

Central United Methodist Church



The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
October 20, 2024
10:45 a.m.

Our Vision:

***Making Christ known by extending hospitality,
serving the community, pursuing justice and embracing all.***

201 - 3rd Avenue Knoxville TN 37917
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We Gather to Praise God

Prelude

I Love You Lord

arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Rev. Jimmy Sherrod

Opening Prayer

Sue Renfro

† Call to Worship

Christ of the joyful journey, like your meeting with Bartimaeus, you meet us where we are: here and now,
which may not always be where we ought to be, but that does not worry you.

Despite all the other demands on your time we know you are with us in this act of worship.

You call us and we throw off our cloak and come to you to help us find what we have lost.

Let us now see with clear eyes the glory of God among us.

We worship in Spirit and in truth. Amen.

† Opening Song

Wonderful Words of Life

UMH 600

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;
let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life
words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.

[refrain] Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life;
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life;
sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;
all so freely given, wooing us to heaven. [refrain]

Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;
offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever. [refrain]

We Listen to Hear God's Voice

† Scripture

Mark 10:46-52

This is the Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!

Song *Open Our Eyes*
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

A Time for Young Christians

Emalie Dockery

Sunday school for nursery through 5th grade is offered every week following children's time except on Sundays when we celebrate Holy Communion (typically the first Sunday of each month).

Anthem *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Paul Baloche

Sermon Let Me See

Rev. Sherrod

We Respond to God's Great Love

† **Song** *Goodness of God*

I love You Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,
oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

[Refrain] 'Cause all my life, you have been faithful.
And all my life, You have been so, so good.
With ev'ry breath that I am able,
oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love your voice. You have led me through the fire
in darkest nights. You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father; I've known You as a friend.
And I have lived in the goodness of God. [Refrain]

The Apostle's Creed (Ecumenical Version)

UMH 882

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day, our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Announcements

Offering our Gifts

Offertory

Open My Eyes, That I May See

arr. Joel Raney

† Dedication of Gifts

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

We Are Scattered to Serve God in Our World

† Closing Hymn

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

UMH 351

Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry;
while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

[refrain] Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;
while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

Let me at thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief,
kneeling there in deep contrition; help my unbelief. [refrain]

Trusting only in thy merit, would I seek thy face;
heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by thy grace. [refrain]

Thou the spring of all my comfort, more than life to me,
whom have I on earth beside thee? Whom in heaven but thee? [refrain]

† Benediction

Postlude

How Majestic is Your Name

arr. Mark Hayes

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† Please stand in body or spirit

Prayer List

Sunday, October 20, 2024

Pat Keyes's condition continues to decline. Hospice staff is now making daily visits. Please remember Peter also during this time. The address is 2806 N Decatur Rd, Apt. 514, Decatur, GA 30033.

Ford Deese (Mary Humes's grandniece) is continuing her radiation therapy. The address in Jacksonville is Ford Deese, Room #210, Ronald Ronald McDonald House, 824 Childrens Way, Jacksonville, FL 32207. You can follow Ford's progress on <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/forddeese>

Charles Sartwell (Ann Sartwell's father and former CUMC member) has moved to a rehabilitation facility. He is doing well physically but having some memory problems after the stroke. Ann will be in California with him for two weeks. During this time, cards can be sent to 1016 Pacific Grove Ln, Apt 1, Pacific Grove, CA 93905.

Tiffany Mynatt is working with a large family whose housing has been sold and is looking for a new rental within their financial constraints. She asks prayers that they can find an affordable place to live.

Please continue to remember **Pat Cowart** (Melanie Gangaware's mother), **Michael Dearen** (Patty Parham's nephew, 7900 Stephanie Cove, Bartlett, TN, 38133), **Emalie and Haley Dockery** (5215 E Sunset Rd, 37914), **Lena Frye** (friend of Lauren Gangaware), **Brenda Bacon Goble** (friend of Susie Knable), **David Helms** (801 E Inskip Dr, 37912), **Larry Ketron** (Jodie Overton's father) **Peter Keyes** (2806 N Decatur Rd, Apt. 514, Decatur, GA 30033), **G.R. Lewis** (wife is friend of Ali Umbarger), **Diane Lowe** (7125 Meadowbrook Cir, 37918), **Joan Moon** (7655 Apple Cross, Corryton, 37721), **Nancy Morgan** (3105 Atoka, 37917), **Donna Shirley** (Larry Ward's sister, 4133 Stephanie, Jonesboro, AR 72405), **Mike O'Tool** (Ron O'Tool's grandson), **Billy Varnell** (4121 Riverstone Ln, 37918), **Carroll and Lucy Varnell** (4408 High School Rd, 37912), **Kathy Whaley** (friend of Penney Helms, 200 Nodding Oak, Chapel Hill, NC, 27516), **Bill Winans** (1658 Wisteria View Way, 37914), and **Rev. Grady Winegar** (5503 Pinecrest Rd, 37912).

Looking Ahead ~ Our Calendar

Weekly:

Builder's Class Bible Study via Zoom, Tuesday at 6:30 pm
Handbell Rehearsals, Wednesday at 5:30-6:15 pm
Choir, Wednesday at 6:15 – 7:45 pm
Worship, Sunday at 10:45 am

Monthly:

1st Tuesday – Prayer Group, 10am, Room 213
Caswell Manor Lunch Prep
1st Wednesday – Serve Caswell Manor Lunch
3rd Thursday – VMC Lunch Prep
3rd Friday – Serve VMC Lunch
4th Thursday – Help at Minvilla Manor
Second Harvest Food Pantry

October 20	Justice Knox Meeting, Noon – 1:30 pm, Room 209
October 21	Justice Knox Meeting, 6:30 pm, Room 209 4 th and Gill Meeting, 6:30 pm, Room 210
October 22	Bible Study, 6:30-8pm, Room 209
October 23	Bible Study, 10am-11:30am, Room 209
October 24	Beaumont Partners Breakfast, 9am-11am, Fellowship Hall
October 25	Wedding Rehearsal, 5pm, Sanctuary
October 26	Wedding, 4pm, Sanctuary
October 28	Board of Ordained Ministry, 8am-8pm, Entire Building Leadership Council, 6:30 pm, TBD
October 29	Retired Teachers, 10am-12noon, Room 210 Bible Study, 6:30-8pm, Room 209
October 30	Bible Study, 10am-11:30am, Room 209
October 31	Autism Up Halloween Party, 9:30am-2:30pm, Fellowship Hall
November 3	All Saints Day
November 5	Election Day
November 5	Bible Study, 6:30-8pm, Room 209
November 6	Bible Study, 10am-11:30am, Room 209
November 10	Grace Cares Card Making Class, 3:00pm-5:00pm, Room 210

We're hiring! We're seeking a Director of Families with Children to join our dynamic team. The position is part-time (15 hours a week). Please pass this along to folks you may know who might be interested in helping our families with children grow in their faith and spirituality! Candidates should submit resumes to Rev. Jimmy Sherrod at jimmy@knoxcentralumc.org. Please be in prayer for our team as we search for the right candidate to fill this position.

At Central we are continuing our pursuit of justice by beginning our second season as Justice Knox members. We will kick-this-off with our JK House Meetings TODAY at noon (just after services) in Room 210 and tomorrow, at 6:30 pm in Room 209, and each will include a light meal. Missy Parker and Bruce Peters, our Justice Ministry co-leaders, ask that our current Justice Knox network members and all those potentially interested in becoming a member attend one of these House Meetings. You will have a forum to voice your community justice concerns that will be provided to the Justice Knox leadership for consideration as a Research to Action issue and an opportunity to commit, or for existing members re-commit, to Justice Knox.

Beaumont Snacks - My brother has always hated breakfast foods and my 93 year old mother will still tell the story of his first grade teacher reprimanding her for not giving him breakfast! She said, "You make him eat because I can't!" Would your child rather have a cheeseburger than scrambled eggs and bacon? At any rate, kids don't always eat when the opportunity is there so they get hungry. Then they get cranky, and it is hard for them to overpower their hunger to listen and learn. So, teachers provide snacks out of their own pocket to these hungry kids! Funds are not provided so Central has Stepped In! We provide snacks weekly through buying snacks when we grocery shop, shipping cases of snacks from Sam's or Costco directly to the church, (Central UMC, 201 Third Ave, Knoxville, TN 37917,) and giving monetary donations specifically for Beaumont Snacks for us to purchase for you! Be sure to mark your donation accordingly and remember when purchasing, no peanuts or peanut butter to avoid allergies! Thank you, Central, for taking care of our kids, our future! Your generosity is amazing!

Election Day Café — It's finally here! Tuesday, November 5, is only 2 weeks away. This is the big one, so our neighborhood voter turn out should be a large number. Our neighbors enjoy voting at Central UMC because they are greeted by friendly people and great refreshments. Sign-up sheets for a 2 hour shift and snacks are on the table under the sign-up board. Thank you for your Volunteer spirit!

Sunday, November 10th – 3:00 p.m., Room 210 We will make Holiday Cards for Minvilla Manor & Caswell Manor Residents. A list of first names of residents will be available so you can personalize and help the residents in Permanent Supportive Housing feel special for the holidays! We will make a total of 6 cards (3 choices – 3 to keep and 3 to share). Suggested donation for supplies - \$5.00 To help us have adequate supplies, please reserve your place on the Ministry Team Sign-Up Board or let Gaye King know you are coming.

It is a time to be Grateful!

It is a time to share a bountiful meal with our neighbors in celebration of Thanksgiving, an American tradition that we all love! November is right around the corner, folks! This year, we will continue our commitment to help the families at **Fulton High School** that cannot afford to buy extra for the holiday meal. It is a tradition at Central to bestow boxes of perishables and nonperishables for the neediest families. Fulton asked us if we could provide **65** boxes this year and we responded with an enthusiastic **YES!** There are many ways to get involved in the coordination of this service opportunity! Please see the below schedule and let us know if you want to be part of blessing these families with love and food for the holiday! You can help us shop, purchase the \$20 Kroger gift cards, or donate money towards this grand project. We also need volunteers to help on the **distribution day, Monday, November 18th from 11 am to 7:30 pm**. Please see the sign up on the sign up board outside of the sanctuary for the various time slots. It's as easy as one, two, three as follows:

- 1 - Grab a bag with the list of items to purchase.** The filled bags of the nonperishables need to be at the church no later than **Tuesday, November 12th by 4 pm** as we close the church at 4:30 pm.
- 2 - Help the Project Grad Fulton Students pack the perishables on November 16th from 11 am to Noon** and join us for a pizza lunch afterwards!
- 3 - Sign up to help with distributing the boxes on Monday, November 18th, shifts from 11 am to 7:30 pm are available. If you are open to helping deliver, please let us know!**

Many of us at Central are Fulton grads and this high school is dear to our hearts! It's a great time to help those in need in our community so their holiday is as festive as everyone else's. Please join us this year for **Blessings will abound!**

Welcome Visitors!

If you are visiting with us today, we invite you to let us know you were here. In front of you, in the pews, you will find a visitor card. If you are willing, leave us your name and phone number, or e-mail address so that we can connect with you and find out more about you and share more about who we are as well.

Care and Prayer

If you have a prayer request, let us know so we can be in prayer for you. Either use the visitor cards in front of you or e-mail Kathy Gant at gants@att.net

Sunday Morning Coffee

The coffee is on! Every Sunday morning at 9:30 am, you are invited to join us for coffee. Connect with Central folks for fellowship and conversation. Coffee is available from 9:30 until 10:45 am.

The Central Hub

Keep up with what's going on each week by subscribing to our weekly e-newsletter. You can subscribe by going to knoxcentralumc.org and fill out the form at the bottom of the page.

Spiritual Discipline of Giving and Financial Update

Giving financially is a spiritual discipline and has the power to shape and transform us. When we give, it expresses priorities in our lives. All are encouraged to give out of the abundance that God has provided us. We aren't currently passing the offering plates, but we do ask you to consider giving to the ministries of Central Church in one of the following ways.

- Place your gift in the offering Plate on Sunday Morning. You'll find them as you exit the sanctuary.
- Mail a check to 201 Third Ave. or bring it by the office.
- Give online (text to give) and through the Vanco Mobile App.
- Set up an automatic withdrawal through your checking account. Please reach out to Laurie in the office to sign up.
- Scan the PayPal QR code to donate through PayPal.



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