HAPPENINGS & HIGHLIGHTS

This Pastor Appreciation Month, we celebrate *Pastor Mark Kilbourne* with grateful hearts, thanking him for his faithful leadership, compassionate spirit, and the many ways he shares God's love with our church family.

Pastor Mark, thank you for answering God's call and for faithfully serving our church family. We are blessed to have you as our pastor!

NEXT FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

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

Food Pantry Needs for November:

Canned Chili, Sugar, Pancake Mix

DATES TO NOTE

Tuesday, October 27:
*Set-up for Boo Bash!, 10:00 am
Wednesday, October 28:
*Boo Bash!, 6:00-8:00 pm
Sunday, November 1:
*All Saints/Committment Sunday, 10:00 am
*Daylight Savings ends – fall back one hour!
Wednesday, November 4:
*First Wednesday Fellowship Meal - Thanksgiving / Charge Conference Presentation, 6:00 pm
*Youth Activities, 6:30 pm
*Choir Practice, 7:00 pm
Thursday, November 5:
*Food Pantry, 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Monday, November 9:
*Prisca's Partners, 10:00 am
*Administrative Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm

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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: Help Us Reach 80!

We're making great progress toward our goal of providing 80 Thanksgiving baskets to families in need in our community! Thank you for your generous support as we work together to share God's love this Thanksgiving. All donations need to be turned in by mid-November to allow time to prepare the baskets. **To donate or volunteer, contact Larry Estep at (865) 660-2449** or the **church office at (865) 922-1412.**

CUMC will once again have the privilege of hosting **Family Promise** families from **November 8 - November 15**. During this week, we will open our doors to provide hospitality, meals, encouragement, and a safe place for families working toward stable housing.

This ministry is a wonderful opportunity for our church family to put Christ's love into action. In the coming weeks, there will be opportunities to volunteer by preparing meals, serving as evening hosts, staying overnight, helping with setup and cleanup, or donating needed items.

Please be in prayer for the families we will welcome, as well as for the many volunteers who make this ministry possible. Watch the bulletin, newsletter, and church announcements for sign-up information and additional details. Thank you for helping us extend Christ's love and hospitality to our neighbors in need.

For questions or more details, contact Barb Knowlton at (865)803-3077

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 25, 2026

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: Cynthia Waters

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

-ORDER OF WORSHIP-

October 25, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary & Online

Welcome Visitors	
Prelude	
*Call to Worship	Cynthia Waters

- Leader: We come today not as people who must walk this journey alone, but as people who belong to one another in Christ.
- **People: We are the body of Christ, and we need one another.**
- Leader: Let us encourage one another, carry one another, and help one another grow in love.
- **People: We come to worship, to belong, and to serve.**
- Come, let us worship the God who calls us into community and makes us one in Christ.
- **People: Together, we are the family of God. Let us worship!**

*Congregational Hymn	"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" | UMH #731
*The Apostles' Creed	
Children's Message	Rev. Mark Kilbourne

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

*Congregational Hymn	"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" | UMH #462
Stewardship Moment	Cynthia Waters & CUMC Choir
Offertory Prayer	Rev. Kilbourne
Offering	
*Doxology	UMH #95
Pastoral Prayer | The Lord's Prayer	Rev. Kilbourne
Scripture	Hebrews 10:24-25 (NRSV)
Anthem	"On Eagle's Wings" | CUMC Choir
Message	"Engaging" |Rev. Kilbourne
*Congregational Hymn	"He Leadeth Me" | UMH #128
*Benediction	
Reception of New Members	Trisha and Jon Paul Roberts
*Sending Litany	

- Leader: We have gathered as the body of Christ. Now we are sent into the world.
- **People: We do not go alone.**
- Leader: Go now into the world—not as isolated individuals, but as the people of God, connected to Christ and to one another.
- **People: We belong to Christ. We belong to one another. And we will live our faith together.**
- 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.*

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.

Love Gives: Our 2027 Stewardship Campaign Continues!



Our 2027 Stewardship Campaign, *Love Gives*, officially kicked off last Sunday, and we're excited to continue the journey this week! As we reflect on the many accomplishments of the past year, we're celebrating the ministries that make Christ United Methodist Church special and looking ahead to the goals and possibilities God has in store for our church and our community.

During this past Sunday's worship service, we witnessed a meaningful moment as our church leaders brought their completed commitment cards to the altar during the offering and placed them in our pledge church. Barb Knowlton and our Youth also did a wonderful job sharing during the Stewardship Moment, reminding us of the many ways our church makes a difference through faith, service, and generosity.

As we continue *Love Gives*, we are reminded that our gifts are an expression of gratitude for God's blessings and a commitment to the ministry of Christ United Methodist Church. Next Sunday is Commitment Sunday, when we will individually turn in our completed pledge cards as we prayerfully consider how we can support our church's mission and ministry in the coming year. Thank you for being part of our church family and for helping us grow stronger together!

Boo Bash! Is Just One Week Away! Wednesday, Oct 28th, 6-8 pm

The excitement is building at Christ United Methodist Church as we get ready for **Boo Bash!** just one week from now! We're looking forward to an evening filled with fall fun, games, candy, costumes, and fellowship for our children, families, and community. Thank you to everyone who has donated, volunteered, and helped bring this special event together. *We're almost there!*

CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Cindy Skaggs
Mark Grace *(son of Karen Grace)*
Sheila Morris
Lyn and Larry Coble
Lisa Beeler
Lou Watson
Linda Skaggs
John Collins
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
Carolyn Hatfield *(mother of Larry Beeler)*
Denny Roberts *(son of Frances Ryan)*
James Salyer *(brother of Anne Kilbourne)*
Vicki Clair
Phil Campbell
Carrie Judy *(daughter of Kathy Brockelman)*
The family of James Miller *(brother of Kathy Brockelman)*
James Salyer *(brother of Anne Kilbourne)*
Barb Overbay & Don Atkins *(Cindy Kroeger's partents)*
Jerry Balder *(friend of Carol Kerr)*
The family of Anne Akers *(Robin Burchfield's aunt)*

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.