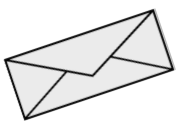




NEWS + NEEDS



There's still time for you to turn in your commitment card for 2026 if you haven't already. We appreciate your time in getting those turned in at your convenience. If you have any questions or need a new commitment card, contact Nancy in the church office.

Calling all “After Christmas” elves!

Church decorations are being taken down on Friday, Jan. 9th at 9:00 am and Saturday, Jan. 10th at 10:00 am (if needed). Lunch will be served on Friday for all the volunteers. Any questions, contact Patti Keck, Denice Walton, Ethel Noe or Larry Beeler.

United Methodist Men’s Meeting

The next UMM breakfast and meeting will be this Saturday, Jan 10th at 8:30 a.m. in Wesley Hall. All men are welcome to join for breakfast, a devotional lesson, prayer time, and a little business to discuss regarding upcoming UMM events. If you would like to know more about UMM, contact Larry Beeler, fixit81838@comcast.net.

DATES TO NOTE

- Wednesday, Jan. 7: First Wednesday Fellowship Chili Cook-Off, 6 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 8: Sing a New Song, 10 a.m. Food Pantry, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Fri/Sat, Jan 9-10: Christmas decoration takedown 9:00 am (Friday), 10:00 am (Saturday - if needed)
- Saturday, Jan. 10: UMM Breakfast/Meeting, 8:30 a.m.
- Sunday, Jan. 11: Bluegrass Sunday; featuring Stoney Point
- Monday, Jan. 12: Prisca’s Partners, 10 a.m.
- Monday, Jan. 19: Ministry Meeting, 6 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 22: Istoria Circle, 4 p.m.
- January 23-25: Resurrection 2026

Church Office Operations:
Monday-Thursday, 9:00-3:00; *closed on Fridays*
865-922-1412 Website — www.christumcknox.com
Prayer Chain — christumcprayers@gmail.com

Upper Room

The Upper Room devotional series for January-February is now available in the narthex, Welcome Center, and around the church building. It’s available in regular print—LARGE PRINT is on order and will be here as soon as possible.

2026 Volunteer Opportunities

If you have an interest in serving communion, being a liturgist for a worship service, or assisting on food pantry distribution days, we would love to have you! Stop by the food pantry (former conference room) to sign up for a month, and for all other opportunities, contact the church office (865-922-1412). Thank you in advance for your help!

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CHRIST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

January 4, 2026 - Epiphany Sunday



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

Pastor: Rev. Mark Kilbourne
Director of Music: Sarah Holloway
Organist: Mike Beckley | Pianist: Nancy Hodges
Today’s Liturgist: Skip Allen

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, KNOXVILLE

—TRADITIONAL WORSHIP—

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

Prelude

Welcome | Passing the Peace

Skip Allen

*Congregational Hymn

“Morning Has Broken” | UMH #145

The Apostles’ Creed

Children’s Message

Rev. Mark Kilbourne

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

*Congregational Hymn

“This is a Day of New Beginnings” | UMH #383

Offertory Prayer

Rev. Kilbourne

Offering

*Doxology

UMH #95

Pastoral Prayer | The Lord’s Prayer

(Please be in prayer for those individuals being displayed on the Prayer List that is up on the screen and in your bulletin.)

Scripture

James 1:21-25 (NRSV)

Anthem

“In This Very Room” | CUMC Choir

Message

“The Word of God for the People of God”

Rev. Kilbourne

Invitation to Holy Communion

UMH #12-13 (also on screen)

Communion

Today’s Communion Servers: Larry and Lisa Beeler Jerry and Brenda Dyer

*Congregational Hymn

“I Surrender All” | UMH #354

*Benediction

Rev. Kilbourne

Postlude

**Rise in body or in spirit*



The altar flower calendar is located on the bulletin board outside the church office. If you’d like to reserve a Sunday to dedicate flowers in honor or in memory of someone, you may sign up directly on the flower calendar OR call the office during the week (865-922-1412) to check availability.



WELCOME TO CHRIST UMC!

Whether you are visiting today or have been with us for many years, we invite you to take a moment and mark your attendance in our pew books at the end of your row, and fill out a Connection Card also located in your pew to let us know more about yourself, a change in contact information, a prayer request, or anything else you need our office to know. Welcome gift bags are available if you are visiting today—please see an usher for yours. Have a wonderful Sunday!

Next Food Pantry Distribution:
Thursday, JANUARY 8 | 5:30-6:30 p.m

NOTE: this has been changed for January to observe the New Year holiday on the first Thursday.

Food Pantry needs for January

Sugar, Peanut butter crackers, Pop Tarts
Thank you so much for supporting our Food Pantry!

Come join us for

Bluegrass Sunday

On Sunday, January 11, we will welcome back Stoney Point as our guests for the first Bluegrass Sunday of 2026! Mark your calendars and make plans to come hear this talented group of musicians.

CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Kim Counts	Lisa Beeler
Cindy Skaggs	Mark Roberts
Mark Grace	Patti Keck
Sheila Morris	Lisa C. Beeler (sister of Larry Beeler)
Jaxton King	Lou Watson
Lois Watkins	Paula Williams
Vicki Clair	The Boggs family
Lindsey, niece of Nancy Counts	The Paden family
David Landreth	Doug Collins
Lyn and Larry Coble	
Bonnie Belile	



A Chili Cookoff to benefit the Children’s Ministry | January 7 | 6 p.m.

Our First Wednesday Fellowship for 2026 kicks off this Wednesday with a chili cook-off! Beat the cabin fever and come enjoy some chili and fellowship! Want to enter the competition? Contact Pastor Mark!



CUMC Youth Basketball

Join us in the gym on Thursday nights at 6pm for a game of pick-up basketball. All ages and skill sets are welcome. All you need to bring is your hops and your A-game! First game is Thursday, January 22nd

**Names remain on our Prayer List for 4 weeks, unless requested otherwise. To add or omit a name on this list, please contact the church office, 865-922-1412 or scan the QR code here to send an email to office.*

