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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The other day I was in a restaurant and a family with two elementary aged children sat down near me. Although we were properly social distanced, I couldn't help overhearing part of their lively conversation. They were traveling through Clinton on a "last road trip before school starts" excursion to somewhere a few hours farther away.

After their food order arrived the conversation got "less lively." Mostly it was just the parents talking about the uncertainty of the upcoming school year in our COVID-19 pandemic world. They mulled over all the options regarding their children and school, debated the pros and cons, shared what other parents were planning to do, and anxiously wondered out loud about what they should do.

I was reminded again of what a big layer of stress many parents and school staff are dealing with right now.

Over the next few weeks, schools in our area will be opening. Decisions have been and will continue to be made about the best and safest way to move into the new school year. Please join me keeping students, parents, school administrators, teachers, and staff in your prayers. Pray that God's wisdom, protection, and grace surrounds them and for God to let you know how to be a part of answering that prayer.

Clinton UMC will come together for worship this Sunday morning. Whether you gather with us in-person, online, or on the radio, I look forward to connecting with you as we finish up our "Simplify" sermon series. Anybody out there need something good to happen?

Your partner on the journey,

Pastor Steve

Next Week's Scripture Readings:

Sunday: Romans 12:1-8

Pray and humbly offer yourself to God.

Monday: James 1: 9-15

Pray to be able to stand firm in faith to resist temptation and sin.

Tuesday: Genesis 39:1-23

Pray to know how God is at work in all circumstances of your life.

Wednesday: Genesis 41:14-30, 33-40

Pray for God's wisdom in facing life's challenges.

Thursday: Matthew 15: 21-28

Pray for the life changing power faith in Christ brings.

Friday: Matthew 16:13-20

Pray and proclaim Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God.

Saturday: Psalm 124:1-8

Pray for the help of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

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 for the Special Fund.

Virtual Sunday School for Kids Coming!

Did you see the news on Facebook yesterday? We are starting up an exciting program on Sunday, September 13th at 9:30 for all Sunday School kids! It's a virtual Sunday School with Bible stories, special guests, music, games, prayer time and SUPPRISES! More details to come, but mark your calendars!

Early Childhood Enrichment

Do you know a mom/dad that needs a break? Our Early Childhood Enrichment (ECE) program starts in September as a 2 or 4 day program for 2-4 year olds! The program is M/W or T/TH, from 8:30-11:30 A kid-friendly environment with 2 teachers and small class sizes. Chances for outdoor play, crafts, music, and even a few letters and numbers! They learn to follow directions, play nice with others and function in a group setting. Call the office for more information 885-5597. Fill out the registration form and bring it to the church office to reserve a spot before it fills up!



Bishop Farr Bike Ride

Are you a motorcycle enthusiast? Join Missouri Bishop Bob Farr Sept 19-20 as he travels around the Missouri Conference on his motorcycle in support of the Mozambique Initiative. If you would like to participate in this motorcycle trek across the state, please register so that you can receive updates and information about the journey. <https://mzinitiative.com/moto-rally/>



Thank You!

Church family, thank you for the Nancy Setley Memorial Scholarship. I am so thankful to have grown up in the UMC. I appreciate the money that I can put towards my school this year at Mizzou. ♥ Macey Mitchell

Contact Us

Here's how to get in contact with us 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!



Prayers are needed for:

Anita Slocum and family on the death of Wilbur,
Ralph Sites and family on the death of his brother Mike.
Caroline Wilson, Melvin Dennis, Tom Ross.