

The MUD Church

Emanuel United Church of Christ

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At the Corner of Corn and Beans

February floods in Kentucky and Tennessee have brought dramatic photos and videos to the forefront recently. If you've never been through a flood, it can be difficult to imagine what it's like. Long before I entered the ministry, I worked for the American Red Cross – in the local office in Bucyrus, and on temporary disaster relief assignments around the country. I have seen firsthand the devastation of wild weather, and the grief and heartbreak that goes along with a disaster. It is my experience in disaster relief, I suppose, that has shaped my desire to help people.

In this issue of the Mud Church's Neighborhood Newsletter, we are asking everyone to participate in our annual mission project of assembling and donating disaster clean-up kits and hygiene kits. These kits are distributed by the Heartland Conference of the United Church of Christ to areas around the state that are hit by a flood. The hygiene kits often end up in evacuation shelters.

When I talk about disasters I'm always reminded of a story about a flooded town, and a man stranded on his rooftop. The man was a devoted believer in God, and was not worried about being stranded. One by one he received offers of rescue – from a helicopter, and two boats, even! The man turned down all offers of help saying, "The Lord will save me, go on to someone else!" When the man died and went to the pearly gates, he said, "Lord, I was devoted to you and was a good disciple of Jesus. Why didn't you save me?" To which the Lord replied, "I sent you two boats and a helicopter. Why are you here?"

*"God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble"*

– Psalm 46:1-2

It is impossible to be fully prepared for everything, but we can work together to be prepared for some things. God is always prepared to provide us with help, even when it means making it possible for us to help ourselves. I encourage you to join the Mud Church in our disaster kit project. Thank you.

- Pastor Jay



Prayer Breakfast for the National Day of Prayer

Date: May 1, 2025

Place: John Stewart
Methodist Church

Donations will go to Open Door

See back page for
more details

Neighborhood Mission Project! All Invited To Help!

Create a Clean-up Kit and/or a Hygiene Kit to be given to disaster victims in Ohio or nearby areas. Kits can be dropped off at the church on Sunday mornings, or on Wednesday, April 16 from 5pm to 7pm. This is a great project for kids/families, 4-H clubs, FFA, and other organizations! (Approximate cost for one clean-up kit is \$75.)



Hygiene Kits



- 1-gallon resealable plastic bag
- Washcloth
- Toothbrush (in original packing)
- Fingernail or toenail clipper (packaging removed)
- Bath-size bar of soap (in original packaging)
- Travel-size deodorant (3.4 oz. or less, non-aerosol)
- Travel-size lotion (3.4 oz. or less, fragrance-free, NEW only)
- Travel-size shampoo (3.4 oz. or less, NEW only)
- Travel-size toothpaste (3.4 oz. or less, expiration date of 1 year)
- Sturdy wide-tooth comb (6" minimum teeth, packaging removed)

All items need to fit inside a one-gallon Ziploc type bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing.

Value: \$15.00

Support the Shipping & Processing

Fund: \$2.00 per kit

Disaster Kits



- One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid (If reused, please scrub clean. Do not use a bucket that has held chemicals of any kind. Brand labels on the outside are acceptable)
- Five scouring pads (No stainless steel or pads with soap in them. Remove from packaging)
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush (With or without handle)
- 18 reusable, lightweight multipurpose cleaning towels (Not paper towels. Remove from packaging)
- One 16-34oz bottle of liquid dish soap (antibacterial preferred)
- One 12-40oz bottle of liquid concentrate household cleaner that can be mixed with water (No spray bottles)
- One 50-100 ft clothesline (Cotton or plastic line)
- Five dust masks (N95 particulate respirator dust masks preferred; No surgical masks)
- Two pairs of heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (Latex-free preferred. Durable for multiple use. Remove from packaging)
- One pair of heavy-duty, reusable work gloves (Such as Nitrile, cotton with leather palm, or all leather)
- 20-28 heavy-duty or contractor-type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll (Remove from packaging)

All cleaning items must be new and all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened. Place all items into the bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment. Snap the lid on tight and seal with packing tape.

Worship/Activity Schedule During Lent

The Mud Church has added a couple of events to our usual schedule for the season of Lent. Lent is a 40-day period of reflection and preparation for Easter. It is a time of prayer, fasting, and worship.



Sunday, March 2 – “Quinquagesima,” otherwise known as “Pork Sunday,” is a day of eating meat in preparation for celebratory fasting during Lent. Our post-worship fellowship will include a buffet of pork products.

Tuesday, March 4 – “Shrove Tuesday,” otherwise known as “Fat Tuesday,” is a day of indulgence right before the Lenten season of sacrifice. We will host a pancake supper from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Guests are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be given to local food banks.

Wednesday, March 5 – “Ash Wednesday” worship at 7:00 p.m. We will gather in solemn worship and experience the Imposition of Ashes, and Holy Communion.

Sunday, April 13 – “Palm Sunday.” During Sunday morning worship we will celebrate the Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, which the Gospels say included Him riding on a donkey on a street covered with palm branches.

Thursday, April 17 – “Maundy Thursday.” In honor of Jesus' last supper with His disciples we will hold a potluck supper, and Pastor Jay will give a presentation of the scriptural story of Jesus' arrest.

Friday, April 18 – “Good Friday.” Experience a solemn worship service at 7:00 p.m. to mark the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

Sunday, April 20 – “Easter.” Join the Mud Church family on this great day of celebration of the resurrection of Jesus!

The date of Easter is always the first Sunday following the first full moon after the Spring equinox.



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Support
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Sunday Service - 10 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.

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PRAYER BREAKFAST
National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 1, 2025
7:30 a.m.
John Stewart Methodist
Church
Tickets - \$10 each

*Tickets are being sold by volunteers and can be
purchased in the office at Trinity Evangelical Church*

Proceeds Benefit Open Door

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