



HAPPENINGS & HIGHLIGHTS



Journeys: Three Years of Food, Fun & Fellowship!

Three years ago, on September 10, 2023, “Intro to Christ” began as a five-week orientation class for those new to Christ UMC, those considering membership, and anyone wanting to learn more about our church and Methodist heritage. When the five weeks ended, the group wanted to keep going! The class eventually moved to Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m., became **Journeys**, and developed its unofficial motto: **food, fun, and fellowship!**

Over the past three years, Journeys has grown into a multigenerational group where people of all ages can share questions, thoughts, experiences, and faith in a welcoming, non-judgmental environment. The group has explored topics ranging from Methodist traditions and the Lord’s Prayer to sermon reviews and The Redemption of Scrooge. What began with just three to five participants has grown so much that the group moved from the UMW Room to Wesley Hall—and **39 people attended our recent three-year anniversary celebration!**

Journeys is about much more than a class. It is about **relationships, conversation, laughter, shared meals, and making room for one another.** Whether you come with questions, curiosity, a hungry stomach, or simply a desire for fellowship, there is a place for you at the table. **As we celebrate three years, we look forward to continuing the Journey together—and there’s always room for you!**

NEXT FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

Thursday, October 1st | 5:30-6:30 pm

Food Pantry Needs for October:

Vienna Sausage, Hamburger Helper, Pancake Syrup

DATES TO NOTE

Thursday, September 24:

*Istoria UMW Meeting, 4:00 pm

Monday, September 28:

*Stewardship Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, September 30:

*Journeys, 5:30 pm

*Youth Activities, 6:30 pm

*Choir Practice, 7:00 pm

Thursday, October 1:

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

Monday, October 5:

*Ministry Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm

Wednesday, October 7:

*First Wednesday Fellowship Dinner, 6:00 pm

Thursday, October 8:

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

Saturday, October 10:

*UMM Monthly Meeting/Breakfast, 10:00 am

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CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 20, 2026

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



Be doers of the word and not merely
hearers who deceive themselves.
-James 1:22

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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: Chris Burtner

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

- ORDER OF WORSHIP -

September 20, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary & Online

Welcome Visitors

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Chris Burtner

- Leader: Let us be quick to hear and ready to receive God's Word.
- **People: We will listen with open hearts and willing spirits.**
- Leader: God calls us not only to hear His Word, but to live it.
- **People: It's our turn! We will answer His call and do His Word.**

*Congregational Hymn

"He Lives" | UMH #310

*The Apostles' Creed

Children's Message

Jane Hunley

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

*Congregational Hymn

"Here is My Life" | On Screen

Offertory Prayer

Karen Woods

Offering

*Doxology

UMH #95

Pastoral Prayer | The Lord's Prayer

Karen Woods

Scripture

James 1:19-25(NRSV)

Anthem

"I'm Abandoned" | CUMC Choir

Message

"It's Our Turn" | Karen Woods

*Congregational Hymn

"I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go" | On Screen

*Benediction

*Sending Litany

- Leader: God has called us—how will we respond?
- **People: It's our turn! We will put on the armor of God and stand!**
- Leader: No more excuses. No more waiting. We will not be hearers only.
- **People: We will be doers of the Word—answering His call and saying, "Send Me".**
- Leader: Go, then, from this place to the people and places you've been called to serve. Until we meet again. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- **All: Amen.**

Postlude

*Rise in body or in spirit.



Today's altar flowers are given by Shirley Babick in loving memory of Robert Babick
- Husband, Father and Papa.

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.



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.



Nursery Worker Needed

Christ United Methodist Church is seeking a Nursery Worker to serve in our Children's Department. This position will provide a safe, healthy, and loving environment for children ages 0–2 while working under the direction of the Pastor. A full job description, qualifications, and application information will be available on our church website at christumcknox.com and in upcoming issues of *The Christ Connection*.

CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Cindy Skaggs

Mark Grace *(son of Karen Grace)*

Sheila Morris

Lyn and Larry Coble

Lisa Beeler

Lou Watson

Linda Skaggs

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

The family of Donna Bittle

Carolyn Hatfield *(mother of Larry Beeler)*

Vicki Clair

James Salyer *(brother of Anne Kilbourne)*

Carrie Judy *(daughter of Kathy Brockelman)*

The family of James Miller *(brother of Kathy Brockelman)*

The family of Nell Bowers *(Shannon Wilson's mother)*

James Salyer *(brother of Anne Kilbourne)*

Barb Overbay & Don Atkins *(Cindy Kroeger's partents)*

Jerry Balder *(friend of Carol Kerr)*

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.



Get Ready for Boo Bash!



September is here, which means it's time to get ready for **Boo Bash!**, our annual Fall Carnival benefiting our **Children and Family Ministry!** This year's celebration will take place **inside the gym** and will include games, pumpkin painting, cornhole, "Pin the Tail on the Turkey," music, food, refreshments, a photo backdrop, and more. Don't forget to come dressed for our **Costume Contest**, with categories for children, teens, adults, and more!

One of the highlights will be our **Trick-or-Treat Candy Tables!** We're challenging all of our **Sunday School classes, Journeys, and Choir** to host a decorated table and invite anyone else who would like to participate to join the fun. We'll also have a **Gift Basket Raffle** and our popular **Cake Walk**, so we need donations of candy, pumpkins, gift baskets, cakes, and other baked treats to make these activities a success.

Most importantly, Boo Bash! gives us an opportunity to welcome our community, share the love of our church family, and introduce guests to Christ United Methodist Church. **Contact Jenny Harris at (865) 335-3749 for more information about volunteering or donations, and come join us for an evening of faith, fun, fellowship, and Halloween spirit!**