

August 27, 2020



CLINTON

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Do no harm. Do Good. Stay in love with God by attending to God's means of grace.

Wrapping up our Simplify sermon series last Sunday, it struck me how these standards for Christian living of our Wesleyan heritage in the Methodist church are so appropriate right now. As we continue to navigate the uncertainties and complexities of the COVID-19 pandemic, these three simple rules based on Jesus teaching to love God and others well are Clinton UMC's guiding principles.

Currently we're continuing to offer "in-person" worship on Sunday mornings (8:15 and 10:30) with the same restrictions we've had since re-opening in June. We're also continuing to provide the 8:15 a.m. service live online and on the radio.

We've begun allowing our adult Sunday School classes to meet in the church building if they desire to do so. Starting in September we will begin to allow church committees to meet in the church building if the committee's leader desires to do so. Any classes or committees that meet in the church building will be required to follow appropriate practices (wear face masks, practice proper social distancing and hygiene, etc.).

Please keep our church and community in prayer as we continue to navigate this unprecedented time of living in with a pandemic. And please continue to pray for the many people who've been impacted in negative ways by COVID-19.

This week, my wife Natalie and I are taking a few days of vacation. Kelli Jenkins, one of our church's lay ministers, will be helping lead in worship and preaching this Sunday. Pray for Kelli as you gather for worship in-person, online, or on the radio.

Your partner on the journey, Pastor Steve

Next Week's Scripture Readings:

Sunday: Matthew 16:21-28

Pray for the faith to take up your cross and follow Jesus.

Monday: Psalm 40:1-10

Pray and praise God who is always faithful.

Tuesday: James 1:19-27

Pray for the blessing of hearing God's word and the courage to do what it says.

Wednesday: Matthew 17:14-20

Pray that your faith in Jesus Christ will grow.

Thursday: Genesis 45:1-15

Pray for the wisdom to see God's work in your life and partner with it.

Friday: Genesis 50:15-26

Pray to know the power of God that enables you to forgive.

Saturday: Romans 12:9-21

Pray to be able to love others well.

Prayers for Back to School



All who would like to pray for children, teachers and administrators are invited to gather on the church lawn this Sunday at 4:00 PM. We will have a time of sharing and prayer. That will be followed by volunteers who are willing to go to the schools and pray. Even if you don't feel you can come, please pray with us at that time and please continue to pray during the week.

Christmas Cheer Blanket Drive Ending Soon!

This is the last Sunday for Christmas Cheer blanket money! So far we've raised \$4,004 but we sure could use more! More people than ever before will be needing help, so get those blanket donations coming in. Blankets are \$8 each and checks can be made payable to the church (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 read the great news! 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!



Wednesday Youth

Jennifer invites youth to gather on the church front lawn—bring your own chair, snack and drink! Middle School meets from 5-6 and High School meets from 6-7. Join us for some great fellowship and fresh air!



Sunday, August 30th

8:15 Early Service
9:30 Sunday School (Seekers and Koinonia)
10:30 Late Service

Tuesday, September 1st

7:00 Nominations committee mtg (board room)

Wednesday, September 2nd
5:00-6:00 Middle School Youth (on the lawn)
6:00-7:00 High School Youth (on the lawn)

The Next Week:

Monday, September 7th

Labor Day—Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8th

6:30 Pastor Parish Meeting *

Wednesday, September 9th

8:30 ECE Starts
5:00 Middle School Youth
6:00 High School Youth
7:00 Chancel Choir starts (outside)
7:00 Finance Meeting *

Thursday, September 10th

7:00 Nominations committee mtg

* means these meeting locations have yet to be determined—they may be on zoom or in-person.



Prayers are needed for:

Prayers for friends and family of Joan Sites who passed away this week,
Caroline Wilson, Melvin Dennis, Tom Ross.

Building Project Update



Begin to begin.... After what has seemed like forever we should see construction onsite starting Monday! The bases for the installation of the posts for the new south stairwell have been poured and the steel is supposed to arrive Monday. Once this is complete, we'll be able to start with the install of office walls and the demolition of the old stairwell to make room for the restrooms. I know it's been a long delay as we've worked through design alternates, covid interruptions and engineering

approvals. I expect we'll see regular progress going forward!

The only good that came out of the delay is it gave us an opportunity to do the audio visual equipment installations to get our services online during this pandemic. We continue to refine how we can engage the congregation throughout the week and when you are unable to make it to the church for services. We are looking for a few additional members to build up our Tech Team, if you have an interest please connect with the church office (660-885-5597)!



To My Church Family:

Thank you for your love and support over the years as I have grown up in this church. Your prayers and contributions to the scholarship fund are much appreciated by college

students such as myself as we work to further our education and reach the goals we have set for ourselves. I am grateful for the scholarship that I have been gifted as well as all the thoughts and prayers from each member of my church family through the years. Sincerely, Tori Hager

Thank you

Contact Us

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 a 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!