



NEWS & NEEDS



CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 2, 2026

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



The world often defines freedom as doing whatever we want. But Scripture points us to a deeper freedom—one that begins with humility, grows through trust and discipline, and leads us into a life of purpose, hope, and compassion.

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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: Larry Beeler

Support Family Promise at the 20th Annual Pasta & Bluegrass Festival

Before Christ United Methodist Church welcomes families during our upcoming Family Promise Host Week (August 30–September 6), you have a wonderful opportunity to support this life-changing ministry at one of its biggest fundraising events of the year!

Join Family Promise of Knoxville for the 20th Annual Pasta & Bluegrass Festival on Saturday, August 22, from 6:00–8:00 PM at Concord United Methodist Church. This fun-filled evening combines delicious food, great music, and a meaningful mission as the community comes together to help families experiencing housing instability.

God's Acre: Sharing God's Harvest



God's Acre is underway! Look for the God's Acre table in the Welcome Center before Sunday School and the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Bring your extra garden-fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs, or other produce to share, take, or trade with others in our church family.

Produce is freely shared, and monetary donations are welcome to support our Food Pantry. Join us as we share God's blessings, build community, and help feed our neighbors—one harvest at a time.

JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST!

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.



FOOD PANTRY HOURS

First Thursday
of the Month
5:30–6:30 p.m.

Third Wednesday
of the Month
10:00 am – 11:30 am



NEXT FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

Thursday, August 6th | 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Food Pantry Needs for August:

Chicken Ramen Noodles, Pop Tarts, Cereal

DATES TO NOTE

Sunday, August 2:

*Back to School Recognition Service, 10:00 am

Wednesday, August 5:

*Journeys, 6:00 pm

*Youth Activities, 6:30 pm

*Choir Practice, 7:00 pm

Thursday, August 6:

*Food Pantry, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Saturday, August 8:

*UMM Monthly Meeting, 8:30 am

Monday, August 10:

*Prisca's Partners, 10:00 am

Tuesday, August 11:

*Church Council Meeting, 6:30 pm

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

Office Phone: (865) 922-1412

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CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

- ORDER OF WORSHIP -

August 2, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary & Online

Welcome Visitors

Prelude

*Call to Worship Larry Beeler

- Leader: We gather today to worship the God who leads us, feeds us, and guides us along the path to freedom of mind, body and spirit.
- **People: God’s love endures forever, his words strengthen our spirit and resolve, and his mercy sets us free.**
- Leader: Christ’s sacrificial love frees us from the shackles of sin that bind and limit us, and gives us a future in which faith, hope and love can reside.
- **People: May our journey lead only to you, oh Lord, as we live out our freedom in faithfulness and compassion for one another.**

*Congregational Hymn “Trust and Obey” | UMH #467

Blessing of the Backpacks Rev. Mark Kilbourne

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

*Congregational Hymn “Be Thou My Vision” | UMH #451

Offertory Prayer Rev. Kilbourne

Offering

*Doxology UMH #95

Pastoral Prayer | The Lord’s Prayer Rev. Kilbourne

Scripture Deuteronomy 8:2-3 (NRSV)

Anthem “Moses” | CUMC Choir *(featuring Ralph Davis & Drew Holloway)*

Message “Living in Freedom” | Mike Beckley

Invitation to Holy Communion

Communion

Today’s Communion servers: Teresa Matherly & John Collins, Jennifer & Rupert Harris

*Congregational Hymn “Open My Eyes, That I Might See” | UMH #454

*Benediction

*Sending Litany

- Leader: Wherever you wander know that you are not alone in the wilderness, but are being led by a faithful, loving and merciful God.
- **People: His love will be our guiding light and his mercy our freedom and salvation.**
- Leader: Use the freedom the lord has given you for good works, acts of mercy, and compassion for one another,
- **People: We will go in peace to love and serve the Lord and one another. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen**

Postlude

**Rise in body or in spirit.*

<Gluten-free wafers available for Communion>

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.



A Special Back-to-School Worship Service August 2, 2026

Bring your backpack, book bag, or school tote up to the pulpit before the start of the service today.

During the service, we will pray over each backpack and ask God's blessing and protection for every student as they begin a new school year of learning, growth, and new opportunities.

Each backpack will receive a special
2026 Blessing of the Backpacks name tag
—a keepsake that can also be used to identify their backpack throughout the school year.

Let's begin the school year together, surrounded by the love and prayers of our church family.

Get ready for a fun-filled day at our upcoming Community Car Show! Whether you love beautifully restored classics, custom builds, or modern favorites, there's something for everyone to enjoy. And for our youngest car enthusiasts, we're excited to give away **FREE Hot Wheels** to the first 50 children through the gates while supplies last! Since their debut in 1968, Hot Wheels have captured imaginations with their realistic designs, exciting colors, and incredible speed. These miniature collectibles have inspired generations of car lovers. Be sure to arrive early so your child can take home a Hot Wheels car and maybe even begin a lifelong love of automobiles!



CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Cindy Skaggs

Mark Grace *(son of Karen Grace)*

Sheila Morris

Lindsey Hrica *(niece of Nancy Counts)*

David Landreth

Lyn and Larry Coble

Lisa Beeler

Lou Watson

Phyllis Denny *(sister of Paul Tatum)*

Judy Lewis *(grandmother of Ty Matherly)*

Sharon Grissom *(sister of Cynthia Waters)*

Mark Roberts *(nephew Nancy & Skip Allen)*

Marshall Crippen

Carolyn Hatfield *(mother of Larry Beeler)*

Susie Ellis Knable *(cousin of Robin Burchfield)*

Carrie Judy *(daughter of Kathy Brockelman)*

Ralph Caldwell

Donna Bittle

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.



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.