HAPPENINGS & HIGHLIGHTS



To help families find their way, new signs have been placed at the bottom of both staircases to direct parents and children to the new location of our Children's Sunday School classes downstairs, next to the Welcome Center.

NEXT FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

Wednesday, October 21st | 10:00-11:30 am

Food Pantry Needs for October:

Vienna Sausage, Hamburger Helper, Pancake Syrup

DATES TO NOTE

Sunday, October 18:
*Kickoff of 2027 Stewardship Campaign
Wednesday, October 21:
*Food Pantry, 10:00-11:30 am
*Journeys Class, 5:30 pm
*Youth Activities, 6:30 pm
*Choir Practice, 7:00 pm
Thursday, October 22:
*Istoria UMW Meeting, 4:00 pm
Saturday, October 24:
*UMW Unit Meeting, 10:00 am
*Celebration of Life Service for James Miller, 12:30 pm
(*All are welcome to attend the service)*
Tuesday, October 27:
*Set-up for Boo Bash!, 10:00 am
Wednesday, October 28:
*Boo Bash!, 6:00-8:00 pm
Sunday, November 1:
*Daylight Savings ends – fall back one hour!

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Office Phone: (865) 922-1412
WiFi Network: "Christ UMC Guest" (no password required)

Thanksgiving Baskets Ministry: Help Us Reach 80!

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.**

CUMC will once again have the privilege of hosting **Family Promise** families from **November 8 - November 15**. 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.

Please be in prayer for the families we will welcome, as well as for the many volunteers who make this ministry possible. Watch the bulletin, newsletter, and church announcements for sign-up information and additional details. Thank you for helping us extend Christ's love and hospitality to our neighbors in need.

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

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

October 18, 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: Carol Kerr

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

-ORDER OF WORSHIP-

October 18, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary & Online

Welcome Visitors

Prelude

*Call to Worship — Carol Kerr

- Leader: We gather today because we have been loved by a God who does not simply speak of love—but shows us what love looks like.
- **People: God's love meets us, welcomes us, and calls us to love one another.**
- Leader: Love shows up. Love serves. Love gives. Love welcomes. Love does good.
- **People: God of love, teach us to love as you have loved us. May our worship today become a life of love in action. Amen.**

*Congregational Hymn — "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" | UMH #155

*The Apostles' Creed

Children's Message — Rev. Mark Kilbourne

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

*Congregational Hymn — "My Hope Is Built" | UMH #368

Stewardship Moment — Barb Knowlton & CUMC Youth

Offertory Prayer — Rev. Kilbourne

Offering

*Doxology — UMH #95

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

Scripture — Mark 12:28-34 (NRSV)

Anthem — "Hallelujah! Thine the Glory" | CUMC Choir

Message — "Love Looks Like Good" |Rev. Kilbourne

*Congregational Hymn — "Be Still My Soul" | UMH #534

*Benediction

*Sending Litany

- Leader: We have gathered to worship the God who is love.
- **People: Now we go to live that love.**
- Leader: Go, then, not simply as people who have heard about love. But as people who put love into action.
- **People: Send us from this place ready to love our neighbors, seek their good, and live out our faith together.**
- **All: Amen**

Postlude

**Rise in body or in spirit.*

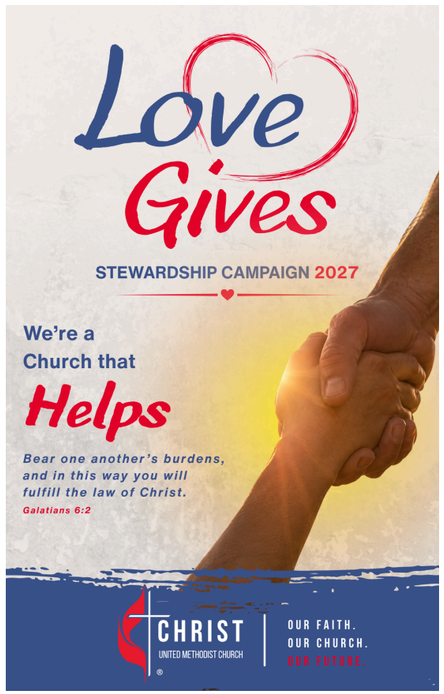


Today's altar flowers and eagle figurine have been provided by John Collins in honor and memory of his uncle, Doug Collins.

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.



Love Gives: Our 2027 Stewardship Campaign

Today, October 18, we officially kick off our **2027 Stewardship Campaign**, embracing this year's theme, "Love Gives." As we look toward the future, we invite everyone to prayerfully consider how we can continue to grow stronger together, open our doors to tomorrow, help our neighbors, and imagine the possibilities for Christ United Methodist Church and our community.

For the next three weeks, we will share a special **"Stewardship Moment"** during worship, featuring members of our congregation sharing how our church's ministries, fellowship, and shared experiences make a difference in our lives and the lives of others.

A special thank-you to our Stewardship Team — **Ralph Davis, David and Sheila Morris, Hank Blanton, Todd Sheppard, Jane Hunley, Jennifer Harris, and Becca Treece** — for their time and dedication throughout this campaign. As we move forward, these team members are available to answer any questions you may have about stewardship. Thank you for being part of the "Love Gives" journey as we faithfully look toward the year ahead!

We are in the final stages of preparation for Boo Bash! — and there are still plenty of ways to help make this year's Fall Festival a success! Candy Table Hosts, Raffle Basket makers and games supervisors, we need you! Scan the QR code here to **SignUp** and see where you can help. The buzz is in the air with over 350 Facebook likes on our Event page, and advertising in the *Knoxville Insider* online, and in the *Neighbors of Halls Crossroads* publication. Let's make Boo Bash! a fun and memorable night for our children, families, and community. **Thank you for helping us make the magic happen!**



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
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)*

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.