

May 28th, 2020



CLINTON

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

I continue to marvel at how God is creating new things in our congregation even in this time of COVID-19. The Connections Team continues to reach out weekly to our congregation. People are helping us increase our online ministry presence through streaming Sunday worship live, creating and posting Facebook videos, sharing online discipleship resources, and more. Others have volunteered to help those at risk to COVID-19. In all these ways and more, God is creating something new with us!

The most recent addition to our church's mission and ministry is our Congregational Care ministry. Members of our Congregational Care team are available to spiritually walk alongside, listen to, and pray with anyone in our congregation in need of an intentional caring connection. Examples of situations this new ministry might be helpful with would be someone suffering a significant loss, dealing with a serious illness, experiencing burn out as caregiver, facing major uncertainties in life, or seeking to discern God's will in an important life-decision. For these, and other similar circumstances, our Congregational Care ministry could help through a single conversation or a longer-term connection.

If you or someone you know in our church might benefit from a caring connection with our Congregational Care ministry, please let me know (660-525-4422, steveblacksher@clintonumc.net) or contact the church office (660-885-5597).

Finally, just a reminder that this week we are evaluating the COVID-19 situation here in our community and deciding our next steps regarding the use of our building for church activities. We'll announce those decisions when they are finalized. In the meantime, I look forward to gathering with you this Sunday morning for worship online and on the radio. It's Pentecost Sunday and we'll be winding up our "Ordinary Faith" sermon series. See you then.

Your partner on the journey, Pastor Steve

Next Week's Scripture Readings:

Sunday: Acts 2:1-21

Pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to fill your life.

Monday: Acts 2:22-41

Pray to know Jesus as both Lord and Savior.

Tuesday: Psalm 104:24-35

Pray for the breath of God's spirit to renew the face of the earth.

Wednesday: John 7:37-43

Pray, believe, and receive Jesus' promised living water of the Spirit.

Thursday: Joel 2:27-32

Pray to know that the Spirit of God is in your midst.

Friday: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Pray to know your gift of God's Spirit to use for the common good.

Saturday: 2 Timothy 2:14-26

Pray and do your best to be approved by God.



Helpers Needed for Work Week! Please call!

The trustees are asking for a little help, in preparation for bringing everyone back to worship we'd like to complete a few tasks during the first week of June (June 1-7). Rather than have everyone volunteer to come together for a work day, we're hoping a number of you would volunteer a little time and choose to work on a

project at your own pace, at your own time. We'll ask you to call the office to coordinate a time slot so we can control how many folks will be here at the same time, but we'll have all the materials and the descriptions of the tasks laid out for you in the library area of the church. Examples of the work we're hoping to complete includes;

- Pull weeds around the yard
- Spread mulch to freshen up the planting beds
- Transplant a few shrubs that are currently in the way of the construction project
- Wipe down pews
- Check bibles and hymnals for tears or loose covers and any prep for opening back up
- Wipe down Fellowship Hall Kitchen
- Power wash Noah's Ark
- Apply sealer to Noah's Ark after dry
- Reset stones in the retaining wall by the roses that have come loose
- Wipe down Nursery and the toys

Communion This Sunday for Pentecost!

In celebration of Pentecost, this Sunday May 31, drive-through Communion will be offered from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the circle drive at the Clinton UMC building (please enter off Wilson Street). Pre-filled and sealed communion wafer and cup sets will be used. Pastor Steve will offer a brief blessing prayer as you experience Holy Communion from your car. Please contact the church office for more information (885-5597).



In Memory Of

The Memorial Services for former church members Sam and Tony Ahnemann will be held on Saturday, June 6th at 2 PM at the Benson Center. Social distancing will be observed and wearing of masks is requested. Masks will be provided if you don't have one. Dr. Randy Shipman and Dr. David Maggi will be officiating. It will also be streamed live. Further information is available at Bradleyhadley.com

Contact Us

Thanks to everyone for "keeping the distance". We are here to help, so please contact us if you need anything!

Here's how to get in contact with the church staff so we can help you! Steve, Jennifer and Sam are working from home.

Office—**Kathy Garnett**—
at 602 S. 3rd Street
660-885-5597
office@clintonumc.net

Pastor— **Steve Blacksher**—
660-525-4422
steveblacksher@clintonumc.net

Music—**Sam Lucas**—
660-351-4555
samlucas@clintonumc.net

Youth—**Jennifer Kiely**—
660-924-3926
jenniferkiely@clintonumc.net

Prayers are needed for:

Caroline Wilson,
Dave Walden,
Colan Mincey,
Doug Ratcliffe,
Carroll McVeigh, Ted Bolich,
Melvin Dennis, Tom Ross



How to Give!

Remember, please make separate checks for your regular giving and building fund offering.

One easy way to give is to mail your check in—still using the same old address as **601 S. 4th Street.**

Another way is to use your bank's online bill payment system and they will issue a paper check directly to us!

If you want to make an online donation:

1. Visit our website at www.clintonumc.net.
2. Locate the "How To Give" tab at the top.
3. Click the "Make a Donation" button.
4. Follow the directions to make a donation.

You have options to give to the General Fund or the Building Fund. Create a login and you can go back and add or change donations! For questions, call Kathy at the church office at 660-885-5597. Thank you everybody!

Sunday Services!

Our Sunday Service video will again only be on Facebook Live at 8:15 AM.

We'd like to reach more people, so if you feel so inclined, do one of two things. Share the video to your personal Facebook page or click on the "Start a Watch Party" so your friends know right away to watch with you!

Non-Facebook users need to know that they can watch it because our Facebook page is a public business page that anybody can look at. For these folks, the easiest way to get to the Facebook page is through our website - www.clintonumc.net. Go to Worship, Worship Videos and click on the link in there. (ignore any Facebook log in stuff that pops up) Scroll down to see the Facebook Live video at 8:15 AM.

Don't forget, you can listen on the **radio on KDKD at 8:15 AM**—sorry, last week we accidentally bumped the radio cable and it was loose and it didn't go through! It's fixed!

Continuing to work toward the infill of the new spaces, the image today is the opening of what will be windows in the new offices along the east wall of the building. Each office space will have a little natural light and we've got the opening for the new emergency exit from the new south stairwell roughed in as well.

The construction has a layer of masonry block with a brick exterior skin. Westport has removed all the interior masonry openings but will wait to cut the outside brick skin until we're closer to the time we'll be inserting the new windows. Trying to get all the messy interior work out of the way so all the heavy debris removal will be done before we start setting up interior walls.

Dave Garnett, Building Committee Chairperson

Building Project Update

