

August 6, 2020



CLINTON

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

We're continuing to move forward in faith to build a better church facility. And just a reminder that we're also partnering with God to build a better church! Our building project is one way we're looking to do this. Another, is the plan to start a new modern worship service. The new service will seek to connect new, younger, and different people with Christ and the church, as well as give those already in our church another worship option.

We're currently gathering a "planting team" for the new service through a small group initiative. These small groups meet weekly to help group participants grow in their faith, wherever they are on their journey with God. The hope is to gather at least 50 people who could be a part of the planting team through this effort. There are currently 15 people involved in two small groups and with a new group starting soon!

We need your help. First, celebrate with us in the initial success of this small group effort that is connecting with people currently involved in our church and those who are not. Second, please pray that the Kingdom of God will be multiplied; that new groups will begin and more people will be involved. Third, if you know of someone who should be invited to join the "planting team" small group that will be starting soon, please let me know (steveblacksher@clintonumc.net, 660-525-4422).

We're also starting a new sermon series called "Simplify." Being a follower of Jesus is certainly challenging, but it's probably not as complicated as we think. I look forward to gathering with you for worship this Sunday!

Your partner on the journey,

Pastor Steve

Next Week's Scripture Readings:

Sunday: Psalm 105:1-6

Pray and remember God's marvelous works!

Monday: Genesis 33:1-17

Pray for the faith and courage to forgive.

Tuesday: Matthew 15:10-20

Pray to guard the action that comes from your heart.

Wednesday: Matthew 15:21-28

Pray for the faith to keep seeking God's mercy.

Thursday: Romans 10:1-15

Pray and confess that Jesus is Lord.

Friday: Hebrews 13:9-16, 20-21

Pray and give God the glory always.

Saturday: Isaiah 1:10-20

Pray for God's mercy and help to do good and seek justice.

Christmas Cheer in August

Since everything in 2020 is different, we are doing blankets a little different this year! More people than ever before will be needing help, so let's start early and get those blanket donations coming in. Blankets are still \$8 each and checks can be made payable to the church and marked "Blankets" in the memo or you can give on the website as an option in the online Vanco giving.



Communion This Sunday—two options!

We will be celebrating Holy Communion this Sunday, August 9, in the two Sunday morning worship services and we'll also be offering a "drive-through" Communion experience that same day from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.



Tech Team

Thanks to Alex Garnett for helping us complete the transition of all the tech gear to the new location to allow us to run with two people! A full day of soldering but over the long term it will significantly improve our ability to support the congregation both in the sanctuary and online. *We are still searching for a few new members for our Tech Team to learn all the gear and help staff the services. Call the office if you are interested.*



Confirmation this Sunday!

After the COVID-19 interruption, our confirmation students have recently finished their class. Congratulations to the following young people who will be confirmed in their faith: Isaac Duncan, Ethan Johns, Maddison Goodloe, Brandt Henrich, Sean Miles, and Kenadie Austin. The confirmation service will be held this Sunday, August 9, at 3:00 p.m. for family members only to attend in-person. Everyone else is invited to join the service online by going to our Facebook page at 3:00 that day. @UMCClintonMO.



Prayers are needed for:

Sara Himes, Caroline Wilson, Donnie Burton,
Melvin Dennis, Tom Ross,
Dwight Uhrich & Colleen Beachler.



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.

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It's new number and it's here for you to use to connect with us during Sunday worship whether you are in-person, online, or on the radio. Radio listeners can text messages to this number and let us know they are listening, and opportunities to respond to Steve's thoughts and questions via text messages will arise during the Sunday service. Connect with us!