WEEKLY E-NEWS
November 12, 2026

EMMANUEL
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Webster Groves, MO

HELPFUL LINKS

Bulletin for 25th Sunday After Pentecost, November 15
Liturgical Participants for Sunday
Prayers of the Parish
November Birthdays and Anniversaries
Emmanuel on YouTube ***at 9:30am***

If you have a name tag, please wear it!
If you need a name tag, let an usher know!

CALENDAR

November 14
9:00am - Fall Cleanup Day

November 15 - Stewardship In-Gathering
8:00am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:30am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:30am - Coffee and Conversation
10:45am - Christian Formation - Building and Safety Tour

November 18
4:00pm - International Students Dinner
6:00pm - Host - Alan and Stephanie Jeude
- Menu - King Ranch Casserole, Stuffed Bell Pepper Casserole, Macaroni and Cheese and Salad

6:30pm - Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:05pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal

STEWARDSHIP 2027

Thank you to all of our Stewardship Campaign speakers! Their words of encouragement are linked before:

- **Tricia Copeland** - A story of hope, stewardship, and "planting" for the future
- **Pam Penrose** - Her reflections on 38 years of stewardship campaigns
- **Linnet Early-Husi** - The importance of the stability and support that Emmanuel provides to its parishioners as a second home



- Laura McLaughlin - The restorative effect of religion, and Emmanuel, on our bodies and spirits

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How do I pledge?
Starting this Sunday, Oct 18, Physical pledge cards will be available in every pew as well as in the narthex. Please fill out these pledge cards and either place them in the collection plate or return it to the office (in person or by mail). If you are not able to make it to church please contact **the office** and we can mail you one.

You can also fill out an online pledge card, **found here**, or by scanning the QR code to the right.

At our Stewardship Ingathering Sunday, November 15, we will ask everyone to bring their card to church to be blessed. Vestry members will also hand out cards for those who already pledged or have questions about pledging. They will be collected and blessed as well.

How Do I Contribute to My Pledge?
Contributing to your pledge is just like making a donation to any non-profiled fund at Emmanuel! We accept cash, checks, and credit card or ACH contributions.

- Cash: Place your contribution in an envelope marked “2027 Pledge” and include your name.
- Check: Make your check payable to Emmanuel Episcopal Church and write “2027 Pledge” in the memo line.
- Credit Card/ACH: You can make a one-time gift or schedule recurring contributions throughout the year through our **online giving portal**.

A quick reminder for online giving: When setting up your pledge, be sure to select both a start date and an end date so your contributions don’t continue beyond 2027. For a full-year pledge, use January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2027.

*If you already have a recurring pledge scheduled without an end date, please end that schedule before setting up a new one. Contact **Elliot** with any questions or concerns.*

THIS WEEK AT EEC

Puerto Rico Youth Service Trip
Calling all families with current 6th through 12th graders AND any former youth group members that missed out on mission trips due to the pandemic!



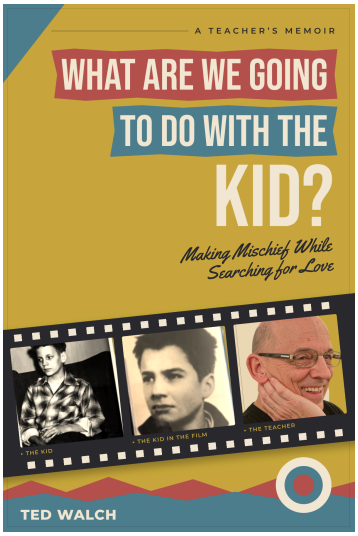
- Our youth group faith, fellowship, and service Puerto Rico trip dates will be within June 1–10/11 and will include a modest amount of pre-trip participation to prepare together.
- Exact travel dates and plans have not been finalized. We will be traveling for about 5 or 6 days total within that window.
- There will be a cost per person still TBD (hopefully modest and likely less than $500 each) based on final numbers, flights, and funds raised/allocated.

Our partners in Puerto Rico need solid numbers and dates approximately 6-8 months in advance (that is this month)!

Please respond to this interest survey **by Nov 14.** *Note: We are asking all families of youth these ages to fill the survey out even if not participating in the trip to confirm either*

way.

Help Get a Book Published
Ted Walch, Charlie Walch's late uncle, needs Emmanuel's support! Ted wrote a book titled *What Are We Going to Do with the Kid?* and needs additional pre-orders to make publication a reality.



Please take a moment to read the blurb below and visit the book's website. Consider supporting Ted's work by placing a pre-order and helping bring his book to life.

- **Pre-order the book here!**

What it's about
This is a teacher's memoir about the kid we used to be, and the people who help that kid become who they are.

For Ted Walch, that search goes back to a boy in Sedalia, Missouri, who lost his mother young. It runs through decades in the classroom, and through a French film about a misunderstood teenager that he taught to generations of students.

A visit from a former student, years after graduation, was what finally sent Ted looking. At 71, he started following the question backward — to the film, to his own childhood, and to the students who had been teaching him something in return. ***This book is what he found.***

FROM LAST WEEK

Fall Cleanup Day - Nov 14
Please join us for our Annual Fall Cleanup Day on Saturday, November 14, starting at 9:00 AM. All ages are welcome!



We will be raking leaves, pruning dead limbs, weeding, and taking care of other seasonal cleanup tasks. If you have them, please bring gloves, leaf rakes, leaf blowers, pruning shears, and pruning saws.

Donuts will be provided!

Firewood for the Elders
Firewood for the Elders is a program of Rosebud Episcopal Mission in South Dakota. Firewood for the Elders provides funds for propane bills and firewood, enough to carry a family over until other resources can be found. Emmanuel has supported Rosebud Mission and the Lakota people for 20+ years through donations and mission trips.



Donations can be made online, **found here**. Physical donations can be made at the Community Thanksgiving Service. See the below flyer for more details.

Upcoming Website Changes

We will be moving our website to a new hosting platform beginning in December. There will be no changes to how you access or interact with our website.



The new platform will provide the office with better tools to improve our website at a lower cost than our current hosting service.

The only action required from you will be to create a new website account. Instructions for setting up your account will be provided in future newsletters.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



Winter Clothing Drive for the International Student
Please donate gently used clothing for our international student population. Many of them do not have the resources to purchase winter clothing and come from countries where they are not used to the cold. Donations will be accepted from Halloween (Oct 31) to Thanksgiving (Nov 26). Please place all donations in the blue bins found in the parish hall and Narthex.

Here are some suggestion of items to donation:

- Hats, scarves, gloves and mittens
- New warm socks
- Sweaters, hoodies and sweatshirts
- Thermal wear and warm pajamas
- Winter boots and shoes
- Blankets and sleeping bags

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Emmanuel Memorial Garden Update
Most of you have walked by the Memorial Garden and maybe you've wondered about it and have questions. Or maybe you didn't realize it is a sacred burial space. Earlier this year, a memorial garden committee was formed to consider expansion options, landscape design upgrades needed, maintenance needed and policy review. Members of the memorial garden committee will provide an update on their work this year at Christian formation.



DIOCESAN NEWS AND EVENTS

The 2026 Edition of Proclaim Is Here
Proclaim 2026, the annual magazine of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, is now available. This year's theme, Go, celebrates our calling to move beyond the walls of our churches and carry Christ's love into the world. Through stories of faith, service, community, and transformation, this edition shows the many ways our congregations and ministries are answering that call.

Go in Peace. Go in Hope. Go in Love.



Read and download the full edition here

Our building and food center is open Monday-Friday
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