

# The Tower Views

September 3rd, 2020



One of the joys of life with COVID-19 has been how people in our congregation have responded to help us figure out what church can be in the midst of a pandemic. Connection phone callers, helpful errand runners, Facebook video creators, leaders of youth group-small group-prayer group conversations on

the Clinton UMC front lawn... all these people and so many more have helped us be the church in the midst of the needed COVID-19 restrictions.

Even though it's been very different, these many efforts have kept us living into our mission "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!"

That's true with our Sunday morning worship experience as well. Countless people have helped us on our COVID-19 journey of gathering for worship first on the radio only (March), then radio and online (April to mid-June) and then radio, online, and in-person. We've had to try and adapt to lots of new things. The goal has always been to allow as many people as possible to gather safely to worship God, experience the hope of Christ, and be changed by the Holy Spirit.

I am grateful to all those who have and continue to help on this COVID-19 worship journey. We're blessed by the efforts of those who are seen upfront (like musicians, worship leaders, and guest preachers) and those working behind the scenes (like the tech team and ushers).

Speaking of worship, this Sunday morning we'll be starting a new sermon series that will look at the Christian belief of the trinity; God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. My hope over the next few weeks is that we'll experience more of all God can be! I look forward to gathering with you on the radio, online, or in-person.

Your partner on the journey,  
Pastor Steve

## Prayers are needed for:

Friends and Family of Bob Grimshaw in his passing,  
Carolyn McAllister, Margie Davis, Andy & Kristen Blacksher,  
Caroline Wilson, Melvin Dennis, and Tom Ross



## Next Week's Scripture Readings:

Sunday: Romans 13:8-14  
Pray to be able to live for Jesus Christ.

Monday: Exodus 1:8 – 2:10  
Pray for the courage and faith to act for the sake of life.

Tuesday: Exodus 3:1-15  
Pray to have the faith to hear and follow God's call.

Wednesday: James 2:1-7  
Pray for the faith to treat others as God does.

Thursday: Psalm 105:1-6, 16-26  
Pray to know how God is at work in life around you.

Friday: Matthew 18:1-5, 10-14  
Pray for the grace to welcome all in the name of Christ.

Saturday: Matthew 18:15-20  
Pray and forgive as Jesus calls you to forgive.

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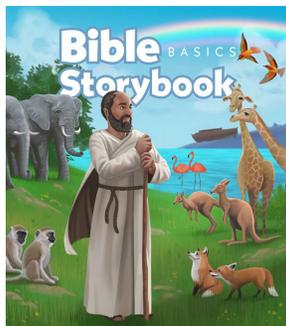


### September/October Upper Rooms are Here!

It's September already! 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 as we head into fall!

### 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! Check out Facebook that morning for a fun video!



### UMW News



United  
Methodist  
Women

The United Methodist Women's group might not be meeting in person but we are still working for others. Our focus right now is the Teacher's Warehouse. We will set up a box at the church office for drop

off or articles for them. Items needed include: art supplies, paper towel cardboard rolls (not toilet paper cardboard rolls), school supplies, paper plates, office tape, and of course money is always appreciate (but give to Susie or Kathy in the office). Vivian Taylor, who helps at the Teacher's Warehouse is our go to girl!

*Bless you, Susie Wetzel*

### How to Give!

**Remember, please make separate checks for your regular giving, building fund , and special offerings.** One easy way to give is to mail your check in—still using the same old address as **601 S. 4th Street.**

If you want to make an online donation: visit our website at [www.clintonumc.net](http://www.clintonumc.net), locate the "How To Give" tab at the top, click the "Make a Donation" button, and follow the directions to make a donation.

For questions, call Kathy at the church office at 660-885-5597. Thank you everybody!

## 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.

Office—**Kathy Garnett**—  
at 602 S. 3rd Street  
660-885-5597  
[office@clintonumc.net](mailto:office@clintonumc.net)

## UMC CONNECT

660-851-1341

Connect with us! On Sundays, 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. Also, send in prayer requests at any time to this number!



### Building Report

Yes, we have the start of stairs! After significant delays we are making progress on the first "step" in the project with the contractors from Springfield onsite to remove the trusses and install the stairs. More to come as soon as this significant step is completed!

### Tech Team Update

Quick Tech Team update - we apologize for the lack of sound on the Facebook feed for the first several minutes of last week's service. One of the settings in a software application reset itself to the original position and wasn't picking up the sound signal from the board - easy to fix once we figured out which thing was causing it! We continue to assemble the operation and troubleshooting manual for our system - a new page added this week!

Still looking for a few good eyes and ears to work with us on the team - a student and parent would be an ideal combo! Let the church office know if you are interested.

### Chancel Choir and Chancel Band News

Sam misses his singing group and his band members and I'm sure you miss him too! And we are always looking for some new faces to join us—is that you?

These groups will start up this month with fun get-togethers on the circle driveway outside the main doors.

Chancel Choir will gather on **Wednesday, September 9** at 7 PM (Weather permitting). Chairs will be spaced apart, masks needed, Since we won't sing in church for quite some time, let's have fun and fellowship outside!

Chancel Band will start up on **Wednesday, September 16**, at 6 PM (Weather permitting) outside on the circle drive.

This is for us! It's not a concert. Sam really misses our big group activities which is how we are organized. The music might do us all good to see there is still beauty and art in a world turned upside down. Should we get really good on our first rehearsal, we might record some things later and be able to use the recording for services or online.

### 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, September 6th

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

### Monday, September 7th

**Labor Day—Office Closed**

### Tuesday, September 8th

6:30 Pastor Parish Meeting  
(Fellowship Hall)

### Wednesday, September 9th

3:30—Last Angelus Choir on Facebook  
5:00 Middle School Youth  
6:00 High School Youth  
7:00 Chancel Choir starts (circle drive)  
7:00 Finance Meeting on Zoom

### Thursday, September 10th

7:00 Nominations committee mtg

### Sunday, September 13th

**9:30 Virtual Sunday School starts on Facebook**