

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

- ORDER OF WORSHIP -

August 30, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary & Online

Welcome Visitors

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Jenny Harris

- Leader: Come, worship the God who is faithful even when His presence is hidden, who works beyond what we can see and guides all things according to His purpose.
- **People: Give us eyes to see where You are at work, and the courage to stand when You call us to stand.**
- Leader: Come, let us worship the God who calls His people to faithfulness in every place and every season.
- **People: Let us worship with willing hearts, trusting that You have placed us where we are for Your purposes.**

*Congregational Hymn

“God of Grace and God of Glory” | UMH #577

*Apostles Creed

Children’s Message

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

Rev. Mark Kilbourne

*Congregational Hymn

“Be Still, My Soul” | UMH #534

Offertory Prayer

Rev. Kilbourne

Offering

*Doxology

UMH #95

Pastoral Prayer | The Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Kilbourne

Scripture

Esther 4:10-16(NRSV)

Anthem

“Finish Strong” | CUMC Choir

Message

“The Courage to Stand” | Rev. Kilbourne

*Congregational Hymn

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” | UMH #452

*Benediction

*Sending Litany

- Leader: Go into the world with courage, for evil and injustice still exist, and silence is not always faithfulness. Go with wisdom, knowing that courage without wisdom can cause harm.
- **People: Give us courage to stand against evil, wisdom to know when to speak and when to be silent, and hearts that trust You when the path before us is uncertain.**
- Leader: And when you wonder whether your faithfulness can make a difference, remember that God may have placed you exactly where you are for such a time as this.
- **People: We will trust the God who works behind the scenes, stand for what is right, and faithfully answer His call.**
- Leader: The world needs faithful people willing to stand so be courageous; be wise. May God give us the strength to stand firm and the wisdom to act wisely. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
- **All: Amen.**

Postlude

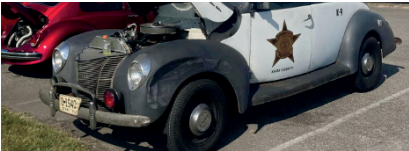
**Rise in body or in spirit.*

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 **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.

The Countdown is officially underway!



We have only 2 weeks until the CUMC Car Show rolls into the church parking lot on Saturday, September 12th. We’re looking forward to a great day filled with beautiful cars, fellowship, fun, and plenty of automotive conversation. We will also have plenty of **food and refreshments**, along with a raffle to win one of four \$25 gift cards from **Bel-Air Grill**.

Whether you’re bringing a classic, muscle car, hot rod, truck, or another special ride, we want to see it! Shine it up, get it ready, and **make plans to join us** on September 12th!



CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Cindy Skaggs

Mark Grace *(son of Karen Grace)*

Sheila Morris

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)*

The family of Marshall Crippen

Linda Skaggs

Ralph Caldwell

The family of Donna Bittle

Carolyn Hatfield *(mother of Larry Beeler)*

Susie Ellis Knable *(cousin of Robin Burchfield)*

Carrie Judy *(daughter of Kathy Brockelman)*

The family of Lindsey Hrica *(niece of Nancy Counts)*

James Miller *(brother of Kathy Brockelman)*

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.

Family Promise
is this week,
Aug 30 - Sept 6



Today, we will open our doors to provide hospitality, meals, encouragement, and a safe place for families working toward stable housing.

Being a host for Family Promise is a wonderful opportunity for our church family to put Christ’s love into action. Whether you are volunteering to prepare meals, serve as an evening host, staying overnight, helping with setup and cleanup, or donating needed items, your service is appreciated and life-changing for those in need.

We are in need of volunteers to help with setup after worship today, and more importantly, on Sunday morning at 7:15 am, to ensure everything is put away and ready for Sunday School at 9:00 am. Come share a meal, offer a warm welcome, and help make our Family Promise guests feel at home.

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



NEWS & NEEDS



**STEWARDSHIP
CAMPAIGN
2027**



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OUR FUTURE.

NEXT FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION
Thursday, September 3rd | 5:30-6:30 pm
Food Pantry Needs for September:
Sugar, Mayonnaise, Jelly

DATES TO NOTE

August 30 - September 6:
*Hosting Family Promise

Wednesday, September 2:
*First Wednesday Fellowship Meal | 6:00 pm
*Youth Activities | 6:30 pm
*Choir Practice | 7:00 pm

Thursday, September 3:
*Food Pantry | 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Tuesday, September 8:
*LLDC Meeting, 6:00 pm

Wednesday, September 9:
*Journeys, 6:00 pm
*Youth Activities, 6:30 pm
*Choir Practice, 7:00 pm

Thursday, September 10:
*Sing a New Song UMW Circle, 10:00 am

Saturday, September 12:
UMM/HCHM Car Show, 9:00 am - 1:00 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)

First Wednesday Fellowship Dinner

We're Having a
FISH FRY



First
Wednesday
Fellowship
Dinner

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 | 6:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Bring the fixins & come hungry!

We're kicking off September and our Fall First Wednesday Fellowship Dinners with a crowd favorite — **FISH FRY!** Donald Jackson has the fish and has offered to fry them up for us. Come enjoy great food, good company, and warm fellowship around the table.

Bring the fixins! Please bring your favorite sides and add-ons to make this a true Good Ol' Fashioned Fish Fry.

Hush puppies, fried okra, coleslaw, white beans, cheddar bay biscuits, tartar sauce, lemons, malt vinegar, jalapenos, onions, desserts... lots of desserts

Let's gather, share a meal, and enjoy the blessing of fellowship as we start the Fall season together.

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.





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August 30, 2026

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



"I will go to the king... and if I perish, I perish."
– Esther 4:16

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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: Jenny Harris