



Sunday, October 18, 2026

Welcome Representative: Kathy Chittick
Usher: Ed Metts

Really Living
John 6:1-15

Prelude	<i>Hear Us from Heaven</i> <i>Redeemed</i> <i>Your Love is Amazing</i>	
Welcome	Martin Smith	
Songs	<i>Sovereign</i> <i>Great is Thy Faithfulness</i> <i>Broken Vessels</i>	#28 vs. 1-3
Prayer & Message	Gary Salm	
Communion		
Announcements		
Closing Song	<i>Death was Arrested</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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Highlights of This Week at Christian Union Church

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

Sunday, 10/18	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
Tuesday, 10/20	6:30 pm	Men's Bible Study in Chapel
	6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study in Family Room
Wednesday, 10/21	4:30 pm	Music/Band Rehearsal in Sanctuary
	6:30 pm	Elevate in Fellowship Hall
Thursday, 10/22	7:00 pm	Christmas Choir Practice in Chapel
	7:00 pm	Finance Committee in Living Room

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Please see the church newsletter or visit the display at church for complete instructions on three ways you can participate. Or, simply make a check payable to Christian Union Church and note on it that the funds are for the "Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Project." Put your donation in the offering box or deliver it to the church office.

Thank you for being part of this all-Church mission project!

Announcements

TODAY IS LAST DIRECTORY PHOTO DAY

Please have your photo taken today if you have not done so yet (make-up/retake date planned for 11/01).

STAR GAZING – 10/30

Mark your calendars and plan to enjoy an evening of star gazing at the CUC pavilion on Friday, Oct 30.

ADULT CHRISTMAS CHOIR

We will be starting up our Christmas Choir on Thursday nights, beginning Thursday, 10/22 at 7 pm in the Chapel. There is a sign-up sheet by the office, or you can let Jarrod or Dawn know you will participate.

FALL MISSION PROJECT

Donations given in October will be designated for Holiday (Community) Baskets. Donations can be made by marking a giving envelope with 'Holiday Baskets'. November and December donations will go toward helping local needy families. If you know of someone that would benefit from this "extra" encouragement, please provide their information to Pastor Gary.

2026 COMMUNITY HOLIDAY GIFT CARD DRIVE

Anyone with food insecurities living in the MTHS school district may be eligible for a food gift card. The deadline to sign up/submit a name is 10/23.

To donate, checks made out to COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BASKET FUND can be taken/mailed to Commerce Bank in Metamora. For more information, please contact Mary Armstrong at 309-657-6526 or Becky Weber at 309-369-1133.

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION 11/08

This year's Thanksgiving Celebration meal will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 8, in Fellowship Hall.

In order to make sure we have enough food for all, please sign up in person or by calling the church office at (309)365-6018 **by end of day on Thursday, 10/29**. Please let us know if 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.

THANKSGIVING "YEAR IN REVIEW" VIDEO

Will you please share your digital pictures of any CUC events for inclusion in the video? Please send your pictures to mcuc@mtco.com as soon as possible, but no later than Thursday, 10/29.

CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-TREE

We are looking for older artificial Christmas trees to decorate the lawn areas around the church building. If you have a tree to donate, please place the tree next to the garage before 10/31. You are invited to adopt a tree to decorate with ornaments, after trees & lights are set up in late November. Call the church office with questions.

COMMITTEE BUDGETS FOR 2027

All committee chairs please have any changes in your 2027 budget to Jolene Pelton by 11/14/2026.

VOLUNTEER FOR WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Ushers, communion stewards, & Advent readers are needed. To learn more, contact Gina Camp.

VOLUNTEER FOR PRAISE & WORSHIP TEAM

We are always looking for new singers/instrumentalists for the praise team as well as specials from time to time. We will also be doing new training on the video and sound system. If you are interested, please prayerfully consider reaching out to Jarrod to learn more. Catch him at church; call him at 309.657.8904; or email jdoty69@gmail.com.