



St. John United Church of Christ, Emma, MO

St. John United Church of Christ in Emma Missouri will celebrate it's 175th Anniversary October 26th with a special service and a brunch following the service.

Our Church was formally founded northwest of Emma at the site of our present cemetery by F.W. Bahring, a teacher from Hannover, Germany in 1850, to become the first Evangelical Church in Lafayette County. Several members of other local congregations came together to form our Church, calling it St. John.

St. John survived some stormy times during 1856 and 1869. The Civil War was hard on the Church as well. On October 10, 1864 during a Bushwhacker attack, seven members of the Church were killed.

In 1871, the Congregation voted to call all ministers from the Evangelical Synod. By 1872, St. John had 32 voting members.

In 1912, talk began on what to do with the Church, repairs were needed. At the Annual meeting in January 1913, it was decided to build a new Church, with land being purchased in the town of Emma. At 2:30 p.m. on June 22, 1913, the cornerstone for the present church was placed.

St. John weathered the Great Depression and the Second World War to celebrate its centennial in 1950.

In 1957 the Evangelical and Reformed Church, merged with the Congregational Christian Church to become the United Church of Christ.

St. John has been under the leadership of a number of Pastors, who is now being lead by Pastor Cliff Caton, as we search for a settled pastor.

We have an active Congregation with Sunday services at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning. and activities throughout the year for all of our Church family members to enjoy fellowship.

With the Good Lord's blessings, we will continue for many more years.