



# NEWS & NEEDS

It's the Final Week to Order Your  
Faith. Friendship. Fun.  
Youth T-Shirt!

Don't miss out! We're heading into the final week of pre-orders, so make sure you get your order placed before it's too late! Faith. Friendship. Fun. — wear it proudly!

Scan the QR code to order!



## NEXT FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

Wednesday, August 19th | 10:00-11:30 am

### Food Pantry Needs for August:

Chicken Ramen Noodles, Pop Tarts, Cereal

## DATES TO NOTE

### Wednesday, August 19:

- \*Food Pantry, 10:00 am
- \*Journeys, 6:00 pm
- \*Youth Activities, 6:30 pm
- \*Choir Practice, 7:00 pm

### Wednesday, August 26:

- \*Journeys, 6:00 pm
- \*Youth Activities, 6:30 pm
- \*Choir Practice, 7:00 pm

### Thursday, August 27:

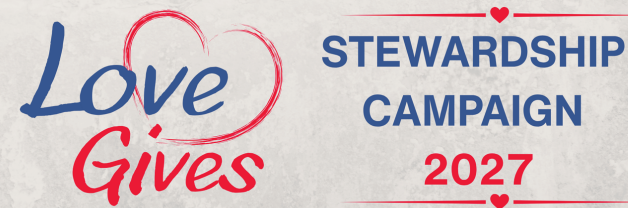
- \*Istoria UMW Meeting, 4:00 pm

### August 30 - September 6:

- \*Hosting Family Promise

### Wednesday, September 2:

- \*First Wednesday Fellowship Meal, 6:00 pm
- \*Youth Activities
- \*Choir Practice, 7:00 pm



We're excited to announce the launch of our **2027 Stewardship Campaign!** This year's theme, *Love Gives*, reminds us that generosity is one of the most meaningful ways we respond to God's love and share that love with others through the ministries of Christ UMC.

In the coming weeks, we'll be sharing more about our Stewardship Sunday worship service, opportunities to participate in the campaign, and how your faithful support helps our church continue making a difference in our community and beyond. **Stay tuned for more details**—we look forward to taking this journey of generosity together!

## Support Family Promise at the 20th Annual Pasta & Bluegrass Festival

Join Family Promise of Knoxville for the 20th Annual Pasta & Bluegrass Festival on Saturday, August 22, from 6:00–8:00 PM at Concord UMC. This fun-filled evening combines delicious food, great music, and a meaningful mission as the community comes together to help families experiencing housing instability.

## 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 16, 2026

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



Even after the darkest night, God brings a new beginning.

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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:** Laura Gibson

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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)

# CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## - ORDER OF WORSHIP -

August 16, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary & Online

Welcome Visitors

Prelude

\*Call to Worship

Laura Gibson

- Leader: When the walls are high and the future is uncertain, God provides a sign of salvation.
- **People: His mercy is our refuge, and His grace is our scarlet cord.**
- Leader: Lift up your heads, for your rescue is found in the Lord of hosts.
- **People: By faith we enter into His kingdom; let us worship the Lord together.**

\*Congregational Hymn

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” | UMH #384

\*Apostles Creed

Children’s Message

Rev. Mark Kilbourne

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

\*Congregational Hymn

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin” | UMH #365

Offertory Prayer

Rev. Kilbourne

Offering

\*Doxology

UMH #95

Pastoral Prayer | The Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Kilbourne

Scripture

Hebrews 11:31 (NRSV)

Anthem

“Grace” | CUMC Choir

Message

“The Faith of a Prostitute” | Jane Hunley

\*Congregational Hymn

“Freely, Freely” | UMH #389

\*Benediction

\*Sending Litany

- Leader: For the women and men who take bold action, even when the future looks uncertain,
- **People: We thank you, O God.**
- Leader: For the scarlet cord of redemption hung in a window of rescue, and the assurance that no one is beyond your reach,
- **People: We trust in your unfailing mercy.**
- Leader: As we leave this place, may our courage not depend on a flawless history, but on a receptive heart.
- **All: Amen**

Postlude

*\*Rise in body or in spirit.*



*If you would like to reserve a Sunday to provide flowers in honor or memory of someone, please add your request to the Flower Calendar outside of the church office, or call the office to check for availability.*

# 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.



**Christ United Methodist Church will once again have the privilege of hosting Family Promise families from Aug. 30 through 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.

*For questions or more details, contact Barb Knowlton at (865)803-3077*

## CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Cindy Skaggs

Mark Grace *(son of Karen Grace)*

Sheila Morris

Donna Bittle

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

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)*

## Good News! A Family Promise Success Story

We are excited to celebrate a wonderful milestone for two of our Family Promise participants, Cassandra and Olivia! After entering the Family Promise program in February and staying with us during the last two sessions we hosted, they have taken an important step toward a brighter future—they signed a lease for their new apartment this past week!

We are so grateful that Christ United Methodist Church could be part of their journey. Their story is a beautiful reminder of what can happen when families are surrounded by encouragement, support, and a community that cares. Congratulations, Cassandra and Olivia! We celebrate this new chapter with you and pray that your new home will be filled with peace, stability, and many blessings.

## The Upper Room

*The Upper Room* devotional series for September/October is now available throughout the church in both regular and large size print.

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.