

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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Central United Methodist Church



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 2026
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

PreludeHow Majestic is Your Namearr. Mark Hayes

WelcomeThe Lord be with you! And also with you.Rev. Jimmy Sherrod

Opening Prayer

† Call to Worship

We gather for worship out of many needs:
a need for guidance, insight, tools for life...
What God provides in response may surprise us -
Inviting us to simply breathe, to gaze, to laugh, to embrace.
Such gifts are portals into health, freedom and the presence of God.
Lord, in our worship, lead us in the path of wholeness. Amen.

† Opening HymnsO For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (vv. 1-4) (MILLER Version)

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth aboard the honors of thy name, the honors of thy name.

Jesus! the name the charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
’tis music in the sinner’s ears, ’tis life, and health, and peace, ’tis life, and health and peace.

He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe, the humble poor believe.

(traditional) O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My TributeUMH 99

To God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory for the things he has done.
With his blood he has saved me; with his power he has raised me;
to God be the glory for the things he has done.

We Listen to Hear God’s Voice

† ScriptureMatthew 6:25-27; Mark 10:13-16
The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Amen.

Prayer List
Sunday, August 16, 2026

Sean Gangaware is home recovering from pneumonia.

Hank Kelly (Sally Ball-Morgan’s 5-year old grandnephew) is at St. Jude recovering after tumors were removed from his second kidney on Monday. They plan to be at St. Jude 6 weeks for proton radiation therapy, but he may come home for a few days before returning to Memphis.

Susan Marks continues having the health issues that have plagued her for several months and asks for prayers for answers and treatment (1315 Snowden Dr, 37912).

Tom Price's surgery went well. They removed all the skin cancer. He goes back in a couple of weeks to have the stitches removed.

Jean Duncan (Bobbi Kopotic's mother) is home on hospice care.

David McKinney (friend of the Slaters in Tulsa) has battled leukemia for years. He is feeling better and receiving treatment for other medical issues.

Breanna, one of Tiffany Mills's clients, still has upcoming court dates and needs prayers for wise judicial decisions and peace.

Please continue to remember Cyndi French (4233 Drifting Drive, 37912), David Helms (801 E Inskip Dr, 37912), Peter Keyes (2806 N Decatur Rd, Apt. 212, Decatur, GA , 30033), Joe and Marlene Mahlum (4232 Williamson Dr., 37938), Joan Moon (7655 Apple Cross, Corryton, 37721), Rosemary Phillips (mother of friend of Tyler Leweling), Charles Sartwell (Ann Sartwell's father and former CUMC member, Ivy Park at Monterey, 1110 Cass St, Apt. 101, Monterey, CA 93940), Kathryn Tutterow(George Kirby's sister, 1746 Loudon Ridge Rd, Lenoir City, 37771), Carroll and Lucy Varnell (4408 High School Rd, 37912), Billy Varnell (4121 Riverstone Ln, 37918), Bill Winans (3696 Halcyon Trace, Trussville, AL 35173), A. C. Wilson (4371 Lifespring Lane, #215, 37918), Rev. Grady Winegar (The Village at Allandale, Virginia's Garden #206, 100 Strickland Court, Kingsport, TN, 37660), and Tonya Wright (316 St. Francis Way, 37919).

Looking Ahead ~ Our Calendar	
Weekly:	Monthly:
Builder’s Class Bible Study via Zoom, Tuesday at 6:30 pm	1 st Tuesday – Prayer Group, 10am, # 213 Caswell Manor Lunch Prep.
	1 st Wednesday – Serve Caswell Manor Lunch
Central Harmony, Wednesday at 5:30-6:15	
Choir, Wednesday at 6:15 – 7:45 pm	
Worship, Sunday at 10:45 am	2 nd Tuesday – Trustee Meeting, # 209
	3 rd Thursday – VMC Lunch Prep
	3 rd Friday – Serve VMC Lunch

August 16	4 th and Gill Board Meeting, 4 pm, Room 210
August 17	Trustees Meeting, 10 am, Room 209
	Leadership Council, 6:30 pm, Room 210
August 18	Mahjong Class, 6:30 pm, Room 210
August 20	KUB Community Meeting, 5-7:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
August 23	Choir Retreat, Noon-3pm, Choir Room
August 25	Mahjong Class, 6:30 pm, Room 210

The children's ministry is in need of volunteers to teach Elementary & Youth Sunday School classes. If interested, please contact Laura Walker or Allison Malone. Thank you!

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is thankful for the dedication of our church staff in support of Central and our service in the community. We will be honoring our staff on August 23, and we invite the congregation to join us in extending our appreciation. Please consider making a special financial contribution towards monetary gifts for Laurie, Brandon, Doug, Holly, Lesli and Tom. Mark your gift “Staff Appreciation” and place in the offering or mail to the church office by August 19. Thank you!

Save the Date for another Swap Meet!!! Friday, October 23rd and Saturday, October 24th. Start cleaning and filling bags with your donations. Drop off will begin Monday, October 19th. Watch for more details in the Worship Guide, in the Hub and on Facebook!

† Hymn	Glorify Thy Name
	Father, we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify thy name in all the earth. Glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.
	Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify thy name in all the earth. Glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.
	Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify thy name in all the earth. Glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.

A Time for Young Christians	Wil Davenport
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	Old Time Religion Medley	arr. Mark Hayes
Sermon	Out of Survival Mode	Rev. Sherrod

We Respond to God’s Great Love

† Hymn	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] 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]

Congregational Prayer

O God our Provider, you have seen every hour that we have spent worrying. By your Holy Spirit, take those worries away so that we can give you thanks and praise as you deserve. Free from worry, remind us of the curiosity and trust we are called to live in as your children. We ask this in the name of Jesus. 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, the power, and the glory
for ever. Amen.

Prayer Concerns

Announcements

Offering our Gifts

OffertoryIn the Gardenarr. Joel Raney

† Dedication of GiftsDoxologyUMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

We Are Scattered to Serve God in Our World

† Closing HymnGod Will Take Care of You (vv. 1-3)UMH 130

Be not dismayed whate’er betide, God will take care of you;
beneath his wings of love abide, God will take care of you.

[refrain] God will take care of you, through every day, o’er all the way;
he will take care of you, God will take care of you.

Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;
when dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you. [refrain]

All you may need he will provide, God will take care of you;
nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you. [refrain]

† Benediction

PostludeWe Have Heard the Joyful Soundarr. Mary McDonald

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† Please stand in body or spirit

Breakthrough Prayer

Holy Spirit, Breakthrough and set our hearts on fire! Renew us! Revive us!
Speak to us and reveal Your plans for Central Church.
We are listening and surrendering our hearts and our plans to Your will.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The altar flowers are given by David Roberts in honor of the Builder’s Class.