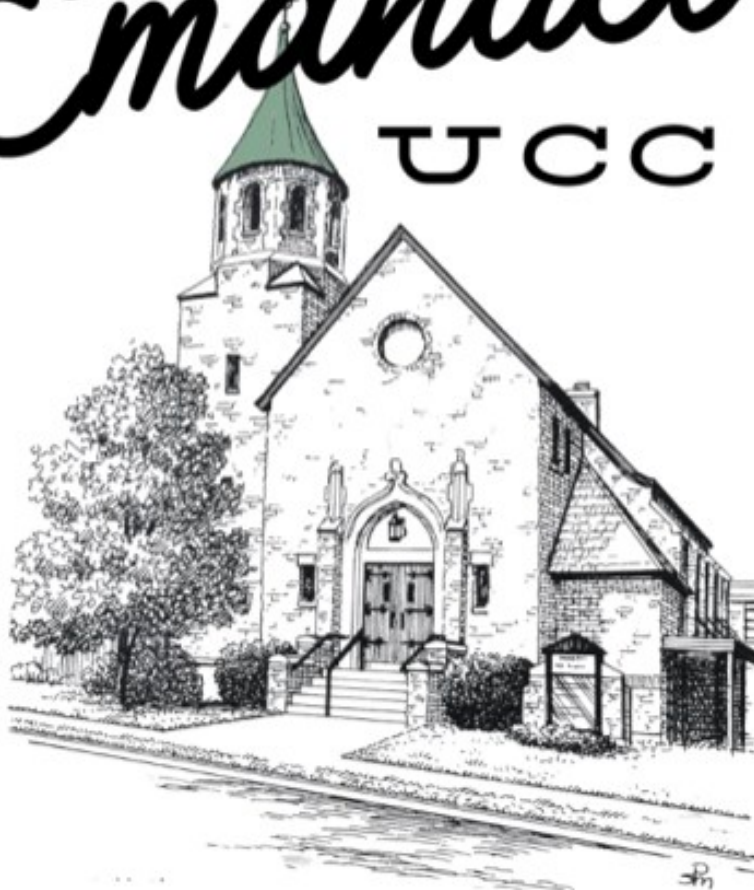


Emanuel

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Good News!

July 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
Financial Secretary: Christy Bock
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

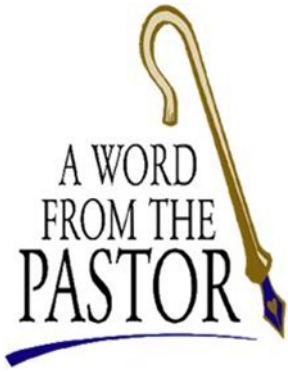
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“The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.” — Psalm 126:3 (NIV)

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we enter the heart of summer, I find myself reflecting with deep gratitude on this first full year of ministry with you at Emanuel United Church of Christ. What a joyful, spirit-filled, and sacred journey it has been! From the very beginning, I have felt the warmth of your welcome and the shared sense of purpose that binds us as Christ's Church.

This past year has been a blessing in so many ways. Together, we have worshiped, prayed, served, laughed, mourned, and celebrated. I've seen the light of Christ in your hospitality, your commitment to outreach, your dedication to worship, and the way you care for one another. You have not only affirmed my call to serve as your pastor, but you have also lived into your own calling as a congregation devoted to living out God's love.

The call to ministry is not a solo journey—it is a shared walk of faith. I felt the Holy Spirit's prompting to serve you, and I believe you, too, felt the Spirit nudging Emanuel to receive new pastoral leadership. That mutual “yes” to God's leading has brought about so many beautiful moments this past year. I continue to be amazed by how God works through our worship life, our ministries, and our relationships to bring grace to this community.

Summer is often seen as a time to slow down and breathe more deeply, and I hope each of us finds time for renewal and reflection in these months. Even in the heat of July, the Spirit is moving—nourishing our faith, refreshing our hearts, and preparing us for what's ahead.

And speaking of what's ahead—I'm thrilled to share an exciting announcement: **this August, we will launch a new contemporary worship service called *Ignite Worship!*** Ignite will offer a fresh, creative, and Spirit-filled expression of worship for those seeking a new way to connect with God. We believe this service will open new doors for people in our church and in the wider community to experience God's love in vibrant and accessible ways. More details will come soon, but for now, please be in prayer for this new beginning and all it will spark among us.

I am filled with hope and excitement for what lies ahead. God is at work here—and there is still so much more to come. Thank you for a wonderful year. Let's continue to grow together, worship boldly, and love one another deeply, just as Christ has loved us.

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

Fri.	July 4	Independence Day, <i>Church Office Closed</i>
Sun.	July 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faith & Fellowship 9:00 am Worship 10:10 am
Sat.	July 12	Clothing Closet open 9-11 am
Sun.	July 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faith & Fellowship 9:00 am Worship 10:10 am <i>Rev. Dr. Jeff Long, Worship Leader</i>
Sat.	July 19	Fun in the Sun—Waterplay + Sweet Treats
Sun.	July 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Church Council 8:00 am Faith & Fellowship 9:00 am Worship 10:10 am CBE after worship
Fri.	July 25	Church Women United Bible Study and Board Meeting at EUCC 9:00 am
Sun.	July 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faith & Fellowship 9:00 am Worship 10:10 am

Weekly Use of Church Facilities

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

Greeters--July

July 6	Barb Chaney Brenda Pender
July 13	Shawn & Jody Peetz
July 20	Chris & Kelly Crawford
July 27	Joy Kessler Alyssa Rau



Pastor Josh will be out of his office **July 10-16** to attend the General Synod of the United Church of Christ in Kansas City.

Pastor Josh will also be out of his office **July 21-25** for his continuing education at Wartburg Seminary.

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.

Altar Flowers-July

Cassi Holcomb will be providing flowers for the month of July.



The due date for submissions for the August newsletter is July 21, 2025. Please send submissions to: office@euccjackson.org or call 573.243.3323.



July Birthdays

1	Judy Allen
1	Bill Craven
2	Marilee Roethemeyer
3	Dustin Mayfield
4	Morgan Hankins
6	Bailey Beggs
7	June Borgfield
8	Robin Davis
8	Alice Koeppel
9	Jamie Brothers
14	Jason Brothers
14	Michael Cook
14	Jena Scholl
17	Ryan Mouser
20	Michael Brothers
20	Ben Mayfield
20	Shirley Soehl
23	Larry Beussink
24	Gene Click
24	Linda Click



July Anniversaries

8	Bill & Becky Nekula, 19 th
9	Ryan & Amanda Pensel, 9 th
12	Dennis & Chris Sievers 39 th
13	Greg & Marcie Brown, 23 rd
13	Randy & Linda Drum, 40 th
14	Jim & Susan Nekula, 46 th
26	Doug & Mary Mayfield, 45 th

Recommended Scripture for July

July 6	Isaiah 66:10-14 Galatians 6: [1-6], 7-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
July 13	Deuteronomy 30:9-14 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37
July 20	Psalm 15 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42
July 27	Psalm 138 Colossians 2:6-19 Luke 11:1-13

We Keep in Prayer

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

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 seven members answering to roll call.

Treasurer Dorothy Rowley reported a balance of \$615.38.

Old Business: Reports were given regarding: CWU Friendship Day, Mother's Day Luncheon, and the Blood Drive.

New Business:

- Annual Prison Kits project is planned for August 24-September 14. Donations will be collected and delivered to the Festival of Sharing on October 3.
- A fundraising idea was discussed. More information was needed before finalizing the plans.
- Members were encouraged to complete the Worship Survey that was distributed.
- Upcoming calendar events were discussed
 - * June 8--Pastor Sam's 50th year of ordination celebration
 - * Family Summer Series
 - * June 25—Movie Night
 - * July 19—Fun in the Son
 - * August 3—Sundae Funday
 - * July 3—Meet in the city park, bring your supper and listen to the Jackson Municipal Band.
 - * July 25—CWU Bible Study and Board Meeting at EUCC—we will need to provide breakfast goodies.
 - * August 10—Women's Fellowship

Business meeting was adjourned. Refreshments were served by hostess Shirley Bock.

The next meeting will be August 7 at 7 p.m. Dorothy Pensel will be providing the devotion/program and Cathy Sievers will be serving as hostess.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Hoffmann for Secretary Cathy Sievers



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 Gratitude. The readiness to show appreciation for or return kindness. Gratitude can be viewed as a practice, an attitude, or an expression of oneself. You can show gratitude by saying thank you, buying someone a meal, putting extra money in the collection plate, or giving someone a hug.

How do you show gratitude for your family? For your good fortunes? For your health? For your Life? For your church? For the joy you have? There are so many things for which we should be grateful. Never take anything for granted.

Hug your family, smile at your neighbors, attend church regularly and give money to support church. There are a million ways to be grateful.

Last month our word was kindness. Kindness is another way to show gratitude.

The Stewardship Committee wants to encourage all of us to be kind and always be grateful. Your day may not be going well but there is always something for which you are grateful.

God is good and life is a blessing.

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.

To the Members of Emanuel United Church of Christ:



What a beautiful day of celebration on June 8, 2025. Words can't describe the awesome blessing Marilee and I received in the beautiful worship service and reception recognizing my 50th year of Ordination. So many of you went the extra mile to prepare for the worship service and reception. Thank you so much for your generous gift of time and effort to make it a special day filled with joy, memories, stories, and the presence of so many who came to make the day special.

It is hard to mention everyone for fear I forget someone, but I want to especially thank Pastor Joshua Rau for putting together the service and to Debra Hoffmann for making the bulletin and the bulletin and the wonderful insert.

My thanks to my family—

Matthew-Reader, Christy-Organist, Beth-soloist, Grandchildren— candle lighters.

Marilee and I are truly blessed by our family and our church family we have pastorally served as full-time pastor and now as Pastor Emeritus. Emanuel truly pulled out all the stops to make this a day to rejoice and give thanks to God.

**50 Years
Ordained Ministry**



1975 - 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



JULY 19 | 2-4 PM
FUN IN THE SON

**FREE WATER PLAY +
SWEET TREATS**



AUGUST 3 | 11:20 AM
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**FREE PICNIC LUNCH + ICE
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🔥 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 June 1, 2025 Special Congregational Meeting and the June 15 Church Council Meeting. Minutes will be approved at the next council meeting.

EUCC Special Congregational Meeting 6/1/25

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

EUCC Council Meeting 6/15/25

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

Members absent: Christy Bock, Matt Zschille

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

Treasurer and Financial reports given by Pat Holley. Will file for audit. It was noted that we might need to check into a commercial insurance policy alternative to possibly save on premiums.

Report of Committees

Buildings and grounds report: 1. The new roof on the rental house is in place with no additional cost incurred.

2. The handicap door needs checked for proper operation.

3. The gutter downspout on the east end of the new fellowship hall needs to be replaced. 4. Weeds in the sidewalk need to be sprayed.

Audit committee report: None

Rental property: Austin has moved out. The only things that need fixed is one 2x4 ceiling tile where the leak was and replace a couple of light bulbs. After some discussion, a motion to set rent at \$450/month plus utilities was made by Katie and seconded by Matt R. Motion passed. A walk through was conducted with a potential new renter.

Clothing Closet: 11 people got clothes on 6/14. They were busy most of the day.

Stewardship Committee: Shirts coming with the new logo and will be for sale. Stickers have been made and are available. Suitable for vehicles, water bottles, etc.

CBE report: Summer Series starting June 25 with movie night. Next one July 19-water games & Aug 3-picnic

Lay Service/ Member Care report: 2 members want to come but need rides

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 July meeting.

Special Congregational Meeting called. See buildings & grounds report in previous minutes.

Contemporary service survey. Results were presented from 34 responses. 20 of the responses were either possibly or definitely would attend. Matt motioned to add a contemporary service on Saturday evening. Time TBD. Katie seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

1. Change of council meetings to July 20 and August 24 meeting dates
2. Rental agreements with those using the church. Tabled to July meeting.
3. Matt R. motioned to make an exception made for TOPS. \$25 every other month because otherwise the dues they pay wouldn't cover the rent and they wouldn't be able to use our facilities. Layton seconded. Motion passed.

Next meeting: July 20, 2025 8:00 AM

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 with motion by Pat, seconded by Katie with the Lord's prayer led by Jimmy.

Submitted by: Geoff Shinn, Church Council Secretary

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Pat Holley, Treasurer

MAY 2025 BUDGET COMPARISON			CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL OFFERINGS & DEDICATED FUNDS		
2025 BUDGET					
Annual Budget	Budgeted Contributions Monthly Average	2025 YTD Annual Budget thru May '25		Contributions in May '25	Contributions YTD 2025
\$235,086.00	\$19,590.50	\$97,952.50	UC Funds	\$300.00	\$1,050.68
	May '25 MTD Contributions & Other Income	May '25 YTD Contributions & Other Income	Dime-A-Day	\$0.00	\$523.34
	\$11,622.80	\$58,524.64	CWS Blankets	\$0.00	\$370.00
		Projected EOY 2025 Annual Budget Shortfall based on Income Thru May '25	California Disaster Relief	\$0.00	\$595.00
	2025 May Excess (Shortfall)		FMSC	\$0.00	\$900.14
	(\$7,967.70)	(\$94,626.86)	Food Pantry	\$0.00	\$180.00
			One Gt Hr Sharing	\$0.00	\$245.00



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Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

T-Shirt Details

Quantity	Size	Style	Color

Price per Shirt

- Short Sleeve: \$14
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Total Amount Due

\$ _____

Payment Method (check one):

☐ Cash

☐ Check (payable to Emanuel UCC)

Sizes Available: Xs-5x

Colors Available: White

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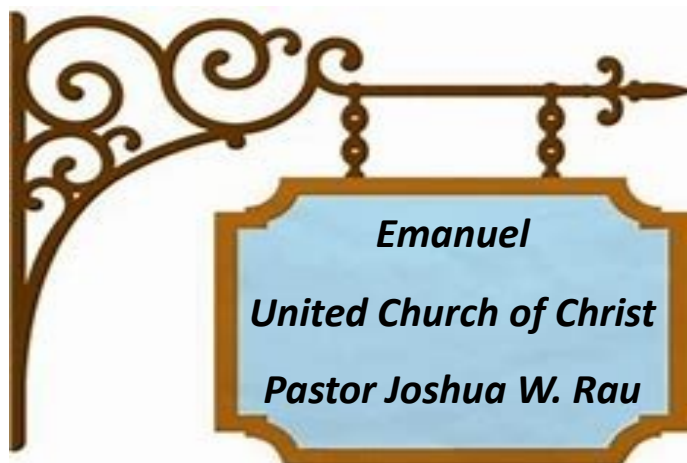
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Good News!

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
Ignite Worship	5:30 p.m.	Starting Saturday, August 23

Check out our website at euccjackson.org