



christianunionchurch

Sunday, October 11, 2026

Welcome Representative: Kathy Chittick

Usher: Ed Metts

Who, Not What Makes You Whole?

John 5:1-18

Prelude

*This I Believe
Your Love is Amazing
Sovereign*

Welcome

Martin Smith

Songs

*Mighty to Save
You Are My All in All
Living Hope*

Prayer & Message

Gary Salm

Communion

Announcements

Closing Song

When We All Get to Heaven

#513 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 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.

At Christian Union Church we recognize that giving to God in tithes and offerings is an act of worship. We have boxes in the foyer to collect those offerings, and we also receive them in the mail. We dedicate these gifts to God's purpose and ask His blessing upon them.

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Annual Thanksgiving Celebration

Sunday, November 8th 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall

A traditional meal of turkey, gravy, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, and brownies will be served. There is no charge, but a free will offering will be taken for those who wish to contribute. For those who prefer to eat at home, carry-out meals will also be available.

To make sure we have enough food for all, please sign up on the sheet outside the church office or call (309) 365-6018 by Thursday, October 29. Please also let us know whether you are dining with us, taking carry-out, or wish for delivery.

Would you like to be part of this event? We need help with food prep, cooking, serving and cleanup. Just contact Kevin or Kim McLaren. Hope to see you there!

All Church Mission Project – Operation Christmas Child

Please see the church newsletter or stop by the display at church for complete instructions on these three ways to participate – and thank you! *the Mission Committee*

- Adopt a-Box (\$30 check/cash) **by October 25**
- Pick up a box at church, pack it, and return it **by November 8**
- Build a shoebox online at this link:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline>

2026 Community Holiday Gift Card Drive

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.

To donate, checks can be made out to “Community Christmas Basket Fund” and taken/mailed to Commerce Bank in Metamora. Thank you!

Highlights of This Week at Christian Union Church

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

Sunday, 10/11	9:30 am	Coffee and donuts - Front Foyer
	10:00 am	Worship Service & Kid Zone
	5:00 pm	Sunday Night Prayer Group in Living Room
Monday, 10/12	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting in Family Room
Tuesday, 10/13	1:30 pm	Philathea in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 pm	First Responders & City Workers Dinner
	6:30 pm	Men's Bible Study in Chapel
	6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study in Family Room
Wednesday, 10/14	4:30 pm	Music/Band Rehearsal in Sanctuary
	6:30 pm	Elevate in Fellowship Hall
Thursday, 10/15	7:00 pm	Christian Education Committee in Living Room

PHILATHEA

Tuesday, Oct 13th

1:30 in Fellowship Hall

Hosts for this month are Marla Gleason and Jolene Pelton. Marla will lead devotions.

Everyone is welcome to attend and participate.



First Responders and City Workers Dinner

Tuesday, Oct 13th

If you can provide a salad, please sign up on sheet by church office & drop off your dish by 5 pm on 10/13.

If you would like to volunteer to work at this event or have any questions, please contact Deb Houch.

PLEASE HAVE YOUR PHOTO TAKEN TODAY OR NEXT SUNDAY

Please have your photo taken in the meeting room either before or after worship for use in the new church directory.

For questions, please ask Jenny Brace or Nicholas Brock.