

***Good News!***

**November 2024**

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

**Office Staff:** Debra Hoffmann, Cathy Sievers

**Council President:** Jimmy McCormack



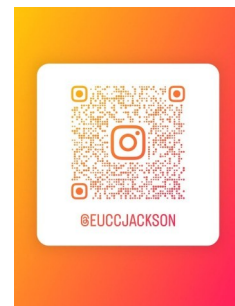
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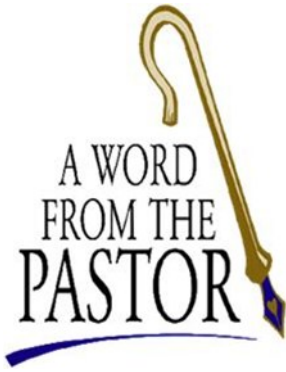
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*God is still speaking,*  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



## Office Hours

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



*18 Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians 5:18)*

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we step into November, we're met with the anticipation of Thanksgiving – a day when we gather with loved ones to reflect on all we have to be thankful for. Yet, Thanksgiving is more than a one-day event; it's an invitation to live in gratitude, day by day. This month, let's turn our hearts and thoughts toward thankfulness, remembering that our blessings come not just in the abundance we see but in the quiet faithfulness of God in every season.

In the Psalms, we're reminded, *"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever"* (Psalm 136:1). Even in times of hardship, God's enduring love is a reason to give thanks. Thanksgiving gives us an opportunity to pause and truly appreciate the constant grace we are given, often unnoticed in the hustle of everyday life.

Thanksgiving reminds us that gratitude is not just a response to blessings but a posture of the heart. When we live with grateful hearts, we become lights in a world that so often forgets to pause and reflect. May this Thanksgiving season bring you peace, joy, and a renewed spirit of thankfulness for all God has done and continues to do. Remember, the gift of gratitude doesn't end with the holiday. May we carry this spirit of thanksgiving into all the days ahead.

For me, I know I have truly been blessed to be here at Emanuel, to be your Pastor! I hope that we share many memories together, share in ministry together and continue to grow in our faith for some time to come. You will see many opportunities for ministry here in this newsletter. All of you make up Emanuel, take time to join us as our church continues to thrive and grow. I am so excited to be welcoming new members this month, for my Celebration of Call and for worshiping with each of you. May God continue to bless Emanuel United Church of Christ and may he bring you blessings in this season of Thanks!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Josh



# Upcoming Events

Fri.	Nov. 1	All Saints Day
Sun.	Nov. 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Faith and Fellowship 9am</li> <li>Worship 10:10am</li> <li><i>All Saints Sunday</i></li> <li>Women's Fellowship Meeting after worship</li> </ul>
Tues.	Nov. 5	Bible Study 6pm
Wed.	Nov. 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meditations from Emanuel</li> <li>Set up Cook Shack for Sausage Supper 3:45pm</li> <li>Choir 6pm</li> <li>Confirmation Class 7pm</li> </ul>
Thurs.	Nov. 7	Bethany Circle 7pm in church parlor
Sat.	Nov. 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clothing Closet open 9-11am</li> <li>Sausage Supper 4-7pm</li> </ul>
Sun.	Nov. 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Faith and Fellowship 9am</li> <li>Worship 10:10am</li> <li><i>New Member Sunday</i></li> </ul>
Wed.	Nov. 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meditations from Emanuel</li> <li>Confirmation Class 7pm</li> </ul>
Thurs.	Nov. 14	Church Council Meeting 6pm
Sun.	Nov. 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Faith and Fellowship 9am</li> <li>Worship 10:10am</li> <li><i>Blessing of the OCC Shoeboxes</i></li> <li>Celebration of Call for Pastor Josh 3pm</li> </ul>
Mon.	Nov. 18	Fellowship Hall reserved for private event
Tues.	Nov. 19	Fellowship Hall reserved for private event
Wed.	Nov. 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meditations from Emanuel</li> <li>Choir Practice 6pm</li> <li>Confirmation Class 7pm</li> </ul>
Thurs.	Nov. 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stewardship Committee Meeting 6pm</li> <li>Prayer Service 7pm</li> </ul>
Sun.	Nov. 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Faith and Fellowship 9am</li> <li>Worship 10:10am</li> <li><i>Family Thank Offering</i></li> <li>Decorate Church for Advent &amp; Christmas after worship</li> </ul>
Thurs.	Nov. 27	<b>Happy Thanksgiving</b> <b>Church office closed</b>



Pastor Josh will be out of his office November 18-21. Pastor Sam will be on call for emergency pastoral care. Debra will be in the church office on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of that week from 9am-3pm.

Weekly Use of Church Facilities	
Every Monday	TOPS 11am
Every Tuesday	Guitar Lessons 1:30-6:30 pm



## Greeters--November

Nov. 3	Mark Statler Brenda Pender
Nov. 10	Dorothy Rowley Earlene Sokolowski
Nov. 17	Paul & Debra Hoffmann
Nov. 24	Mark & Christy Bock
If you would like to serve as a greeter, please contact Louise St. John to get on the schedule.	

## Acolytes & Readers--November

	Acolytes	Reader
Nov. 3	Lincoln Lanie	Lincoln
Nov. 10	Maklain Keagan	Keagan
Nov. 17	Lincoln Lanie	Lanie
Nov. 24	Maklain Keagan	Maklain

**The due date for submissions for the December newsletter is November 19, 2024. Please send submissions to: [office@euccjackson.org](mailto:office@euccjackson.org) or call 573.243.3323.**



## November Birthdays

3	Todd Martin
4	Scott Masterson
4	Matt Zschille
5	Erica Cooper
8	Kevin King
9	Henry Scholl
12	Rachel Hodo
14	Emma Jean Brockmire
15	Doug Turner
16	Karrie Zschille
18	Skyler Hornbeak
18	Lucille Schweer
21	Emilie Wendel
23	Keira Crawford
24	Layla Blechle
25	Stephania Doggett
25	Krissie Scholl
26	Barb Chaney
26	Charles Reinecke
26	Jamie Rosborg
26	Steve Zschille
28	Melba Bailey
29	Becky Nekula



## November Anniversaries

7	Bruce & Alice Benton, 54th
8	Chad & Morgan Hankins, 9th
15	Tom & Marianne Sperling, 55th
18	Larry & Shirley Bock, 35th
18	Mark & Melanie Lutes, 24th
19	Tim & Lori Martin, 36th
28	Jesse & Angela Dunavan, 15th
30	Paul & Debra Hoffmann, 50th



**Dime-a Day Donations**  
as of October 30, 2024  
**\$5,206.49**

## November Scriptures

Nov. 3	Isaiah 25:6-8 Revelation 21:1-6 John 11:32-44
Nov. 10	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44
Nov. 17	1 Samuel 1:4-20 & 2:1-10 Hebrews 10:11-25 Mark 13:1-8
Nov. 24	2 Samuel 23:1-7 Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37

Please pray for the following and their families:

Mary Lou Abernathy, Pat Abernathy, LaDonia Beggs, June Borgfield, Robert Loos, Marvin Peetz, Helen Poston, Alice Quigley, Emilie Wendel



## November 3, 2024

# ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

All Saints' Sunday celebration has a long history in the worship life of the Christian Church. It is a Sunday when we honor and remember those who, in death, have joined the Church Triumphant, as well as the faithful saints of the present who serve Jesus Christ.

In this time, we remember those of our congregation who have died during the past year. Each name will be read, the chime tolled and a candle lit for each. Afterward, there will be an opportunity for anyone in the congregation to come forward to light a candle in memory of someone dear to them.

## November 17, 2024

# Celebration of Call

*Lord, Here I am, Send Me*

The members of Emanuel United Church of Christ, proudly invite you to join us as we celebrate the call of our new pastor

**Joshua W. Rau**

We will celebrate this blessed occasion through worship and Litany of Celebration of Call. Your presence will make this event a memorable experience.

**Sunday, November 17, 2024**

**3:00 pm**



*Clergy and Ministers are invited to wear robes and red stoles. Please arrive by 2:45pm*

## November 10, 2024



★ NEW MEMBER ★

# Sunday

Join us on

**Sunday, November 10, 2024**

as we welcome new members to Emanuel UCC!

Reception to follow worship.

## November 24, 2024



November 21, 2024

**MEDITATIONS  
FROM  
EMANUEL**  
*with Pastor Jesh*



Posted online Wednesday  
mornings on our Facebook and  
YouTube

**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.



Emanuel UCC's Annual

**SAUSAGE  
SUPPER**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9  
4 PM - 7 PM**

**304 EAST ADAMS STREET | JACKSON, MISSOURI**

**\$14 TICKETS**  
\*MAY BE PURCHASED AHEAD OR DAY OF

 **DINE IN  
OR  
CARRY OUT** 



 **PRESALE TICKETS:**  
AVAILABLE  
OCTOBER 20

**ORDER EARLY:**  
RAW AND COOKED  
SAUSAGE AVAILABLE

**QUESTIONS/SAUSAGE SALES:**  
GEOFF  
573-979-4428

# Stewardship Corner

While thinking about upcoming stewardship events at Emanuel, I came across the poem "Our Gifts Are Gifts of Hope" by Ann Weems. It spoke to me about how we strive to be good stewards of the gifts and abilities God has shared with each of us. These are as varied as we are, but can be used in God's service if we are willing. Having said that here are some upcoming events you may wish to participate in.

- November's Food Pantry suggestion in **Sugar**. Cash is always a possibility.
- Special collection to the UCC Disaster Relief Fund. It is interesting to remember they called us the day after our tornado, checking on our building and people. They also have a direct line with manufacturers so your money buys more of needed items, instead of stores markup and transportation costs. This offering will be collected November 10. There will be special envelopes in the bulletin and more information during upcoming announcements.
- The Prayer Shawl group has received a lovely gift of more yarn, if anyone wants to start a new prayer shawl. The yarn as always is in the first Sunday School room at the top of the east stairs in the wooden closet.
- Anyone who would like to learn to crochet can contact Marilee or Alyssa. Also if anyone wants to have a lesson simple quilt making, private lessons can be arranged. These can be used as prayer shawls or quilts for the Safe House.
- Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child due by November 17.
- Anyone from the church can provide a birthday present for the Christ Child. This collection happens in December so watch for more information. But if you see a cute gift for a 3-8 year old child or older you might want to purchase early.
- A table with our Church Cook Books is going to be set up at upcoming events. We are asking for a free-will offering.

*Thanks for all you do!*

*Marilee Roethemeyer and The Stewardship Committee*

## Our Gifts Are Gifts of Hope

Our yearning after God, our hope for a better way creates infinite possibilities

To touch the lives of the untouched  
To reach the hearts of the unreached  
To heal the wounds of the unhealed  
To feed the bodies of the unfed  
To accept the personhood of the unaccepted  
To love the being of the unloved

Our gifts are gifts of hope; O God,  
touch, reach, heal, feed, accept, and love us that  
we might love one another.

*By Ann Weems*



The stewardship committee would like to thank all members of Emanuel UCC for being good stewards this past year. You

have shared the love of God by giving of your time, talents, and resources in helping others.

By sharing God's love, you have found the Joy in serving Jesus. A Joy that throbs within your heart and will never depart.

## Make a Difference

You can make a difference  
Each new day that you live,  
When you walk the road with Jesus  
And of your own self give.

With words that can encourage  
And deeds that can assist,  
You will give birth to little treasures  
That a sad heart cannot resist.

You will help make life worth living  
For a humble, timid soul,  
Who will love you for your kindness  
And your sweet, unselfish role.

*By Catherine Janssen Irwin*

*Thanks for all you do!*

*Dorothy Rowley and The Stewardship Committee*



# December Events

ST. JOHN'S  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
INVITES YOU TO

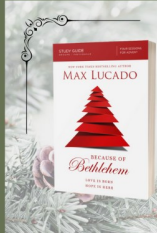
## Advent Sing 2024

December 1, 2024 6:30 pm

781 St Hwy FF, Jackson, Mo  
Please submit songs to  
stjohnsfruitland1877@gmail.com  
573-275-2824  
Refreshments to Follow

## BIBLE STUDY

DECEMBER 4, 11, 18 2024  
6:00 PM



Because of  
Bethlehem...  
we have a place on  
earth and a Savior in  
heaven.

Join us as we make our way to Bethlehem this Advent season.  
We will gather for Max Lucado's "Because of Bethlehem" study.

HOSTED BY THE JACKSON MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE AND EMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST


## Live NATIVITY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5  
6:00 - 8:00 pm  
304 EAST ADAMS STREET, JACKSON, MO

**FREE EVENT**

Visit the Live Nativity, listen to carols from area churches, and  
enjoy delicious refreshments.

Fun and fellowship to jumpstart the Christmas Season!  
\*\*\*Non-perishable food items will be happily accepted for  
the Food Pantry.



EMANUEL UCC'S  
ANNUAL POP-UP SHOP

## HOLIDAY MARKET

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7  
10 AM TO 2 PM



## Advent and Christmas at Emanuel

### JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Mid-Week Worship using *Holden Evening Prayer*  
Wednesday Evenings December 4, 11, 18  
7 PM in the Chapel

December 24 ~ Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion  
10:30 pm in the Sanctuary

December 25 ~ Christmas Day  
Worship with Holy Communion  
10:10 am in the Sanctuary

### YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUESTED FOR

Advent Sing ~ December 1  
6:30 pm at St. John UCC ~ Fruitland, MO

Live Nativity ~ December 5  
6-8 pm on the church lawn

Birthday Party for Jesus ~ December 8  
Following Worship

Christmas at the Parsonage ~ December 15  
1:00-5:00 pm at the Parsonage



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# Operation Christmas Child



## BUILD A SHOEBOX

Help a boy or girl in the far reaches of the world hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. **Shoeboxes are available in the Old Fellowship Hall.** Suggested gift items are shown on the list to the right.

*EUCC Project Leaders:* Heather Beggs, Morgan Hoffman and Clara Beggs

## Gift Suggestions

<b>A "WOW" Item</b> Small backpack Soccer ball and pump Stuffed animal Toy Hobby kit	<b>Personal Care Items</b> Toothbrush Washcloth Comb and brush Nail clipper and file Water bottle Flashlight
<b>Games &amp; Activities</b> Puzzles Coloring books Dry watercolor set Binoculars and compass Jump rope Stickers Games	<b>Toys</b> Small ball Building blocks or Legos Slinky or yo-yo Toy cars Plastic animals Interactive toys Other small toys & figures
<b>School Supplies</b> Pencils, erasers, pens Crayons Colored pencils Markers Notebooks Index cards Scissors Ruler Glue Stick Drawstring Bag	<b>DO NOT INCLUDE</b> Food, candy or gum Toothpaste Used or damaged items Scary or war-related items Wearable camouflage Seeds or organic matter Liquids Medication Money Breakable items Matches, aerosols Knives or razor blades
<b>Clothing &amp; Accessories</b> Flip-flops or shoes Sunglasses Hat Clothing & undergarments Winter cap, scarf, mittens	<b>Box Dimensions:</b> <i>Cardboard</i> 12x7x4.38 inches <i>Plastic</i> 13x7.5x4.7 inches

A full printed list of Gift Suggestions is available in the vestibule.

# Shoebox Dedication

## November 17

Emanuel United Church of Christ ~ Stewardship Committee

# FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

November food item is

## Sugar

Each month we will be collecting for the Jackson Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry

## FAMILY THANK OFFERING

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

The annual "Family Thank Offering" will be taken on Sunday, November 24.

Along with this special offering we are also going to be collecting canned goods. The offering and the canned goods will be donated to the Jackson Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry.

Your participation in this endeavor will be greatly appreciated.



## Women's Ministries



### Bethany Circle

Bethany Circle members and guest-Pastor Josh gathered in the church parlor for the October 4 meeting.

Joys and concerns were shared followed by the opening prayer offered by Pres. Debra Hoffmann. Members answered roll call by reflecting on a favorite Halloween memory.

Treasurer, Dorothy Rowley, gave a report on the Church Women's United Missouri Women's Prison Kit program that Bethany Circle sponsored. A total of \$400 was received and given to that project.

Upcoming activities at Emanuel were discussed. They include the Sausage Supper on November 9 and a Celebration of Call for Pastor Joshua will be held on Sunday, November 17 at 3 p.m. Also keep in mind the Operation Christmas Child will be held in November. On the 3rd Thursday of each month a prayer service will be held in the chapel at 7 p.m.

Pastor Josh closed the meeting with a meditation and asked how we welcome, witness, and worship; which is our mission statement.

Following a closing prayer, members closed with the Mizpah.

*Respectfully submitted*

*Cathy Sievers Secretary*



### Spice of Life

After filling Band Bags on September 22 following the morning worship, the Spice of Life met for their October business meeting. Minutes were printed in the October newsletter.



### Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship quarterly meeting will be held after worship on November 3, 2024.

## New Church Signs

Pictured below are pictures of a few of the new signs that have been added to the church.



The new main entrance to the church. There is a video doorbell to gain access to the building.



Directory for the lower and upper level as you enter the building.



Outside sign pointing to the main entry door.

# Fall Festival 2024



## Chapel Dedication--October 20, 2024





# Church Council Minutes

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

## **EUCC Council Meeting**

10/13/2024: Meeting before church. Members: Stephania Doggett, Geoff Shinn, Katie Beardslee, Matt Zschille, Pat Holley, Christy Bock, Jimmy McCormack

Members absent: Matt Roethemeyer, Layton Beggs

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

Treasurer and Financial reports given by Pat Holley. Will file for audit.

## **Report of Committees**

Buildings and grounds report: Internet is switching from Spectrum to Circle Fiber this week resulting in improved reliability and cost savings.

The east A/C unit has been repaired.

Audit committee report: All is well. Meet again in December

Rental property: Tenant committed to stay until the end of the school year. We are looking for a digital copy of the lease. If not found, it will be retyped so we don't have to use a whited-out copy of the old one for future tenants.

Clothing Closet: Was open on 10/12.

Adopt a Hwy: Received a letter that the program is ending and we can pick up our sign later in October. MODOT thanked us for keeping the highways clean and suggested organizing a cleanup with local groups.

Stewardship Committee: None

CBE report: Planning Christmas activities.

11/24 Put up Christmas decorations after church

12/5 Live nativity

12/8 Children's program during church service and full meal following

12/15 Christmas open house at the parsonage

Starting praise packs again

For next summer, collect monetary donations rather than school supplies for Back to School drive. Sometimes the students need other items rather than actual supplies.

Next meeting 12/12

Lay Service/ Member Care report: None

Worship report: All is well

Head Usher report: None

Pastor Report with notes from Pastor Josh Rau:

Pat motioned to use undesignated memorial funds to pay for the costs (~<\$1000) associated with completing the chapel and create a plaque listing those memorials used. Geoff 2nd. Motion passed.

Pat motioned to approve new signage for the church as quoted from Sign Art Studio with adding "Elevator to Sanctuary" under the Lower Level column heading. Geoff 2nd. Motion passed.

Katie motioned to approve purchase of 2 new eternal flames for use in the sanctuary and chapel. Matt Z. 2nd.  
Motion passed.

Concerns were brought up about certain areas of the church that are not being cleaned as well as expected. Alys-  
sa Rau is willing to do weekly cleaning of the church and fellowship hall as an independent contractor for the  
same monthly price of \$500 that we are currently getting 2 cleanings per month. Council decided to give the  
cleaning service notice of the specific items that are lacking for a month or two to see if it improves, then a  
decision will be made.

## **Old Business**

### **Congregational Meeting Agenda**

Call to Order

Church Council Elections (3 positions to be filled)

Council nominees:

Jimmy McCormack - run for 2nd term

Katie Beardslee - run for 2nd term

Kelly Crawford

Melanie Lutes

Ann Fields

Shawn Peetz

CBE Election (2 positions to be filled)

Erica Cooper

Kerri Zschille

Budget/financial report

Buildings & Grounds report

Organ repair vote

Parsonage roof repair vote

Conference Delegates (volunteers needed)

## **New Business**

### **PRC Committee report**

Chairman Chris Crawford gave the following report, licensure requirements, and initial license granted to Pastor Josh  
by the Conference.

Council granted permission to the PRC committee to seek input from current staff members in creating complete job  
descriptions.

### **Computer Quote**

Debra Hoffmann and Mike Cooper discussed computer needs and this quote was recommended to the council. Mo-  
tion made by Pat to approve purchase of the computer with the option to purchase a 2nd monitor at Debra's discre-  
tion. Second by Christy. Motion passed. To be purchased from the General Fund as office equipment.

The copier has had 12 service calls this year already whereas it normally averages 2 per year. It is 10 years old. Op-  
tions on replacement are forthcoming from Scheffers.

The parsonage range is not working properly. Council was provided a quote from Kelso Sales & Service for a stainless  
steel electric range and matching microwave that would include a vent and installation at a significant discount to re-  
tail price. Pat motioned to approve the quote and purchase from Kelso. Katie 2nd. Motion passed.

Sausage shed setup will be Wed. Nov 6 at 4:00 PM.

Pastor Josh has accepted a job providing chaplaincy work for Providence House Hospice a couple hours a week as needed. He will not provide it to church members. It will not interfere with work at Emanuel.

Next meeting: Thursday Nov. 14 at 6:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 with motion by Geoff, seconded by Christy with the Lord's prayer led by Jimmy.

*Submitted by: Geoff Shinn, Church Council Secretary*

## **Congregational Meeting Minutes**

Below are the unapproved minutes from the October 20 Congregational Meeting. Minutes will be approved at the next congregational meeting in February.

### **October Congregational Meeting 10/20/24**

Council President, Jimmy McCormack called the meeting to order at 11:15.

Pastor Josh led the congregation in prayer.

#### **Church Council Elections (3 positions to be filled)**

Council nominees:

Jimmy McCormack - run for 2nd term  
Katie Beardslee - run for 2nd term  
Kelly Crawford  
Melanie Lutes  
Ann Fields  
Shawn Peetz

Jimmy asked for nominees from the floor. There were none, so everyone was instructed to vote. Ballots were collected and counted. Jimmy McCormack, Katie Beardslee and Kelly Crawford were elected.

Christian Board of Education (2 Positions to be filled)

Erica Cooper  
Karrie Zschille

Jimmy asked for nominees from the floor. There were none, so both nominees were elected.

#### **Budget/Financial**

Pat Holley thanked the budget committee for their input on the 2025 budget. Personnel expenses increased due to having a full time pastor and increasing staff pay. Motion to accept the budget was made by Dennis McCormack. Second by Paul Hoffman. Motion passed.

#### **Buildings & Grounds**

Matt Roethemeyer thanked Mike Cooper for installing the new phone system and announced we were switching to Circle Fiber for improved service and cost savings. He also thanked Steve Zschille for installing a video doorbell at the archway doors that has a magnetic lock that can be operated from the office. He also thanked Josh Holcomb for electrical work that he performed. The City of Jackson fixed the sidewalk at the NE corner of Ohio and E. Adams.

Parsonage roof - A quote was received from Hunter & Co to replace the entire shingle roof (ca. 2003) and rebuild the back porch decking for \$10,705.74. This can be paid from either the Seabaugh Fund or Dime a Day fund. Motion to approve made by Erica Cooper. 2nd by Emma Brockmire. Motion passed.

Organ repair - Matt explained that the organ has never been cleaned and the Schwimmer valve and reed stop needs fixed. There were 2 options proposed. Motion was made by Shirley McCormack to approve the second option for \$36,549 that would be paid entirely with memorial funds designated from the Patsy Voshage Estate. 2nd by Cathy Sievers. Motion passed.

Matt informed everyone that if they see something around church that needs attention, let him know so he can either fix it or find someone who can. Emma Brockmire asked for someone with a power washer to clean the porch and back wall of the Clothing Closet.

### **Conference Delegate**

Alyssa Rau volunteered as the Conference Delegate for the October 2024 and 2025 meeting. Pastor Josh described delegate responsibilities. No other volunteers were found. Alyssa gave a report on the Conference Meeting. The outdoor ministries was a major topic. Tambo was sold and some of the money was allocated to maintain Camp Mo-Val and Shannondale. Mo-Val is also converting from a year round camp to only May-Oct. Other items on the agenda were tabled because the Conference didn't follow its own by-laws and didn't give enough notice.

Motion to adjourn made by Mark Statler. Second by Paul Hoffmann.

Closed with a prayer by Pastor Josh at 11:48 a.m.

*Submitted by Geoff Shinn, Church Council Secretary*