



**christianunionchurch**

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Welcome Representative: Kathy Chittick

Usher: Ed Metts

We Were Not Saved Just to Sit  
Matthew 28:19-20

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| <b>Prelude</b>              | <i>Your Grace is Enough</i><br><i>We Believe</i><br><i>Your Love is Amazing</i>                  |
| <b>Welcome</b>              | Martin Smith                                                                                     |
| <b>Songs</b>                | <i>Speak O Lord</i><br><i>Wonderful, Merciful Savior</i><br><i>Lord I Lift Your Name on High</i> |
| <b>Mission Update</b>       | Amanda King                                                                                      |
| <b>Prayer &amp; Message</b> | Nicholas Brock                                                                                   |
| <b>Communion</b>            |                                                                                                  |
| <b>Announcements</b>        |                                                                                                  |
| <b>Closing Song</b>         | <i>King of Heaven</i>                                                                            |

#### **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

**Oct 7 6:00 – CLIMB** meets the first Wednesday of each month from 6 pm to 7 pm in the KidZone room, for Kindergarteners through 5th grade children. Questions, please contact Lori Salm.

**Oct 8 6:00 – Dining Out at Avanti's in East Peoria** The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside of the church office. Please reserve your spot and join us! Questions? Contact Marilyn or Merrill Johnson.

**Oct 13 1:30 – Philathea Ladies in Fellowship Hall** Hosts for this month are Marla Gleason and Jolene Pelton. Marla will lead devotions. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate.

**Oct 17 10:00 – Joyful Harvest Food Drive Fellowship Hall** See bulletin boards for more information on a food drive benefitting Open Arms Food Pantry and featuring WOOF therapy dogs the morning of October 17.

**Nov 8 5:30 – Thanksgiving Celebration Fellowship Hall** Mark your calendars & 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.

### 2026 COMMUNITY HOLIDAY GIFT CARD DRIVE UNDERWAY

You can help by making a donation to the Community Holiday Gift Card Drive. Checks can be made out to "Community Christmas Basket Fund" and taken or mailed to Commerce Bank in Metamora.

Anyone with food insecurities living in the MTHS school district may be eligible for a gift card. The deadline to sign up or submit names is October 23, 2026. For more information, please contact Mary Armstrong at 309-657-6526 or Becky Weber at 309-369-1133, co-chairs along with Pastor Gary. Thank you!

### 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 25<sup>th</sup>. 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.samaritanaspurse.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



### First Responders & City Workers Dinner - Oct 13th

If you would like to help by bringing a salad or dessert, the sign-up sheet is outside the church office. **Please bring your item to the Fellowship Hall by 5 pm on 10-13-26.** (Dinner is at 6:30 pm)

If you have any questions, please contact Deb Houch.

### Highlights of This Week at Christian Union Church

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

|                 |          |                                          |
|-----------------|----------|------------------------------------------|
| Sunday, 10/4    | 9:30 am  | Coffee and donuts - Front Foyer          |
|                 | 10:00 am | Worship Service - Family Sunday          |
|                 | 5:00 pm  | Sunday Night Prayer Group                |
| Monday, 10/5    | 7:00 pm  | Church & Ministry Meeting (TBD)          |
| Tuesday, 10/6   | 6:30 pm  | Men's Bible Study - Chapel               |
|                 | 6:30 pm  | Women's Bible Study – Family Room        |
| Wednesday, 10/7 | 3:00 pm  | Staff Meeting                            |
|                 | 6:00 pm  | CLIMB – KidZone room                     |
|                 | 6:30 pm  | Elevate – Fellowship Hall, SH & JH rooms |
| Thursday, 10/8  | 6:00 pm  | Dining Out – Avanti's East Peoria        |
| Saturday, 10/10 | 9:00 am  | Music/Band Rehearsal                     |

### Photo time for 2026 CUC DIRECTORY Oct 4, 11, & 18

Please have your photo taken in the meeting room either before or after worship on any of these three Sundays for use in the new church directory.

For questions, please ask Jenny Brace or Nicholas Brock.

# SERMON NOTES

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_

Bible Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_

3 WORDS I HEARD MORE  
THAN ONCE:

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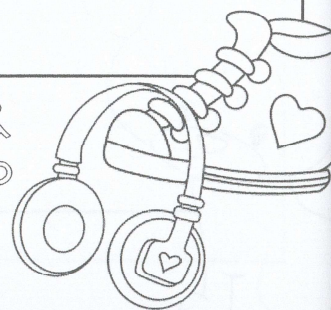
3.

WHAT ARE YOU LEARNING  
ABOUT GOD FROM THIS  
SERMON?

WORDS I HEARD BUT  
DON'T KNOW:

I can use this  
in my life by..

PRAISE &  
WORSHIP



Woof

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Woof

**DRAW A PICTURE OF SOMETHING  
YOU HEARD IN THE SERMON**

