



christianunionchurch

Sunday, September 27, 2026
Welcome Representative: Julie Fandel
Usher: Dick Owens

Salvation in Broad Daylight
John 4:1-26

Prelude	<i>Sing for Joy The Only Name Speak O Lord</i>
Welcome	Martin Smith
Songs	<i>We Bow Down There is a Redeemer The Same Love</i>
Prayer & Message	Gary Salm
Communion	
Announcements	
Closing Song	<i>To God be the Glory</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 remember to sign the attendance sheet inside the black pew pad and pass it down the pew.

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.

Christian Union Church will now receive new members on any given Sunday. We no longer will have specific membership Sundays. If you are interested in becoming a member of Christian Union Church, please contact Pastor Gary. New members are asked to come forward during our last song to place their membership.

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Announcement Highlights

Vespers at Camp Wildwood tonight – 5:30 pm fellowship, frisbee golf & s'mores; 6:30 pm Vespers. Please bring your own folding chair if possible, as seating at the camp is limited.

Volunteers for Communion Stewards needed – Volunteer communion stewards are being requested for October 2026, and a few slots are still available for 2026 Advent readers as well. Please see the sign-up sheets on the table in the foyer on Sunday morning. Questions, contact Gina Camp or the church office.

Photos for new 2026 Church Directory – Please stop by the meeting room (near KidZone) and have your photo taken before or after Worship on these Sundays: **Sep 27, Oct 4, Oct 11, or Oct 18** for the new 2026 Christian Union Church Directory, coming soon. (A last chance/retake date is planned for Nov 1)

Dining Out Thursday, Oct 8 – will be at 6:00 pm at Avanti's in East Peoria. Please sign up to reserve your seat. Contact Marilyn or Merrill Johnson for more information.

Ladies of Philathea meet Tuesday, Oct 13 – 1:30 pm in Fellowship Hall and all are welcome. Hosts are Marla Gleason and Jolene Pelton; Marla will lead devotions.

First Responders & City Workers Dinner Tuesday, Oct 13 – If you would be willing to provide a salad or dessert for this event, there is a sign-up sheet outside the church office. Contact Deb Houch with questions.

Thanksgiving Celebration Sunday, Nov 8 – 5:30 pm. Mark your calendars and watch for more information in the October newsletter. Please contact Kevin or Kim McLaren if you have questions or would like to volunteer to help with this event.

ALL CHURCH MISSION PROJECT Operation Christmas Child



Pack a shoebox:

- **Pick up a box** at church, pack it, Pray over your shoebox and return it by Nov 8th **OR**
- **Adopt-A-Box(\$30)**: Make payment (check/cash) to CUC with a note (Adopt-A-Box). Have in church office by October 25th. Remember to Pray for your shoebox. **OR**
- **Build a Shoebox Online**: Go to the following web address and follow the instructions to fill a shoebox & make payment. Remember to Pray for your shoebox.
<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline>

See the church Newsletter or stop by the display at church for more information. Thank you for participating in this project. The Mission Committee

Highlights of This Week at Christian Union Church

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

Sunday, 09/27	9:30 am	Coffee and donuts - Front Foyer
	10:00 am	Worship Service and KidZone
	5:00 pm	Sunday Night Prayer Group
	5:30 pm	Evening Worship-Camp Wildwood
Tuesday, 09/29	6:30 pm	Men's Bible Study - Chapel
	6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study – Family Room
Wednesday, 09/30	4:30 pm	Music/Band Rehearsal -- Sanctuary
	6:30 pm	Elevate – Fellowship Hall, SH & JH rooms