



CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
APRIL 26, 2026
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*At Christ UMC our Faith moves, God's Love transforms,
so we can make a Difference.*

Sunday School ~ 9:00 AM

Worship ~ 10:00 AM

* We are so glad you chose to worship with us this morning! We pray you find a warm welcome and a moving worship experience.

* Please register your attendance on the *Connection Card* found in the pew book holder.

* Nursery for **children ages 5 and under** is located across the courtyard in the Fellowship Hall. Please see an usher for assistance in locating.

* Children **Kindergarten thru Fifth grade** will be dismissed for Children's Church following the Children's Moment. Children's Church is also located in the Fellowship Hall. Children's bulletins and crayons are available in the Narthex.

* Williams Hearing Assist listening devices are available at the sound booth.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE	<i>Awake, Awake to Love and Work</i>	Arr. PAGE
CHIMING OF THE HOUR		
WELCOME		
OPENING PRAYER		The Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
CALL TO WORSHIP		
Leader: Family of God, who are you?		
People: We are disciples formed in the image of Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit.		
Leader: Family of God, how does Jesus form you?		
People: By loving us and showing us how to love.		
Leader: Family of God, how does the Holy Spirit empower you?		
People: By loving us and inspiring us to love others as Christ loves us.		
Leader: Family of God, on this journey of faith, we are not alone—God is with us!		
All: We come to worship God, who shows us how to love and calls us to boldly love God and neighbor, that we may be disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world. Amen.		
	<i>Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, January 2026.</i>	
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		The Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
* HYMN OF PRAISE ~ UMH # 384 (all vs) <i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>		BEECHER
* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ UMH #881		Lay Reader & Congregation
* GLORIA PATRI ~ UMH # 70		MEINEKE
MORNING & LORD'S PRAYER		Lay Reader & Congregation
* HYMN OF PREPARATION ~ UMH # 138 (all vs) <i>The King of Love My Shepherd Is</i>		ST. COLUMBIA
OFFERTORY PRAYER		Lay Reader
OFFERTORY MUSIC	<i>Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i>	BRADBURY
* DOXOLOGY ~ UMH # 95		OLD 100TH
SPECIAL MUSIC <i>The Gift of Love</i>	Chancel Choir / Arr. HOPSON	
* SCRIPTURE	1 Peter 2:24-25 / Psalm 23 / John 13:34-35	
	The Word and Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks and Praise be to God!	
VIDEO		
SERMON	"Love Boldly"	The Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
* HYMN OF RESPONSE ~ TFWS # 2229 (all vs)	<i>They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love</i>	ST. BRENDAN'S
* BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>Musette</i>	YOUNG
	* Please rise in body or in spirit as you are able.	

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS

Shirley Hall, Fred Thompson, Denise Vermeulen, Jerry Jennings (Karen Cody's brother).

SERVING TODAY

Acolytes: Mason List

Children's Church: Margo Whitaker, Tyler Davidson

Counter: Nikki Massey

Lay Reader: Anthony Dunn

Live Stream: Sandy Dempster

Media & Sound: Mike Crocker

Ushers: Bryan List * & Harry Hall

* help with offering



29: Stan Ketchel
May 1: Fred Thompson
3: Rosmary Rauch



SUNDAYS, 4pm, SANCTUARY

Pray how you feel led ~ out loud or quietly. Printed prayers will be available. Come spend time with God!

BLESSING BOX MOST NEEDED
Bottled water



The flowers in the Altar area are given by Judy Tygett to the **Glory of God in Memory of Chuck.**

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- > Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-34
 - > Psalm 100
 - > 1 Peter 2:19-25
 - > John 10:1-10
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May 19th

If you are, or your child is, graduating from school this May, please email the office 10 pictures, baby thru graduation, and the

following applicable information:

Student's Name / Graduating from _____

Honors or Awards / Degree

We will have a church-wide luncheon immediately following worship that day. Meat, dessert, and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share.

Mother's Day is just around the corner – a meaningful time to honor and celebrate the mothers and mother figures who have touched our lives in so many ways. Each year, Magnolia Manor hosts the annual Mother's Day Church Offering in local congregations. All gifts go directly to the League of the Good Samaritan, the benevolent arm of Magnolia Manor, which assists residents who are no longer able to afford their care. Mother's Day is May 10...prayerfully consider your donation!

Between the Sundays:

These questions and activities are designed to help your family talk, play, and pray together during the week. They help reinforce faith learning at home. Use them at the dinner table, in the car, at bedtime — anytime your family is together.

They are simple, short, and open-ended, so children can respond in their own ways.

These conversations help grow faith in everyday moments and remind families that following Jesus happens all week long — not just on Sundays.

Theme: We love others the way Jesus loves us. **Adverb:** *Boldly*

Conversation Starters:

- Whom did you love boldly today?
- What would Jesus do if he saw someone feeling sad or alone?
- When is it hard for you to love boldly?
- How do you feel when someone loves you in a big, brave way?

Family Activities:

1. Bold Love Scavenger Hunt

- Look around your house or neighborhood for places your family can show love:
- Someone who needs help.
- A place to clean together.
- A friend or neighbor to encourage. Talk about each one as a "Bold Love Mission."

2. Love Big Art Moment:

- Give your children heart stickers or crayons and a big piece of paper. Invite them to draw or decorate a picture of someone they want to love boldly.
- Ask: "Why did you choose that person?"

3. Family Bold Love Challenge:

Choose one way your family will love boldly this week:

- Make a card for someone.
- Donate food.
- Share toys with a friend.
- Invite someone to play.

Prayer for the Week:

Jesus, thank you for loving us first. Help our family love others boldly just as you do. Amen.

APRIL 19 ATTENDANCE:
39 in-person / 8 on-line / 313 FB views
