



Good News!

May 2025

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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



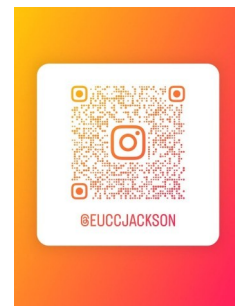
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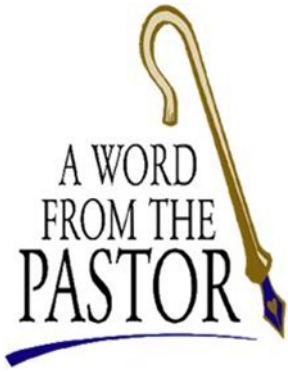
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God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



Office Hours

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



“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” – Psalm 118:24

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we step into the month of May, I find my heart filled with gratitude and hope. We are still basking in the light of Easter — the joy of the empty tomb, the power of resurrection, and the promise of new life that continues to shape our faith and inspire our mission. What a blessing it was to worship together on Easter Sunday! From the lilies on the altar to the hymns of resurrection, we were truly wrapped in the joy of God’s redeeming love.

This month, we also look ahead with great anticipation to Confirmation Sunday on May 4th, a sacred and joyful celebration in the life of our congregation. Soon, we will gather to witness our young people affirm the promises made at their baptism and step boldly into their life of faith. They will gather around the altar and celebrate their first communion as well. It is always a moving moment — to see the next generation publicly declare their trust in God and take their place in the life of the church. Please continue to hold our confirmands in prayer as they prepare for this special day.

In these moments — Easter joy and Confirmation celebration — I am reminded again how deeply grateful and blessed I am to serve among you. This congregation is filled with faithful people who love one another, serve the community, and follow Christ with open hearts. Whether in worship, fellowship, or quiet moments of care and compassion, I see God at work through you all.

May we continue walking together in joy and faith. With Easter still ringing in our hearts and Confirmation drawing near, let’s keep living into the hope and calling we’ve received as Christ’s church. Let us continue to live our lives as Jesus commands to “Love as I have loved you.”

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

Thurs.	May 1	Bethany Circle 7:00 pm in Church Parlor
Fri.	May 2	Church Women United Friendship Day St. John's UCC Fruitland 6:00 pm
Sun.	May 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faith & Fellowship 9:00 am Worship 10:10 am <i>Confirmation Sunday</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fellowship Hall Reserved for private event
Thurs.	May 8-10	Fellowship Hall reserved
Sat.	May 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing Closet open 9-11 am Mother's Day Luncheon 11:00 am
Sun.	May 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Church Council Meeting 8:00 am Faith & Fellowship 9:00 am Worship 10:10 am <i>Mother's Day</i> <i>Recognition of Graduates</i>
Thurs.	May 15	Prayer Service in the Chapel 7:00 pm
Sun.	May 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faith & Fellowship 9:00 am Worship 10:10 am CBE Meeting after worship
Mon.	May 19	Stewardship Committee Meeting 6:00 pm
Sun.	May 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faith & Fellowship 9:00 am Worship 10:10 am
Mon.	May 26	Memorial Day— Church Office Closed
Monday, May 12–Thursday May 16: Pastor Josh will be attending the Festival of Homiletics.		

Weekly Use of Church Facilities

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

Greeters—May

May 4	Larry & Shirley Bock
May 11	Brenda Pender Roxie Davis
May 18	Shawn, Jody & Parker Peetz
May 25	Joy Kessler Catheryn Hartle

Altar Flowers-May

May 4	Church Council
May 11	Louise St. John
May 18	Shirley Bock
May 25	Lanie Brown

Recognition of Graduates

On May 11 during morning worship, we would like to recognize those in our church family who are graduating from any educational institution.

If you or a member of your family would like to be included in this recognition, please submit your name and school name to the church office by Tuesday, May 6.



The due date for submissions for the June newsletter is May 26, 2025. Please send submissions to:
office@euccjackson.org or call 573.243.3323.



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Birthdays

2	Lisa Dambach
4	Mary Mayfield
5	Katie Loos Beardslee
5	Dorothy Pensel
6	Matt Roethemeyer
7	Jennifer Dye
8	Ellie Scholl
9	Robert Loos
10	Larry Bock
11	Paul Hoffmann
11	Henley Roethemeyer
13	Debbie Bock
16	Steven Jones
17	Mike Cooper
18	Alyssa Rau
19	Debbie Lintner
19	Stephanie Hunter
19	Jaela Merrifield
21	Emma Biri
22	Peyton Hankins
24	Randy Quigley
27	Krista Birk
27	Maggie St. John
28	Ann Fields

May

Anniversaries



13	Steve & Kathy Zschille, 30th
15	Shawn & Jody Peetz, 4th
27	Bill & Connie Kuecker, 30th
27	Sam & Marilee Roethemeyer, 53rd

Recommended Scripture for May

May 4	Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19
May 11	Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30
May 18	Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35
May 25	Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10 & 22 Rev. 22:1-5 John 14:23-29

We Keep in Prayer

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

JOIN US FOR

CONFIRMATION

Sunday

MAY 4, 2025 ~ 10:10 AM

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2025

Lanie Brown

Daughter of Greg and Marcie Brown

Lincoln Roethemeyer

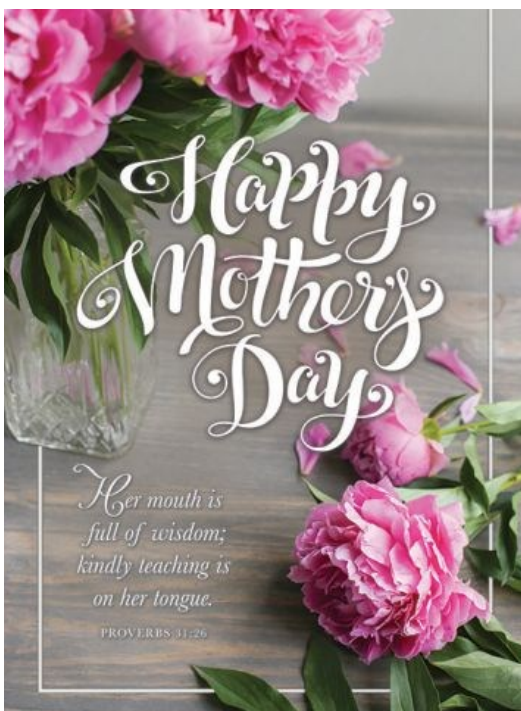
Son of Matthew and Diana Roethemeyer

Keagan Zschille

Son of Matthew and Karrie Zschille

Maklain Zschille

Son of Matthew and Karrie Zschille



Women's Ministries



Bethany Circle

The April 3 meeting of Bethany Circle was cancelled due to inclement weather.

The next meeting will be May 1 at 7 p.m. in the church parlor. Earlene Sokolowski will be the hostess and Susan Brown will have the devotion.

Respectfully submitted

Secretary, Cathy Sievers



Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship will be hosting the annual Mother's Day Luncheon on May 10.



Church Women United 2025
Cape Girardeau & Surrounding Area

MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY 2025

St. John's United Church of Christ

781 State Hwy FF, Jackson, MO

(Fruitland)

Light supper & program

FRIDAY, MAY 2nd @ 6:00 p.m.

**Non-perishable food items will be
collected for FISH Food Pantry.**



***"For where two or three gather in my
name, there am I with them".
Matthew 18:20 (NIV)***



YOU'RE INVITED
to EUCC's Annual

Mother's Day LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, MAY 10 | 11:00 AM

FREE EVENT

Light Lunch + Dessert

*My cup
overflows!*

Psalm 26:5

FOR TICKETS:

SCAN QR CODE

Erica @ 573-270-2259

ericacooper@me.com



<https://bit.ly/MDL25>

Emanuel United Church of Christ
304 East Adams St | Jackson



Overflowing with Gratitude: *Honoring the Women Who Blessed Our Lives*

This is a wonderful outreach event and a chance to fellowship with those we seldom get to see.

Each year, the Women's Fellowship is able to provide the luncheon **FREE** to those within and outside of our congregation, thanks to the generosity of those who give to support this special event.

This year, we are offering a meaningful way to honor the women who have influenced your life.

In lieu of making a monetary donation the day of the event, we invite you to make a **memorial donation** in honor of a mother, grandmother, aunt, sister, friend, or another special woman who has touched your life. You do not have to attend the luncheon to participate.

With your memorial donation, please include:

- ✓ The name of your loved one
- ✓ A photo of them
- ✓ A short description or memory — or, if you prefer, you may answer one or more of these thoughtful questions to reflect on how their love and faith have impacted your life:

- How did your loved one reflect God's overflowing love to others?
- What is one way your loved one's life or faith filled your heart and strengthened your faith?
- Can you share a moment when your loved one's kindness or grace made you feel that your cup was overflowing with joy or peace?

Photos will be displayed on our "In Memoriam" wall at the luncheon as a visual tribute to these special women. The reflections and memories you share will also be included in a special **In Memoriam booklet** so that their legacy can be shared and preserved.

We look forward to seeing you at the luncheon and honoring these remarkable women who have left a lasting impact on our lives.

For more information, contact **Erica Cooper** at ericacooper@me.com or **573-270-2259** — or scan the QR Code below.

DONATIONS, PICTURES, + MEMORY DUE BY SUNDAY, MAY 4



<https://bit.ly/MDLMemorial25>





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.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org
and enter: EUCCJackson to schedule an appointment.

Come to give June 1 to 30 for a \$15 Gift Card by email.

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1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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Emanuel UCC is excited to be sponsoring our 1st Blood Drive!!

Tuesday June 3rd from 12:30 - 5:30 pm

Contact Catheryn Hartle, the church office, use the QR code at the left,
or use your blood donor app to schedule your appointment.

****It is important to get on the schedule for that day so they know how
many staff members to send to our blood drive.**

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

Join the Emanuel UCC family as we congratulate Pastor Sam in celebrating 50 years of Ministry as an ordained pastor. All are welcome to celebrate with us at Emanuel UCC in worship and/or after church with a small meal/meet and greet reception in the Fellowship Hall.

"He will tend his flock like a shepherd: he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them...Isaiah 40:11

RSVP by May 25th: Beth St. John
573-587-9196 or church office,
573-243-3323

Stewardship Corner

Stewardship is the responsibility of managing resources, kindness, and money as we recognize our blessings and strive to bless others in return. Let's talk about kindness. It is so simple to be kind. Say please and thank you. Smile at strangers. Open doors for people. Take a neighbor flowers from your garden. Go to church. Say yes when asked to do something. Give a ride to someone who has trouble getting around.

One kind word can change someone's entire day. Kindness is free.

The food pantry is a way to be kind and practice stewardship. Thanks to everyone who is donating food and money to help those who are less fortunate and in need.

The Dime a Day campaign with a goal of \$5,000.00 was to be used to pay for the new printer/copier but other funds were used for that. The rental house needs a new roof so we would like to help pay for that. Our total collection for 2025 is \$473.34, the month of March donation was \$50.17. We have a total of \$1371.34 with the excess from last year. To give a dime a day is \$36.50 a year. You can actually save a dime a day or you can give the total amount at once. When you donate make sure to mark the check or envelope to indicate it is for Dime a Day.

EUCC is full of giving, kind, loving and welcoming people. You are leading by example. Continue to be amazing.

The Stewardship Committee

Louise St. John, President

Camp MoVal



The poster features a sun logo with 'Camp MoVal' and 'SINCE 1962' in the top left, and a '2025' celebration graphic in the top right. The word 'SUMMER' is written in large, colorful, bubbly letters, with 'at a glance' in a cursive font below it. The schedule is organized by month: June (pink box), July (orange box), and August (blue box). Each month lists specific camp dates and descriptions. At the bottom, it says 'FOR INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER' with a blue arrow pointing to a QR code.

Month	Camp Dates	Camp Description
June	6/22 - 6/27/25	All Ages Camp #1 (grades 3-9)
	6/22 - 6/27/25	High School Camp (grades 9-12)
	6/29 - 7/3/25	Family Camp (all ages)
July	7/6 - 7/11/25	All Ages Camp #2 (grades 3-9)
	7/13 - 7/18/25	All Ages Camp #3 (grades 3-9)
	7/20 - 7/22/25	S.T.E.A.M. - Summer Camp (grades 3-9)
	7/20 - 7/21/25	'And Me' - Summer Camp (All ages, Adult Guardian 21+)
August	8/3 - 8/8/25	Adventures in Community (ages 18+)

FOR INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER → 

For more information about camps: <https://missourimidsouth.org/camp-moval>

Questions: Contact Katie Beardslee

Church Council Minutes

Below are the unapproved minutes from the April 13, 2025 Church Council Meeting. Minutes will be approved at the next council meeting.

EUCC Council Meeting 4/13/25

Meeting Members: Geoff Shinn, Katie Beardslee, Christy Bock, Matt Roethemeyer, Jimmy McCormack, Layton Beggs

Members absent: Kelly Crawford, Matt Zschille, Pat Holley,

Previous minutes were available for review. Motion for approval of previous minutes made by Layton and seconded by Geoff. Council approved.

Treasurer and Financial written reports were provided by Pat Holley. Will file for audit.

The bank resolutions and officer resolutions were presented. No changes were made. Geoff moved to accept as presented. Matt seconded. Motion passed and copies were signed after the meeting.

Report of Committees

Buildings and grounds report:

Possible Replacement of the rental house roof. The tenant reported a leak after the storms. A short term fix was applied. Check with insurance to see if they will cover any of the cost to replace. Brandon Hill will provide quotes to either replace only the ridge cap or replace the entire roof.

The Clothing Closet shelving was donated by RubberMaid and installed by Matt Roethemeyer for free. The ladies love it.

Audit committee report: None

Rental property: The one year lease ends in Aug.

Clothing Closet: 12 people came on April 12

Stewardship Committee: Auction follow up, working with CBE on the Summer Series. Will meet at the end of the month.

CBE report: Having Easter breakfast & Bingo. Having a summer series instead of VBS which will be held one Sunday in each month of June, July and August.

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 The website was updated with social events. The Confirmation Class made blessing bags for homeless shelters. 1/2 will be delivered to Cape and 1/2 will be delivered to St. Louis.

Old Business

There was discussion about possibly upgrading to a larger dumpster because it is usually full by Thursday after Wednesday's pickup. Council wondered if other businesses are using it or if the public is using it. The public is using the dumpster and we are routinely being charged for overages. Wallace is the only one using it. 2019 is the last time they paid anything towards the cost of the dumpster. Republic Waste was the best option to switch to. Matt motioned to switch to a 4 yard locked bin with Republic and ask other businesses to offer a donation. Katie seconded. Motion passed.

Bookkeeper position - Send to PSRC to make a job description.

Tabled from March minutes: Kelly brought up the question if Congregational Meetings should be streamed. Do the online watchers add to the quorum? Can online viewers vote or ask questions during the meeting. All questions should have to be addressed in the bylaws and a protocol established if another platform is used such as Zoom. Matt said he can stop the church service stream. Start a new stream for the congregational meeting and make it private on YouTube only.

New 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.

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.

Next meeting: May 11, 2025 (Mothers Day)

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 with motion by Geoff, seconded by Jimmy with the Lord's prayer led by Jimmy.

Submitted by: Geoff Shinn, Church Council Secretary

2025 BUDGET		
Annual Budget	Budgeted Contributions Monthly Average	2025 YTD Annual Budget thru Mar '25 (1 Mo)
\$235,086.00	\$19,590.50	\$39,181.00
	Mar '25 MTD Contributions & Other Income	Mar '25 YTD Contributions & Other Income
	\$17,926.23	\$37,802.01
	2025 Mar Excess (Shortfall)	Projected 2025 Annual Budget Shortfall based on Income Thru Mar '25
	(\$1,664.27)	(\$5,515.96)

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

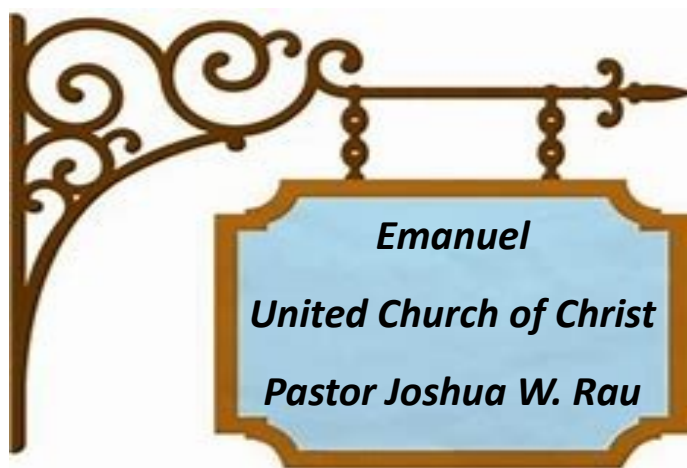
Pat Holley, Treasurer

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL OFFERINGS & DEDICATED FUNDS		
	Contributions in Mar '25	Contributions YTD 2025
UC Funds	\$200.34	\$600.68
Dime-A-Day	\$150.17	\$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

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



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

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