

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

- ORDER OF WORSHIP -

July 26, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary & Online

Welcome Visitors

Prelude

*Call to Worship Cynthia Waters

- **Leader:** Come, all who seek the living God. Come with your questions, your burdens, your failures, and your hopes. God still transforms hearts, calls disciples, and sends ordinary people to proclaim the good news.
- **People:** We come to worship the God whose grace is greater than our past. Shape us into the people You have called us to be.
- **Leader:** Let us lay aside pride, certainty, and fear, and open ourselves to the work of the Holy Spirit. Come, let us worship the One who turns persecutors into preachers, sinners into saints, and broken people into faithful servants.
- **People:** We come ready to be changed by Your grace. With grateful hearts, we worship the Lord!

*Congregational Hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" | UMH #526

*Apostles Creed

Children's Message *(Children may exit immediately following this moment for additional activities.)* Rev. Mark Kilbourne

*Congregational Hymn "The Old Rugged Cross" | UMH #504

Offertory Prayer Rev. Kilbourne

Offering

*Doxology UMH #95

Pastoral Prayer | The Lord's Prayer Rev. Kilbourne

Scripture Acts 20:18-24 (NRSV)

Message "Saved to Serve" | Rev. Kilbourne

*Congregational Hymn "Amazing Grace" | UMH #378

*Benediction

*Sending Litany

- **Leader:** Go now with hearts willing to be challenged by God's truth. When fear tempts us to turn others into enemies and following Christ becomes difficult, may God fill us with the love, mercy, and courage to remain faithful.
- **People:** Lord, keep us humble and teachable. Open our eyes to see where You are leading us and strengthen us to follow You in faith.
- **Leader:** Like Paul, may we finish the course God has set before us, proclaiming the good news of His grace. Go in the peace of Christ to love God, serve your neighbor, and bear witness to the transforming power of the gospel.
- **People:** By the power of the Holy Spirit, we will go in faith, hope, and love. Thanks be to God. 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.

Our Youth Lock-In last Wednesday was a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship as students spent time growing closer to one another and serving others. From 5:30–11:00 p.m., the church was buzzing with excitement as they created colorful tie-dye t-shirts, searched high and low for clues in a church-wide scavenger hunt, took turns breaking open a candy-filled piñata, and cooled off with an energetic water balloon battle. Of course, there was also plenty of pizza, games in the gym, and nonstop laughter!

faith | friendship | fun



Thank you to everyone who helped make this evening possible. We are grateful for adults who invest in our young people and for a Youth Group that continues to grow in friendship, faith, and joy. We can't wait to see what adventure comes next!



CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Cindy Skaggs

Mark Grace *(son of Karen Grace)*

Sheila Morris

Lindsey Hrica *(niece of Nancy Counts)*

David Landreth

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)*

Marshall Crippen

Carolyn Hatfield *(mother of Larry Beeler)*

Susie Ellis Knable *(cousin of Robin Burchfield)*

Carrie Judy *(daughter of Kathy Brockelman)*

Ralph Caldwell

Donna Bittle

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.



Today's altar flowers are given in honor of Samantha Cobb, with sincere gratitude for her faithful service as our Children's Ministry Director. May God bless her as she begins a new chapter in her life.



NEWS & NEEDS

God's Acre: Sharing God's Harvest



God's Acre is underway! 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. Join us as we share God's blessings, build community, and help feed our neighbors—one harvest at a time.

NEXT FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

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

Food Pantry Needs for August:

Chicken Ramen Noodles, Pop Tarts, Cereal

DATES TO NOTE

Wednesday, July 29:

*Journeys, 6:00 pm

*Youth Activities, 6:30 pm

Sunday, August 2:

*Back to School Recognition Service, 10:00 am

Wednesday, August 5:

*Journeys, 6:00 pm

*Youth Activities, 6:30 pm

*Choir Practice, 7:00 pm

Thursday, August 6:

*Food Pantry, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Saturday, August 8:

*UMM Monthly Meeting, 8:30 am

Monday, August 10:

*Prisca's Partners, 10:00 am

A Special Back-to-School Worship Service

Sunday, August 2, 2026

10:00 a.m. Worship

As a new school year begins, we invite all children, youth, teachers, school staff, and college students to **bring their backpacks**, book bags, or school totes to worship.

During the service, we will pray over each backpack and ask God's blessing and protection for every student as they begin a new school year of learning, growth, and new opportunities.

Each backpack will receive a special **2026 Blessing of the Backpacks name tag**—a keepsake that can also be used to identify their backpack throughout the school year.

Let's begin the school year together, surrounded by the love and prayers of our church family.



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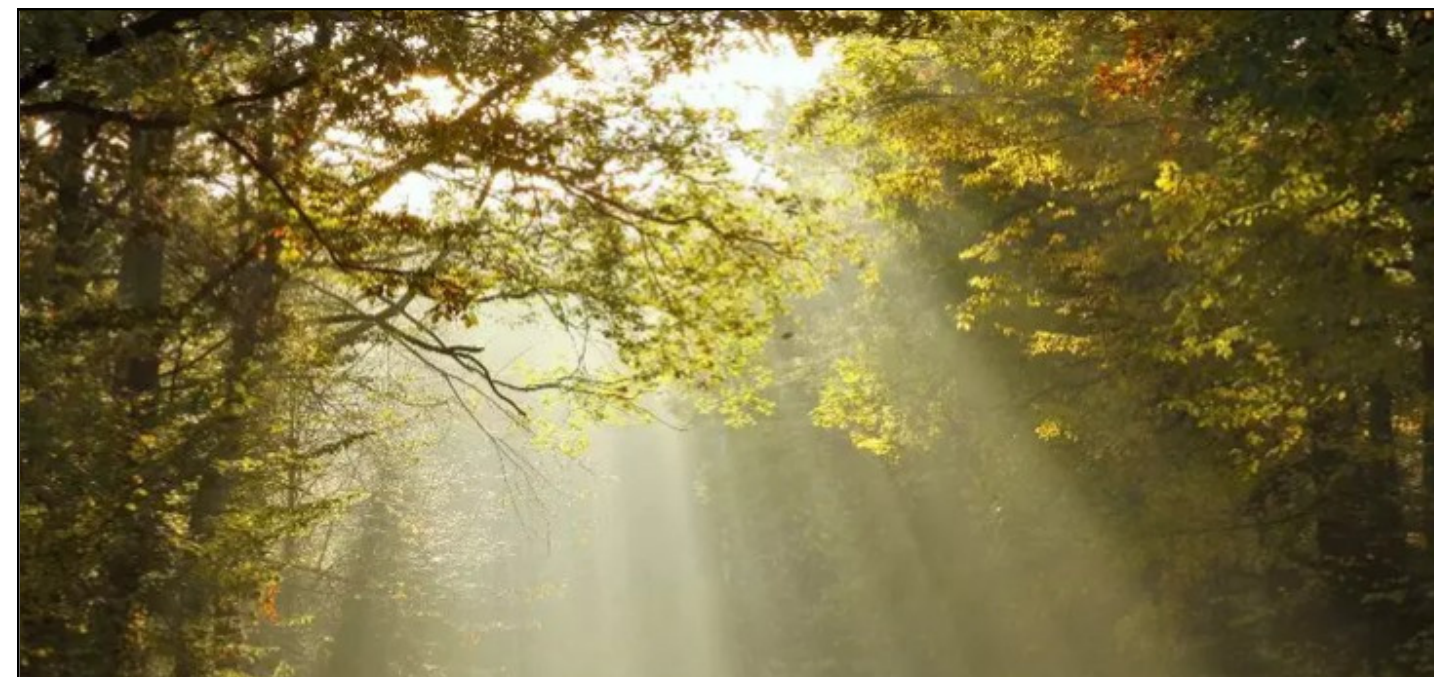
For full announcements and updates, please refer to our online newsletter, *The Christ Connection*, which is emailed out every week. If you are not an email subscriber and you would like to sign-up, scan the QR code here to access the online form.



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



But I do not count my life of any value to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the good news of God's grace.
— Acts 20:24

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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

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