



NEWS & NEEDS

Next week!



NEXT FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

Wednesday, July 15th | 10 am - 12 noon

Food Pantry Needs for July:

Vienna Sausage, Baked Beans, Breakfast Bars

DATES TO NOTE

Wednesday, July 8:

- *Journeys class, 6:00 pm
- *No Youth Activities this week
- *Choir Practice, 7:00 pm

Thursday, July 9:

- *UMW Call to Prayer Annual Meeting, 5:30 pm

Saturday, July 11:

- *UMM Monthly Meeting, 8:30 am

Sunday, July 12:

- *Bluegrass Sunday / Jimbo Whaley & Greenbrier, 10am
- *Songfest Choir Concert, 6:00 pm

Monday, July 13:

- *Prisca's Partners, 10:00 am

Wednesday, July 15:

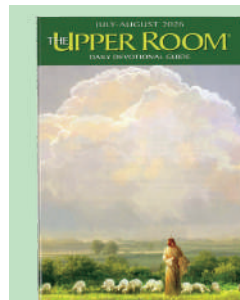
- *Food Pantry, 10:00 am - 12 noon
- *Youth Lock-in Event, 5:00 - 11:00 pm
- *Choir Practice, 7:00 pm



God's Acre: Sharing God's Harvest

God's Acre Begins This Sunday! Beginning Sunday, July 5, 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. Any remaining produce on Food Pantry distribution weeks will be donated to pantry clients. Join us as we share God's blessings, build community, and help feed our neighbors—one harvest at a time.



The July/August edition of The Upper Room devotional series is now available. Copies can be found in the Narthex, the Welcome Center and throughout the building.

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.



CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 5, 2026

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



“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”
— 2 Corinthians 3:17

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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: Mike Beckley

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

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CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

- ORDER OF WORSHIP -

July 5, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary & Online

Welcome Visitors

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Sarah Holloway

>Leader: Come, people of God. We gather not because of our own strength, but because the Lord is mighty and faithful.

>People: Our hope is in God, whose power is made perfect even through human weakness.

>Leader: Though we may stumble and fall, God’s mercy invites us to return.

>People: We seek the Lord with humble hearts, trusting in His grace.

>Leader: Let us worship the God who gives strength to the weary, forgiveness to the repentant, and hope to all who call upon His name.

>People: We will praise the Lord with all our hearts, for His steadfast love endures forever.

>All: Come, let us worship the Lord, whose power is eternal, whose mercy never fails, and whose purpose cannot be defeated. Amen.

*Congregational Hymn

“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee” | UMH #697

Children’s Message

Rev. Mark Kilbourne

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

*Congregational Hymn

“This Is My Song” | UMH #437

Offertory Prayer

Rev. Kilbourne

Offering

*Doxology

UMH #95

Pastoral Prayer | The Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Kilbourne

Scripture

Judges 16:28-31 (NRSV)

Anthem

“America the Beautiful” | CUMC Choir

Message

“God’s Purpose Through a Flawed Life” | Rev. Kilbourne

Invitation to Holy Communion

Communion

Today’s Communion servers: Jerry & Brenda Dyer, Skip Allen & Kathy Brockelman

*Congregational Hymn

“Let There Be Peace on Earth” | UMH #431

*Benediction

(Please follow along and join in reciting the Sending Litany as it is displayed on the video screen.)

Postlude

*Rise in body or in spirit.

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.



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United Women in Faith – Call to Prayer and Self-Denial

All women are invited to join us on **Thursday, July 9, at 5:30 p.m.** for our Call to Prayer and Self-Denial gathering. Enjoy fellowship, celebrate the debut of our new hot dog grill with a delicious meal provided by the Executive Committee, and participate in a love offering to support ministries serving marginalized and vulnerable children around the world. **We hope you'll join us!**

Youth Lock-In: Fun, Food, and Fellowship!

Our Youth Group is gearing up for a mid-summer evening of connection, laughter, and faith at our Youth Lock-In on **Wednesday, July 15**, from 5:00–11:00 p.m. at the church. This special event is designed to give students a chance to relax, build friendships, and grow in their faith.

The evening will include plenty of fun with pizza, games, worship, discussion, a scavenger hunt, tie-dye shirts, snacks, prayer, and campfire s'mores. We'll also wrap up the night with a time of reflection and may introduce our upcoming Confirmation classes.

We hope all of our youth will join us for this exciting evening of fun, food, fellowship, and growing closer to God and one another!



Mark your calendars for one of CUMC's favorite summer traditions—**Song Fest 2026!**

Join us for an evening of inspiring music, heartfelt worship, and joyful fellowship as our talented choir shares songs of faith and praise. This special concert will feature the CUMC Choir, gifted soloists, flute and piano accompaniment, all under the direction of Sarah Holloway.

Whether you've attended for years or will be experiencing Song Fest for the first time, this annual concert is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate God's love through music. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us for an uplifting evening as we lift our voices together in worship. We look forward to sharing this special tradition with you!

CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Cindy Skaggs

Lisa Beeler

Mark Roberts (*nephew of Nancy and Skip Allen*)

Mark Grace (*son of Karen Grace*)

Lou Watson

The family of Clay Worthley

Sheila Morris

Phyllis Denny (*sister of Paul Tatum*)

Judy and Tom Henson

Lindsey Hrica (*niece of Nancy Counts*)

Judy Lewis (*grandmother of Ty Matherly*)

Carolyn Hatfield (*mother of Larry Beeler*)

David Landreth

Sharon Grissom (*sister of Cynthia Waters*)

Lyn and Larry Coble

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.