



August 26, 2018

# Christ Connection

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## Sunday, August 26

- 8:45 am: Traditional—Sanctuary
- 11 am: Traditional—Sanctuary
- 11 am: Crosswalk—Fellowship Hall
- **3 pm: District Meeting at Powell UMC**
- Youth Alive 5-8 pm

## Monday, August 27

- 11 am: Monday Prayer Time
- 5 pm: AA (Lib.)
- **6:30 pm: Church Council Meeting**
- 7 pm Boy Scouts

## Tuesday, August 28

- 10 am -2 pm: Benevolence
- 10 am: Int. Line Dancing
- **6 pm: SPR Meeting**
- 6:30 pm: Istorla (UMW)

## Wednesday, August 29

- 10 am -2 pm: Benevolence
- 10 am: AA (Lib.)
- **6:00 pm: Wednesday Night Meal & Program**
- 6:00 pm: Youth Mid-week Connection
- 7:15 pm: Choir Practice

## Thursday, August 30

- 10 am: Bazaar Babes (Cornerstone)
- 10 am: Beg. Line Dancing

## Friday, August 31

- 7:00 pm: AA (Conf.)

## Other Upcoming Events

- **Sept. 3:** Office Closed for Labor Day
- **Sept. 4:** Prayers, 1 pm
- **Sept. 5:** Wednesday Night Meal/Prog.
- **Sept. 6:** Nominations Com. (Lib)
- **Sept. 10:** Monday Prayers, 11 am (Chapel)
- **Sept. 16:** Rise Against Hunger
- **Sept. 17:** Monday Prayers, 11 am (Chapel)
- **Sept. 23:** Children's Choir, Gr 1-8, 12:15 pm lunch followed by practice.
- **Sept. 24:** Monday Prayers, 11 am (Chapel)
- **Sept. 24:** Church Council, 6:30 pm (Cornerstone)
- **Sept. 25:** SPR Committee, 6 pm (Conf.)
- **Oct. 1:** Monday Prayers, 11 am (Chapel)
- **October 13:** Church Picnic

## Monday Prayers

Each Monday, you're invited to join our prayer group in the prayer chapel behind the Sanctuary to pray for those in our church and community who are in need of God's grace, mercy and intervention. Everyone is welcome to attend and take part in lifting up those special needs in prayer. **Special note:** The group will not meet on Labor Day; this week only, they will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 1 p.m.

## Wednesday Night Meals and Programs Return!

Join us on August 29 at 6 p.m. for food, fellowship and a great program with Pastors Don and Megan. **Menu:** Sautéed beef tips with onion and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, dessert. New Price for **Cost:** \$8.00 per person or \$28.00 per family. If you are visiting the church, your first meal is free! RSVP by Mon-day (865-922-1412) or fill out a pink envelope and drop it in the offering plate.

## Rise Against Hunger

Did you know that 815 million people don't receive enough nutrition to lead an active, healthy life? Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief organization that distributes food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable, mobilizing the necessary resources to end hunger by 2030. This is accomplished by utilizing community volunteers to assemble nutritional food packs for distribution to those who truly need our help. On September 16, once again, our church has the opportunity to participate in a Rise Against Hunger event in our Fellowship Center. Join for lunch at 12:15 p.m. following church services and we will start packing at 1 p.m. If you'd like to be a part of this wonderful event, **please call Patti Keck at 865-388-6779** to sign up as a volunteer.

## United Methodist Women

**Prisca Partners:** 10:00 a.m. the 2nd Monday of the month, Conference Room (Focus: visitation to our home bound). Next meeting: Sept. 10

**Sing a New Song:** 9:00 a.m. on the 2nd Thursday of the month. (Focus: UMW mission statement). Next Meeting: Sept. 13

**Istorla Circle:** 6:30 p.m. for fellowship, 7 p.m. for discussion, the last Tuesday of each month, UMW room. Next Meeting: Aug. 28.

## United Methodist Men

The next **United Methodist Men's Breakfast** meeting will be on **Sept. 8 at 8:30 a.m. in Wesley Hall**. This group is open to all men of the church, of all ages, and they coordinate a variety of activities throughout the year. Come and see what the United Methodist Men are all about.

**CAN You Help the UMM?:** The United Methodist Men collect cans to supplement their ministry funds. If you will: save and bag your cans and put them in the bin outside at the back of the Sanctuary. The men collect and recycle them every month and your generosity and help are appreciated. It's a little thing that helps in a big way!

## Children's Choir

Hey, kids! Get ready to praise the Lord in song! We need you! Our Children's Choir for grades 1—8 will meet on September 23 immediately following church services. We'll start with lunch and then move on to practice. Make plans to be there.

## Thank You

"A big thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for the lovely lunch, flowers, and gift cards on my last day of work in the church office. I truly treasure the friendships and fellowship here. May God continue to bless this church. It has been my honor and pleasure to serve this church. Love, Cheryl Massey"

## Tennessee Valley District Conference

Please make plans to attend the Tennessee Valley District Conference Meeting on Sunday, August 26, 2018, at Powell United Methodist Church, 323 W. Emory Road, Powell, TN. Everyone is invited and all church leaders are encouraged to attend.

## Giving

### Last Week You Gave

\$6,530 to the General Fund

\$4,028 less than the Weekly Budget for 2018

\$1,410 to the Building Fund

\$567 less than the Weekly Loan Service Commitment

\$285 to other Designated Funds

### Giving for the Year through Aug. 19, 2018

\$326,386 to the General Fund

\$22,028 less than the Year-to-Date Budget for 2018

\$56,219 to the Building Fund

\$9,022 less than the YTD Loan Service Commitment

\$16,589 to other Designated Funds

## Bluegrass at Christ UMC

Every second Sunday, we have our "If It's Two, It's Blue!" worship music at the early service (and sometimes, even at the traditional service!).

This Fall, we're excited to announce our roster of special guest musicians:

September 9:	<b>New Harvest</b>
October 14:	<b>Matt Ledbetter &amp; Friends</b>
November 11:	<b>Steve &amp; Debbie Gulley</b>
November 18:	Southern Gospel at 8:45 and 11 a.m. with <b>Sunday Drive</b>
December 9:	<b>Jimbo Whaley</b>

## Youth News

Please join us for a **Youth Parent Meeting** on 8/26 from 4 to 5 pm.

## Youth Calendar:

**Sunday morning 8/26/2018:** Youth Sunday School meets upstairs in the sanctuary building every week from 10am to 11am. Come early to hang out and have some food before we split into High School and Middle School Bible small groups.

**Sunday evening, 8/26/2018 from 4 to 5pm. Youth Parent Meeting**

**Sunday evening, 8/26/2018 from 5 to 7pm:** Join us for Youth Alive at 5pm for dinner, 5:30 worship & lesson, 6:15 games, 7:00 dismiss.

**Wed., 8/29/2018, 6:30 to 7:30: Midweek Connection.** After the Church-wide meal come upstairs to the Middle School Sunday School Room. We'll have some sharing time about your week followed by prayer time. We'll see what the Bible says about prayer.

**Sunday evening, 9/02/2018. No YOUTH ALIVE** tonight due to Labor Day Holiday Weekend

\*Watch the **\*Youth GroupMe App** to keep up with what's going with CUMC Youth. To join the Youth GroupMe App contact Jimmy Lee at youth@christumcknox.com or text 865-599-4389 and he'll get you signed up!

## Food Pantry Needs

It's a beautiful thing when the church family comes together for those in need. Needs for this week include: macaroni & cheese, baked beans, rice-a-roni, tomato soup, vegetable soup, canned peas and canned potatoes. All donations of any kind are welcome year 'round! Your contributions keep our pantry full and ready to provide to our community when they are in need. Your donations can be dropped off in the Crosswalk service on Sunday or the church office on Monday—Thursday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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