



A healthy tree never keeps its life to itself. Its roots draw strength from deep within the earth while its branches reach confidently toward the light. It offers shade without hesitation, bears fruit in its season, and stands firm through changing winds. So it is with the church. Rooted in Christ, we are called to love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously—growing ever upward and outward so that others may find hope, belonging, and the love of God.

GIVE BOLDLY. GIVE JOYFULLY. GIVE COURAGEOUSLY.

Together, let's see how far we can reach.

Generosity has been part of Christ UMC's story from the beginning. It has enabled us to worship, serve, grow, and reach beyond our walls to share Christ's love.

Your commitment helps that story continue.

Every pledge—at every level—helps church leaders plan responsibly for the coming year and provides the resources that make our ministries possible.

HOW TO PLEDGE

There are three ways to make a 2027 commitment:

1. *In Person*—Return your pledge card during worship on Giving Sunday, November 1, or in the offering plate on any Sunday during the campaign.
2. *By Mail*—Mail your pledge card to:
Christ United Methodist Church
508 Franklin Road, Franklin TN 37069
3. *Online*—Scan the QR code or visit our website. Using your smartphone, open the camera and hover over this code. Click when a link appears.



YOU'RE INVITED!
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, AT 9:15AM
TOWN HALL TO DISCUSS 2027 BUDGET

Let us not love with words
or speech but with
actions and in truth.

1 JOHN 3:18



LOVE BOLDLY
SERVE JOYFULLY
LEAD COURAGEOUSLY





ROOTED

Our roots run deep—in our faith, in our Christ UMC heritage, and in Jesus, our example.

WE LOVE BOLDLY

We extend our love freely and without reservation.

WE SERVE JOYFULLY

We take that love beyond our walls to serve our neighbors and our world.

WE LEAD COURAGEOUSLY

We confront injustice and oppression and work for peace, justice, and reconciliation.

This is who we are...but there's more to do!

REACHING

We dream of a future where Christ UMC ministries expand, social ills are seen and addressed, and more people experience the love of Christ.

WE GIVE BOLDLY—giving our time, talent, and treasure to the ministries of the church.

WE GIVE JOYFULLY—knowing our gifts are well-placed and used wisely.

WE GIVE COURAGEOUSLY—trusting God as we reach beyond ourselves in faith.

OUR BUDGET MATTERS

The budget for Christ UMC over the past few years has been consistently in the \$1,200,000 range. It is based on anticipated giving for the coming year. Commitments made now are the most significant factor in finalizing the budget for the coming year.

It may be of interest for you to know that 92% of that budget is allotted to staff salaries and benefits, building upkeep and repairs, and connectional commitments. Each of these areas are essential to the mission of Christ UMC.

Increased giving results in greater financial resources to support, expand, and develop new ministries, and ultimately spread the love of Jesus to more people.

LOOK HOW WE'VE GROWN

In 2025, 150 individuals and families made a financial pledge to Christ UMC for 2026. And through August of this year, 252 members and visitors have contributed through pledges and other gifts. We rejoice in every one!

*Christ UMC's ministries are strengthened
when our giving is rooted in how
we love, serve, and lead.*

NOW, WE'RE REACHING FURTHER

Our goal this year is to have 200 families and individuals make a commitment to support our church ministries in 2027.

If you made a commitment last year, would you consider increasing your giving by \$10 a week? That's \$520 over the course of a year, a small weekly step that can make a significant difference.

If you haven't made a commitment before, consider starting with \$10 a week—or whatever amount is right for you. Stewardship is about each of us contributing what we can to the ministry we share.

Whatever you are able to give—or not give—please know that you are loved, appreciated, and accepted at Christ UMC.

ROOTED IN GENEROSITY, REACHING TOGETHER

Our 2026 giving reflects the many ways our congregation helps Christ UMC put faith into action.

2026 ANNUAL PLEDGE COMMITMENT AMOUNT	NUMBER OF PLEDGES (150 TOTAL)
\$1–\$1,000	15
\$1,001–\$2,500	37
\$2,501–\$5,000	37
\$5,001–\$10,000	38
\$10,001–\$20,000	17
\$20,000+	6

*Your pledge is important.
Every gift matters. Every step matters.
Take the next step on Pledge Sunday.*