



NEWS & NEEDS



**STEWARDSHIP
CAMPAIGN
2027**



OUR FAITH.
OUR CHURCH.
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

Monday, August 24:
*PLDC Meeting | 6:30 pm

Wednesday, August 26:
*Journeys | 6:00 pm
*Youth Activities | 6:30 pm
*Choir Practice | 7:00 pm

Thursday, August 27:
*Istoria UMW Meeting | 4:00 pm

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





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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)

Now Hiring: Financial Secretary

Join the Christ United Methodist Church Team!

Christ United Methodist Church is seeking a dependable, detail-oriented Financial Secretary to join our church staff and help support the financial life of our congregation. This part-time position is a great opportunity for someone with bookkeeping or accounting experience who values accuracy, confidentiality, and service—and who would enjoy working in a welcoming, faith-based environment. If you or someone you know may be a good fit for this important role, we invite you to learn more and consider applying.

To apply: Please submit a résumé and brief cover letter outlining your qualifications and interest to office@christumcknox.com or mail to Christ United Methodist Church, 7535 Maynardville Pike, Knoxville, TN 37938.

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!

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.





CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 23, 2026

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



"Where you go, I will go."
— Ruth 1:16

7535 Maynardville Pike, Knoxville TN 37938
Phone: 865-922-1412 | christumcknox.com
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: Sharon Graves

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

- ORDER OF WORSHIP -

August 23, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary & Online

Welcome Visitors

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Sharon Graves

- Leader: We gather today to worship the God whose faithfulness never fails.
- **People: God’s steadfast love endures forever, and God’s mercies are new every morning. We come to offer ourselves anew, trusting that God is worthy of our whole lives.**
- Leader: Christ calls us to deny ourselves, take up our cross daily, and follow Him. Come, let us worship the God who is always faithful.
- **People: We will worship the Lord with gladness, rejoice in His steadfast love, and commit ourselves to His service. Amen.**

*Congregational Hymn

“I Am Thine, O Lord” | UMH #419

*Apostles Creed

Children’s Message

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

Rev. Mark Kilbourne

*Congregational Hymn

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” | UMH #140

Offertory Prayer

Rev. Kilbourne

Offering

*Doxology

UMH #95

Pastoral Prayer | The Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Kilbourne

Scripture

Ruth 1:15-18 (NRSV)

Anthem

“Just As I Am” | CUMC Choir

Message

“A Woman of Noble Character” | Rev. Kilbourne

*Congregational Hymn

“Take My Life, and Let It Be” | UMH #399

*Benediction

*Sending Litany

- Leader: Be faithful in the quiet acts of service, the costly moments of sacrifice, and the daily work of loving others. Take up your cross each day and follow Christ.
- **People: By God’s grace, we will serve with commitment, compassion, and perseverance, offering our lives in grateful service and faithful love.**
- Leader: May the God whose steadfast love never fails strengthen you, guide you, and keep you as you go into the world. In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit
- **All: Amen.**

Postlude

**Rise in body or in spirit.*



Today’s altar flowers are given by Terry and Patti Keck in loving memory of Voyd and Joyce Keck, in honor of what would have been their 73rd wedding anniversary.

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.



Community Car Show Spotlight: Halls Crossroads Historical Museum

Our Community Car Show is more than a celebration of classic cars and cool rides—it’s a celebration of the history, people, and community that make Halls Crossroads special! We are proud to recognize the Halls Crossroads Historical Museum as a co-sponsor of this year’s event, alongside our United Methodist Men.

We are grateful for their support of our Community Car Show on Saturday, September 12, and for all they do to preserve and celebrate the heritage of Halls Crossroads.

Come enjoy the cars, connect with your neighbors, and celebrate the community we’re blessed to call home!



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)*

CUMC has the
privilege to host
Family Promise
Aug. 30 - Sept. 6.



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.

We are in need of two volunteers to serve as Key Hosts from 5-8 pm on Friday, Sept. 4th. Three hours of your time can make a meaningful difference! 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

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.