



christianunionchurch

Sunday, August 23, 2026

Welcome Representative: Kim McLaren

Usher: Ed Metts

Hearing God with Blurry Eyes
Job 13: 15-21

Prelude	<i>All the People Said Amen</i> <i>Living for Jesus</i> <i>I Thank God</i>	
Welcome	Martin Smith	
Songs	<i>Every Good Gift</i> <i>Jesus Saves</i> <i>Lion and the Lamb</i>	#472 vs.1,2,4
Prayer & Message	Gary Salm	
Communion		
Announcements		
Closing Song	<i>Revive Us Again</i>	#350 vs. 1-4
Postlude		

Invitation to Communion

Our celebration of communion is open to all believers. Communion Stewards will pass the elements to you.

If you are looking for a new church family, please fill out the blue card, located in the back of the pews. After the service, please give the blue card to the Welcome Rep in the foyer and receive a complimentary gift bag that includes additional information.

Please give Prayer Requests (yellow slips located in the pew) to Pastor Gary. The prayer list is updated monthly with each newsletter. Please let the church office know if prayers have been answered.

Please remember to sign the attendance sheet inside the black pew pad and pass it down the pew.

New Church Office Hours

Starting September 1, 2026, the church office will be open

Monday – Thursday from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.

Fridays are flexible, so please call first.

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Announcement Highlights

Food Patry Sunday August 30 Fifth Sundays are designated as Open Arms Food Pantry Sundays. We invite you to bring food donations with you if you are attending in-person worship services and place the donations in the barrel near the front glass doors or the double doors near the family restroom. You are also welcome to drop off food donations to the church during the week Monday-Thursday, 8:30 to 3:00. Monetary donations are also appreciated. The missions committee will deliver all donations to the food pantry. **Thank you!**

Evening Service August 30 in the Pavilion Please join us for Vespers Night on Sunday, August 30 at 6:30 pm for hamburgers and hot dogs followed by an evening of worship, teaching, and meaningful community. Come expectant as we gather to seek the Lord, grow in our faith, and spend time encouraging one another. Whether you've been coming for years or it's your first time, we'd love to have you with us!

CLIMB for K-5th graders will be meeting on the first Wednesday evening of each month, starting with September 2. Meetings will be in the KidZone room. Time will be 6:00 – 7:00 pm.

Women's Tuesday Night Study will begin a 6-week study of the book of Genesis on September 1, 6:30 pm, in the Family Room. This would be a good time to join us! Please let Linda Richard know today, August 23, if you would like to come so we can order a study book for you.

To the women of Christian Union Church – A baby shower to celebrate Pastor Gary and Lori's future granddaughter will be held Sunday, September 20 from 1 to 3 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you can join us. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet by the church office. Parents-to-be Audrey & Justin Sprinkel have registered at both Target and Amazon.

Summer Mission Project — gifts received thru September will go to support RHMA – Rural Home Missionary Association – based in Morton IL. Please write "Summer Project" on the memo area of your check or on your giving envelope.

Highlights of This Week at Christian Union Church

For the complete list of events, please see UPCOMING EVENTS on the website.

Sunday, 08/23	9:30 am	Coffee and donuts - Front Foyer
	10:00 am	Worship Service and KidZone
	5:00 pm	Sunday Night Prayer Group
Tuesday, 08/25	6:00 pm	Men's & Women's Bible Studies pizza together
Wednesday, 08/26	6:30 pm	Elevate – Fellowship Hall, SH & JH rooms
Saturday, 08/29	5:00 pm	Music/Band rehearsal