

June 25, 2020



CLINTON

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Nearing the end of the first half of 2020, it's safe to say that a lot has happened so far this year. Our congregation's building project, the COVID-19 pandemic, an economic downturn, protests against racial prejudice and injustice, and the life events that have impacted our individual family and personal lives... It's a lot to take in.

Sometimes it helps to talk... and that's especially true in the church.

Over the next few months, I would like to invite you to a series of "Front Yard Conversations." We'll gather from time to time in the front yard of our church campus for conversation. There's plenty of shade and room to properly "social distance." These will be "BYOLC" events (bring your own lawn chairs).

The purpose will be to share and listen to each other. I will facilitate the conversations in which we will abide by these three rules; we will 1) do no harm (to ourselves and others), 2) do good (to ourselves and others), and stay in love with God by attending to the means of grace.

Our first "Front Yard Conversation" will be next Tuesday, June 30, at 7:00 p.m. Next Tuesday I would just like to hear about how you are doing and feeling in the midst of all that's going on. I look forward to seeing and hearing from you if you are able to attend.

I also look forward to gathering with you this Sunday for worship as we continue our "Who's the King?" summer sermon series. I hope you will be able to join us in-person, online, or on the radio. See you then.

Your partner on the journey,
Pastor Steve

Next Week's Scripture Readings:

Sunday: Psalm 13:1-6

Pray and trust in God's faithful love.

Monday: Jeremiah 29:1-14

Pray and search for God with all your heart.

Tuesday: Romans 6:1-11

Pray to be dead to sin and alive for God in Christ.

Wednesday: Hebrews 6:1-8

Pray to be able to press on in your faith.

Thursday: Genesis 22:1-14

Pray for the courage to be faithful.

Friday: Romans 6:12-23

Pray and be thankful for the gift of God that is eternal life in Christ.

Saturday: Matthew 10:26-33

Pray for the courage to confess Jesus Christ as Lord.

Sunday Services!

We have re-opened our church building for “in-person” worship and will continue this Sunday, June 21. There will be two worship services (8:15 a.m. and 10:30 am). Right now, the building will not be open for any other church activities.

Check out the Facebook video on 6-10-20 where Steve details out for you what church will look like on Sundays.

If you plan to attend worship with us “in-person” on Sunday, please contact the church office by noon on Friday to let us know if you will be attending the 8:15 or 10:30 service (660-885-5597 or office@clintonumc.net). Due to social distancing requirements, limited seating is available.

If you are not feeling well or have health issues putting you at risk with COVID-19, we ask that you please stay home and continue worshipping with us virtually. We will continue to offer the 8:15 worship service online on our Facebook page (@UMMClintonMO) and on the radio (KDKD 95.3 FM).

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.



July/August Upper Room Available

Is it almost July??? You can pick up your Upper Room at worship Sunday on the table in the entry. You can also pick up a copy from the porch of the church office at 602 S. 3rd Street. You'll be ready for some daily inspiration in July and August!

Prayers are needed for:

Please pray for Dorothy Steward's family on her passing
And the family of Loyd Zehnder on his passing.

Also pray for Ted Bolich, Carol Cockrell,
Caroline Wilson, Melvin Dennis, & Tom Ross



Sunday, June 28th

8:15—Early Worship

10:30—Late Worship

Tuesday, June 30th

7:00 PM—Front Yard

Conversation (bring your own chair)

Contact Us

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 work limited hours at their offices but still mostly at 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

How to Give!

First, bring it to worship with you if you are attending! You can also drop it off at the temporary office on 3rd street.

Another easy way 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.

For questions, call Kathy at the church office at 660-885-5597.

Thanks to everybody who has kept up with their giving.

thank you

My father, Arvel West, was a long-standing member of your church. I appreciate all the love and care extended to my family during this sad time amid all the trials of COVID-19.

I truly cannot express my gratitude in the staff working with me to try and navigate the best means to honor my father in death. During his last few months, he received many cards from the church family which helped bridge the gap in miles as he lived with us.

Again, thank you for everything you provided for my father in his last days.

With gratitude and peace,
Adele and Marvin Groote

Building Project Update

We are still waiting for the steel stairway to replace the existing south stairway. Once that has been installed the installation of studs for the new walls and the floor drains will be cut in. Work continues regarding adjustments to design to try to avoid sprinkler installation as that adds costs and work for the project. We anticipate the full listing of subcontractors to be available later this week.



Donate Soon!

Donations of Technology!

Compass Health is reaching out to area folks, asking for donations of gently used technology devices to support efforts to engage more consumers in treatment via telehealth. They are looking for donations of smartphones, tablets/iPads, Chrome books and laptops. If you have some laying around and not being used, consider donating them to the less fortunate that need mental health through virtual connections. Bring your donations to the church office at 602 S. Third Street **before June 30th** and we'll see that they are stored safely and delivered to Compass Health. For more information, please contact the church office at office@clintonumc.net or 660-885-5597.