

# The MUD Church

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## *CORNER OF CORN AND BEANS*

This year, the planting season seemed to take its time. The crops went into the ground a couple of weeks later than usual, and for a while, it was easy to wonder what that might mean for the harvest. When you're used to doing things according to a certain calendar, a delay can cause a little worry. We wonder if we are falling behind or if there will be enough time for everything to grow.

But as we look across the fields now, the crops are looking good. The green rows stretching across our country-side remind us that a later beginning does not necessarily mean a disappointing ending. Sometimes, what feels late to us is still perfectly adequate in God's hands.

Scripture reminds us in Ecclesiastes 3:1, **"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."** God's timing is different from ours. We often want things to happen according to our schedule—when we think the time is right, when we feel prepared, or when it is convenient. But God sees the whole picture in a way we never can.

There is comfort in knowing that the only perfect timing is God's timing.

That truth applies not only to crops and harvests, but to our lives of faith. We sometimes think we will have more time to pray, more time to forgive, more time to serve, more time to draw closer to God. We put off the things that matter most, believing that tomorrow will be a better time.

But one thing we should never postpone is being ready for God's love.

God's love is not limited by our schedules. It meets us in ordinary moments, unexpected moments, difficult moments, and joyful moments. Sometimes it comes through a kind word from a friend. Sometimes through the beauty of a field ready for harvest. Sometimes through a quiet moment of prayer when we suddenly realize that God has been with us all along.

The crops remind us that growth takes time—and that God is faithful even when our timing seems uncertain. What matters is that we remain open to what God is doing.

So as we watch the fields mature this season, perhaps we can also ask ourselves: Are we ready for what God is growing in us? Are our hearts prepared to receive His love and to share that love with others?

The planting may have been a couple of weeks late, but the crops are still looking good. And perhaps that is a reminder we all need:

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**God is never late.  
God's timing is  
always right.**

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May we trust His timing, remain patient in the seasons of our lives, and keep our hearts ready—for whenever and wherever God chooses to meet us.

After all, the best time to be ready for God's love is always **now**.

*- Pastor Jay*



## 4th of July

Emanuel's Women's Guild treated the church family to a barbecue lunch on Sunday, July 5.

## Advent Begins on November 29

As we move into the Christmas season the church will be decorated as beautiful as ever. Mark your calendar for the Women's Guild's 2nd annual "Journey to Bethlehem," a special open house from 3pm to 6pm at the church to see dozens of nativity scenes of all sizes, hear some Christmas music from local musicians, and experience some tastes of the season.



## Lunchbox Program

We took on a new local mission project this summer. Knowing that back-to-school time can be expensive and difficult for many families, we made 50 bags of snacks and lunch ingredients to give to families who registered to receive one. Forty-six bags were distributed at our National Night out block party.



## 175th Anniversary

**Emanuel UCC** – The Mud Church – will celebrate its 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year, and we are already planning a year of celebration! Watch this newsletter, Facebook, and other media for details and announcements about opportunities to celebrate with us!



## National Night Out

It was another successful National Night Out block party at The Mud Church. Food, games, fire trucks, and cool demonstrations of a drone crop sprayer. We also had displays from the Red Cross and National Lime and Stone Company, the Ohio State Patrol, Wyandot County Sheriff's Office, and the Ohio Division of Wildlife.



## Heritage Sunday

Join us on October 11 for Heritage Sunday! It's a day on which we'll celebrate our church's rich history with a special worship service followed by a lunch of homemade stew (cooked on an open fire), a hayride, and other activities.



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## Journey to Bethlehem: A Christmas Experience

*Step into the story. Rediscover the wonder.*

This December, we invite you to walk the path that Mary and Joseph traveled on that holy night. Our "Journey to Bethlehem" is a live, immersive experience that brings the Nativity to life through sights, sounds, and storytelling. Encounter the heart of Christmas in a fresh and meaningful way.



### Date:

December 12, 2026

### Location:

Emanuel UCC  
13989 Twp. Hwy 127  
Upper Sandusky

### Time:

3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**Admission:** Free  
and open to all ages

**What to Expect:**  
Scripture readings,  
music, and candlelit  
reflections. A peaceful  
manger moment to  
pause and pray, a  
craft for the little  
ones, and  
refreshments.

Whether you're young or young at heart, this journey offers a chance to reflect, rejoice, and reconnect with the true meaning of Christmas. Invite your neighbors, bring your family, and share in the joy of Christ's birth.

## Fall 2026 Schedule

### Throughout September:

Collecting items for "Flood Buckets." (Disaster cleanup kits.)

### Sunday, October 4

Blessing of the Harvest

### Sunday, October 1

Heritage Sunday

### Sunday, November 1

All-Saints Sunday

### Sunday, November 22

### Thanksgiving Celebration:

Special worship service, turkey sandwiches, games, fellowship

### Saturday, December 19 -

Kids Christmas Party, 9 a.m. - Noon

No matter who you are or  
where you are on life's journey,  
you are **WELCOME** here.

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and click on give.

Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.

Sunday Service - 10 a.m.



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