

**Christ United Methodist Church**  
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**January 18, 2026 – ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Worship Service Assistance:**

Ask an usher if you need hearing-enhancement headsets, footrests, large-print bulletins, hymnals, or Bibles. Braille bulletins are available upon request--Please order by Thursday before worship.

**Welcome Visitors!**

Everyone is welcome at Christ UMC, and we are grateful you're here. Please accept a small gift from our Outreach Team! If you'd like more information about Christ UMC or are interested in becoming a member, contact the church office at (970) 226-2341.

**New Bible Study:** A video study by Dr. David Jeremiah titled **THE GREAT DISAPPEARANCE: How to be Rapture Ready!** The Rapture can happen at any time, so staying ready is something that every Christian should practice each day. Join us in the adult Sunday School class to see the video and join a good discussion. We will begin on January 4, 2026, at 8:45 a.m. in the Lounge. All are welcome! Sue Ptacek (970) 218-8701.

**Monday 9:30 a.m. Bible Study:** Room 107. Our current study, The Acts of The Apostles, from the New Testament shows the growth of the early church after Jesus' crucifixion. We follow the ministries of Peter, Stephen, Philip, John, and others to Samaria, Antioch, Jerusalem, and Damascus. Sound exciting? Come join us!

**Seekers Bible Study:** John was no dreamer; he listened and learned from visions. The group meets on Tuesdays, at 9:30 a.m. in room 107. Anyone can join the Seekers at any time! Begin the new year seeking God's truth about hope. Contact Carol Hopson (817) 228-3452 for additional details.

**Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 2:00 p.m.):** In January, the Tuesday afternoon Bible Study will continue the study: Questions God Asks Us by Trevor Hudson. God wants to enter a conversation with us, His children, and the questions He poses in the Bible draw us into a deeper sharing and intimacy with Him. We will not be meeting on January 12, 2026, but please join us on January 27, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in the lounge for interesting insights and discussion. Contact Carma at [Mynacee@aol.com](mailto:Mynacee@aol.com) for materials.

**Trustees:** We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to our Trustees for their hard work and care in making recent improvements to our building. The new lighting in Fellowship Hall has made the space brighter, more welcoming, and more functional for everyone who gathers there. We are also grateful for the installation of new flooring in Room 015, which enhances both comfort and accessibility. These updates make a real difference for all who use these spaces. Please take a moment to go and see the new changes—we are thankful for the Trustees' dedication to serving our congregation so faithfully.

**I Am Grateful:** for the offered prayers, Christmas cards, and gifts this season. Your kindness, thoughtfulness, and generosity were deeply felt and truly appreciated. Each note, prayer, and gesture was a reminder of the care and love that makes this congregation such a blessing.

Thank you for surrounding me with encouragement and grace during Christmas. It is a joy to serve as your pastor, and I am grateful for each of you.

*Grace and Peace,*

*Pastor Leah*



**The Quilt Group** will meet tomorrow - Monday, January 19 at 1:00 p.m. in room 018. We welcome new members.

**Slammin' Famine Mobile Pack:** CUMC is signed up to pack food on Saturday, February 14, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. These food packets save lives in areas of the world where food is scarce. This occurs at The Ranch in the McKee building. It's fast-paced, fun, and heart-warming, in addition to being tummy filling for a child facing starvation. We need 14 people. Please let Laurel Kubin know if you wish to help. [LaurelKubin@gmail.com](mailto:LaurelKubin@gmail.com)

**Congratulations, Diane!** Diane Krogh was honored earlier this month as the CUMC "Quiet Disciple", a recognition that goes to a lay person who quietly goes about doing a lot for the church. Diane likes to stay in the background as she keeps up the supplies in the kitchen, schedules all our meetings, helps with Faith Family Hospitality, and serves on committees. She has been a CUMC Trustee, a volunteer job that requires many hours caring for our building. Thank you for all you do, Diane. We really appreciate and love you!!



**Christmas Decorations:** We are deeply thankful to the CUMC elves who worked their seasonal magic by beautifully hanging the greens for the Advent season. Then they carefully repacked the decorations for another year and even added to our joy by donating another Christmas tree! Their joyful work helped prepare both our hearts and our space for worship, and we are truly grateful for their time, care, and generosity. 🌲 ✨

**Chancel Choir:** We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Chancel Choir for the gift of music they shared with us through the beautiful Christmas Cantata. Through their dedication, voices, and faith, they helped lead us more deeply into the mystery and joy of Christ's birth. We are especially grateful to **Jean Johnson**, our director, for her faithful leadership and tireless preparation; to **Kevin Utter**, our organist, whose musical artistry enriched every moment; and to **Gary Turner**, who narrated the Cantata. The Music Ministry truly blessed the congregation and glorified God this holy season.

**Do you have a prayer request?** You can share your joys or concerns by putting your request in the prayer box in the narthex or by emailing the church office ([info@cumc-fc.org](mailto:info@cumc-fc.org)). Be sure to use this email address when corresponding with the office.

**Church Office Hours** are (M-F) 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The office will be closed from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Website:** Do you have a church event you want to include on the church website or Facebook page? Please email Janis and Jessie at [info@cumc-fc.org](mailto:info@cumc-fc.org).

**Bulletin announcement deadline:** Tuesday at noon of the week you want included.

**Newsletter deadline:** Articles for the newsletter are due on the third Monday of each month.

**Offering:** Please know that whatever gifts you can share are appreciated as we grow as Christ UMC. Thank you!

**Meetings/Events this week:**

**Church Office Hours (M-F):** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Office will be closed 1/19/26 for MLK Day.**

**Morning Glory Preschool (M-F):** 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Adult Sunday School:** Sunday 8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. in room 107

**Worship Service:** Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Fellowship Time:** Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Joyful Noise Belles:** Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in room 106

**Bible Study:** Monday 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. in room 107

**Quilt Group:** Monday 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in room 018

**Seekers Bible Study:** Tuesday 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in room 107

**Chancel Choir:** Wednesday 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary