HAPPENINGS & HIGHLIGHTS

Thanksgiving Baskets Ministry:

We're making great progress toward our goal of providing 80 Thanksgiving baskets to families in need in our community! Thank you for your generous support as we work together to share God's love this Thanksgiving. All donations need to be turned in by mid-November to allow time to prepare the baskets. **To donate or volunteer, contact Larry Estep at (865) 660-2449** or the **church office at (865) 922-1412.**

NEXT FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

Wednesday, November 18th | 10:00 - 11:30 am

Food Pantry Needs for November:

Canned Chili, Sugar, Pancake Mix

DATES TO NOTE

Sunday, November 8 - Sunday, November 15:
*Family Promise
Monday, November 9:
*Prisca's Partners, 10:00 am
*Administrative Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm
Wednesday, November 11:
*Journeys, 5:30 pm
*Youth Activities, 6:30 pm
**No Choir Practice*
Thursday, November 12:
*Sing a New Song, UMW Circle Meeting, 10:00 am
Saturday, November 14:
*UMM Monthly Meeting, 8:30 am Wesley Hall
Wednesday, November 18:
*Food Pantry, 10:00 - 11:30 am
*Journeys, 5:30 pm Wesley Hall
*Youth Activities, 6:30 pm
*Choir Practice, 7:00 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)

Angel Trees are now up and full of tags for picking! Each tag represents a child in our community that needs a special Christmas. Pick a tag, fulfill the wish, and place the unwrapped items, with the Angel Tree tag attached, under the tree located in the Welcome Center. The deadline to return gifts is *December 6th* – delivery to schools will be the week of December 7th.

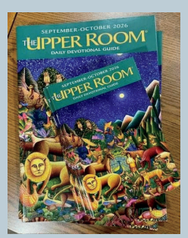
CUMC Youth Halls Christmas Parade Float

If you'd like to get involved and help out with the float, contact Barb Knowlton, 865-803-3077. Trisha Roberts will be heading up the design of the CUMC parade float design with the theme "The Grinch". *(The design you see below is a mockup of the float design.)*



The Upper Room

The Upper Room devotionals for November/December are now available. Copies can be found in the narthex, the Welcome Center and in the church office.

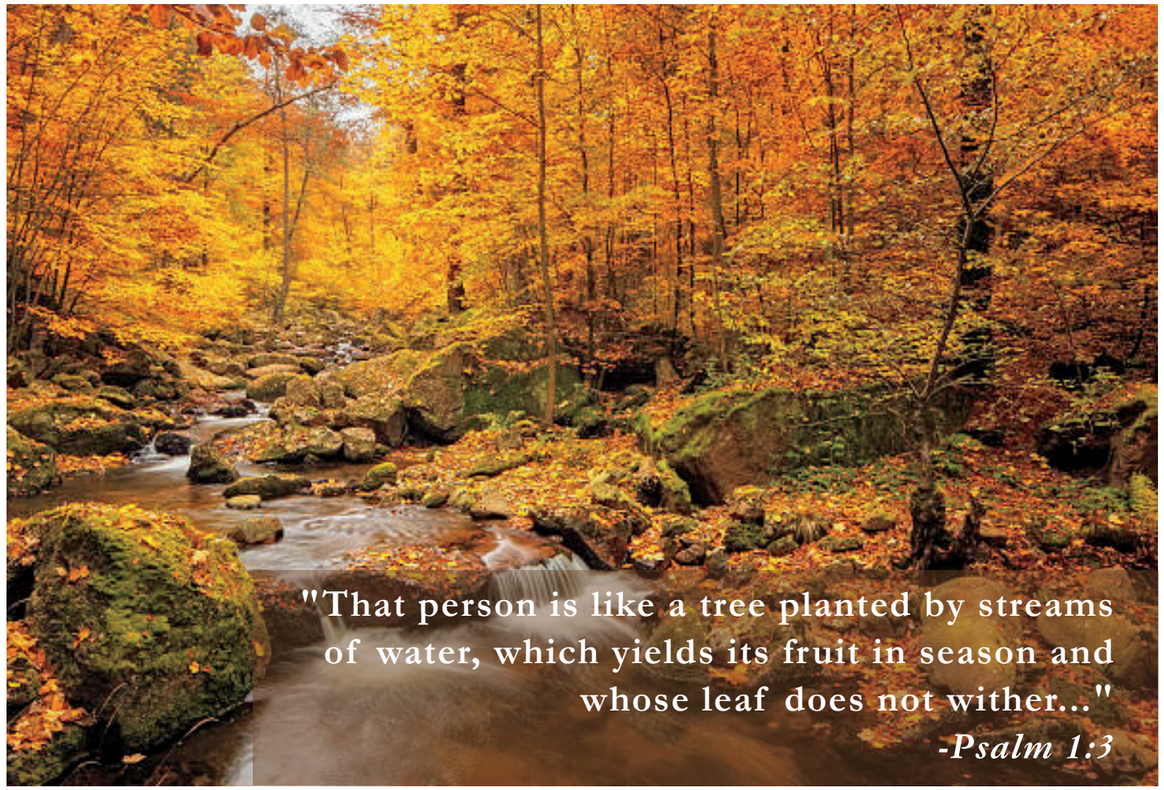


For full announcements and updates, please refer to our online newsletter, *The Christ Connection*, which is emailed out every week. If you are not an email subscriber and you would like to sign-up, scan the QR code here to access the online form.

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 8, 2026

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



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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: Jane Hunley

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

-ORDER OF WORSHIP-

November 8, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary & Online

Welcome Visitors

Prelude

*Call to Worship — Jane Hunley

- Leader: Christ has set us free, not to live for ourselves, but to love beyond words and good intentions, to faithfully serve one another
- **People: May we use our freedom to share Christ's love with the world! Open our eyes to those in need and our hearts to those who suffer!**
- Leader: Come, let us worship the One who came not to be served, but to serve!
- **People: With grateful hearts and willing hands, we offer our lives in worship and service! Amen.**

*Congregational Hymn — "Make Me a Blessing" | On Screen

*The Apostles' Creed

Children's Message — Rev. Mark Kilbourne

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

*Congregational Hymn — "People Need the Lord" | On Screen

Offertory Prayer — Rev. Kilbourne

Offering

*Doxology — UMH #95

Pastoral Prayer | The Lord's Prayer — Rev. Kilbourne

Scripture — Galatians 5:13-15 (NRSV)

Anthem — "What Can I Do?" | soloist Sarah Holloway

Message — "Serving" | Rev. Kilbourne

*Congregational Hymn — "Here I Am Lord" | UMH #593

*Benediction

*Sending Litany

- Leader: Go beyond good intentions. See the needs of others, build relationships, and offer compassion.
- **People: May our hands bring hope, our hearts offer love, and our lives reflect Christ!**
- Leader: As you serve, may God's grace transform both you and those whose lives you touch.
- **People: Shape us, O God, into disciples whose love becomes service!**
- **Leader:** Go now into the world, not simply as volunteers, but as servants of Jesus Christ! In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
- **All: Amen**



Today's altar flowers have been provided by Frances Ryan, in loving memory of her husband, Preston Ryan.

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 W**elcome 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.

GOD'S LOVE AT WORK



Family Promise starts tonight November 7–15!

Our church family is preparing to open our doors and hearts to families experiencing homelessness, providing a welcoming place to stay, meals, and encouragement during their time with us.

Thanks to the generosity and willingness of our wonderful volunteers, we are fully staffed and ready for our families! Your time, care, and commitment make this ministry possible. *Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ and sharing His love with families in need!*



Come Help Deck the Halls! Christmastime at CUMC

Join us on **Thursday, November 19** starting at 9:30 am as we get our church decorated for the Christmas season! Jane Hunley has graciously offered to provide lunch on Thursday. Plus, join us Friday, November 20 starting at 9:30 am as we finish up any remaining decorating tasks.

Love Gives: Thank You for a Successful Stewardship Campaign



Thank you to everyone who made our stewardship campaign a success! Your generosity, prayers, and commitment help make the ministries of Christ UMC possible and allow us to continue sharing God's love with our community. We are especially grateful for the beautiful commitment service last Sunday, when we brought our pledge cards forward and placed them in the church during Communion—a meaningful expression of our faith and shared commitment to the future of our church.

CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Cindy Skaggs
Mark Grace *(son of Karen Grace)*
Sheila Morris
Lyn and Larry Coble
Lisa Beeler
Lou Watson
Linda Skaggs
John Collins
Phyllis Denny *(sister of Paul Tatum)*
Judy Lewis *(grandmother of Ty Matherly)*
Sharon Grissom *(sister of Cynthia Waters)*
Mark Roberts *(nephew Nancy&Skip Allen)*
Ralph Caldwell
Carolyn Hatfield *(mother of Larry Beeler)*
Denny Roberts *(son of Frances Ryan)*
James Salyer *(brother of Anne Kilbourne)*
Vicki Clair
Phil Campbell
Carrie Judy *(daughter of Kathy Brockelman)*
The family of James Miller *(brother of Kathy Brockelman)*
James Salyer *(brother of Anne Kilbourne)*
Barb Overbay & Don Atkins *(Cindy Kroeger's partents)*
Jerry Balder *(friend of Carol Kerr)*
The family of Anne Akers *(Robin Burchfield's aunt)*
Lynn and Jamie Satterfield

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.