

*“Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can.”  
— John Wesley*

## EVERYBODY SERVING

### OUR VISION:

To have each member of Christ UMC engaged in outreach ministries with God’s hurting world.

### OUR MISSION:

To be in relationship with God’s hurting world, to build personal relationships with those who are poor, marginalized and suffering, and to work for peace, justice, and healing.

### OUR CHALLENGE TO THE CONGREGATION:

Being a disciple of Jesus means more than attending worship, praying, and reading the Bible. In one of his earliest sermons, Jesus quoted the prophet Isaiah, saying he had come to bring good news to the poor, give sight to the blind, release the captives, free the oppressed, and proclaim the year of God’s favor. Joining Jesus in this work is essential if we wish to be his disciples. We invite you to join us in being in an active relationship with God’s hurting world.

**Project Transformation** provides community-oriented, after-school and summer day camp programming for children/youth from low-income neighborhoods, connects churches to communities in need, and provides leadership development and ministry-exploration opportunities for college-aged young adults through summer and one-year service internships.  
[www.projecttransformation.org/tennessee](http://www.projecttransformation.org/tennessee)

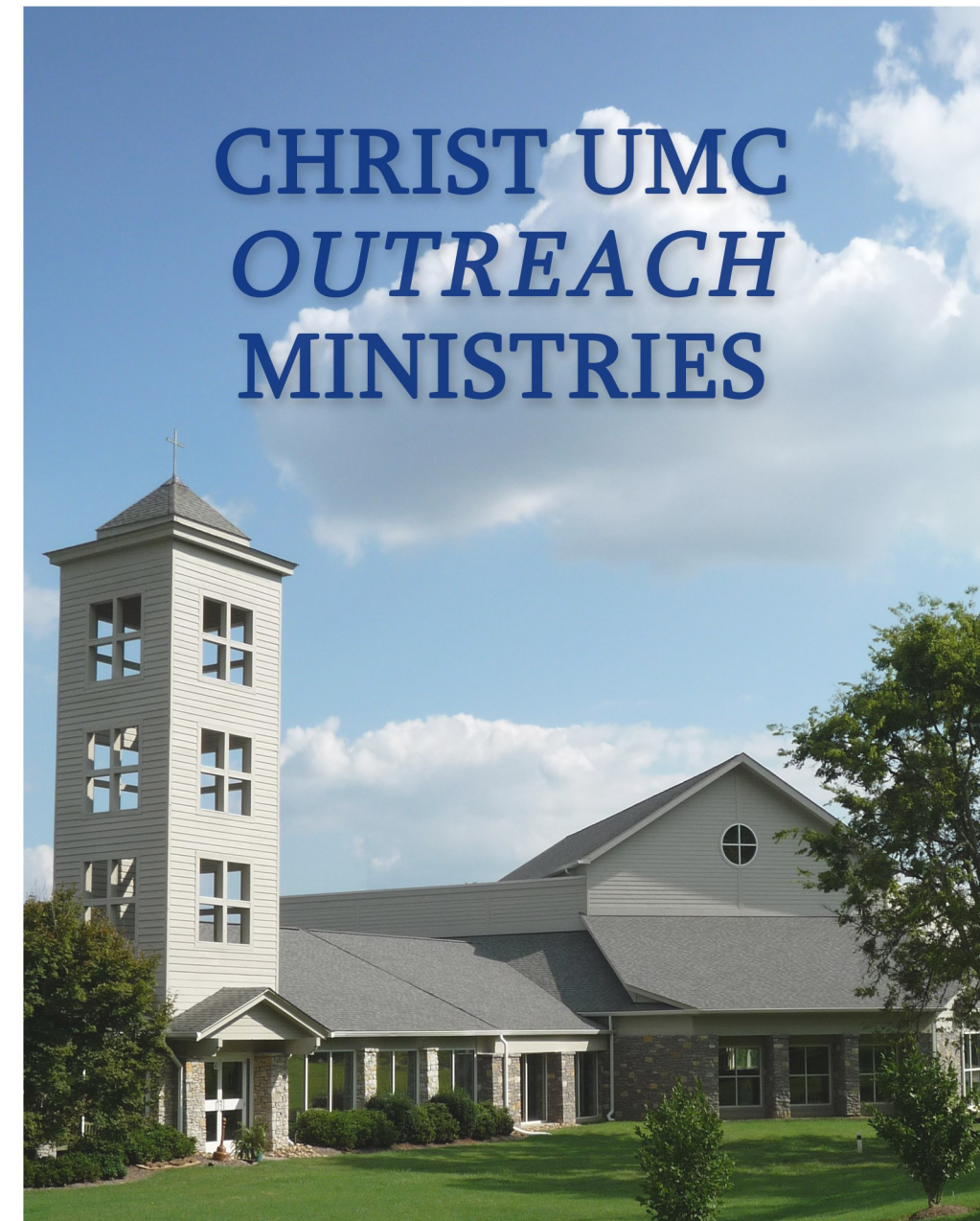
**Raise the Roof** works in rural villages of East Africa that have been hard hit by HIV/AIDS and Malaria. We build, outfit, and resource permanent village schools through the Raise the Roof Child Sponsorship and Native Leader Sponsorship Programs. Our mission is to teach and nurture orphan and at-risk children.  
[www.raisetherooacademy.org](http://www.raisetherooacademy.org)

**The Refuge Center** offers affordable, professional counseling services in order to empower, educate, and support individuals, couples, and families in need. They have a sliding-scale fee structure to help accommodate each individual’s income level.  
[www.refugecenter.org](http://www.refugecenter.org)

**Room in the Inn** – Every Thursday night from November through March, Christ UMC provides safe, warm overnight accommodations for persons experiencing homelessness. We provide shelter for 12 each week, plus 3 meals (dinner, breakfast, sack lunch). Opportunities include van drivers, cooks, servers, innkeepers, launderers, and more. [www.roomintheinn.org](http://www.roomintheinn.org)

**The Last Minute Toy Store** works in partnership with Sheriff Daron Hall and The Davidson County Sheriff’s Office along with The United States Marine Reserve Toys for Tots, churches, business, civic groups, and individuals to provide free Christmas gifts and toys to the parents and guardians of girls and boys in Davidson County. As the name suggests, LMtS is the LAST CHANCE for families to receive toys who have not been helped by or missed the deadlines for Middle Tennessee’s other Christmas charities and organizations.  
[www.lastminutetoystore.com](http://www.lastminutetoystore.com)

To learn about, or find volunteer opportunities for, any of our ministries, please contact [Rev. Scott Marshall-Kimball at scott@christumcfranklin.org](mailto:Rev.Scott.Marshall-Kimball@christumcfranklin.org) or 615-790-2112.



*In Relationship with God’s Hurting World*





## OUR MANY MINISTRIES:

**The Animal Ministry** is a family-friendly way of applying our church’s “all about relationships” focus to our four-legged, chirping, or swimming friends. In addition to our Blessing of the Animals each fall, we’ve re-sodded play yards, painted the walls at the shelter, donated supplies and funds, and more.

**Barefoot Republic Camp** provides summer overnight camp and day-camp experiences that facilitate Christ-centered relationships between individuals from diverse racial, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds through artistic, athletic and team-building programs. [www.barefootrepublic.org](http://www.barefootrepublic.org)

**Bridges Domestic Violence Center** helps women, men, and their children affected by domestic violence, safely transition to successful independent living through education, intervention, and case management. Volunteer opportunities include crisis line, transportation, donations pick-up, and community activities.

**Building Lives** helps homeless veterans and their families rebuild their lives, in recognition of the sacrifices they’ve made to protect our freedom. Includes Project Advance, which provides job assistance, housing, furnishings, and volunteer case management, and The Academy, a transitional home for single male veterans. [www.wearebuildinglives.org](http://www.wearebuildinglives.org)

**Center for Living and Learning** is a residential supportive living facility on a 30-acre farm near Leiper’s Fork for adults with severe and persistent mental illness. The Center has a goal of providing the highest level of functioning and independent living through vocational training. Residents are faithful and loved members of Christ UMC. [www.centerforlivingandlearning.com](http://www.centerforlivingandlearning.com)

**Christ’s Closet** is an annual event whereby we collect good-quality clothing for those in need in our community. Each year we donate thousands of articles, which are sorted and displayed in a retail-store-like fashion, to offer a free weekend of shopping. Volunteers are needed to sort clothing, set up the store, and work the shopping day.

**Christ UMC Advocacy Team** raises individual and congregational awareness of justice issues through education and service opportunities.

**Christ UMC Alternative Gift Fair** is a yearly shopping event that provides an opportunity to purchase fair-trade items and unique and meaningful gifts that benefit local, national, and international ministries. It takes place at Christ UMC in November to coincide with the Holiday shopping season.

**Christ UMC Creation Care Team** takes action within the church to actively stimulate change within the congregation and community to reduce our carbon footprint and take a more positive role in our stewardship of the environment.

**Community Care Fellowship (CCF)** - The second Sunday of every month, Christ UMC members participate in CCF at Nancy Webb Kelley UMC in East Nashville. CCF is a wonderful opportunity for friends, couples, and families to serve a hot meal to those in need—and enjoy fellowship with others. [www.ccfnashville.org](http://www.ccfnashville.org)

**Gentry Educational Foundation (GEF)** provides research-based individualized academic support with state-certified teachers, mentoring, and positive character development, while encouraging family engagement. GEF helps children realize their full potential and develop study tools for lifelong success. Tutoring sessions held at Johnson Elementary, Monday through Thursday, 3:30pm to 5:30pm. [www.gentryeducationalfoundation.com](http://www.gentryeducationalfoundation.com)

**Graceworks** - By God’s grace, we provide immediate and long-term resources to neighbors in need. Volunteers and donations are always needed at the food pantry and thrift store. Annual events include The Back Pack Giveaway, the Christmas Manger, and Holiday food baskets. [www.graceworksministries.net](http://www.graceworksministries.net)

**Habitat for Humanity (HFH)** is an international organization whose mission is to provide affordable housing for qualifying families. Our church has been working with the local affiliate HFH Williamson-Maury since the early 2000’s. Opportunities include Christ-UMC-sponsored builds, donating to those builds, and providing food to workers. [www.hfhwm.org](http://www.hfhwm.org)

**Johnson Elementary School** - Christ UMC supports the teachers, staff, and students of Johnson Elementary School—located near downtown Franklin. Volunteer opportunities include providing support for school activities, such as the book fair and Tiger Run, teacher-appreciation lunches, and after-school tutoring through the Gentry Foundation.

**Justice for Our Neighbors** is a faith-driven hospitality ministry that welcomes immigrants into our communities by providing high-quality legal services to low-income immigrants, advocacy for immigrant rights, and education to communities of faith and the public across Tennessee. [www.tnjfon.org](http://www.tnjfon.org)

**Miriam’s Promise** - For 30 years, the mission of Miriam's Promise has been to ensure the wellbeing of the child by offering pregnancy counseling, parenting coaching, two jail ministries, and both international and domestic adoption services. Volunteers are always needed for an annual Golf Tournament in September and a Dinner & Auction in April. [www.miriamspromise.org](http://www.miriamspromise.org)

**My Friend’s House** is a nonprofit, community-based organization and group home for boys that supports teenagers struggling with emotional issues, substance abuse, physical and emotional abuse, and beyond. It offers a safe, secure, and loving environment in which to grow. [www.myfriendshousetn.org](http://www.myfriendshousetn.org)

**The Nicaragua Project** is a Christ UMC community-to-community ministry that seeks long-term involvement from individuals to participate in ongoing projects in Nicaragua that foster life, give hope, and help bring about a world where peace and justice are attained in tangible ways. Our main focus is supporting a school and orphanage in the capital city of Managua.

**One Gen Away** - We’re one generation away from eliminating racism, denominationalism, and poverty in America. Our goal is to wipe hunger off the face of America by teaching people to love one another through service. Opportunities include food deliveries and pickups, monetary donations, and more. [www.onegenaway.com](http://www.onegenaway.com)

**Open Table Nashville** is a nonprofit, interfaith community that disrupts cycles of poverty, journeys with the marginalized, and provides education about homelessness. Volunteering at bimonthly resource shelters, making “welcome home” kits for newly housed friends, and advocacy work are among the many opportunities to serve. [www.opentablenashville.org](http://www.opentablenashville.org)

**Prison Ministry** shares the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ with those in, and recently released from, prison, by providing a faith-based relationship addressing physical, emotional, spiritual, and financial needs. Opportunities include one-on-one mentoring, a pen-pal program, Bible Study, worship service, and community re-entry, and more.