



# CLINTON

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## The Tower Views

January 14th, 2021

A few days ago, someone reminded me that what we do and don't say matters... and that what we do and don't do matters. I couldn't agree more, especially given the events in our nation's capital last Wednesday (January 6). I echo the words of Bishop Robert Farr (leader of the UMC in Missouri), "People of the Word, let us use our words for messages of love and may our actions reflect the message of Christ."

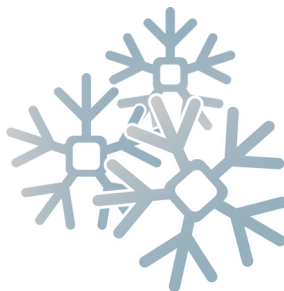
If there was ever a time for followers of Jesus and the Church to be who God calls us to be, it is such a time as this! The Bible is clear, Christians lives are to be centered on and revolve around one person. That person is Jesus Christ who said it this way, "No one can serve two masters..." Matthew 6:24 (NIV)

The world is watching. Our nation is watching. Our community is watching. Our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers, fellow students, our children and grandchildren are all watching. They are watching to see if we as Christians will be centered on, revolve around, and be directed by Jesus Christ as we claim, or if it's something or someone else. My prayer is that the people around us will clearly hear and see Jesus!

This Sunday we'll meet for worship on the radio, online, and in-person as we continue our "Tough Love" sermon series. Bring a nail with you (any nail will do) and I look forward to gathering with you then!

Your partner on the journey,

Pastor Steve



### Next Week's Scripture Readings:

Sunday: Psalm 36:5-10

Pray and be thankful for the faithful love of God.

Monday: Isaiah 62:1-5

Pray to know God's redeeming love and care.

Tuesday: Acts 4:1-12

Pray for the faith to know and trust in Christ as your cornerstone.

Wednesday: John 2:1-11

Pray to know Jesus Christ's glory and believe.

Thursday: Numbers 9:1-12

Pray for the faith to listen and wait to hear from God.

Friday: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Pray and give thanks for the spiritual gifts the Holy Spirit shares.

Saturday: Revelation 3:1-6

Pray to be alive in Christ.



### United Methodist Men to Meet

The Methodist Men are starting their 4th Saturday meetings up again. All men are invited to have coffee and breakfast at the Dietz Family Buffet on Saturday, January 23rd at 7:30 AM.

### Sermon Series

What do you think of when you hear the word "tough?" Perhaps something hard, solid, firm, resilient, unbreakable, rigid, tenacious, rugged, or unyielding comes to mind. Tough can describe something in a positive or negative light. A tough person might be seen as one who's very dependable or very challenging.



Have you ever thought of God's love as tough?

Yes, God's love for the world and us is tough; it's solid, resilient, and unbreakable. Thank goodness! But how hard, rugged, and unyielding are the things God has had to do and be to love a world that is sinful and broken? How tough is it for God to love us?

You're invited to join the Clinton United Methodist Church January 10 – February 14 for Sunday worship and a sermon series called "Tough Love." Looking at Scripture, we'll seek to better understand, receive, and live out the tough love of God found in Jesus Christ.

### Rainbow Network News



Hello to our dear partners and friends of Clinton UMC. We thank you for the support you give that allows us to help so many families in need in El Cóbano. At the end 2020, work continued at the communities, always contributing to the well-being of the families that, in the last few months, have been affected by crop losses, damage to their humble houses caused by hurricanes, and the constant threat of COVID-19. Thanks to your support, we have managed to persevere in these circumstances.



### Prayers are needed for:

Bob Wright, Linda Courtney, Melvin Dennis



### Sunday, January 17th

8:15 Sunday Service in-person, on KDKD and Facebook

9:15 Sunday School in-person

### Monday, January 18th

**Martin Luther King Jr. day—Office Closed**

### Saturday, January 23rd

7:30 UMM Meets at Dietz Family Buffet

### Sunday, January 24th

8:15 Sunday Service in-person, on KDKD and Facebook

9:15 Sunday School in-person



### 2021 Offering Envelopes

For those who use offering envelopes, you can pick them up at the church after service or during the week at the office at 602 S. 3rd Street from 8AM-3PM. You can also help us by picking up boxes for your friends and neighbors!

### Sunday School for Everyone

With the church opening up this past Sunday, we have started offering Sunday School class from 9:15-10:00 on Sunday mornings, in-person. This is for adults, children and youth. We look forward to seeing everyone once again!



### Building Project Report

As we come back to church, Sunday school and committee meetings we feel the energy and enthusiasm building for a new year and a new opportunity to serve our congregation and our community. Lots of things are changing with the building to assist with that ministry, but many things are still the same... come back and get reacquainted with them! They missed you too!



## Contact Us

Here's how to get in contact with the church staff so we can help you! The church office will remain staffed and the door may be locked but please ring the doorbell and Kathy will come to the door to talk to you, pick up your offering or help you with something. Please wear a mask.

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!

