christianunionchurch

Sunday, November 8, 2026

Welcome Representative: Kathy Chittick
Usher: Dick Owens

Give Peace A Chance
Romans 5:1-5

Prelude	*Lamb of God* *I Will Follow* *How Great is Our God*	
Welcome	Martin Smith	
Songs	*Hear Us From Heaven* *Give Thanks* *Hallelujah, What a Savior*	#136 vs. 1-5
Prayer & Message	Tom Gerdts	
Communion		
Announcements		
Closing Song	*His Mercy Is More*	
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.

Altar flowers are from the Smith family in memory of David J. Pulte

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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, 11/08	9:30 am	Coffee and donuts - Front Foyer
	10:00 am	Worship Service & KidZone
	5:30 pm	**Thanksgiving Celebration**
Monday, 11/09	6:00 pm	Mission Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
Tuesday, 11/10	1:30 pm	Philathea Meeting
	6:30 pm	Men's Bible Study in Chapel
	6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study in Family Room
Wednesday, 11/11	4:30 pm	Music/Band Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Elevate in Fellowship Hall
Thursday, 11/12	7:00 pm	Christmas Choir Practice in Chapel
Saturday, 11/14	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast at Metamora Cafe
	9:00-noon	Pavilion & Fellowship Hall reserved

ALTAR FLOWER CHART FOR 2027

The flower chart for 2027 is now up on the community bulletin board near Fellowship Hall. If you have a special date you would like to commemorate by providing altar flowers, please sign up for your date on the chart. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

Thank you!

Announcements & Reminders

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
Build-A-Boxes are due today, 11/8/26

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION
The annual Thanksgiving Celebration is tonight, 11/8/26 at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

PHILATHEA NOV 10
Philathea ladies will meet Tuesday, 11/10 at 1:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. The newsletter listed incorrect names for the hosts and devotion leader. Hosts for this month are Nancy Owens and Sandi Riggert. Jolene Pelton will lead devotions. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate.

VETERANS DAY NOV 11
In honor of all the men and women who served and continue to serve this country, thank you for your service & sacrifice. God bless you!

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST NOV 14
All men are invited to join Joe Richards at the Metamora Cafe for coffee and/or breakfast on Saturday, 11/14/26 from 8-9am. Each of us will buy our own coffee and/or breakfast. We won't have any program, just talking and good fellowship! If you plan to come, let me know by Wed 11/11 to reserve tables. Joe Richard 217-512-3100 or joerichard57@yahoo.com

FALL MISSION PROJECT
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.

PLEASE CHECK THE COAT RACKS
We have a few jackets and umbrellas "hanging around" that seem to have been forgotten.

DINING OUT – NOT UNTIL MARCH
The monthly "Dining Out" event will not take place November through February. The next gathering will be in March. Questions, contact Donna Woltzen.

ADVENT READERS STILL NEEDED
There are still a couple opportunities for Advent Readers to sign up. For questions or to volunteer, contact Gina Camp 217-979-3688.