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Christ United Methodist Church

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Mission Statement of Christ United Methodist Church

Our Mission:

“Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World!”

Our Vision:

Living the “Christstyle”
Following in the footsteps of Jesus
Loving God, our Neighbors, and Ourselves
Being a Good Samaritan Church

Our Values:

Salvation - Jesus is Savior and Lord
Scripture - Inspired of God / shapes us
Holy Spirit - Source of wisdom and power
Worship - Personal and community
Fellowship - Connected thru relationships
Discipleship - Growing spiritually in a group
Ministry - Everyone involved in a ministry
Evangelism / Missions - Each one reach one in love
Stewardship - Generous giving (the tithe) is our charge
Prayer - The foundation of all we do

Our Covenant

In 1969, the members of Christ Church made a new covenant with God. The covenant was based on the scripture from 1 Peter 2:21, "For this you have been called because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in His Steps." The church made a decision that we would, in the future, ask, "What would Jesus do?" in every decision as a congregation.

Since then, each year, the members have reaffirmed that decision. This concept, developed by Charles Sheldon in 1896 in his book, *In His Steps*, has been a guiding principle for Christ Church. We understand that to ask what Jesus would do is to fulfill the commandments Jesus stated in Luke 10:27: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself."

Prayer

We believe in the power of Prayer! Over 500 people are involved in the Prayer Ministry of the church.

Our Logo

The church's logo focuses on the three crosses on our church tower, which reminds us of Christ's three rules: to love God, to love our neighbors, as we love ourselves. The six sides of the church symbol remind us of the church's six functions, which are education, worship, fellowship, stewardship, witness and service. Across our church symbol is an arrow, or dynamic, which reminds us that we must be workers in God's world, not hearers only, and that "our faith is a faith in action."

Christ United Methodist Church Celebrating 64 years!

Since early in 1953 The Tulsa District Board of Missions and Church Extension had in mind securing a site for a Methodist Church to serve the Southeast section of Tulsa. Dr. Katherine C. Lechnar donated 3 acres at 35th and Harvard for that use. Bishop Angie Smith appointed Rev. Wilson B. Schultz as pastor of the new congregation. The first service was held on October 3, 1954. Services were held at Eisenhower Elementary until the Education building was completed in July of 1955.

The Women's Society of Christian Service (a forerunner of the United Methodist Women) furnished the kitchen, decorated, and bought a piano for the Sanctuary. The Methodist Men's Club started a long tradition of sponsoring Boy Scout Troops, starting that year with Troop 133.

In 1956 Rev. George Graham and his wife Dorothy came to serve. As the Ranch Acres area developed, Christ UMC grew as a place for young couples and families. The tower that stands in the middle of the narthex was built with a surrounding garden to connect the various buildings planned. Rev. Charles Wells was the next pastor. He served for 4 years and during this time construction of the sanctuary began. Bill Hanton was the architect and Cecil Casebrier designed the stained glass windows. Pastor Winfred McBride came in 1966.

In 1969 Dr. Robert Pierson came to pastor Christ UMC. In that first year, Dr. Pierson led the congregation to research and recommit to their faith. He encouraged the membership to read Charles Sheldon's book, "In His Steps," asking them to make no decisions without first considering, "What would Jesus do?"

Leaders of the church embraced "The Christyle" – following the style of living that Jesus had taught; following in the footsteps of Jesus. To know what Jesus would do, they turned to the Great Commandment – loving God and loving your neighbor as yourself. It was out of this the congregation was reborn and re-enthused. It began to grow.

Developments in the life of the church in the 60's and 70's included a Divorce Adjustment Ministry, the building of a strong Singles program, the continued focus upon ministry with children and youth, and the redevelopment of a strong Sunday School program throughout the congregation.

In the 1980s, a Family Life Center was built and the sanctuary was expanded to seat 800 people. The mission based ministry of the church included a focus on South America, particularly in Bolivia.

In the 1990's Christ Church began a contemporary worship service in an effort to reach new people for Christ. That effort continues. Today Classic and Modern worship services are offered on Sunday mornings along with contemporary services Wednesday and Thursday nights. With Dr. Pierson's leadership, Christ Church organized Widow/Widower Workshops, Divorce Adjustment Workshops, Tuesday Morning Miracle Workers (building Habitat for Humanity homes), various support groups, and the Christ Church pre-school. Dr. Pierson led teams from Christ Church to help start new churches in Russia, with more than 15 churches resulting from these efforts. In 1994, the Pierson conference center was completed.

Christ Church continues to reach out to the community by sponsoring Boy Scout Troop 8. We provide space and support for other community groups such as: Foster parents, Kairos, Walk to Emmaus, Youth at Heart Tutoring, Restore Hope, Redemption Church, & Exodus House.

In 2006, after 13 years as founding pastor of St. Andrew's UMC in Oklahoma City, Bishop Bob Hayes appointed Rev. Bob Feist as lead pastor of Christ Church. Seeking to build upon the strong foundation of the "Christyle" with its focus on the Great Commandment (Matt 22:37-38) and with appreciation for the Great Commission (Matt 28:20) the congregation claimed its mission to "Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World." Growing disciples are regularly encouraged to: be in **worship** as often as possible, be connected in a class or **small group**, be involved in a **ministry**, and give **proportionally** of their income with the tithe being the goal.

Continued excellence in Worship, Preaching and Music ministry has been a central priority. Considerable attention was focused upon strengthening existing ministries including Phoenix Singles, Divorce Recovery, and Widow and Widowers. Additional effort was placed upon strengthening children and youth ministry. Water's Edge was designed for 5-6th graders. Elevate youth ministry for 7-12 graders was enhanced with regular camps, retreats, and mission trips. In Adult Ministry, existing Sunday school classes were supported and new ones were started. Men and Women's ministries were expanded with focused bible studies and annual Retreats. Additional emphasis was placed upon High Impact Hospitality, Evangelism, and Missions. The Christ Church Columbarium was dedicated in 2008.

Efforts to stretch out into new areas of “needs based” ministry have resulted in Upward Basketball and Cheer for children and families; Stephen Ministry for persons in crisis; Celebrate Recovery for those seeking healing from hurts, habits, and hang-ups; Grief share for those who have lost a loved one; Divorce Care for those affected by divorce; and Zumba for those seeking fitness. Efforts to leverage technology to reach others have resulted in updated Web-site, Facebook, and Twitter presence. This past year Christ Church introduced it’s own smart phone APP

In addition to keeping us focused on our discipleship mission, Pastor Bob has helped us understand our discipleship pathway: to **Know, Love, and Serve** (Christ and others) He has encouraged us **Trust, Believe, and Obey** - (the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) He has challenged us to **Go! Share! Invite!** Early in 2014 3strategic priorities were identified: Raise Visibility, Get outside the walls, Start new small groups. In 2019 3 new strategic priorities have immerged: Reach more new people, develop more fully devoted disciples, multiply our effectiveness.

Christ Church has an exciting future! We are looking to Jesus for all we need! Come join the adventure!

Outstanding Staff of

Christ United Methodist Church include:

Senior PastorRev. Bob Feist
Associate PastorsRev. Wayne Hayes
 Rev. Jim Stilwell

Children’s Staff..... Tanya Erickson, Samantha Fiscus,
Jeanette Nichols, Lauren Holt, Laurie Pearn

Music & Worship Staff..... Larry Downey,
 Michael Mason, Donna Richey

Student Ministry Staff
 Director Steve Luttenberg
 Associate..... Sammie Utter

Support Staff.....Lisa Bennett, Brittney Stewart,
 Rachel FitzSimons

Church Accountant.....Brenda Bussman

Worship Teams

Traditional Worship Sunday at 9:30 am

Modern Worship Sunday at 11:00 am

Refuel Worship Wednesday at 6:00 pm

Celebrate Recovery Worship Thursday at 7:00 pm

Classic Worship utilizes traditional and liturgical elements with inspirational settings from Reuter Pipe Organ, gospel piano stylings, vocal and instrumental choirs, ensembles and solos.

Modern Worship is exciting, enthusiastic and emotional using band led approach to current musical trends.

Refuel Mid-Week Worship blends musical styles for an intimate path to worship.

Celebrate Recovery presents passion filled praise and worship music each Thursday.

Special occasion productions and holiday services feature unique instrumental presentations, celebratory dancing and dramatic visual artistic expressions.

Do you have a desire to serve God through singing, musical instruments, theatrical presentations, creative movement, or visual art? Requesting information on rehearsal time and place? Email Larry Downey ldowney@cumctulsa.com, Worship Arts Director or call (918) 301-6236/(918)747-8601

- Chancel Choir
- Handbells Choir
- Instrumental Combo
- Modern Service Band
- Modern Service Singers
- Mid-Week Instrumentalist
- Mid-Week Singer
- Seasonal/Special Presentation - Specialty Performer

Adult Sunday School Classes

8:15 class

Early to Rise (Room 132) This is a class for all ages that is Biblically based.

9:30 Classes

Spirit-Soul-Body (Rm. 122) - This class studies the Word of God and its practical application relevant to our lives today. They are focused on developing the mind of Christ, currently studying Righteousness and Prayer, led by Judy Parker.

Genesis (Rm. 232) - A class for married couples (30’s-50’s) with or without children. Teaching material includes the Bible, study guides and personal experiences. The accent is on helping couples and families strengthen relationships using Bible references for practical answers. Led by class members. Class has many social activities throughout the year.

Hope Through Christ (Rm. 134) - This class is for young adult couples and singles in their 20’s and 30’s. The class studies contemporary topics and is active in community outreach as well. It is facilitated by Lisa Bennett.

On the Road (Rm. 167) - This is a class for marrieds and singles of all ages. Various biblically based studies. Facilitated by Karol Hodson.

TLC Together Loving Christ (Rm. 132) - This large Bible based class has a wide range of married couples and singles that enjoy discussion of the Bible and current Christian studies. Members are very involved in the life of the church, Operation Christmas Child, Youth and Children's Ministries and many others. The class has monthly fellowship activities in a large or small group setting. Class is taught by members.

Two By Two (Rm. 136) - This Bible-based class is for committed couples and marrieds of all ages, creating a bridge from singles to being a couple. Studies various topics on relationships and books of the Bible. Taught by class members.

The Upper Room (Rm. 236) We are a new class community open to those interested in studying scripture from all walks of life. We read scripture together and learn to study it for ourselves. Various class members provide teaching and leadership. We have regular social gatherings.

10:45 Classes

Friendship/Wesley (Rm. 136) - This class is for 60s+ with an emphasis on Bible Study and how it relates to our lives today. The class also enjoys outside activities and fellowship time together. Taught by various teachers from inside and outside the class.

Lifters (Rm. 232) - A dynamic interactive "lecture/discussion" fun class for marrieds and singles led by Bob Branson. The Journey Through the Bible format focuses on thinking outside the box. Emphasis is on learning the Bible. The class uses a study guide or other Methodist and Cokesbury material. The class has many exciting outside social activities throughout the year.

Living Word (Rm. 234) - A class for adults of all ages interested in extensive Bible teaching. Taught by Dr. Bob Mansfield, the class has many fellowship activities and service projects.

Open Door (Rm. 236) - This class of caring adults of various ages uses a variety of study material. Various class members teach the class using a discussion format. The Open Door class also has many fellowship activities and mission projects.

Relevance (Rm. 167) — The Relevance Class, led by Vern Stefanic, is a diverse and inquisitive group that seeks to find God's relevance in our lives and how we can help bring Christ's relevance to the world. The class is challenging, inspiring and, frankly, FUN. Lots of laughs, lots of smiles, lots of "aha" moments.

Soul Seekers (Rm 162) The Soul Seekers is a diverse class made up of young and older adults, married and single. Our common focus is in seeking to learn more about Christianity, Methodism, and how to deepen our faith.

Gather in Christ (Rm. 210) - A class for singles and for committed and married couples striving to better equip themselves with the tools to build a rich and fulfilling life. Currently studying books of the Bible. Has lots of fellowship activities.

Sharing Our Singleness (Janet Holt Chapel) - This class is for singles of all ages and are currently being led Bruce Foster. They study various issues related to single life.

Unity (Rm. 134) - You'll feel welcome in this spirit-filled Bible study of married couples and individuals as well as singles united in their purpose to grow in Christian love and service. While the class is taught by class members and special guests, we learn through interaction, personal testimony and example. You'll feel at home during fellowship activities designed for all.

Good News (Rm 132) - This is a class for marrieds and singles. The discussion format encourages dialogue and sharing. We like to open the Scriptures and let them come alive in our current lives. The class is led by Dr. Doug Pray.

Celebrate Recovery

This program is for those who are looking for freedom from their Hurts, Habits, or Hang-ups. This is a Christ Centered 12 step program with an emphasis on our relationship with Christ and with each other. Alternating weeks of teaching and testimony in a confidential setting to provide a safe space for personal reflection and healing through Christ.

We come together every Thursday night.

6:00 Dinner

7:00 Worship

8:00 Gender specific discussion groups

9:00 Garden of Eat'n Café. A time of fellowship and desserts.

Fellowship Board

The Fellowship Board provides the church with many wonderful events and activities throughout the year. The Board brings together the entire church for events such as the Chili Cook off, Mother-Daughter Tea, an Old Fashion Ice Cream Social, and Rock the Block – our annual neighborhood block party.

Missions

Christ Church is directly involved with missions around the world. We have helped to start six churches in Russia, do mission work in Mexico and are also involved in local mission projects somewhere every month.

Local Missions

Tulsa is fortunate to assist several nonprofit agencies helping people in northeastern Oklahoma. The members of Christ Church are involved in supporting these organizations as well as independent programs that help people.

Day Shelter Ministry

Christ Church members support this program by preparing meals once a month for persons sheltered in the homeless day care center in downtown Tulsa.

Exodus House, Tulsa Ministry

This ministry provides housing in a halfway house model for persons coming out of prison. Christ Church is one of the primary supporters and developers of this ministry.

Habitat for Humanity

This team does construction work in a variety of settings to help house the poor in Tulsa.

Meals on Wheels

Members of Christ Church help deliver noon meals to people in the community.

Tutoring Program

Members of the congregation provide after-school tutoring called Youth at Heart for children at Jane Adams School.

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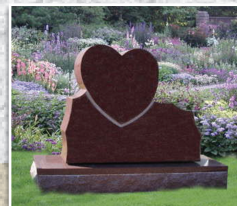
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We Care . . .

Christ United Methodist Church is a church that understands and expresses the love that God has for us in Jesus Christ. We are a church that cares. We show God's love through our care in helping each other, and in reaching out to the community and to the world. A description of the Care Program at Christ Church and ways you can help to carry out the loving, caring work of Christ include:

Telephone Callers

Members of the congregation receive a "care call" once per quarter during the year. This special group of Spiritual Care Callers passes on any prayer requests, special needs, or praises to the Prayer Chain and Prayer Support Teams.

Congregational Care

Operates as a part of the Spiritual Care Board. Care Givers contact church family members by way of visits, calls and cards. Contact is made with those hospitalized, in nursing facilities or living facilities other than home settings and those who desire home visits.

- Five prayer chains are used to link by phone those who pray in immediate circumstances upon request.
- Training in group setting is available for all activities associate with this ministry.

Love Meals

Volunteers prepare food as requested when funeral services or other events are held at Christ Church.

Cookie Bakers

As an expression of thanks and affirmation, the Cookie Bakers make fresh cookies for special church events.

Prayer Support Team

Praying for someone else (intercessory prayer) is a powerful experience for those needing prayer, as well as those who are praying for the need. Volunteers on this team support our workshops, events, and activities, and worship services with prayer. Members of this team pray for anyone who has a request.

Communion, Healing, and Prayer Services

A brief communion service is held every Sunday morning at 9:10 and again at 10:45 in the Broadhurst Chapel. Clergy and assistants serve communion and are available for prayer or anointing with oil, as requested.

Stephen Ministry an interdenominational, structured, Christian care-giving ministry. Through one-on-one caring relationships with specially trained church members, those who are hurting can receive the love and care they need to support them in times of crisis.

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women is a community of women whose purpose is to know God, and to develop a supportive fellowship. They meet regularly; have a mission study, and various programs. All women of the church are invited to participate.

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is responsible for care and preparation of the Services held in the Sanctuary. These volunteers decorate the church beautifully for special holidays. They provide any materials needed for the Altar.

Children's Ministry

Children attending Christ Church experience worship designed with them in mind. Our Pre-K through 3rd graders start in Joyful Journey at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings with Children's Church. The children gather in large and small groups where they are presented the message in varying multi-media styles and formats. There is also a Water's Edge Program for 4th through 6th graders that meet at the same time. They will learn valuable life tools as they connect with other pre-teens their age. During the second hour, all children experience praise and worship in the sanctuary followed by Sunday school, where they dig deeper and apply the message to their daily lives. On Wednesday nights, we have a Kid's for Christ program that meets from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm for children Pre-K – 3rd grade. Our 4th through 6th graders gather in their own Water's Edge wing during the same time. All of our programs offer children a time of fellowship and faith building skills to further develop their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Christ Church Preschool

Christ Church Pre-school is a part time weekday preschool program that offers care for children 8 months through pre-kindergarten. Our classes meet every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 to 2:30, during the regular school year. A shortened summer session is offered during the month of June.

Our staff of highly trained Christian teachers strive to model love and values for the children in the classroom, realizing that this age child learns by example. We are a developmental preschool, encouraging children to learn and grow by "doing." We offer monthly interactive worship services, as well as special classes in music, science and gymnastics.

We currently have 70 children enrolled, representing 55 families from a variety of religious backgrounds. We are fortunate in that we are supported by parents who are involved in volunteering in the classrooms as well as the Board of Children's Ministries of CUMC.

We feel that despite the differences in the backgrounds of our children, they all have the common bond of being "special and unique children of God" and we are blessed to be a small part of their lives.

Singles Ministry

There are two major workshops that the Singles Ministry offers each year. The importance of these workshops and the help they give to those who are going through one of the most traumatic experiences of their lives is best expressed by repeating the feeling of a participant—thank God for the workshops, and thank God for Christ United Methodist Church, which recognized and fulfilled the need for them.

Divorce Recovery Workshops. More than 30 years ago, several members who had either gone through, or were going through, the trauma of divorce realized there was nothing in the city of Tulsa to help and support them as they began a new and frightening chapter of their lives. These divorce recovery pioneers, together with Dr. Pierson, developed the Divorce Recovery Workshop. Using a combination of counselors, clergy, facilitators and care bears (all who have gone through divorce themselves), the workshops have proven extremely successful. Since that first workshop, more than 6,000 people have been through the Workshop. Many have had their faith restored, chosen to join Christ United Methodist Church, and have themselves given back by working in the workshops. There is also a support group that meets every Thursday at 6:45.



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Widow/Widower Ministry. The Widow/Widower Ministry was started in April, 1993 with a support group for persons who had lost a spouse by death. The group started with about eight people. It meets twice a month, and now averages 40 plus each meeting. One of the original support group attendees suggested we start a workshop for widow/widowers. The first workshop was held in November, 1993, and has continued to this day. The workshop is held two times a year and has been attended by over a thousand people. We have had participants come from South Africa, California, Colorado and many other places. There are also many activities throughout the month

Student Ministries

Elevate Youth Ministry

The mission of Elevate Youth Ministry (7th grade through 12th grade) is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by loving, teaching and empowering youth to be sent out into the world.

By beginning with Christ and ending with Christ, we KNOW-LOVE-SERVE: We believe in Christ, we belong to His family and we are becoming His servants. Lord, send us out!

Our long-term goal for Elevate Youth Ministry is that every student would:

- Believe in their heart and confess that Jesus Christ is their Lord
- Worship God
- Connect with others in the body of Christ
- Grow in Christ through study, small groups and prayer
- Serve others through missions and ministries
- Reach out with love, courage and faith

Elevate Schedule:

Sunday mornings: We meet for Sunday school at 9:30 am. Each week we have a worship experience for our students and then we split into Sunday school classes. One junior high group and one high school group. Each class focuses on going through different books of the Bible reading them and applying them to our lives.

Wednesday Nights: During the school year we meet for dinner, fellowship, worship and small group discussion.

- Throughout the year we have several special events such as fall and winter retreats, mission trips, summer camps for both junior high and senior high, feed the homeless as well as serving with the prison ministry.



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