Community Church
AT TELLICO VILLAGE



November 2026

Cultivating believers, disciples, and servants to transform our community and world for Christ.

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The Cultivate Campaign: Planting Faithfully, Building for Generations

Dear Church Family,

What an exciting season this is in the life of Community Church! As we move forward with our **Cultivate Campaign: Planting Faithfully, Building for Generations**, I am delighted to share wonderful news about the generosity and commitment already being demonstrated throughout our congregation.

In September, current and former church leaders met for a series of Cultivate Campaign Leadership Gatherings. These meetings offered opportunities to learn more about the campaign, ask questions, and prayerfully consider how we might participate in this important chapter of our church's story.

Those get-togethers culminated in a wonderful Advance Commitment Dinner in October, where our leaders responded with extraordinary generosity. Inspired by 1 Chronicles 29:9, which describes the joy of God's people as they gave willingly, these faithful leaders committed an incredible **$2.2 million over the next three years!** That represents **57% of our $3.8 million campaign goal!**

What a remarkable beginning - and what a powerful testament to our church family's faith in our future. Now it's time for all of us to be part of this exciting story.

During November, we will embark on a special three-week stewardship sermon series that reflects the heart of our Cultivate Campaign.

November 1 – All Saints' Sunday
Planting Faithfully:
"Because Some Planted for Us"
We will celebrate the faithful saints who came before us, recognizing that we enjoy the blessings of a church built upon their generosity, sacrifice, and vision.

November 8 – Prayer Walk Sunday
Growing Together:
"Doing Our Part"
We will explore how God continues to work through our shared faith, generosity, and commitment to growing a church that is "as inclusive as the love of God."

November 15 – Commitment Sunday
Building for Generations:
"For Those Who Come After Us"
We will look to the future, remembering that what we do today will shape the ministry and mission of the Community Church for generations to come. On this special Sunday, everyone will have the opportunity to present their campaign commitment cards as an expression of faith and gratitude.

Friends, this campaign is about so much more than buildings, improvements, or eliminating debt. It's about creating opportunities for ministry, strengthening our mission, and ensuring the church we love remains a place of hope, grace, and belonging for years to come.

Those who came before us planted faithfully so that we could enjoy the blessings of our church today. Now it's our turn to plant for those who will follow us.

What a privilege it is to be part of this journey together!

With gratitude and great anticipation,

Pastor Steve

COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Cultivate
PLANTING FAITHFULLY
BUILDING FOR GENERATIONS

COMMITMENT SUNDAY - November 15

Last month our church embarked on two campaigns: 2027 Operating Budget and Cultivate. On October 11, the $2.5 million 2027 Preliminary Operating Budget was unanimously approved by the church membership. The following week a group of leaders of our church, past and present, committed over $2 million over the next 3 years to the Cultivate Campaign. Most recently you had the opportunity to learn more about our campaigns at the Cultivate Gatherings that were held last week. Soon you will receive the campaign guide that tells you more about both campaigns. Your commitment card will be mailed separately.

Please take time to study the campaign guide and use the devotionals to help you discern what God is asking you to do in support of these campaigns. Remember these are two separate campaigns.

- Your commitment to the **2027 Operating Budget Campaign** ensures our mission and ministries will continue in 2027.
- Your commitment to the **Cultivate Campaign** determines the direction of our church as we build for the future.

Commitment Sunday will be November 15. That day, after prayerfully considering your campaign commitments, you will have the opportunity to bring your completed commitment card to a prayer station to be consecrated for God's work among us. If you can't come to the service, please return your card to the church office. We will announce the new campaign commitment totals the following week on Gratitude Sunday, November 22.

Please continue to use your daily Cultivate Campaign Prayer Calendar as our church grows together through this effort.

"For we are God's co-laborers; you are God's cultivated field, God's building." I Corinthians 3:9 AMP

Christ caring for people through people

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Lean on Me

By Jeannine Wolf

Someone asked me where I get my ideas for the newsletter. God provides the topics. I was on my way to church when an old song came on the radio, "Lean on Me" sung and written by Bill Withers. As I listened, I REALLY started to listen to the lyrics as I sang along. "Oh, my! That song should be Stephen Ministry's theme song."

These are the words that spoke to me:

Lean on me, when you're not strong,
And I'll be your friend,
I'll help you carry on.
For it won't be long,
Til I'm gonna need,
Somebody to lean on.

Yes, that is what a Stephen Minister does. They are your friends that you can lean on. Like the song continues to say, "If there is a load you have to bear, that you can't carry, I'm right up the road, I'll share your load".

All you have to do is call. Stephen Ministry will be there, supporting you, listening and encouraging you, so that you can cope. One day you won't need us. But until then, you can lean on us..

Jan Elliott • Lori York
Jeannine Wolf • Marjorie Stephens



Wishing Well Care & Share

ONGOING COLLECTIONS

Items Accepted:

- **Caps and Lids**
- **Cellphones**
- **Eyeglasses**
- **Ink Cartridges**
- **Pull Tabs**
- **Toiletry Items** ***(new; any size)***

Your help is appreciated in the following ways:

- **Please put your items in the appropriately labeled baskets. There are two larger plastic bins for caps and lids.**
- **Please only donate the items that are requested. *There are 3x5 cards in a stand on the top of the Wishing Well that list all of the collections on one side and the specifics for the cap and lid collection on the other side. Feel free to take one home with you as a reminder.***
- **When you bring your items, please sort the items and place them in the appropriate baskets.**
- **For those responsible for picking up the donated items for an agency, please clear out the basket(s) on a regular basis. If you are unable to do so, please ask someone to do it in your place.**

The Wishing Well Care and Share collection area is located under the grand staircase.



There is just something about Christmas movies, isn't there?

For many of us, Christmas wouldn't be quite the same without watching our favorite holiday classics. Whether it's George Bailey discovering his life really does matter, the Grinch learning Christmas means a little more, or Buddy the Elf spreading cheer, these familiar stories touch our hearts year after year.

They make us laugh. Sometimes they make us cry. And occasionally, they remind us of something we may have forgotten along the way.

This Advent, we're going to the movies!

Beginning Sunday, November 29, our Advent worship series, "Christmas at the Movies," will explore the four great themes of Advent - Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love - through the lens of some of our most beloved Christmas films.

Now, don't worry. We're not replacing Scripture with Hollywood! It's quite the opposite. We'll use these familiar stories to uncover the timeless truths of God's Word in fresh, meaningful ways. Here's what's coming:

November 29 – HOPE – *Believe in the Promise: The Polar Express*
Christian hope isn't wishful thinking. It's trusting that God keeps God's promises, even when we cannot see what lies ahead.

December 6 – PEACE – *The Peace That Can't Be Stolen: How the Grinch Stole Christmas*
The Grinch discovered that Christmas couldn't be stolen. Likewise, the peace Christ offers isn't dependent upon our circumstances. It's something much deeper.

December 13 – JOY – *The Joy That Isn't for Sale: Elf*
We will be reminded that lasting joy isn't found beneath a Christmas tree or on a shopping list. It comes from knowing that God has come near to us in Jesus Christ.

December 20 – LOVE – *It's a Wonderful Love: It's a Wonderful Life*
George Bailey's story reminds us that our lives matter. We'll celebrate the extraordinary love of God—a love that gives our lives meaning and calls us to share that love with others.

December 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE (4:30 & 7:00) – *The Story That Changed Everything: The Nativity Story*
After spending Advent looking at Christmas through movies, we'll return to the greatest Christmas story ever told, the birth of Jesus Christ. It is the story that changed the world and continues to change lives today.

I hope you'll join us throughout Advent and invite a friend or neighbor to come along. Because beneath all the lights, decorations, shopping, and celebrations, Christmas has always been about something much bigger. **It's about a God who keeps promises. A peace the world cannot take. A joy money cannot buy. And a love that changes everything.**

And that, my friends, is a story worth celebrating! See you at the movies!

Pastor Steve

MISSION OUTREACH



Loudon County Habitat Build Update

Construction is well underway on our CCTV Habitat home. **Thank you to all of the volunteers who are giving of their time and talents to make this home become a reality** for **Tina Cardin** and her daughter who have been selected to receive "our house."



Tina applied to the Habitat homeownership program in June 2024 and was approved for the program in September 2024. She is the proud mom of 11-year-old Breail. She has worked for the State of Tennessee's Probation and Parole office in Monroe County for more that 16 years as a secretary. Currently, Tina and Breail live with her daughter and son-in-law in Lenoir City. Their future home at Hilltop Hideaway will give them a place to call their own. Tina is working to complete the required 250 hours of "sweat equity" and is excited to see her new home taking shape.

Thank you to all of our church family who took the time to write blessings on 2x6 boards that will become part of the attic framework of the home. This attic location means that Tina and her family will be able to see and read these blessings, knowing that CCTV has supported this home build with not only our finances, but also with our hope, faith, and love.

Thank you, also, to our church family members who have volunteered to make lunches for the workers at our Habitat build. Patty Pridemore and Mary Allen have been coordinating this effort. Construction volunteers are still needed for the next several months. For more information, email Nancy Gregg (mission@tellicochurch.org).















Pictures above (starting top left to right):

- *House recipient, Tina Cardin*
- *Exterior walls in place at the Habitat build*
- *Kevin Flanagan, CCTV Mission Team Leader, works on interior framing for our CCTV home build*
- *Interior framing is being rapidly completed*
- *Houses from left to right - 1) CCTV home, 2) Southeast Bank home, 3) Apostle Build (sponsored by 12 area churches)*
- *Church members signing the Habitat boards after a CCTV worship service*
- *Habitat construction foreman Mike Phillips shares with Pastor Katie and Caryl Gallagher where the blessings boards will be located*

"Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." 1 Corinthians 15:58

(Mission Outreach continued from page 4)

Volunteer Service Opportunities



CAPS, MITTENS AND GLOVES COLLECTION

Calling all knitters and crocheters! CCTV will once again be collecting caps, mittens, gloves, scarves, and socks for cold weather. Items must be new — either handmade or purchased. Please bring your donations to the basket beside the Wishing Well between now and December 13. Clients of the Good Samaritan Center and the Good Shepherd Center thank you in advance for your donations!



COMPASSION MINISTRIES FOOD BANK

Volunteers are needed to help distribute food at Compassion's First Baptist Church (FBC) location at 2085 Simpson Rd East, Lenoir City and at the monthly mobile food pantry.

Thursdays, November 5 & 19 – Local pantry at First Baptist Church (Lenoir City)
Saturday, November 14 – Mobile food pantry at Fentress County Fairgrounds (Jamestown, TN)

Contact Jerry Perata (calscreenguy@gmail.com) or Nancy Gregg (mission@tellicochurch.org).



CCTV THANKSGIVING PROJECT

Friday, November 20 – 10am-noon (CCTV Fellowship Hall)

CCTV will work with two of our Mission Partners, Compassion Ministries, Inc. and the Loudon County Schools Family Resource Center, to put together Thanksgiving food boxes. These will be delivered to Greenback School and the Good Shepherd Center in Madisonville. No need to sign-up; all are welcome to come to the CCTV Fellowship Hall and help us fill the boxes!



CHRISTMAS FOR ANGELS

CCTV will have 300 gift tags beginning Sunday, November 15. Choose a tag with a child's Christmas wishes and help make their dreams come true! We are working with Loudon County Schools Family Resource Center, a CCTV Mission Partner, to identify children in need. Return all Christmas for Angels gifts (unwrapped) to the CCTV Fellowship Hall by Thursday, December 3 for distribution through Loudon County Schools.

CCTV Scholarship Spotlight



Michel Gonzalez is a 2023 graduate of Lenoir City High School. She is currently a senior at Maryville College, double majoring in Political Science and Criminal Justice with a minor in Spanish. In addition to her studies, she has several leadership roles on campus including President of the Latinx Student Alliance, co-founder and vice-president of Voices of Color, a senior intern for the Bonner Scholars Program, and a senior class senator in Student Government Association. She has also volunteered with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center After School Program in Alcoa where she has served as a mentor and tutor for low-income students. It is obvious that she is dedicated to serving others and making a difference in her community.

Following graduation in May 2027, Michele plans to enter law school with the goal of pursuing a career in immigration law and advocate for immigrant communities. She states that she is incredibly grateful for the encouragement and support she's received from the Community Church at Tellico Village. Thank you, CCTV church family for investing in our CCTV Scholars. Because of your support, students such as Michel are making a difference now and will continue to be a force for good in the future.

For more information about the Scholarship Program, email Nancy Gregg (mission@tellicochurch.org).

What skills and abilities could you bring to CCTV Mission Outreach?
Let us know how YOU might like to serve by completing the online Mission Interest Form (tellicochurch.com/missions).



PRAYER SHAWLS

On October 12 the Prayer Shawl group held their own "Passing Of The Needles." After many busy years, Jan Martin is stepping aside so that Beth Loos can lead the group. The women have created and then given away almost 1,000 shawls in the years since the group began more than 20 years ago. The next Prayer Shawl Sunday is November 22. Everyone is encouraged to attend the service and then come by the display of shawls in the narthex. Choose something for a friend or loved one who needs to feel warm, cozy and loved.



Love Without Limits

As we navigate this journey we call life and pursue our Christian goal of emulating Jesus' character that extends unconditional love to all, we face the challenge of living with the realization that love has no limits, no exceptions and no barriers. This can be a difficult challenge with many hurdles, especially when they involve our adult children, grandchildren or siblings. But gathering in a safe and confidential group of peers to share difficult issues involving our closest loved ones can be beneficial for exploring and conquering confused emotions, hurtful feelings, hopelessness or even anger.

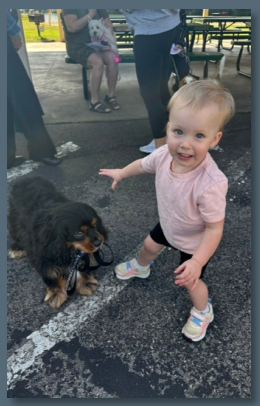
Love Without Limits can be that support group for anyone who needs listening ears among others who are experiencing a similar situation. The group's motto is, "you are not alone." Common concerns that the group has addressed and continues to address are estrangement from family members, adult children with autism or other physical or mental special needs who may or may not be living with parents, dealing with strong differences of opinions between relatives, and sexual orientation. It is not, however, a forum for political discussion or theological debate.

Please join us on the **second Thursday of every month in the Fireside Room at 4pm** if you need this type of support. We share, we listen, we love and we lift one another up with prayer and encouragement. The common denominator shared by attendees is that no matter how severe the challenge, we love our family members as Christ has loved us, without limits.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another and all the more as you see the day approaching." (Hebrews 10:24-25)

Recent Event Pictures

Blessing of the Animals




Cultivate Gatherings






Crafters Fall Sale

Wreaths, Flower Arrangements, Mailbox Covers, Wood Crafts, Cards, Jewelry, Sewing & Needlecraft Items

All proceeds benefit scholarships and organizations in Loudon and Monroe Counties

Saturday, November 7 • 9:00-noon
Fellowship Hall • Cash & Checks Only

Bakers Needed for the Craft Sale





Drop off your donated baked goods on Nov 6 (9-10:30am) or Nov 7 (8-9am).

CCTV CONCERT SERIES 2026-27



COMMUNITY CHURCH CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 13 • 3pm
Monday, December 14 • 4pm/7pm

FREE tickets required & available at the church office starting November 23.

Surviving the Holidays

Grieving a loss?
Know someone who is?

GriefShare HOLIDAY SEMINAR

Encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate the challenges of the season.

THURSDAY | NOV 19 | 10AM | CCTV - ROOMS 2A/B

STARTING POINT

learn about us
meet new people
get connected

Sunday, November 8
Following Each Service • Fireside Room

COMMUNITY CHURCH AT TELLICO VILLAGE
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Spaghetti Supper

Thursday, November 19 ~ 4:30-6:00pm

Dine-in or Take-out:
$8/meal

No reservations needed.
Chicken & pasta also available.

Advent Decorating
DECK THE CCTV HALLS

Saturday, December 5
9:30am - 11am

Help decorate the sanctuary and other areas for the Advent season. Plan now to come and help bring a festive look to our church as we celebrate the birth of Christ!

Women's Christmas Dinner

"Light in the Darkness"
Featuring Jazz Quartet & Storyteller

Thursday, December 10
5:30pm ~ $30

Sign up in the Narthex starting November 8.



WAYS TO GIVE



MAIL

SEND YOUR GIFT TO:
130 CHOTA CENTER
LOUDON, TN 37774



DROP OFF

BRING YOUR GIFT TO
THE CHURCH OFFICE
MON - THURS 9-4



SUNDAYS

PLACE YOUR GIFT IN
AN OFFERING PLATE



ONLINE

GIVE ONLINE AT
TELLICOCHURCH.COM/GIVE

FINANCE NEWS

Over the years your Finance Team has implemented many methods of giving. Wondering what method works best for you? Here is a list of the current options:

1. Offering Plate – Place your gift in an offering plate when you attend Sunday services.
2. Mail – Mail a check to CCTV (130 Chota Center, Loudon, TN 37774).
3. Drop Off – Bring your gift to the church office (Mon-Thurs, 9am-4pm).
4. Online – Simply visit the church website (tellicochurch.com) and click on Give. Scroll through the page to the button which says, “Click Here to Give Online.” You now can set up a one-time or recurring donation. Use the dropdown menu to select the fund you would like to give to. Next, put in the dollar amount you would like to give. Once completed, the payment information will appear below where you can enter your credit card information. It will also give you the option to add an additional 2.5% to help cover the processing cost. While this is not necessary, it is appreciated.
5. Crypto Currency- May be given online by following the direction above in item 4 to the “Click Here to Give Online” and select the “Give Crypto” button. This method may benefit you on your income taxes. Please contact your accountant or financial advisor.
6. QR Code - On the back of the Orange Card located in the pews, scan the code to be taken directly to the website for online giving.
7. Recurring withdrawal from your checking account – Send an email to accounting@tellicochurch.org for an ACH and credit card authorization form. Fill out the form and return with a voided check. Once it is set up, you will be gifting hassle-free for the remainder of the year.
8. IRA Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) Qualified Charitable Distribution – The IRS allows RMDs to be given directly to charities. This method can be a benefit to you on your income taxes. Please consult with your accountant or financial advisor on this method.
9. Stock Transfer – The church accepts gifts of stock. This method can be a benefit on your income taxes. Again, please consult with your accountant or financial advisor on this method.

If you have any questions about any of these methods, please contact Cathy Bradley (865-458-1516; accounting@tellicochurch.org).

As always, however you choose to give, we are thankful for your gifts.

Memorial Gifts



Bill Elmore
Brenda Sherman

Joan Ewing
Andrea Schmid

Ann Sneden
Lorraine Vollstedt

Karen Wood
Jeff & Sue Conklin

Garage Sale Thank You

The CCTV Crafters and Loudon County Habitat would like to thank all VOLUNTEERS for making the Garage & Boutique Sale such a success in September with total proceeds of $15, 901. Multiple scholarships, projects and organizations will benefit.

Volunteer Opportunities

CHURCH USHERS

Would you be willing to serve as a church usher in 2027? Ushers play a very important role in welcoming, assisting, and serving our congregation during worship services.

If you are not currently serving as an usher and would be interested in serving as a regularly scheduled or substitute usher in 2027, please email Duane Gregg for more information at duanedgregg@gmail.com. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve our church family!

ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY

If you delight in the joy received by delivering beautiful flowers to our church members who are going through a difficult time, then you are the perfect candidate to volunteer for the Altar Flower Delivery Ministry. Volunteers are needed for the 2027 calendar year to deliver the two altar flower arrangements after the 10:30 service to the designated recipients.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Maurie Feise (517-303-9854; mauriefeise@gmail.com).

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GENERAL INFO

Worship Services .....9:00 & 10:30
Watch our livestream (YouTube) each Sunday at 10:30.
Visit our website to watch Sunday's service live.

Sunday School 9:00
Concludes November 22 and resumes in January

Find us on Facebook .....facebook.com/tellicochurch

Church Calendar .....tellicochurch.com/events

Want to explore church membership?
Please call the church office for details if you are interested. You may inquire about membership and other spiritual matters.

Pastoral Care
Please contact the church office for your pastoral care needs.

STAFF

Senior Pastor.....Dr. Stephen B. Prevatte
Pastor of Worship and Music.....Rev. Dr. John Orr
Associate Pastor.....Rev. Dr. Katie Morgan-Harper
Associate Pastor.....Rev. Dr. Matt Agnew
Interim Pastoral Care Pastor.....Rev. Ingrid Schalk
Pastor Emeritus.....Rev. Martin C. Singley, III
Office Manager.....Pat Ouderkirk
Technical Director.....Mark Townsend
Director of Communications.....Gregg Randolph
Financial Assistant.....Cathy Bradley
Receptionist/Secretary.....Candy Smith
Facilities Manager.....Jeff McDaniel
Kitchen Coordinator.....Victoria McComb
Director of Missions.....Nancy Gregg
Organist/Accompanist.....Andrew Duncan

The church office is open Monday-Thursday, 9am-12pm & 1pm-4pm and Friday, 9am-noon.

2026 Council Voting Members






(L-R): Chuck Martin, *Council Chair*
Jim Sandridge, *Council Vice-Chair, Chair of Personnel Team*
Patty Pridemore, *Chair of Engagement Team*
Peggy Welch, *Chair of Finance Team*






(L-R): Maurie Feise - *Congregational Care Team Leader*
Leslie Shuman, *Chair of Trustees*
Judy Heard, *Chair of Worship & Music Team*
Kevin Flanagan, *Chair of Mission Team*

Spiritual Support

Alcoholics Anonymous
Every Monday at 7pm
Lower CLC

Al-Anon
Every Monday at 10am
Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall

Every Tuesday at 7pm
United Methodist Church - Loudon

Caregivers Support Group
(Includes Alzheimer's Support Group)
2nd & 4th Tuesday of month, 1pm
Lower CLC - Lynne MacConnell

Grief Support Group
Scott & Suzanne Duncan

Guy to Guy
Dave Lillemon

Hospitalization Support
Contact the church office

Lay Communion Ministry
In-home Communion
Contact the church office

Love Without Limits
2nd Thursday of month, 4pm
Fireside Room
Maurie Fiese

Parkinson's Support Group
1st Thursday of month, 1pm
Lower CLC
Kathy Milam

Pastoral Counseling
Rev. Dr. Stephen Prevatte

Prayer Chain
Jan Elliott

Prayer Shawls
Knitters & Crocheters
2nd Monday of month, 11am
Conference Room
Beth Loos

Stephen Ministry
Jan Elliott, Marjorie Stephens, Jeannine Wolf, Lori York

For more information please contact the church office (865-458-1516).