

February 20th, 2020



CLINTON

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Next Week's Scripture Readings:

Sunday: Psalm 99

Pray and worship our holy God.

Monday: Matthew 17:1-9

Pray for the faith to listen to and follow the Son of God.

Tuesday: Ephesians 6:10-17

Pray and put on the full armor of God.

Wednesday: Psalm 51:1-19

Pray for God's cleansing mercy and forgiveness.

Thursday: 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

Pray to receive God's grace in times of suffering.

Friday: 2 Peter 1:16-21

Pray to know Christ's truth through the Holy Spirit inspired word of God.

Saturday: Genesis 6:5-22

Pray for the faith and obedience of Noah.

Next Wednesday, February 26, is Ash Wednesday.

Wasn't it just a few weeks ago that we gathered as the church to celebrate Christ coming anew on Christmas Eve? Can it really be time to be thinking Easter? The answer to both questions is "no." It really has been awhile since Christmas. And it's not time for Easter. It's time for Lent!

Lent is a season in the church designed to help us focus more fully on our lives as followers of Jesus in preparation for the Easter celebration to come. From the times of the ancient church, Lent has been a time of self-denial and focused spiritual practices.

What was it Jesus said? "All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross daily and follow me," (Luke 9:23 CEB). Jesus' call, and the season of Lent, are reminders that following Jesus: doesn't come natural to us ("say no to themselves"), is challenging ("take up their cross"), and must be intentional ("daily").

During this upcoming season of Lent (February 26 - April 11), what is one spiritual practice you can do each day to turn the focus from you to God and/or others? Maybe it's praying the Lord's Prayer and each day focusing on a different word or phrase? Maybe it's helping someone each day in an intentional way? Maybe it's using the time during your lunch hour each day to work on memorizing some favorite Scripture passages, instead of catching up on social media. Maybe it's _____, well you fill in the blank.

I'm looking forward to the "spiritual" habits this year's journey of Lent helps establish in my life and yours!

And I'm looking forward to this Sunday as we wind down "The Mission" sermon series. "For the transformation of the world..." Sounds like we may be biting off more than we can chew. See you Sunday morning for worship at 8:15 or 10:30.

Your partner on the journey,
Pastor Steve

Sunday Assistants

Office Host:

Susan & Bob Hutcherson

Altar Flowers:

Treva Jones

Gathering Music:

8:15—Peggy Arthur

10:30—Janet Parks

8:15 Acolytes

Ayson Zink & Charlie Williams

8:15 Ushers:

Dave & Kathy Garnett

8:15 Greeters:

Sarah Prince and Peggy Powell
Shannon and Meredith Cooper

Children's Time:

Kelli Jenkins

Fellowship Time Host:

Jayne Taylor

10:30 Ushers:

Mike & Brenda Kiely

10:30 Greeters:

Bettie Chapin
Janet Mansfield
Charlotte & Larry Hager

Bus Driver:

Kent Cable

Prayers are needed for:

Dorothy Steward,
Don Bruns, Ted Bolich
Melvin Dennis,
Dorothy Toops,
Helen Finks



Ash Wednesday

You're invited to begin the season of Lent with the Ash Wednesday service of your choice, February 26, at 12:00 noon (chapel) or 6:00 pm (sanctuary). These duplicate worship experiences will last about 30 minutes and include music, Scripture, a devotional message, and the traditional imposition of the ashes. Contact the church office (885-5597) for more information.



Wednesday Lenten Services

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Wednesday Lenten worship services will be held at 12 noon in the Clinton UMC chapel, March 4 - April 8. These services will last approximately 30 minutes and include music, a short message, and Holy Communion. The devotional messages in these services will be shared by various pastors and lay speakers connected with Clinton UMC. For more information, please contact the church office at 885-5597.

Coming Up

Sunday, February 23rd

8:15—Early Worship

9:00—Fellowship Time

9:30—Sunday School

9:30—Confirmation Class

10:30—Late Worship

Monday, February 24th

5:00—Ukuleles

5:15—Learner Bells

5:15—Pickleball (last time?)

6:00—Chancel Bells

Tuesday, February 25th

8:30—Pickleball (last week?)

Wednesday, February 26th

11:30—Prayer Group Meets

Noon—Ash Wednesday Service

3:00— Youth

3:30— Angelus Choir

5:00—Youth

6:00—Ash Wednesday Service

7:00—Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 27th

8:30—Pickleball (last week?)

Friday, February 28th

1:00—Friday Social Group

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



Methodists on the Move

Exciting times ahead! In preparation of the beginning of our renovation project we will be disassembling and moving all of the spaces on the first floor from the Green Room steps south. **March 8 will be our last Sunday** to fellowship in the gym or use the east and west doors as an entrance to the building until we are complete with the renovation later this year. Prior to the contractors getting out the hammers we need to relocate our main office as well as all of the furniture and fixtures that occupy those spaces, we're hoping a few of you can set aside some time to help!

At noon on **March 8** we'll have a light lunch in the gym then roll up our sleeves and start packing up and relocating items to the gym for storage during the renovation. We can use hands, boxes and packing materials as we'll be emptying all cupboards and drawers, taking down artwork as well as moving all the furniture. During construction our office staff will temporarily relocate to the rental house we own at 602 S 3rd street - right behind the playground out our back door!

Since we're retrofitting the house for our "office" we can use a little help getting it ready **before or during the week of March 2nd** - wiping down surfaces, painting a few walls, and helping get furniture and equipment moved over. If you've got a little time and some muscles please call Kathy in the church office at 660-885-5597 and we'll coordinate a time for you to help us get them settled in.

It'll all move pretty fast after that - we'll give weekly updates and post photos of the transformation. Thanks to all who have worked hard to bring this evolution of our ministry to life!

Partners in Prayer

The first meeting of the year for Partners in prayer will be held Sunday, March 1 at 3 pm. We will spend time discussing various aspects of prayer and our experience with prayer. We will then break into smaller groups in which we pray for each other, the church, the community and the country. All are invited to be a part of this group. Come and visit if you like—check us out! We



will be using a workbook title "Living a Praying Life" as a platform for discussion. If you would like one of these workbooks, or have any questions, contact Mary Jo Cable at 492-2566. Please consider coming and being a part of God's work through prayer.

Bakeless Bake Sale

The United Methodist Women are having their annual Bakeless Bake Sale this Sunday, February 23rd. They agree to give at least what their baked goods would cost, thereby saving effort. And they ask you to give at least what you would have spent, thereby saving calories. All are winners, including the recipients of our mission work in the community. Thank you for your giving to this project.



Youth Conference Last Call!



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.

Registration is done online at <https://nextgenumc.org/leap-2020/>. Registration cost is \$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.



A special medical need has arisen in our village of El Cabano

Six year old Nemesio joined the Rainbow Network's Special Medical Needs Program in January, 2020 after suffering from fecal incontinence. This condition appeared after he underwent five different surgeries to correct ano-rectal malformation which he was born with.

Nemesio's condition is treatable, and he needs to meet with a pediatric surgeon. However, given the cost of the previous surgeries, and the family's limited resources, his parents cannot afford another surgery on their own.

Rainbow Network is currently assisting the family with costs for transportation, evaluations, and medications. Nemesio's next appointment with a pediatric specialist is currently pending.

This is a sponsorship opportunity for us in this way: The total church commitment would be \$50/month or \$600/year. This could be sponsored by an individual, a Sunday School Class or other group in the church. Or, as an individual you might want to make a check for any amount noting in the memo that it is for Nemesio.

Our friends of El Cobano know us by our partnership with their village and our student sponsorships. Recently, Rainbow took frisbees from Vivian Taylor's 3rd-5th grade Sunday School class, a Spanish Bible to the community leader, and soccer balls for the kids. It IS the Mission of the Clinton United Methodist Church to make disciples of Jesus Christ, for the transformation of the world.

Checks can be made payable to The Rainbow Network. For more information, call Lois Miller. 660-351-6308.

