



christianunionchurch

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Welcome Representative: Kathy Chittick
Usher: Ed Metts

Four Crucial Questions for the Spiritually Blind

John 9:1-41

Prelude	<i>I Am Yours</i> <i>I Thank God</i> <i>Jesus I Come</i>	
Welcome	Jarrold Doty	
Songs	<i>Lion and the Lamb</i> <i>Offering</i> <i>How Great Thou Art</i>	#1 vs. 1-4
Prayer & Message	Gary Salm	
Communion		
Announcements		
Closing Song	<i>Your Love is Amazing</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.

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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Highlights of This Week at Christian Union Church

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

Sunday, 10/25	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, 10/27	6:30 pm	Men's Bible Study in Chapel
	6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study in Family Room
Wednesday, 10/28	4:30 pm	Music/Band Rehearsal in Sanctuary
	6:30 pm	Elevate in Fellowship Hall
Thursday, 10/29	7:00 pm	Christmas Choir Practice in Chapel
Friday, 10/30	Time TBA	Star Gazing at Pavilion

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED THIS WEEK

Please see Deb Houch if you would be willing to help wash windows at the church this week (October 26-31)

STAR GAZING THIS FRIDAY

Plan to enjoy star gazing this Friday, October 30 at the pavilion. Details to be announced today in Worship service.

Announcements

LAST CHANCE DIRECTORY PHOTOS 11/01

Last chance to have a new photo taken for the 2026 directory is next Sunday! Photos will be taken before & after Worship on Sunday, 11/01 in the meeting room. Questions? Contact Jenny Brace or Nicholas Brock.

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION 11/08 5:30 pm

In order to make sure we have enough food for all, **please sign up on the sheet by the church office or call 309-365-6018 by 3:00 pm Thursday, 10/29.** Please let us know if you are dining with us, taking carry out, or wish for delivery.

THANKSGIVING "YEAR IN REVIEW" VIDEO

Please send your pictures of CUC events from 2026 to mcuc@mtco.com as soon as possible, but no later than Thursday, 10/29 for inclusion in the video.

COMMITTEE BUDGETS FOR 2027 DUE

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

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Adult Christmas Choir practices began 10/22/26. Practice is every Thursday at 7 pm. Please let Jarrod or Dawn know by Thursday, 11/5, if you plan to participate.

VOLUNTEER FOR WORSHIP SERVICE

Ushers, communion stewards, & Advent readers are needed. To volunteer, call Gina Camp at 217-979-3688.

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. Contact Jarrod Doty at church; call him at 309.657.8904; or email jdoty69@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-TREE

We are accepting donations of old 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.

2026 COMMUNITY HOLIDAY GIFT CARD DRIVE

Anyone with food insecurities living in the MTHS school district may be eligible for a food gift card. To donate, checks made out to COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BASKET FUND can be taken/mailed to Commerce Bank in Metamora. For questions, contact Mary Armstrong at 309-657-6526 or Becky Weber at 309-369-1133.

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.samaritanspur.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