

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



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 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

Prelude	Holy Manna	arr. Joseph Martin
Welcome	The Lord be with you! And also with you.	Rev. Jimmy Sherrod
Opening Prayer		
† Call to Worship		
	In the midst of the desert heat, God heard the cries of the people.	
	Help us, Lord, please help us.	
	Manna was given and water gushed forth from a rock.	
	Lord, have mercy upon us.	
	In the midst of the deserts of fear and frustration, God will provide for our needs.	
	Lord, come to us and heal us. AMEN.	
† Opening Hymn	For the Beauty of the Earth	UMH 92
	For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.	
	For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.	
	For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind’s delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.	
	For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.	
	For thy church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above, offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.	
	For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given, for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.	

Prayer List
Sunday, August 23, 2026

Sean Gangaware is recovering at home after being hospitalized for pneumonia.

Hank Kelly (Sally Ball-Morgan’s 5-year old grandnephew) is at St. Jude for his 6 weeks of proton radiation therapy.

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).

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 his other medical problems are being treated.

The family of Kathryn Tutterow (George Kiley's sister in Lenoir City) died Monday night after a long illness.

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), 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).

Please let us know updated information or if a person can be removed from the list.

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 23	Choir Retreat, Noon-3pm, Choir Room
August 25	Mahjong Class, 6:30 pm, Room 210
September 1	Prayer Meeting, 10am, Room 213
	Mahjong Class, 6:30 pm, Room 210
September 7	Labor Day – Church office closed
September 8	Mahjong Class, 6:30 pm, Room 210
September 15	Mahjong Class, 6:30 pm, Room 210
September 19	Advent Concert Rehearsal, 9am-Noon, Sanctuary
September 20	4 th and Gill Meeting, 4pm, Room 210
September 22	Mahjong Class, 6:30 pm, Room 210
September 29	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!

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!

Central Meets Hunger Needs. People knock on our church door every week. Some of the time their need is a prayer. Some of the time they are hungry. They might be sleeping on the ground, in a car, on a friend's sofa or in a house of many mouths. People are hungry and we give them food. We also provide information on ways to get help. A way out of their darkness. The opportunity to help your neighbor is real and you can help by contacting serving@knoxcentralumc.org, Melanie at melaniegangaware@gmail.com or Jane at jmeier321@yahoo.com.

We Listen to Hear God’s Voice

Scripture	Exodus 16:1-5; Acts 2:42-46	
	The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Amen.	
† Hymn	How Majestic is Your Name	
	O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth. O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name: Prince of Peace, mighty God; O Lord God Almighty. [repeat]	
Staff Appreciation		
A Time for Young Christians	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	No, Not One	arr. Larry Shackley
Sermon	A Stuck Church	Rev. Sherrod

We Respond to God’s Great Love

† Hymn	Great Is Thy Faithfulness (vv 1,3)	UMH 140
	Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou has been, thou forever wilt be.	
	[refrain] Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!	
	Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [refrain]	

Congregational Prayer

O God our Provider, even when we complain, you provide enough and more than enough. When we start to give up, remind us that with you there is always more to come. As we thank you for your many gifts, give us the curiosity we need to take our next step forward on our journey with you. 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

OffertoryI Love You, Lordarr. Mark Hayes

† 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 HymnGuide Me, O Thou Great JehovahUMH 127

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; (want no more)
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; (strength and shield)
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell’s destruction, land me safe on Canaan’s side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee; (give to thee)
I will ever give to thee.

† Benediction

PostludeWhen in Our Music God Is Glorifiedarr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace

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† Please stand in body or spirit

The anthem today was given in honor of Don and Willeen Akers by Charles and Patty Parham.

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.