

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

the LORD has done
GREAT things
& we are filled with JOY for US
Psalm 126:3

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 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	Toccata on To God Be The Glory	arr. Joel Raney
Welcome	The Lord be with you! And also with you.	Rev. Jimmy Sherrod
Opening Prayer		Sue Renfro

† Call to Worship

Let us begin this day by rejoicing!

The Lord has done such wonderful things for us.

Let us be glad!

The day before us is uncertain. We know not what we will encounter on our way.

Wherever we go, we go forth as people of the living God,

And we go forth to touch the lives of all with his healing touch.

Let us begin this day with rejoicing!

and return to our homes with gladness!

† Opening Hymn	Great Is the Lord	
	[refrain] Great is the Lord, he is holy and just; by his power we trust in his love.	
	Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true; by his mercy he proves he is love.	
	Great is the Lord and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.	
	Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:	
	Great is the Lord! [refrain]	
	Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.	
	Great are you, Lord; I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:	
	Great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!	
	Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus	UMH 349
	Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,	
	and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.	

We Listen to Hear God’s Voice

Scripture	Psalm 126:1-3; Zephaniah 3:17
	The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Amen.

Prayer List
Sunday, August 9, 2026

Hank Kelly (Sally Ball-Morgan’s 5-year old grandnephew) is at St. Jude to have surgery to remove tumors from his other kidney on Tuesday.

Clark Corwin is home recovering from successful heart valve replacement procedure this past week.

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

Ashley Varnell saw a heart specialist. She appears to have a problem with her ventricle. She is on more medication and was recently on a heart monitor.

Paul Billups (father of Morgan Billups, who attended Central before she moved) had quadruple bypass surgery in West Virginia. He also has stage 4 cancer.

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

Leigh Harris (Melanie Gangaware's brother) has recovered from his infection and emergency surgery. He will be returning to his home in Sarasota this week.

David McKinney (friend of the Slaters in Tulsa) has battled leukemia for years. He is feeling worse, and his bloodwork is not promising.

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: Builder’s Class Bible Study via Zoom, Tuesday at 6:30 pm	Monthly: 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 11	Justice Team Leaders Meeting, 1pm, Room 209 Mahjong Class, 6:30 pm, Room 210
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, Jeff, 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!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Election Day Café. It was a big success and the neighbors loved it.

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	Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176
Majesty, worship his majesty; unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise. Majesty, kingdom authority, flow from his throne unto his own; his anthem raise. So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King. Majesty, worship his majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.		

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	Great Is the Lord Almighty	Dennis Jernigan arr. J. Daniel Smith
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Sermon	The Gift of God’s Delight	Rev. Sherrod
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We Respond to God’s Great Love

† Hymn	Since Jesus Came Into My Heart
What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought since Jesus came into my heart! I have light in my soul for which long I had sought, since Jesus came into my heart!	
[refrain] Since Jesus came into my heart, since Jesus came into my heart, floods of joy o’er my soul like the sea billows roll, since Jesus came into my heart.	
I’m possessed of a hope that is steadfast and sure, since Jesus came into my heart! And no dark clouds of doubt now my pathway obscure, since Jesus came into my heart! [refrain]	

Congregational Prayer

O Lord our God, you have done great things, so great that we could not hide our happiness. Remind us of the times when you filled us with laughter and with songs of joy. Be with us today. Rejoice over us with gladness. Renew us with love. Lead us as we laugh and sing, so that all the world might hear and praise you together with us. 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.

Announcements

Offering our Gifts

Offertory *You Are My King (Amazing Love)* arr. Bill Wolaver

† Dedication of Gifts Doxology UMH 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 Hymn *The Trees of the Field* (based on Isaiah 55:12)

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there’ll be shouts of joy, and all of the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands
while you go out with joy.

† Benediction

Postlude *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Jason D. Payne

† 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 today are in loving memory of Jane Meier’s mother, Margaret DeLeo, on her 100th birthday.