

June 4, 2020



# CLINTON

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Do no harm. Do Good. Stay in love with God by attending to God's means of grace. These three rules for Christian living, first put forward by John Wesley the 18<sup>th</sup> century founder of the Methodist movement, are a constant in our Wesleyan tradition. As we look to re-open our church building for "in-person" worship services in this time of continued COVID-19 concerns, these three rules have and will continue to be our guiding principles.

Our focus will be to re-open in a way that will physically "do no harm" and "do good" to anyone who would choose to join us for "in-person" worship. This means we will look to be as safe as possible when it comes to "social distancing" and "hygiene" practices as recommended by our local health department officials. At the same time, we will do our best to create a worship experience that will be a "means of grace" for everyone who chooses to worship with us either "in-person" and "virtually" (online and radio).

Unless the COVID-19 situation in our community changes in such a way that it would make it unsafe to do so, we plan to re-open the church building for "in-person" worship on June 14. We are continuing to work out the details of how our "re-opened" Sunday morning will look and will communicate that as soon as possible. Please be in prayer for me and all those helping create to our Sunday worship experience.

This Sunday morning, June 7, at 8:15 a.m. we will gather again for worship online and on the radio only. I look forward to seeing you then.

Your partner on the journey,

Pastor Steve

### Next Week's

#### Scripture Readings:

Sunday: Psalm 8:1-9

Pray and give thanks for how God cares for you.

Monday: Matthew 28:16-20

Pray to live faithfully into the mission to make disciples of Christ.

Tuesday: Matthew 7:21-29

Pray for the faith to build your life on Christ's words.

Wednesday: Genesis 1:1-19

Pray and rejoice in God's creation.

Thursday: Genesis 1:20 - 2:3

Pray and be thankful for being created in God's image.

Friday: Romans 3:21-31

Pray to know the righteousness that comes through faith in Christ.

Saturday: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Pray for the grace of Christ, peace of God, and communion of the Holy Spirit



## Flower Chart

As we start church back up, we'll start putting some flowers on the altar. Since the church isn't open yet, please call the office at 660-885-5597 if you'd like to do flowers June 28 or the first 3 weeks of July and we'll get you signed up. Thanks for your help in beautifying the sanctuary. The flowers will add that special touch to a service that might feel different for awhile!

## Sunday Services!

This Sunday, June 7th, the video service will only be on Facebook Live at 8:15 AM. Archives of prior sermons are kept on the church website at [www.clintonumc.net/sermonarchives](http://www.clintonumc.net/sermonarchives).

Don't forget, you can listen on the radio on KDKD at 8:15 AM. Archives are kept of prior audio worship files on their website.



## Do you need a mask?

For "in person" worship, masks will be needed. The church office has a few cloth ones in child, adult and large sizes. Call the office at 885-5597 to arrange to pick up one of these.

Some paper masks will be available at church, but please plan ahead to bring one of your own.

## Online Resources

A few things to check out online. Pastor Steve puts out a blog post every Monday and Thursday on our website. Click on the Pastor Steve's Blog tab to see the latest posts.

Sam has been posting Angelus Choir videos on Facebook on Wednesdays at 3:30 for kids of all ages! Check our Facebook page and be sure to "like" it!

The Upper Room is online and free through June. Not only is the May/June Upper Room available but several prayer booklets dealing with prayers of comfort, courage, hope and times of illness are available to read online. This can also be downloaded and read when you are not online. Go to our website—[www.clintonumc.net](http://www.clintonumc.net) and click on the Resources tab and then on Upper Room during COVID-19 and then on the link on that page to the Upper Room website.

## 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](http://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**—  
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Youth—**Jennifer Kiely**—  
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[jenniferkiely@clintonumc.net](mailto:jenniferkiely@clintonumc.net)



## Prayers are needed for:

Caroline Wilson,  
Dave Walden,  
Doug Ratcliffe,  
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](http://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.

Thanks to everybody who has kept up with their giving. While we are all staying at home, we are striving to keep you informed with our Connection Team calls, newsletters, the website and posts on Facebook. We are acquiring more equipment for our Facebook Live videos and will continue with those so folks who can't get out can still watch and participate!

## Church Garage Sale

After emptying the offices, kitchen and other areas, we are left with items we no longer need. The Trustees want to do a garage sale during the city-wide garage sales on June 13th. We could use a couple helpers during the prior week to set things up and a couple people on Saturday to help with the sale. If you are willing to help, please call the church office at 885-5597.

## Work Week Thank You!

Thanks to all who helped or will help this week with our Work Week. We are getting things all spruced up and also ready for in-house worship!

## Building Project Update

Progress continues. The upper and lower gathering spaces will be connected through the windows that were in the original outside walls of the 1955 building. Here you see that we have uncovered those windows and are preparing to open the penetrations that will allow those spaces to be connected. Can't wait to give you an opportunity to see some of this work in person as we begin to bring people back to the building later this month!

Dave Garnett, Building Committee Chairperson

