



**Almost Everything You Ever
Wanted to Know About Emerson-
An Abbreviated Version
A full version will be available
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A Heart Inside, photo by Bob Layne

**How Emerson UU Chapel
works ~ who's who and
what's what**



**Everything you wanted to know about the
inner workings of Emerson UU Chapel.
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About Us

Emerson UU Chapel...

is a vibrant and growing Unitarian Universalist congregation in west St. Louis County with many members and friends, all with various gifts they contribute to create a thriving spiritual home. Emerson UU Chapel is a proud member and supporter of our association of congregations (www.uua.org), our Central Midwest District of the UUA (www.cmwd-uua.org) and local cluster of congregations (St. Louis Area UU Council, SLAUUC).

Find Your Passion...

We have places in the Inner Workings of Emerson just for you. As with all congregations, each and every volunteer job in our congregation plays a significant part in the success and daily flow of life at Emerson UU Chapel. Because interests vary and there are so many different roles, you are encouraged to try more than one group. If you are interested in any particular group, please contact the committee chair or group convener listed.



Our Location...

Emerson Unitarian Universalist
Chapel
73 Strecker Road
Ellisville, MO 63011
636-256-7393
Located on the web at...
EmersonUUChapel.org

Our History...

began when a small group of UUs in the greater St. Louis area, with the (then) ministers of First Unitarian Church in St. Louis and Eliot Chapel in Kirkwood, founded Emerson UU Chapel in 1984. In the early days, members and friends met in people's homes, in schools (including LaPetite Nursery and Logan Chiropractic College) and at Kol Am Congregation.

In the summer of 1992, we purchased this beautiful home and grounds. In the summer of 2002, the congregation completed construction on our wonderful new sanctuary and renovation of our original facility.

In 2005, we called our minister, the Reverend Krista Taves. In 2010, we hired a new Director of Religious Education Jenn Taylor to grow our education programming for our children and youth.

Our goals are to maintain our intimate and friendly environment, enhance fellowship through partici-

pation in chapel functions and social outreach projects and grow the number of new members and friends.



100+ Bagged Lunches for the Homeless

Emerson Governance

Our chapel is governed by its members, who in turn elect a board of trustees defined in our bylaws. Additionally, the board and congregation entrusts its programming and its ministry to paid and volunteer staff through its program council and program committees. Our bylaws and charter with the State of MO are posted on our website (see About > Members & Board).

A **program council** is entrusted to carry out, make decisions about, and provides support for the programming which the congregation is supporting and requesting. Additionally, to insure that programming doesn't conflict with major events occurring at our chapel, calendaring takes place. At Emerson, our Vice President is charged with chairing this oversight group.

Committees which attend program council:

- Religious Education-Children
- Religious Education-Adult
- Social/Fundraising
- Welcome
- Pastoral Care
- Worship/Music
- Community Service

And, to support our work and ministry:

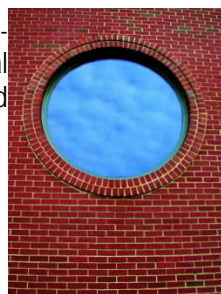
- Marketing/PR
- Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer



UU Governance

Our chapel is a member of our local cluster of UU congregations (St. Louis Area UU Council). Additionally, we are a member of the Central Midwest District of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations.

The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) is a voluntary association of autonomous, self-governing local churches and



Reflections of clouds in our west sanctuary window

fellowships, which have freely chosen to pursue common goals together. The Association's polity is congregational; Association decisions are made by congregational delegates in business sessions at the annual General Assembly.

The UUA is governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of District Trustees (elected by congregations in the various Districts), and at-large Trustees, (elected by congregational delegates to the General Assembly). The Board of Trustees meets quarterly.

For more information about our association and its governance, please point your browser to www.uua.org.

Living Our Faith at Emerson

Each month, the generous members and friends of Emerson UU Chapel support outreach partners who we believe live our beliefs in the world. We do two things which support

services outside our own doors:

- We bring food to support a food pantry in St. Louis County, Circle of Concern. We put together work parties as we can. See our website or newsletter for collection items for the Wheel Barrow in the vestibule. PB&J is always welcome!

- We give 50% of our Sunday collections all but one Sunday each month to one of our partners.

Living Our Faith through Outreach Partners

Our outreach partners are under review for church-year 2010-11, please check back as our Love First group makes their support decision known.

Living Our Faith Internally

In addition to Sunday service and Covenant Groups (Small Group Ministry programs), our Love First group (see under Program Committee for more information about Love First) and support by our Care and Concern group and our minister, Rev. Krista Taves, we also support our friends and members through a dedicated collection one Sunday each month, and Christmas Eve Service, to help directly those in our community who need direct assistance, please see our minister.





Using our Building for your Family's Life Passages

What are "Life Passages"?

- Marriage, union or other commitment or re-commitment ceremony between two individuals
- Child dedication or naming ceremony
- Memorial or funeral service
- Significant life passage (75th or greater birthday celebration, 50th or greater wedding anniversary)
- Retirement parties
- Coming of age events (Bar Mitzvah, Bat Mitzvah, Bridging Ceremonies, Coming of Age, etc.)
- Any other event must be approved by the Board of the Chapel.

Who can use our building?

All members and friends may use our building for life passages. Others may rent our spaces and information is available on our website. Members may rent our building for uses other than life passages. All use of the building is board approved. Check our website for more information, including our contract. www.emersonuuchapel.org

Board of Trustees

If elected to board, the number following the person's name is their term expiration on the 30th of June of that year

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Join Us for Sunday Service and Religious Education

Service at 10-11 A Year-round

Religious Education September—May

Children's RE 11: 15 A -12:15 P and Adult's RE 11:30 A—12:15 P

For other celebrations and services, please see our website

www.emersonuuchapel.org

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