

The Tower Views

September 17th, 2020



This week's devastating images of the wildfires in the west and Hurricane Sally on the Gulf Coast are sometimes hard to watch. It can be hard to wrap our heads around the loss of life, property, and livelihood. It's hard to know what to do.

We can pray for God's protection and provision for the people touched by these natural disasters, firefighters, first responders, and others helping the victims. We can pray for God's strength and comfort for those who have experienced loss. I invite you to pray with me in this way.

We can reach out to help. We probably can't be there to help, but we can help financially resource those who are. There are many good organizations you can choose to donate to. I would also remind you of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the disaster relief ministry of the United Methodist Church (UMC).

UMCOR provides assistance with both immediate disaster relief and long-term rebuilding efforts. UMCOR partners with UMC congregations and organizations in the affected areas to understand and meet the local needs. 100% of your giving will help UMCOR's efforts for those affected by the wildfires, Hurricane Sally, and future US disaster relief needs. [You can click here to give online.](#) Or you can write a check to Clinton UMC and make sure to note it's for UMCOR.

This Sunday we'll hear how we can help our local educators through the Teacher's Warehouse. We'll also look at a third way God in three ways is the same God. I look forward to gathering with you for worship in-person, online, or on the radio.

Your partner on the journey,
Pastor Steve

Prayers are needed for:

Friends and family of Whitney French,
Jennifer Hampton, Barbara Grimshaw, Carolyn McAllister,
Margie Davis, Caroline Wilson, Melvin Dennis, and Tom Ross



Next Week's Scripture Readings:

Sunday: Matthew 20:1-16

Pray and be thankful for God's generosity and grace.

Monday: Philippians 1:3-11

Pray for the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ.

Tuesday: Exodus 16:2-15

Pray for God to provide for your needs.

Wednesday: Psalm 105:1-5, 37-45

Pray and be thankful for God's provision.

Thursday: Acts 14:1-7

Pray to have faith to speak boldly and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Friday: Jonah 2:1-9

Pray for God's help and deliverance.

Saturday: Philippians 1:21-30 Pray to live in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

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Virtual Sunday School for Kids on Sundays!

We just started up an exciting program for all Sunday School kids! It's a virtual Sunday School with classic Bible stories, special guests, music, games, prayer time and SURPRISES! Check out Facebook and/or website Sunday mornings for a fun video! If you miss it Sunday mornings at 9:30 am, you can watch it anytime during the week!

Teachers Warehouse Donations Needed!

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



United
Methodist
Women

United Methodist Men

The guys are starting their meetings back up on the 4th Saturday of each month at Dietz Family buffet! Our first meeting/breakfast will be **Saturday, September 26th at 7:30 AM**. We invite all men to join us!



Contact Us

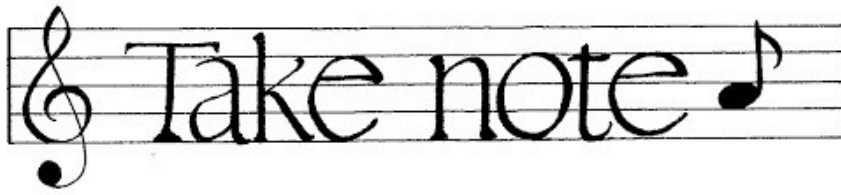
Here's how to get in contact with the church staff so we can help you! Steve, Jennifer and Sam work limited hours at their offices but still mostly at home.

Office—**Kathy Garnett**—
at 602 S. 3rd Street
660-885-5597
office@clintonumc.net

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!



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 are starting up this month with fun get-togethers outside on the circle driveway outside the main doors.

Chancel Band started up on Wednesday, September 16 and will meet again on Wednesday, **September 30th at 6:00 pm** on the circle drive.

Chancel Choir will gather again on **Wednesday, September 23rd at 6 PM**. 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!

This is for us to have fun! It's not a concert. Sam really misses our 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.

Jamaica Mission Trip Team Member Passes

Earlier this week, Carol Holland, former member of our Jamaica Mission team, called with the news that **Dr. Wally Carpenter** of Rock Port, Missouri had passed away. Dr. Carpenter and wife, Dianna, were founders of the mission and traveled with us on several trips. His good nature and caring spirit were shining examples of mission and how we can share God's love. The Carpenters' leadership and inspiration were the foundation of our Jamaica Mission Teams. Following is the link from Minter Funeral Chapels: [click here](#)

Please contact Sam Lucas at 351-4555 if you should need Dianna's address.



Sunday, September 20th

8:15 Early Service/KDKD/Facebook

9:30 Virtual Sunday School on Facebook /Website

9:30 Sunday School (Seekers and Koinonia)

10:30 Late Service

2:00 Chancel Choir Practice

Tuesday, September 21st

6:00 Building Committee Meeting (in renovation space)

Wednesday, September 23rd

5:00 Middle School Youth

6:00 High School Youth

6:00 Chancel Choir (circle drive)

Saturday, September 26th

7:30 am United Methodist Men at Dietz Family buffet

Sunday, September 27th

8:15 Early Service/KDKD/Facebook

9:30 Virtual Sunday School on Facebook /Website

9:30 Sunday School (Seekers and Koinonia)

10:30 Late Service



Building Report

The first wall has been erected! We are proceeding with the infill of walls for the offices and preparing for removal of the old stairwell and the demolition of the old pastors office to make way for the underground utilities installation. The spaces will be taking shape over the coming weeks and we will start to see the shapes evolve out of the space. **Good things come to those that wait...**

Tech Team Update

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.



Dear Church Family,

On behalf of the **Grimshaw family**, we would like to thank you for all your thoughts and prayers during these last few weeks and also for the generous gift of food donated to the family during this time and especially after Bob's funeral. All these things have meant so much to Barb and the family. Continued prayers for Barb as she recovers from her recent illness and starts the next stage in her life.

Dear Clinton United Methodist Church Friends,

We are so very thankful for your generous contributions that **helped purchase socks and undies** for students-in-need for our Back to School Fair. We appreciate your partnership very much.

Teresa and Angie, Bright Future Coordinators

Christmas Cheer Blankets

Thanks to all of you in this generous congregation, we have raised almost \$6,500.00 for blankets for Christmas Cheer. That's 812 blankets to give to the less fortunate in our community!

