



christianunionchurch

Sunday, September 13, 2026
Welcome Representative: Julie Fandel
Usher: Dick Owens

Four Questions
Mark 4:35-41

Prelude	<i>God of Our Fathers</i> <i>Exalted Overall</i> <i>All the People Said Amen</i>
Welcome	Martin Smith
Songs	<i>Blessed Be Your Name</i> <i>Ancient Words</i> <i>Gratitude</i>
Prayer & Message	Gary Salm
Communion	
Announcements	
Closing Song	<i>My Jesus</i>
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.

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Announcement Highlights

Thank you from Doug & Jean Long — We so appreciate all the prayers, cards and hugs we received when Jean's sister, Jane Pifer, died. Our church and Pastor Gary's support have been a blessing. Thank 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.

Evening Worship at Camp Wildwood – Please join us **September 27** for fellowship, frisbee golf, and a campfire (s'mores provided) at 5:30 followed by outdoor worship at 6:30 pm. Please bring your own chair if you have a portable one available.



NEW DATE !!! KidZone Shopping Trip September 27

The KidZone kids and their leaders will be walking to IGA/Kirby foods on September 27 (*previously planned for a Sunday in October*) to purchase groceries to donate to Open Arms Food Pantry. If you would like to donate to this project, please write "*KidZone Shopping Trip*" on your check (or use a pew envelope for cash) and drop it in the offering box. If you have questions, please contact Margie Hahn or Lori Salm. Thank you so much for your support!

**CHRISTIAN
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**2026
DIRECTORY**

It's time to have a new photo taken for the upcoming 2026 directory.

The meeting room (between living room and KidZone) will be set up as our photo studio and will be open for you to drop by these Sundays:

9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11 and 10/18

Photos will be taken from 9:30 a.m. to the beginning of worship and from the end of worship until 11:30 a.m. A last chance for retakes is planned for 11/01.

Highlights of This Week at Christian Union Church

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

Sunday, 09/13	8:30 am Music/Band Rehearsal
	9:30 am Coffee and donuts - Front Foyer
	10:00 am Worship Service and KidZone
Monday, 09/14	5:00 pm Sunday Night Prayer Group
	6:00 pm Mission Committee – Living Room
	7:00 pm Council – Family Room
Tuesday, 09/15	6:30 pm Men's Bible Study - Chapel
	6:30 pm Women's Bible Study – Family Room
Wednesday, 09/16	4:30 pm Music/Band Rehearsal - Sanctuary
	6:30 pm Elevate – Fellowship Hall, SH & JH rooms
Thursday, 09/17	7:00 pm Christian Education Committee – Living Room

**GARY WANTS TO START ALTERNATING WORDING ON NEW MEMBER SUNDAYS
WITH WORDING REGARDING TITHES AND OFFERINGS BELOW:**

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**THESE TWO PUBLISHED IN SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER – ADD TO SOME OF THE
BULLETINS**



The Worship Committee is seeking volunteers for the Holiday season - specifically for ushers, communion stewards, and Advent readers.
For questions or to volunteer, contact Nancy Owens.



Old Christmas Trees?

We are looking for older artificial Christmas trees to decorate the lawn areas around the church building. If you or someone you know have a tree to donate, please place the tree next to the garage before October 31st. Questions – call the church office.



IF SOMEONE DOES GIVE FLOWERS:

*Thank you to Sharol Minger for the flowers on the altar today
in remembrance of Mike Minger’s birthday (September 9).*