



NEWS + NEEDS

Church Consultation Meetings

The Church Consultation Team invites you to take part in the visioning process for our congregation. We will gather for two discernment meetings on March 17 and March 18, led by our church consultant, Dwight Kilbourne.

The first meeting will be held on **March 17th at 6:00 p.m.** at the home of Gordy and Ethel Noe. The second meeting will take place on **March 18th at 6:00 p.m.** in the UMW Room at the church.

Your voice and presence matter as we seek to faithfully guide our wonderful congregation into the future. We hope you will join us.

Easter Lily Dedications

Order forms for lily dedications are now available in the church office and they will be available in the narthex starting Sunday. Lilies cost \$18 a piece and checks should be made out to CUMC. All orders must be placed by Sunday, March 29th.

DATES TO NOTE

- Sun, Mar. 15: UMW Souper Sunday, 10 am
- Tues, Mar. 17: Discernment Meeting, 6 pm
- Wed, Mar 18: Discernment Meeting 6 pm
Food Pantry, 10:00 am - 12 noon
Journeys class, 6:00 pm
Choir Practice, 7:00 pm
- Thurs, Mar. 26: Istorla UMW Meeting, 4:00 pm
- Sun, Mar. 29: Palm Sunday Service, 10:00 am
Easter Egg Hunt /Carnival, 1:00 pm
- Wed, Apr. 1: Journeys class, 6:00 pm
Stewardship Meeting, 6:30 pm
Choir Practice, 7:00 pm
- Thurs, Apr. 2: Maundy Thursday Agape Meal, 6 pm
- Fri, Apr. 3: Good Friday Service, 6:00 pm

Easter Prayer Vigil

As we enter the sacred season of Lent, you are warmly invited to take part in our Easter Prayer Vigil. The vigil will begin immediately following our Good Friday service on Friday, April 3rd, continue throughout the day on Saturday, and conclude at our 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday.

We invite you to commit to a 30-minute prayer time during this holy journey from the cross to the empty tomb. During the vigil, please pray for our church, our nation, and our world. If you have a personal prayer request you would like included (it can be as simple as a name), please send it to Pastor Mark at mark@christumcknox.com at any time prior to or during the vigil.

Scan the QR code to get to the *SignUp* website, simply choose your time and follow the easy steps to reserve your slot.



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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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Church Office Operations:
Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Office(865)922-1412



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

March 15th, 2026



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

Pastor: Rev. Mark Kilbourne
Director of Music: Sarah Holloway
Organist: Mike Beckley | Pianist: Nancy Hodges
Today's Liturgist: Chris Burtner

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, KNOXVILLE

—TRADITIONAL WORSHIP—

March 15th, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary & Online

Prelude

Welcome

Chris Burtner

*Congregational Hymn

“Close to Thee” | UMH #407

*The Apostles' Creed

Children's Message

Rev. Mark Kilbourne

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

*Congregational Hymn

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” | UMH #430

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 on the screen and in your bulletin.)

Scripture

Matthew 18:21-35 (NRSV)

Anthem

“I Walked Today Where Jesus Walks” | CUMC Choir

Message

“Love that Crosses the Distance”

Rev. Kilbourne

*Congregational Hymn

“Just As I Am” | UMH #357

*Benediction

Postlude

**Rise in body or in spirit*



Altar Flowers: 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 outside the church office OR call the office during the week 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. Also, fill out a **Connection Card** (also located in your pew) to let us know more about yourself. You can use this card to let us know if you have a change in contact information, a prayer request, or anything else you need our office to know. If you are visiting today, we have a gift bag for you — please see an usher to pick one up. Have a wonderful Sunday!

Today is
SOUPER SUNDAY!
MARCH 15TH

HELP SUPPORT OUR FOOD PANTRY BY DONATING A CAN OF SOUP!

United Methodist Women

PICK UP AFTER 10 AM | DINE-IN BEGINNING AT 11 AM
TO-GO ORDERS INCLUDED!

Come enjoy a selection of soups and sandwiches made by our wonderful UMW cooks! All donations go towards UMW Missions.

Next Food Pantry

Distribution:

Wednesday, March 18th
10:00 am - 12 noon

Needs for March

Spaghetti sauce, beef Ramen noodles, cereal, sugar-free items for diabetic section

Thank you for supporting our Food Pantry!

A Song of Gratitude

Every Sunday, before many of us are even seated, our church choir is already serving. Week after week they give their time to rehearse, prepare, and pray so our congregation can enter worship with open hearts and a lightness in their soul.

Under the leadership of Choir Director **Sarah Holloway**, with pianist **Nancy Hodges** and organist **Mike Beckley**, their music becomes more than melody—it is an offering of worship. Their voices help shape the spirit of each service, inviting all of us to join in praise.

Today we pause to say thank you for your faithful dedication. Your music strengthens our faith, lifts our spirits, and reminds us of the beauty of praising God together.

CHURCH PRAYER LIST

*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

Cindy Skaggs

Mark Grace (son of Karen Grace)

Sheila Morris

Jaxton King

Vicki Clair

Lindsey Hrica (niece of Nancy Counts)

David Landreth

Lyn and Larry Coble

Lisa Beeler

Lou Watson

Patti Keck

Paula Williams

Doug Collins (uncle of John Collins)

Phyllis Denny (sister of Paul Tatum)

Judy Lewis (grandmother of Ty Matherly)

Nathan Meyers (son of Maggie Meyers)

Sharon Grissom, Cara Stout, Xylenia Fauske (family of Cynthia Waters)

James Miller (brother of Kathy Brockelton)

Judy FOX (grandmother of Jenny Harris)