

January 30, 2020



CLINTON

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Next Week's Scripture Readings:

Sunday: Ephesians 2:1-6

Pray and receive the richness of God's mercy and grace.

Monday: Psalm 15

Pray for strength to always live in God's holy presence.

Tuesday: Genesis 3:1-9

Pray to hear the voice of God.

Wednesday: Luke 6:17-23

Pray for the blessing of hearing and living into the way of Jesus.

Thursday: Micah 6:1-8

Pray for faith to humbly live as God requires.

Friday: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Pray and trust fully in Christ crucified.

Saturday: Matthew 28:1-10

Pray and give thanks for the power of the risen Christ going on ahead of you.

John Wesley, the 18th century founder of the Methodist spiritual renewal movement, felt there were three things every Christian should do: 1) Do no harm. 2) Do good. 3) Attend to the ordinances (means of grace) of God. You can find out more about these general rules of the United Methodist Church (UMC) at www.umc.org/en/content/the-general-rules-of-the-methodist-church.

The first two are pretty easy to understand. The third may need a little more teasing out. "Means of grace" is just another way to say "the ways God connects with and impacts us." Means of grace are things we can experience to open up to God's activity... to experience God's grace.

Some common means of grace include: public worship, reading or hearing the Bible, experiencing the preaching or teaching of the Word, hands-on-service, prayer, and the sacraments of Holy Communion and baptism. These, and other spiritual practices, are all things God uses to be present in and change our lives.

In the UMC we believe that we can experience God's work in us through the sacrament Holy Communion, the act of receiving and consuming bread and the fruit of the vine (usually grape juice). Because of this Wesley encouraged early Methodists to experience this sacrament as often as possible. He frequently received Holy Communion more than once each day.

With all of this in mind, I want share with you that Holy Communion will become a part of our Sunday morning worship experience on a monthly basis. Initially we plan to have Communion in both services on the second Sunday of the month, beginning February 9. One exception will be that we will celebrate Holy Communion at our Maundy Thursday service (April 9), but not on Easter Sunday (April 12).

We look forward to how the more frequent experience of Holy Communion in worship will allow God to be actively working in us as individuals and as a congregation! If you have any questions about Holy Communion, please let me know (660-525-4422, steveblacksher@clintonumc.net, or catch me sometime at church).

This week we're wrapping up our "Detours" sermon series. I look forward to seeing you in worship Sunday morning at 8:15 or 10:30!

Your partner on the journey,

Pastor Steve

Sunday Assistants

Office Host:

Angelia Entrop

Altar Flowers:

Jim & Sandi Cox

Gathering Music:

8:15—Frances Harvey

10:30—Marnie Bellamy

8:15 Acolytes

Nora & Reed Parks

8:15 Ushers:

Dave & Kathy Garnett

8:15 Greeters:

Sarah Prince and Peggy Powell
Shannon and Meredith Cooper

Children's Time:

Larry Dawson

Fellowship Time Hosts:

Susie Wetzel & Susan Mosley

10:30 Ushers:

Mike & Brenda Kiely

10:30 Greeters:

Bettie Chapin
Janet Mansfield
Charlotte & Larry Hager

Bus Driver:

Kent Cable



UMC Youth SOUPERBOWL Challenge

The youth are offering up a challenge to all members to bring any non-perishable items or make a monetary donation for the "Feed Missouri" program. All items and money collected will go to our local Samaritan Center. Instructions for the challenge are as follows: to help your team win, place your items on their side of the tote, now through Superbowl Sunday, February 2nd. Two locations in the church will be set up— one will be outside of the library and the other outside Jennifer's Kiely's office. If you want to donate money, make checks payable to the Samaritan Center and there will be an envelope for each team attached to the tote/ instruction.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Program



Ladies of the church have been busy making prayer shawls to give to anyone in our church family who is experiencing serious life events. If you know of someone who would appreciate the power of a prayer shawl, please contact the church office at 660-885-5597.

Coming Up

Sunday, February 2nd

8:15—Early Worship

9:00—Fellowship Time

9:30—Sunday School

9:30—Confirmation Class

10:30—Late Worship

Monday, February 3rd

5:00—Ukuleles

5:15—Learner Bells

5:30—Pickleball

6:00—Chancel Bells

Tuesday, February 4th

8:30—Pickleball

1:00—Visitation

Wednesday, February 5th

Noon—Prayer Group Meets

3:00— Youth

3:30— Angelus Choir

5:00—Youth

7:00—Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 6th

8:30—Pickleball

Friday, February 7th

1:00—Friday Social Group
Meets

Call the church office at
660-885-5597 for more
information about any
calendar items!

Prayers are needed for:

Dorothy Steward, Don Bruns,
Guido (and Janice) Santero,
Jim Bilbruck,
Tom Ross,
Melvin Dennis,
Helen Finks



Leap 2020 is a one-day conference experience for middle and high school students happening at Platte Woods UMC in the KC area on Saturday, February 29, 2020.

Students will experience meal packing with Rise Against Hunger, worship, interactive breakouts, games and more! Lunch and dinner are included. This all day event will offer workshops on Healthy Relationships, Handling Anxiety & Stress and Body Positivity and Social Media. The band Foundation City Music will perform.

Registration is done online at <https://nextgenumc.org/leap-2020/>. Registration cost is \$30 by Jan 31 or \$40 before Feb 28. Contact Jennifer Kiely if you need help registering. All students registered get a t-shirt, so sign up soon and join this awesome experience. Church transportation will be provided.