HAPPENINGS & HIGHLIGHTS



NEXT FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

Wednesday, October 21st | 10:00-11:30 am

Food Pantry Needs for October:

Vienna Sausage, Hamburger Helper, Pancake Syrup

DATES TO NOTE

Monday, October 5:
*Ministry Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm
Wednesday, October 7:
*First Wednesday Fellowship Dinner, 6:00 pm
*Youth Activities, 6:30 pm
*Choir Practice, 7:00 pm
Thursday, October 8:
*Sing a New Song UMW Circle, 10:00 am
Saturday, October 10:
*UMM Monthly Meeting/Breakfast, 8:30 am
Sunday, October 11:
*Rollin' for Resurrection Youth Breakfast Carts, 9:00 am
Monday, October 12:
*Prisca's Partners UMW Circle Meeting, 10:00 am
Thursday, October 15:
***Early Bird shopping for HWL Sale, 4-7 pm**
Friday-Saturday, October 16-17:
*Halls Women's League Rummage Sale

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Church Office Hours: Mon - Thurs, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Office Phone: (865) 922-1412
WiFi Network: "Christ UMC Guest" (no password required)

Thanksgiving Baskets Ministry

Our annual Thanksgiving Baskets Ministry began October 1st, and this year our goal is to provide 80 Thanksgiving baskets to families in need in our community. Last year, your generosity helped us provide more than 70 baskets, filling Wesley Hall with food and Thanksgiving blessings! Every donation helps us reach our goal and share God's love with families during the Thanksgiving season. To learn more about donating or volunteering, contact Larry Estep at (865) 660-2449 or the office at (865) 922-1412.

Communion Servants Needed

We are updating our list of volunteers who help serve Communion during worship each month. Whether you have served in the past or are interested in volunteering for the first time, we would love to hear from you! This is a meaningful way to serve our church family and be part of this special time of worship. Contact the church office if you would like to be added to the list.

Medical Mobility Equipment Available

Christ United Methodist Church currently has an excess of medical mobility equipment, including wheelchairs, walkers, and other helpful items. We would like to reduce our inventory and make these items available to anyone who may need them.

Do you or someone you know need a wheelchair, walker, or other mobility equipment? Please contact the church office at 865-922-1412 for more information or to inquire about available items.

For full announcements and updates, please refer to our online newsletter, *The Christ Connection*, which is emailed out every week. If you are not an email subscriber and you would like to sign-up, scan the QR code here to access the online form.

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 4, 2026

Our Mission: To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.



7535 Maynardville Pike, Knoxville TN 37938
Phone: 865-922-1412 | christumcknox.com
Sunday Morning Worship: 10 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. for all ages

Pastor: Rev. Mark Kilbourne
Director of Music: Sarah Holloway
Organist: Mike Beckley | **Pianist:** Nancy Hodges
Today's Liturgist: Cynthia Waters

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

-ORDER OF WORSHIP-

October 4, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary & Online

Welcome Visitors

Prelude

*Call to Worship — Cynthia Waters

- Leader: God calls us to become more like Christ.
- **People: Transform our hearts, our minds, and our lives, O God.**
- Leader: Jesus calls us to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.
- **People: We love because God first loved us.**

*Congregational Hymn — "Joyful, Joyful" | UMH #89

Children's Message — Rev. Mark Kilbourne

(Children may exit immediately following this moment for additional activities.)

*Congregational Hymn — "Standing on the Promises" | UMH #374

Offertory Prayer — Rev. Kilbourne

Offering

*Doxology — UMH #95

Pastoral Prayer | The Lord's Prayer — Rev. Kilbourne

Scripture — Mark 12:28-34 (NRSV)

Message — "Love the Lord Your God" | Rev. Kilbourne

Invitation to Holy Communion

Communion

Today's Communion servers: Carol Kerr & Becca Treece, Jennifer & Rupert Harris

*Congregational Hymn — "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" | UMH #334

*Benediction

*Sending Litany

- Leader: Faith is not meant to remain within these walls.
- **People: May our faith become active through love**.
- Leader: Go now in the grace that has gone before you, the love that surrounds you, and the Spirit who transforms you.
- **People: We go to love God, love others, and share God's grace wherever we go.**
- Leader: Go in peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
- **All: Amen**

Postlude — **Rise in body or in spirit.*

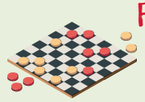


If you would like to reserve a Sunday to provide flowers in honor or memory of someone, please add your request to the Flower Calendar outside of the church office, or call the office to check for availability.

WELCOME TO CHRIST UMC



Welcome to Christ UMC! Whether you are visiting for the first time or have been with us for years, please take a moment to mark your attendance in the **pew book** at the end of your row. **If you are visiting today**, be sure to get a W**elcome Bag** from our ushers and complete the **Contact Card** inside to share your contact information, prayer requests, or anything else you would like our office to know.



First Wednesday Fellowship: Game Night!



October 7 • 6:00 p.m. • CUMC Gym

Get ready for a night of food, fun, fellowship, and friendly competition! Our **October First Wednesday Fellowship Meal** will feature a **Game Night,** and we're spreading out into the gym so there will be plenty of room to move from table to table—and game to game!

Potluck Menu: Soup, sandwiches & dessert

Bring Your Favorite Games: Board games, cards, dominoes, and more!

Bring a favorite game from home or come ready to learn something new. Whether you're a serious competitor, a casual player, or just want to visit with friends, there will be a seat at the table for you!

Bring a dish, bring a game, and bring a friend!



We're counting down the days until **Boo Bash!**, and preparations are officially in high gear! We're already seeing raffle baskets and bags of candy making their way in, along with game equipment and other donations to help make the evening a success.

There's still plenty to do before the big night, but the fun has already begun! If you haven't already volunteered or donated, be sure to check in with **Jenny Harris (865)335-3749** for more info!



CUMC Youth Breakfast Cart Fundraiser Sunday, October 11

The CUMC Youth are rolling into Sunday School with a delicious way for you to support their upcoming adventure!

Our youth will be visiting all the Sunday School classes with carts loaded with breakfast goodies to share. Enjoy a tasty treat and help our youth raise money for their trip to Resurrection 2027, January 22–24!

CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Cindy Skaggs
Mark Grace *(son of Karen Grace)*
Sheila Morris
Lyn and Larry Coble
Lisa Beeler
Lou Watson
Linda Skaggs
Vicki Clair
Phyllis Denny *(sister of Paul Tatum)*
Judy Lewis *(grandmother of Ty Matherly)*
Sharon Grissom *(sister of Cynthia Waters)*
Mark Roberts *(nephew Nancy&Skip Allen)*
Ralph Caldwell
The family of Donna Bittle
Carolyn Hatfield *(mother of Larry Beeler)*
Denny Roberts *(son of Frances Ryan)*
James Salyer *(brother of Anne Kilbourne)*
Carrie Judy *(daughter of Kathy Brockelman)*
The family of James Miller *(brother of Kathy Brockelman)*
The family of Nell Bowers *(Shannon Wilson's mother)*
James Salyer *(brother of Anne Kilbourne)*
Barb Overbay & Don Atkins *(Cindy Kroeger's partents)*
Jerry Balder *(friend of Carol Kerr)*

Names remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks unless requested otherwise. To add or omit a name from this list, contact the church office at 865-922-1412 or email leah@christumcknox.com.