

WEEKLY E-NEWS

October 16th, 2025



EMMANUEL
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Webster Groves, MO



HELPFUL LINKS

[Bulletin for 19th Sunday After Pentecost, October 19th](#)
[Liturgical Participants for Liturgical Participants for Sunday](#)
[Prayers of the Parish](#)
[October 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

October 17th

9:30am - Luncheon Meals for the Fountain Park Neighborhood

October 19th

8:00am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9:30am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:45am - Christian Education and Formation - The Importance of Church and Community in Helping People in Mental Distress

10:45 - FaithQuest and Youth Group (Classrooms)

October 22nd - Special Confirmation Service

4:00pm - International Student's Dinner

5:00pm - Old Testament Bible Study

5:30pm - Fellowship Dinner - Charlie Walch and MOE

- Pork Tenderloin with Rosemary Marmalade Glaze, Baked Potatoes, and Green Bean Almondine

6:30pm - Confirmation and Receptions Special Service

7:30pm - Reception

October 25th

8:30am - Racial Unity Bus Tour

STEWARDSHIP 2026



As we enter this season of reflection and gratitude at Emmanuel, we give thanks for the many ways God's love has been revealed among us. Through worship, fellowship, outreach, and care for one another, our parish continues to be a place where the light of Christ shines brightly.

Each year, our annual stewardship drive invites us to prayerfully consider how we can support the mission and ministry of Emmanuel Episcopal. Stewardship is not simply about meeting a budget; it is about responding with joy and faith to the gifts God has entrusted to us. Your continued generosity sustains our worship, strengthens our ministries, maintains our historic building, and enables us to serve our neighbors in Webster and beyond in Christ's name.

We invite each of you to join in making a monetary pledge for 2026. Please prayerfully consider this moment and the future that we can create together in the upcoming year. Your pledge as well as your vision for 2026 is important. Every gift, no matter the size, is a vital part of our shared witness to the Gospel. Together, we can continue building a community of hope, compassion, and love.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and for all the ways you give of your time, talent, and treasure. May God bless you and your household in this season and always.

Peace,

Your stewardship chair
John Long

How do I pledge?

Every Sunday until our Stewardship Ingathering, members of your vestry will be handing out pledge cards in the narthex prior to the service. 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 16, we will ask everyone to bring their card to the altar to be blessed. **We will have all cards already turn in at the altar ready to be blessed.**

How do I contribute to my pledge?

Like you would donate to any non-profile! Emmanuel is equipped to take cash, checks, and CC/ACH contributions.

- **Cash:** Please put it in an envelope marked "2026 Pledge" with your name. You can find envelopes in the pews.
- **Check:** Write checks to Emmanuel Episcopal Church and please put "2026 Pledge" in the memo line.
- **CC/ACH:** Can be setup as a one-time gift or ongoing throughout the year using our online giving portal. [It can be found here!](#)

When setting up your pledge giving through our online giving portal, make sure to set a start date and end date. Otherwise, your pledge will keep going past 2026. A typical start date and end date would be 1/1/2026 to 12/31/2026.

If you already have a scheduled pledge without an end date, please make sure to end it before setting up a new pledge. Contact [Elliot](#) if you need help with this process.

THIS WEEK AT EEC

A poster for a Halloween event. The background is dark blue with a full moon in the top left, clouds, and several bats flying in the top right. The title "PUMPKIN CARVING AND VESPERS SERVICE" is in large, bold, orange letters. Below it, the date and time "29 OCTOBER 6:00 PM" are in smaller orange letters. The text "Bring a pumpkin to carve. Carving supplies provided." is in white. Below that, "Share a memento of your loved one on our Ofrenda shrine." is in white. Then, "Costumes welcome." and "Dinner is served at 6:00." are in white. Finally, "Vespers service will be in the Memorial Garden at approximately 7:00." is in white. At the bottom, there are two black wrought-iron gates with colorful Mexican paper flags strung across them. A glowing jack-o'-lantern sits on the ground between the two gates.

PUMPKIN CARVING AND VESPERS SERVICE
29 OCTOBER 6:00 PM

Bring a pumpkin to carve. Carving supplies provided.

Share a memento of your loved one on our Ofrenda shrine.

Costumes welcome. Dinner is served at 6:00.

Vespers service will be in the Memorial Garden at approximately 7:00.

Costumes are welcome but not required. We will have masks to color for those who want a simple costume. Ms. Lauren will lead us in some special Halloween songs.



PLEASE JOIN US

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

FELLOWSHIP DINNER 5:30

WORSHIP 6:30

CAKE RECEPTION 7:15

**Emmanuel Episcopal Church
9 S. Bompert Ave
Webster Groves, MO 63119**

Confirmation and Reception Special Service

Rev. Deon, our Bishop, will be visiting us this coming Wednesday, Oct 22nd for a special confirmation and reception service. There is a fellowship dinner beforehand, hosted by Charlie Walch and MOE, at 5:30pm, followed by the service at 6:30pm. Afterwards there will be a reception in the parish hall.

The Bishop will be confirming and receiving 10 parishioners at this service. They are listed below. Congratulations to all of our friends and family as they take the next step in their journey in faith!

- Catherine Piper Ludwig ~ Confirmation
- Patrick Stephenson ~ Confirmation
- Sofia Mancini ~ Confirmation
- Cindy Reeg ~ Reception
- Rob Reeg ~ Reception
- Sheryl Bonsett ~ Confirmation
- Patty Morrow ~ Reception

- Dana Dickerson ~ Confirmation
- Logan Gregston ~ Confirmation
- Coral Reyes ~ Confirmation

FROM LAST WEEK

The Feast of All Saints

On Sunday, November 2nd, we will celebrate the Feast of All Saints, also known as All Saints' Day. On this solemn day, we honor all the saints in heaven, both known and unknown, who have lived lives of faith, hope, and love. Services on that Sunday will begin with a litany of saints; try to see how many you know!



At the conclusion of the 9:30 am service we will gather in the Memorial Garden to read the names of loved ones no longer here; our personal Saints. If you would like to have the name of your loved ones read, [please fill out this online form](#). **Names are due by Oct 27th.**

DONATE BLOOD IN HONOR OF TYSON KNAPP

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

9 S BOMPART AVE 63119

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

2:00 PM – 6:00 PM



**Please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org
and enter sponsor code TEAMTYSON to schedule an appointment.
Receive a \$10 e-gift card!**

Welcome to Team Tyson! We are a group of family and friends who love and support Tyson Knapp. Tyson was a sophomore at Mizzou who loved his family, friends, a great game of baseball or basketball, chocolate chip cookies, and of course, his beloved dog, Bailey. Known for his ability to light up a room, Tyson had a way of making those around him feel seen, supported, and loved. Whether he was helping a teammate through a tough time, lifting up a fraternity brother, or loving his family, Tyson's compassion and positivity left a lasting impact. This world is a better place because of Tyson, and we can each honor him by participating in this act of kindness. Thank you!!

TEAM TYSON

JUSTICE AND EQUITY

On **Sunday, October 19 before and after the 9:30 am service**, Margaret Rowe will be outside at a table to collect signatures for a referendum proposed by Citizens' Veto Against Gerrymandering to put on the ballot in 2026. Margaret will also be at **Wednesday night dinner on October 22.**

On both occasions, Margaret will have a second

petition intended to strengthen the Missouri constitution to allow citizens to continue doing initiative petitions, basically, keeping the provisions the same as they are currently. Margaret can provide additional information for anyone who is uncertain or curious. Presenting these petitions does not mean that Emmanuel endorses either petition. The Justice & Equity team's role is to inform you of advocacy and justice issues.

On a similar note, we'd like to inform you of a website recently established by the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri related to Justice issues: [MOChristian.org](https://mochristian.org). If you visit the site, click on the ["Issues" tab](#) and you will be directed to information that various people and organizations in the diocese are advocating for or involved in.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL

Winter Weather

CLOTHING DRIVE

TO BENEFIT WEBSTER
UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

**COATS, HATS, GLOVES, SCARVES,
HOODIES, SWEATERS (NEW OR
GENTLY USED PLEASE)**

**Please drop items at Emmanuel.
Monday-Friday from 9:00-2:00
or Sunday from 8:00-11:30. All
items are due by November 16.**

Winter Weather Clothing Drive

The international student population that Emmanuel serves often comes to our country without the proper clothing. Please help them out this winter by donating your new or gently used winter clothing. One item often forgotten about is socks. Warm winter socks would be a perfect donation item!

Also, we are collecting coupons for Great Clips (or similar hair places) to help with international student's hair care. The cost of a haircut is about \$20 now; an amount too high for some of our international student's. Coupons can help

to make this basic hygiene service more affordable.

Please put all donations in the blue bins found in the narthex and parish hall.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL GET YOUR DOCS IN A ROW

It is difficult to think about the end of our lives. Yet, planning for the future can ease the burden on your loved ones and can ensure your wishes are honored.

10:45 AM

OCT 19 & 26

FREE TO ATTEND

- ☒ plan for illness/end of life
- ☒ opportunity to ask questions
- ☒ helpful handouts

On October 19, Mike Fowlkes, co-author of *Season of Transition*, will talk with us about closing the business affairs of a loved one. On October 26, Alan Jeude will talk with us about his experience using an end of life doula for a loved one.



BRING A FRIEND OR RELATIVE!



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DIOCESAN NEWS AND EVENTS

Diocesan Convention Speaker Announced!

The Episcopal Diocese of Missouri is delighted to announce that Dr. Catherine Meeks, acclaimed scholar, author, and spiritual leader, will join us as the keynote speaker for our 186th Diocesan Convention.

Dr. Meeks is the founder of Turquoise and Lavender: An Institute for Transformation and Healing and the former executive director of the Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing. With a career spanning decades of prophetic teaching and community work, she has become one of the nation's most compelling voices for racial healing, spiritual renewal, and justice.

[Read more about Dr. Meeks here.](#)



Our building and food center is open Monday-Friday
from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm.
Please call or email for more information about any of our offerings.
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