



NEWS + NEEDS

2025 Year-End Giving

As we near the end of the year, we would like to remind you that if you have year-end contributions you would like to credit toward your 2025 giving, all money must be postmarked by December 31, 2025. For further information on this matter, contact Nancy Counts in the church office at 865-922-1412 or financial@christumcknox.com.

Next Food Pantry
Distribution:
This Wednesday, December 17
10:00-12:00

Pantry Needs for December:
Canned beef ravioli, baked beans, &
diced tomatoes

UMW 2026 Mission Project

Our United Methodist Women are helping launch a "Back to School: *post-Christmas edition*" project by collecting boxes of Kleenex to deliver to schools after the holidays. This collection is happening now and ongoing until February 1, 2026. Consider picking up a box or two on an upcoming shopping trip, and you may drop them off any time at the UMW room or the church office. Imagine how much of a difference we can make between now and then!

DATES TO NOTE

Sunday, Dec. 14: Angel Tree gifts deadline
Wednesday, Dec. 17: Food Pantry, 10:00-12:00
Wednesday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service, 5 p.m.
Dec. 24-Jan. 1: Church office closed

Church Office Operations:

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

Youth Director Announced

The Professional Leadership Development Committee is please to announce that Barb Knowlton has been selected to be our Director of Youth Ministries beginning in January. Barb is no stranger to our congregation; she joined Christ UMC in 2013, and since then has served in many roles in the church, as a Lay Speaker, Lay Minister, and Lay Servant, chair of our current Ministry Committee, and since 2017 our church's coordinator with Family Promise. We are excited for her to take her leadership and love for this church and its young people into the youth ministry at CUMC.

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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 would like to receive weekly emails and announcements, scan the QR Code here to access the online form.



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CHRIST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

December 14, 2025



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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: Carol Kerr

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, KNOXVILLE
—TRADITIONAL WORSHIP—

December 14, 2025 | 10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary & Online

Prelude
Welcome | Passing the Peace Carol Kerr
*Congregational Hymn “O Come, All Ye Faithful” | UMH #234
Lighting of the Advent Candle: Joy Clay and LE Collins
Reader...So today, we join our voices with the prophet Isaiah, who calls us to live in the joy of the truth of God’s salvation.
All: We choose to believe that the day is coming when “the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away” (Isaiah 35:10).
Reader: We light this candle of joy as a sign of the Truth that sets us free to live in joy as we wait and work for the day when all creation will flourish together.
Children's Message Rev. Mark Kilbourne
(Children may exit following the Children’s Message for children’s worship with Ms. Samantha and her team of volunteers.)
*Congregational Hymn “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing ” | UMH #240
Offertory Prayer
Offertory
*Doxology UMH #95
Pastoral Prayer, followed by
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 Matthew 11:2-11 (NRSV)
Anthem “Emmanuel! God With Us!” | CUMC Choir;
Message “Signs and Truth” | Rev. Kilbourne
*Congregational Hymn “What Child Is This?” | UMH #219
*Benediction Rev. Kilbourne
Postlude
*Rise in body or in spirit

The altar flower calendar for 2026 is now available!
It 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).



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!



Wednesday, December 24
5:00 p.m.
Join us for a service of worship, carols, and candlelight. All are welcome.



Christmas Card Drop-Off
The Christmas card drop-off station is back for the season! If you wish to send a Christmas card to your friends here at church, let us help! Write the recipient’s first AND last names on the envelope, drop it off at the card station outside the gym, and we will sort them in the alphabetized drawers for pick-up. Donations are graciously accepted toward the building fund that would otherwise go toward your postage. Thank you!

Thank you so much for participating in our Angel Tree mission project this year! If you still have gift to bring, they are due TODAY!



As a reminder, we are on camera during our worship service’s livestream . Please know that you are potentially going to appear in video/video images that will be seen publicly and may be used in future publications.



CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Kim Counts	Mark Roberts	*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 staff.
Cindy Skaggs	Lisa C. Beeler (sister of Larry Beeler)	
Mark Grace	Paula Williams	
Sheila Morris	Lou Watson	
Jaxton King	Patti Keck	
Lois Watkins	Ashley Graham	
Vicki Clair	Bonnie Belile	
Lindsey, niece of Nancy Counts	Jane Paden-Silver	
David Landreth		
Lyn and Larry Coble		
Lisa Beeler		

