

"Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together...but encouraging one another."

Hebrews 10:24-25

As the summer winds down and the seasons shift, something special happens in churches across the country—Rally Day. For generations, United Methodists have celebrated Rally Day as a time to come back together after the slower, more scattered summer months. Christ United Methodist Church will be celebrating Rally Day on September 7, 2025.

Rally Day is a time to "rally" the church community together—to gather once again in the Spirit of Christ, reenergized and ready to journey together in faith. The tradition dates back to the late 1800s and early 1900s. In the United Methodist Church today, Rally Day continues to serve as an invitation to renew our commitment to Christ and one another. It's more than a calendar event—it's a moment of spiritual reset.

Rally Day is often compared to a homecoming. Families return from summer trips, and school schedules begin. We gather in worship to praise God for the season behind us and to look forward in hope for what's ahead.

It's also a time for reconnection and recommitment. Rally Day reminds us that we are not meant to walk the path of faith alone. Faith formation is lifelong, and every season of life brings opportunities to grow in Christ.

Ultimately, Rally Day is a call to live our faith in community. It's a time to ask:

- *Where is God calling me to grow this year?
- *How can I serve others through the church?
- *What new relationships is God inviting me to build?

Join us on September 7th as CUMC rallies together in faith.
Grace and Peace,
Pastor Leah

UPCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULE



08/17
SUN

PICTURE DAY



09/12
FRI-SUN

**UWF SPIRITUAL
RETREAT
UWF**



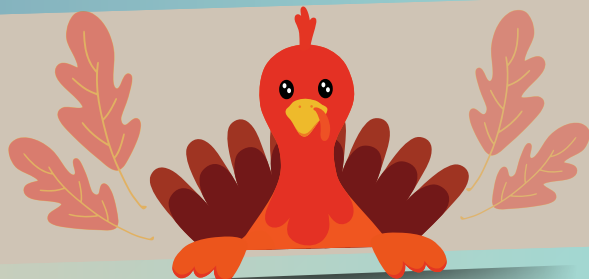
10/09
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Blood Drive



10/05
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**WORLD COMMUNION
SUNDAY**



11/09

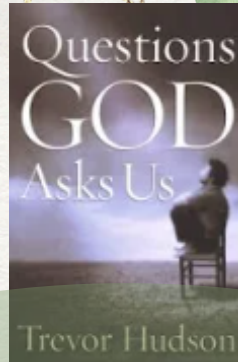
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Friendsgiving Thanksgiving Potluck

August Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Kevin Utter	2
3 Larry Glover	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Rick Butler	11 Greg Crawford	12 Tom Warders	13	14	15 Cori Rice	16
17 Renee Weisser	18 Rose Yarrington	19	20 Linda Glover	21	22	23
24	25 Luisa Silvas Maxine Smith	26	27 Alanna Jones	28 Marisa Struckhoff	29	30
31 Sandy Beardmore						

Bible Study



Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

In August, the Tuesday afternoon Bible Study will continue the study: Questions God Asks Us by Trevor Hudson. God wants to enter into a conversation with us, His children, and the questions He poses in the Bible draw us into a deeper sharing and intimacy with Him. Come join us on August 12th & 26th at 2:00 pm in the Lounge for interesting insights and discussion.

Contact Carma at Mynacee@aol.com for materials.

Adult Sunday School:

Adult Sunday School has begun a new study from Max Lucado entitled "The Checkered Heart" The study follows the journey of young David, a shepherd, chosen to providing King Saul with harp music (to relax his troubled soul). The story then follows David as he hides from King Saul for many years to David's crowning as King. Join us for this interesting study Sunday mornings in Room 107 from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. as Lucado provides us with great background for each session to put us right there with David on his journey! Sue Ptacek 970-218-8701.

Seekers Bible Study

Seekers Bible study will be taking a Summer break and will be back in September.

MONDAY 9:30 A.M. BIBLE STUDY:

The Monday Morning Bible Study is a Monday Morning Hymn Study during this summer. The group meets at 9:30 a.m. in the choir room downstairs. Select hymns from "The Faith We Sing" become more memorable and meaningful as we read, sing, pray and chant. All are welcome.

Thank You



THANKS to everyone who volunteered for the FFH rotation in June. CUMC, along with our support churches, provided 44 volunteers and approximately 269 hours of service. All the churches did a great job filling all the slots and a super job using the new sign-in/sign-out process. The QR code was used for ~80 % of the entries, and about ~75 % of the volunteers used the code. Your dedication and flexibility are indispensable. Please remember the families and other volunteers in your prayers, and may God bless you. Nathalee & Kendra

Buckhorn United Women in Faith Spiritual Retreat

Caring for Body, Mind, and Soul, facilitated by Corinna Crandall

September 12-14, 2025

All women of the church are invited to a Spiritual Retreat to be held September 12th through the 14th at Buckhorn Methodist Camp.

Accommodations are in the Retreat Hall that sleeps 3 people to a room with a bathroom. We will start off the retreat weekend with dinner Friday evening and conclude with breakfast Sunday morning followed by a worship service.

Enjoy a weekend of fellowship, spiritual renewal, and inspiration in a beautiful mountain setting with great accommodations and food.

5 meals: Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner, Sunday breakfast

2 nights lodging: Friday and Saturday

Total weekend cost- \$250.00 per person

Question contact Kathy Turner 970-290-0344 or kayturn@comcast.net

Congregational Care Team

The goal of the Congregational Care Team (CCT) is to reach out to those in our community of faith who have special needs and to help make our church a friendly, nurturing faith community.

When the Care Team is made aware of someone who needs a little extra encouragement, they do their best to be there with cards, phone calls and visits. During the past month CCT members sent 33 cards and emails, made 5 calls and 8 visits.

The Congregational Care Team (CCT) meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the church lounge to update, review and to assure that the known needs of those in our community of faith are being met. You are invited to join the Team!

For more information, please call Linda Glover, 970-481-1415.

Memorials

Funds from John Brubacher's memorial were used in July for the purchase of new table cloths for the round tables and new rectangular six-foot tables in the Fellowship Hall. These were specifically purchased for special events and receptions such as funerals and memorial services. We are thankful to the Brubacher family for making this money available for this purpose.

When Chance Meets the Spirit

Sometimes things come together by chance, a fluke, or just luck. And sometimes—or every time—the Holy Spirit is involved.

It all started when a bulletin board came crashing to the floor. The board hadn't been used for much, but one day, as Jessie Bergen was placing something on it, it fell. It was moved aside with the intention of asking someone from the Trustees to find a way to rehang it. But the wall was slightly damaged—as was the board.

Pastor Leah Coleman asked if the Trustees would be open to not replacing the board, but instead painting a mural in its place. They agreed.

The following Sunday during worship, the congregation sang “As the Deer” by Martin Nystrom. As she sang along, Val Cornetet thought, “I’ve always loved this song. I should paint this—an image of a deer panting for water, drinking from a lake.” On her way out of the service, Val shook hands with Pastor Leah, who said unexpectedly, “Val, would you be willing to paint a mural on that angled wall over there?” She pointed to the spot where the bulletin board had once hung. Val was taken aback—she had just envisioned a painting of that very idea moments before. And now she was being asked to bring it to life as a mural. She said yes. A week later, in September 2023, Val attended a Women’s Spiritual Retreat at Buckhorn Camp and took the opportunity to photograph a mountain lake to use as inspiration for her painting.

A Trustee volunteered to prep the wall, placing a cover plate over an outlet. At first, Val thought she could paint directly on the rough surface. But during a conversation about it, Larry Glover happened by and offered, “I could smooth this wall for you—sand and prime it to be a better background for the painting.” And he did.

Within the next month, Val mapped out her vision on paper, selected her colors, brought her step stool, and got to work. She began with a pink-toned background—hints of which peek through the finished mural. Day by day, she added more detail: mountains, a lake, and finally, the deer. She borrowed the technique of using rags in addition to brushes to apply and blend the paint, and was happy with the results. Each day, as people passed through the hallway, they noticed the water begin to shimmer, and the deer begin to drink. Val added the words of Psalm 42:1. “As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul thirsteth for you, O Lord.” After applying a final protective seal, the mural was complete. It took just four days.

How did all of this come together, you ask?

The Holy Spirit is alive and well at Christ United Methodist Church.

United Women In Faith have many books in their section of the Library. Those shelves are at the far east end of the Library.

Current books (fiction and non-fiction) on Social Action, Nurturing for Community, Leadership Development, Education for Mission and Spiritual Growth give many choices for every reader. You will see the checkout instructions on one of the shelves.

PLEASE RETURN ANY BOOKS YOU CHECK OUT IN 3 WEEKS OR LESS. Other readers are waiting.

Here is a short review of a book from the "Spiritual Growth" category.

Library News



The Gift of the Unexpected: Discovering Who You Are Meant to Be When Life Goes off Plan

By Jillian Benfield

What if the unexpected is the beginning of becoming your truest self?

Jillian Benfield was living life in the spotlight as a TV journalist, but after receiving a life-altering diagnosis for her unborn son, she realized no camera-ready outfit could dress up her grief.

Overcoming this unexpected circumstance wasn't an option. She would have to undergo it instead. In doing so, she discovered who she was and who God wanted her to become.

In this riveting story filled with grit and grace, Jillian helps you:

- break down the false constructs you've built around God and your identity
 - learn to feel your pain in a healing way
- discover how your internal transformation leads to external purpose

No matter what you're going through, you're invited to open this gift: The Gift of the Unexpected.

From Finance**Monthly Review of Gifts and Expenses for the Church's Operating Fund**

Monthly Review	Givings	Expenses	Difference
April, 2025	29,617.00	27,903.00	1,714.00
May, 2025	19,913.00	23,396.00	-3,483.00
June, 2025	29,958.00	24,515.00	5,443.00

The church continues to borrow from other funds to help the operating fund pay all the bills due each month. To date, we are approximately \$20K in the red and are fortunate to have funds that are not needed right away that we can borrow from. We had a similar issue last year and by year end we had enough gifts to pay off all the loans. It is our hope that this will happen again this year. Please keep the financial picture of Christ UMC in your prayers. Our church does so much good for so many people in our community and we need to keep our doors open. Anything you can do to help will be appreciated more than you know.

Matthew 12: 41-44

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you; this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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