

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

- ORDER OF WORSHIP -

September 13, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary & Online

Welcome Visitors

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Sharon Graves

- Leader: We gather to worship the God who calls and gifts every person.
- **People: We praise the God who gives us voices to teach the truth.**
- Leader: We come trusting that God can work through anyone who is willing to serve.
- **People: We celebrate those who faithfully share the good news of Jesus Christ.**

*Congregational Hymn

“Blessed Assurance” | UMH #369

Children’s Message

Rev. Mark Kilbourne

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

Our Bluegrass Guests

Timberwinds

Offertory Prayer

Rev. Kilbourne

Offering

Pastoral Prayer | The Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Kilbourne

Scripture

Acts 18:24-28(NRSV)

Message

“A Woman Who Taught the Truth” | Rev. Kilbourne

*Congregational Hymn

“Wherever He Leads I’ll Go” | On Screen

*Benediction

*Sending Litany

- Leader: Go into the world trusting that God can use you to make a difference.
- **People: We will faithfully use the gifts God has given us.**
- Leader: Go with courage to teach, serve, and share the truth of Christ.
- **People: We will go in the grace and love of Jesus Christ.**
- Leader: 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 **Welcome 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.



Bluegrass Sunday!

This Sunday, we are excited to welcome **Timberwinds** to Christ United Methodist Church for our 10:00 a.m. worship service! Formed in 2004, this Knoxville-area bluegrass group shares the sounds of traditional bluegrass, gospel, Americana, and more.

Bluegrass Sunday is a special CUMC tradition that celebrates the rich musical heritage of East Tennessee and Appalachia. Enjoy today’s service as Timberwinds fills our sanctuary with joyful music and helps us celebrate the faith, fellowship, and musical traditions that are part of who we are!

CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Cindy Skaggs

Mark Grace *(son of Karen Grace)*

Sheila Morris

Lyn and Larry Coble

Lisa Beeler

Lou Watson

Linda Skaggs

Phyllis Denny *(sister of Paul Tatum)*

Judy Lewis *(grandmother of Ty Matherly)*

Sharon Grissom *(sister of Cynthia Waters)*

Mark Roberts *(nephew Nancy&Skip Allen)*

The family of Marshall Crippen

Ralph Caldwell

The family of Donna Bittle

Carolyn Hatfield *(mother of Larry Beeler)*

Carrie Judy *(daughter of Kathy Brockelman)*

The family of Lindsey Hrica *(niece of Nancy Counts)*

James Miller *(brother of Kathy Brockelman)*

The family of Nell Bowers *(Shannon Wilson’s mother)*

James Salyer *(brother of Anne Kilbourne)*

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.

Sneak Peek!



Be sure to check out next week’s *The Christ Connection* for all the details about how you can participate and volunteer at our upcoming Boo Bash! Fall Carnival. You’ll also find out about the fun events, activities, and contests we have in store—there will be something for everyone!

Nursery Worker Needed

Christ United Methodist Church is seeking a Nursery Worker to serve in our Children’s Department. This position will provide a safe, healthy, and loving environment for children ages 0–2 while working under the direction of the Pastor. A full job description, qualifications, and application information will be available on our church website at christumcknox.com and in upcoming issues of *The Christ Connection*.



NEWS & NEEDS



NEXT FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

Wednesday, September 16th | 10:00-11:30 am
Food Pantry Needs for September:
Sugar, Mayonnaise, Jelly

DATES TO NOTE

Sunday, September 13:

*Bluegrass Sunday feat. Timberwinds, 10:00 am

Monday, September 14:

*Prisca's Partners, 10:00 am

*Church Council Meeting, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, September 16:

*Food Pantry, 10:00-11:30 am

*Journeys, 6:00 pm

*Youth Activities, 6:30 pm

*Choir Practice, 7:00 pm

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Thursday, September 24:

*Istoria UMW Meeting, 4:00 pm

Monday, September 28:

*Stewardship Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm

A Little Comfort Can Mean So Much

When we serve with **Family Promise**, it can be easy to focus on the practical things we provide—a warm place to sleep, a meal, a shower, or a helping hand. But sometimes, something as simple as a favorite home-cooked meal can remind a family that they are seen, cared for, and welcomed.

During our recent week of hosting, one of our volunteers asked a mother what she would like for dinner. Her answer was simple: “*Could you make meatloaf and mashed potatoes?*” Our volunteer happily obliged, preparing 6½ pounds of homemade meatloaf, five pounds of mashed red potatoes, beef gravy, vegetables, and a “Death by Chocolate” dessert. As she put it afterward, “***Mission accomplished!** I love my Church and their missions and I love these families!!*”

That simple request captures the heart of Family Promise ministry. These families are working hard toward more stable lives while navigating jobs, school, transportation, and the uncertainty of not yet having permanent housing. Through our hospitality, we have the opportunity to remind them that they are not alone—and that someone cares.

Sometimes making a difference looks like a warm bed, a welcoming smile, or a helping hand. And sometimes, it looks like meatloaf and mashed potatoes.

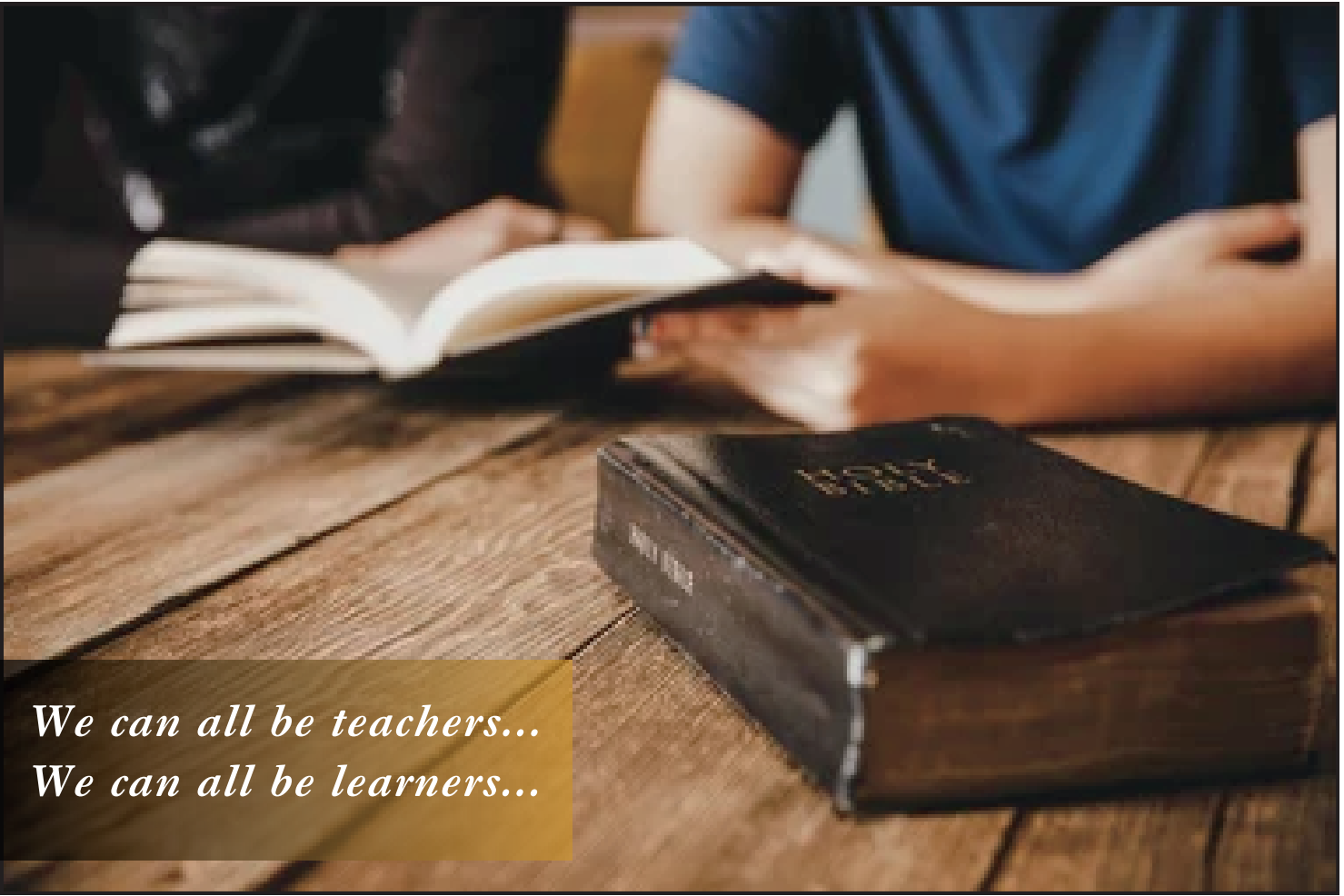
Thank you to all of our CUMC volunteers who helped make our Family Promise week a success through meals, setup, overnight hosting, transportation, cleanup, and countless behind-the-scenes details. Your time and generosity are a beautiful reflection of Christ's love in action. Please continue to pray for the families of Family Promise as they work toward permanent housing and greater stability.



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



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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: Sharon Graves



Church Office Hours: Mon - Thurs, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Office Phone: (865) 922-1412

WiFi Network: “Christ UMC Guest” (no password required)