

# The MUD Church

*Emanuel United Church of Christ*

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## *At the Corner of Corn and Beans*

The very first Christians had no traditions, no direction, no handbook or written instructions. Jesus was gone, so they couldn't ask him what to do. They had to start from scratch in creating the beginnings of the church. The only positive is that no one could say, "That's how we've always done it."

In the book of Acts, we find the stories of how the early church began to come into being. **Acts 2:42-47** has become the basis for our ministry at The Mud Church:

focuses on growth, and getting people in the seats on Sunday morning, will die. The church that focuses on mission, and caring for one another and the people of the community, will grow.

Like the first Christians described in Acts, the people of The Mud Church have focused on spreading the word of God through acts of love. The pages of this newsletter will show some of the things we've been doing to fulfill Christ's commandment to find new followers.

In a time when Emanuel's

Women's Guild is selling a recipe book to raise money for their work in the church and community, it is entirely appropriate to thank God for the ingredients of a thriving church.

We invite you to join us at The Mud Church, where no matter who you are or where you are on life's

journey, you are welcome here.

- Pastor Jay



"The church that focuses on growth will die. The church that focuses on mission will grow." ~ Pastor Jay Scott

***"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."***  
***Acts 2:42-47***

As far as I'm concerned, this brief portion of the Bible is the recipe for a thriving church. The church that

## *Emanuel Raising Money For Disaster Relief*

Emanuel United Church of Christ – The Mud Church – is collecting monetary donations for disaster relief in the wake of Hurricanes Helene and Milton. *See Raising Money, page 2...*



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## Raising Money for Disaster Relief –

*continued...*

The church has pledged a generous donation, and the public is invited to make a contribution to make the total even greater. Proceeds will be split between Samaritan's Purse and the American Red Cross. Both of these organizations have volunteers on the ground in the affected areas, and are providing much needed assistance to those affected by the disasters.

## How to Donate:

Visit [www.themudchurch.com](http://www.themudchurch.com) and click on "Give." In the choices for your gift, click on "Disaster Relief," and follow the instructions from there to donate online.

Mail a check to:

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and write "Disaster Relief" on the note line of the check. Please have your donation to us by October 31.

## MOMCO OF TRINITY EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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clothes and **NEW** or  
**HANDMADE** blankets  
for hurricane victims

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daytime business hours

\*NEW items only please



## Blessing of the Harvest



We celebrated Blessing of the Harvest Sunday on September 22.

Pastor Jay Scott followed up his sermon in the spring about seeds and planting with stories of harvest on his family's farm. Sunday School teacher Joan Wolfe presented a special message for the kids, and local farmer Don Wilson explained how his combine works. Refreshments after the worship service consisted of home grown and homemade food.

## Heritage Sunday

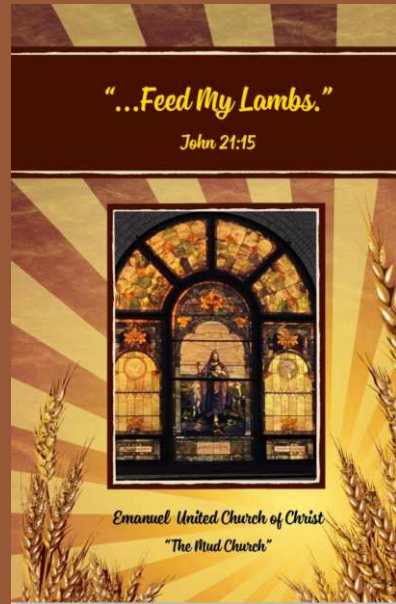
Sunday, October 13, was our annual Heritage Sunday. We honored our 50-year members, celebrated Holy Baptism, and Pastor Jay delivered a special message discussing the history of the church and how similar our church is to the early church in the Book of Acts. Following the service, we enjoyed homemade stew cooked over a fire, and took a nice long hayride.



# Cookbook Sales

The Emanuel Women's Guild is excited to announce the sale of our church cookbook! With contributions from our church family, we have compiled over 300 recipes to share with you. Inside, you'll find

cherished classics, new favorites, and a sprinkle of love and laughter throughout the pages.



The cookbooks are available for \$15 each and can be purchased at Coons Candy and Creekside Boutique. Additionally, on November 2nd, you can stop by Beca House Coffee Company from 8:00 a.m. to Noon, or visit the church during our blood drive to purchase your copy.

For further arrangements, feel free to call or email the church to pick up your cookbooks.

Thank you so much for supporting the Women's Guild and our year-round missions.

LIGHT THE  
ADVENT  
WREATH

*Emanuel will hold its annual  
Christmas Eve Worship Service  
Tuesday, December 24  
7:00 p.m.*



**Advent**, the season of preparation for Christmas, begins on Sunday, December 1. Each Sunday during Advent we light a candle on the Advent wreath. Scripture readings and sermons will feature the stories that we need to hear as we anticipate the birth of the Christ-child.



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**Saturday, November 2, 2024  
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**