

Central

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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TWENTY- FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 15, 2026
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The Prelude "Trust and Obey" Arr by. Thompson

Praise & Worship Through Music "God's Not Dead"

The Welcome and Announcements

*The Hymn "Take My Life, and Let It Be" #399

*The Affirmation of Faith "The Apostles' Creed"

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was Crucified, Dead, and Buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the9 Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Anthem Chancel Choir

Children's Moments

The Offertory — Praise Team

*The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Song of Preparation — Praise Team

*The Gospel Lesson — Matthew 25:14-30

The Sermon — "Faithfulness Over Fear"

Rev. Keith Stewart

*The Hymn — "A Charge to Keep I have" — #413

*The Benediction

*Choral Benediction — Chancel Choir

The Postlude — "Rejoice, Ye Pure and Heart" — Arr by. Wagner

*We stand as we are able.



The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Ian Davis by Cathey and David Force.

Serving This Week

Trustee (Unlock Church)	Liz MacDonald
Trustee: (Lock Church)	Buren Mitchell
Ushers:	David DuBose Marty Dorroh
Greeters:	David and Macey Warren
Children's Church:	Sarah Harvey Michael Cruickshanks
Acolyte:	Briggston Cruickshanks
Nursery:	Elizabeth Morago Sondi Creglow
Offering Stewards:	John Glover Bill Sommerville
Sound System:	Phil Epps
Video System:	Rachel Lyon
Springfield Friends:	Peggy Berley

The Week Ahead

Sun., November 15	8:00 am	Men's Group
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	5:00 pm	Children's Friendsgiving
Mon., November 16	6:00 pm	Circle 8
Wed., November 18	10:30 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Finance Meeting (Church Library)
	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sat., November 21	5:00 pm	Christmas Parade

Announcements

The Wednesday AM Bible Study

Looking ahead to Advent, our new study will be "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" by Andy Langford and Ann Langford Duncan. Please join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 AM in the Seekers Room.

Children's Friendsgiving

All Children are warmly invited to a special Friendsgiving celebration on **Sunday, November 15, from 5:00PM to 6:30PM in Henry Hall**. It will be an evening filled with fun, fellowship, creative crafts, and a delicious meal. The church will provide the chicken tenders, and the children will bring their favorite holiday side and/or dessert to share. We look forward to sharing this time of gratitude together!

5th Sunday Brunch

Join us for fellowship and food! Our 5th Sunday Brunch will take place on **Sunday, November 29, 2026, at 9:00 AM in Henry Hall.** Please note that

Sunday School will not meet that day so that we can all share this special time together. We look forward to seeing you there!

Pledge Cards
We appreciate everyone who has already submitted their pledge card for the upcoming year! If you have not yet had the opportunity to return yours, there is still time. Pledge cards are available in the sanctuary vestibules and the church office. Your faithful stewardship directly supports our ministries and shared missions. We are deeply grateful to you all! God Bless You.

An Invitation to Join us at Chancel Choir Rehearsals
The Chancel Choir is preparing for a mini–Christmas Cantata for **Sunday, December 13**. We invite anyone who would love to join us. Please come to rehearsals and sing with us. Wednesdays from 6:30pm-7:00pm will be Cantata practice on the following days: **November 18, December 2 (after children's program), and December 9.** Thank you!

Join Us for the 2026 Christmas Parade!
We are excited to invite you to join us for the **2026 Christmas Parade on Saturday, November 21st.** We will meet in the church parking lot at **4:00 PM before heading over to the official parade lineup**, with the parade **officially beginning at 5:00 PM.** This year's theme is inspired by the Grinch, and we encourage everyone participating to **dress up like the Whos** to help us spread the joyful Christmas spirit! We'll be featuring our bus in the parade, with a group of volunteers walking right behind it. If you would like to join us, please call the church office to sign up. **ALL AGES WELCOME!**
Additionally, we are looking for **volunteers to help decorate the bus on Monday, November 16 from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM.**
If you would like to donate Christmas or Grinch themed decorations for the bus, please drop them off at the church office or contact Jackie at 803-276-3903. Thank you!!

Church Office Closed
The church Office will be closed from **November 25 – 27** in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. We will resume regular office hours on Monday, November 30. We hope you all have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving. May the Lord bless you and keep you safe during this season of gratitude. Happy Thanksgiving!

Special Advent Opportunities 
December 2 – Christmas Program and Annual Christmas Dinner (5:30 PM).
December 8 – New Ventures White Elephant, Lunch will be served (11:30 AM).
December 13 – Mini Christmas Cantata (during church service at 10:00 AM).
December 24 – Holy Communion and Candle Lighting Service (5:00 PM).

Manna House and **GAAP**
Manna House is located at DSS on Wilson Road and is open from 1:00-2:00 pm each Tuesday and Thursday. (Applicants may now receive food once per month as needed.)

GAAP is open every Saturday at O'Neal Street UMC for those in need or to volunteer.
Food Pantry (10am-12pm)

Love Thy Neighbor Clothes Closet (10am-1pm)
Feed Thy Neighbor Kitchen (11am-1pm) for a hot nutritious meal that's served to those in need.
Collection Boxes are located near the College Street entrance for both ministries.

Financial Report

Total Budget 2026	497,075.00
Weekly Budget Needs	9,559.13
Received on November 2-8, 2026	25,628.28
Other Funds Received on November 2-8, 2026	
Building Fund	800.00

ATTENDANCE 11/8/2026

10:00 am Worship: 118

Sunday School: 58

Church Information
We operate under an abuse prevention policy designed to help us protect children, youth, and vulnerable adults from harm.
We are a Stephen Ministry Church

To Join: Feel free to speak with or contact the pastor should you wish to join with this congregation of Christ's Church or have any other need.

Nursery: Available to children 0-3 years old and located on the 3rd floor. The ushers can direct you there.

Staff Information
Pastor: Rev. Keith Stewart
Administrative Assist: Jackie Benitez
Financial Secretary: Lyn Bethea
Director of Music: Chris Wofford
Organist: Becky Smith
Nursery Attendant: Elizabeth Morago

Prayer List

Members

Richard Carter
Michael Charles
Jim Clamp
Jim Harris
Penny Harvey
Mike & Kathy Keim
Kristin Keim
Tori MacDonald
John & Patsy Miller
Charles Simmons
Linda Turner
Betty Wiggins
Kathy Spotts
Carol Thompson
Harriett Rucker Family
Ed Kyzer
Carolyn Partridge
Lillian Hoeschen Family
Joan Kyzer
Greg & Pam Casto -Family
David Dorroh
Ginna Vedder

Military and First Responders

Sheriff Lee Foster
Patrick Griffith
Jack Lawrence
Jake Longshore
Benjamin Moore
Sarah Jane Harrison
Andy Stout
John Ralph Williams
Casey Wilson
Tyler Wilson
Justin Clevenger
Cody Bacon

Friends of Central

Judy Bobb, *mother of Cindy Moore*
Chris Cook, *Vicki's aunt*
Lavina Chandler, *sister-in-law of Becky Smith*
Laurie Copps, *niece of Trish MacDonald*
Nancy Cottingham, *sister-in-law of Jennie DuBose*
Kate Epps, *daughter-in-law of Mike & Peggy Epps*
Madison Gandy, *great niece of Michelle Williams*
Charlie Harris, *friend of MacDonald family*
Jamie Hitcher, *friend of Ellen Roberts*
Jennifer McCullough, *daughter of Cynthia & Frank Downs*
Rev. Alan Mears, *friend of Pastor Laura & Mike*
April Moore, *friend of Central*
Joyce Myers, sister of Kim Moore
Amy Roberts, *sister of Susan Haile*
Mahaylia Schumpert, *friend of Ellen Roberts*
Ethan Stout, *nephew of David Stout*
James Michael Torrence, friend *of Eppses*
Amelia Walker, *sister of Polly Carter*
Mike Whitesides, *son of Paulette Mayer*
Kathy Bethea, *Sister-in-law of Earle and Lyn Bethea*
Julie Sease Dennis, *friend of Polly Carter*
Lori Pressley, *sister of Carla Cruickshanks*
Jackson Parker, *student at Ruben Elementary*
Scott Wishart, *friend of Doug Gayman*
Tavin "Blue" Wicker, *friend of the Fosters*
Dr. Allen Charles, *father of David & Michael Charles*
Lisha Senn, *mother of Jeremy & Maggie Senn*
Elizabeth Weikel, *friend of Jill Longshore*
Brenda Gunter, *friend of Lillian Bouknight*

Help us keep this list current. If you know of any names that need to be added or removed, please contact the church office.

YOUTH

November 22 (5:00 PM) – Friendsgiving (Redeemer).

Thanksgiving Giving



Sunday, November 22, 2026

As we gather on **Sunday, November 22,** we invite everyone to participate in a special ministry to support our neighbors. We kindly ask that you bring a bag filled with grocery items when you join us for Sunday School or Worship. Please place your gifts directly in the Chancel area when you arrive. Following the worship service, the bags will be carried over to Manna House, which provides essential food and household staples to families in need in our community. Bags are available in the church office and vestibules.

Items Needed

Canned Goods: Meats, fruits, juices, vegetables, soups, milk, and spaghetti sauce.

Pantry Staples: Peanut Butter, Jelly, rice, grits, sugar, flour, cornmeal, dry cereal, dry milk, spaghetti, and macaroni & cheese dinners.

Household & Personal Care: Paper towels, Bathroom Tissue, Bath Soap, Laundry Detergent, Toothpaste, and Dish Soap.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

The Lord Jesus Himself said, "There is more happiness in giving than in receiving." Acts 20:35

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