

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

October 2026 Newsletter



October is Pastor
Appreciation month

Praying the
SCRIPTURES
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October 4

Exodus 20:1-4

October 11

Philippians 4:1-9

October 18

1 Thess 1:1-10

October 25

Matthew 22:34-46

Mission Opportunities

Neighbors in Need Offering the month of October this offering is for the United Church of Christ wider mission (OCWM)

Neighbors in Need

Neighbors in Need funds justice ministries engaged in advocacy and direct support. One-third of the offering supports the Council for American Indian Ministries, comprising over 20 Native congregations and over 1,000 individuals in the UCC, and two-thirds funds justice efforts in the National Ministries. This includes a Neighbors in Need grant program that provides funding to UCC congregations and partners for projects that address immediate needs, create advocacy campaigns, and establish innovative justice programs.

Women's Outreach October 19 at 1:00

We will be meeting at Gene and Dottie Long's Country House on Stoodt Rd. for fun, fellowship and food.

The Women's Outreach would like to thank all who donated to the Hygiene Kits

Fall Festivities Day

SATURDAY, October 24

**Food, Trunk or Treat FROM
4-6PM**



October 25 - Worship and then a work day

Following worship there will be pizza, bring a side and then we will be working around the church. Bring a rake, cleaning supplies, we will be working outside and in.



October



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wed. Thurs. Friday Sat.

October Birthday's				1 Jared Burkholder	2	3 John Sommers
4 Worship 10:30am Communion Noisy collection	5	6	7	8	9 Amy New	10 Nancy Steiner Sawyer Fruchey
11 Worship 10:30am Chad Parkins	12 Consistory 6:30pm Randy Matter	13	14	15 Onalee Schepler	16 Erin Burkholder Brian Kiene	17 Jane Agner
18 Worship 10:30am	19 Women's Outreach 1:00pm Colton Fruchey Canda Schmutz	20 Ron Luginbuhl	21	22	23	24 Fall Festivities Day 2-4
25 Worship 10:30 Work day	26 Hank Neeper	27	28 Kendra Cottrell	29	30 Rachel Mummert	31

November reminders:

November 1 – All Saints Day

Start collecting for Harvest Home

November 8 – **Annual Meeting**

November 15 – Recognize Veterans

November 22 – Harvest Home Dedication

News from the conference - **Templed Hills Is Now Sold!**

Dear Heartland Conference Family and Friends,

After a two-year process of working to sell our beloved Templed Hills, following the decision made in the fall of 2024, I wanted to let you know the sale is now complete, and we have received the funds. We received a total of \$2,657,359.00 from the two auctions.

From the Consistory:

NOTE: We are looking for people to serve on consistory. If you have an interest or want to know more about the elder or deacon positions, please talk to any of the consistory members.

Consistory Members 2026

Elders: Jaret Geiser, Kelli Fruchey, Erin Stark, Nick Shepler

Deacons: Sara Music, Jane Agner, Doug Oberly, Kim Worcester

"There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body... You are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of it." 1 Corinthians 12: 12,27

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