



CLINTON
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Over the past month, it's been great to see the COVID situation steadily improve in our community! Some of you have received one or both of your vaccinations. More of you are comfortable being out and about. I am hopeful we may be starting to see the light at the end of a now year long COVID-19 tunnel!

Doing the ongoing pandemic, Clinton UMC will continue to be the church together and do our part to keep our congregation and community safe. In accordance with national, state, and local health officials recommendations and Missouri UMC Bishop Robert Farr's mandate, we continue to require everyone to wear face masks and practice social distancing inside the church building. We continue to offer Sunday's 8:15 am worship service in-person, online (@UMCClintonMO on Facebook), and on the radio (KDKD 95.3 FM and 1280 AM).

We're looking forward to special Holy Week and Easter Sunday services! Our Maundy Thursday service will be offered in-person and online at 6:30 pm on April 1. Easter Sunday services will be held on April 4 at 8:15 am, 10:30 am, and 6:30 pm (online and on radio at 8:15 only).

These three services will be identical with a variety of special music planned for each service. In order to provide space for appropriate social distancing, each service will need to be limited to 100 people. This means we'll need many of you to attend one of the added Easter services at 10:30 am or 6:30 pm. Thank you in advance for doing so.

This Sunday morning our Lenten journey continues. We'll gather at 8:15 for worship and our "People with a Past" sermon series. What's the best meal you've ever had? See you Sunday!

Your partner on the journey,
Pastor Steve

Next Week's Scripture Readings:

Sunday: Ephesians 2:1-10 Pray, repent, and receive by faith God's rich mercy and grace.

Monday: Isaiah 55:1-9 Pray for your soul to be fed and satisfied by God's faithful love.

Tuesday: Numbers 21:4-9 Pray and be thankful for God's healing and provision.

Wednesday: John 3:14-21 Pray and believe in Jesus Christ.

Thursday: Ephesians 5:8-14 Pray to be ready for Christ's light to shine on you.

Friday: Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22 Pray for God's salvation and rescue.

Saturday: Matthew 6:5-8 Pray to God who already knows what you need.



Prayers are needed for:

Jill Bernard, John Uhrich,
Bob Wright, Melvin Dennis

Daylight Savings Time!

It's the day we all dread—losing an hour of sleep. We'd like to see you for worship on time at 8:15 so be prepared! Before you go to bed on

Saturday, March 13th set your clocks ahead! Remember, we'll have more evening sunshine as the days grow longer too! I think we are all looking forward to spring this year!



United
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Women

UMW to Meet Friday (tomorrow!)

Dr. Janet Hankins will provide the program "Opioid Addiction" at our next United Methodist Women meeting. Come join us this Friday,

March 12 at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend as this topic of growing addiction and overdose is of interest to many in our community.

Attention Seniors and College Students!

It's that time of year to apply for the church scholarships! Applications are in the church office or can be emailed to you! All Clinton UMC seniors and continuing college/tech school students can apply.



Holy Week and Easter Services Schedule

Mark your calendars! More information will be shared soon. Watch Facebook for updates too!

Thursday, April 1st— Maundy Thursday at 6:30 (on Facebook Live too)

Saturday, April 3rd at 9:30 AM - Kids are invited to an outdoor Easter Egg hunt and games.

Sunday April 11th— Easter Services at 8:15 AM (on Facebook Live and KDKD too), 10:30 AM and 6:30 PM. (evening service!)

Saturday, March 13th

Before bed, change your clocks forward 1 hour



Sunday, March 14th

8:15 Sunday Service in-person
8:15 Service also on KDKD and Facebook
9:15 Sunday School in-person
4:00 Middle School meets
5:00 High School meets

Wednesday, March 17th

Noon Ash Wednesday Service (in sanctuary)
5:00 Outreach Meeting

Thursday, March 18th

7:15 Thursday Night Live with Steve on Facebook

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
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Building Project Update

I may have forgotten to mention the pool we are including in the renovation project...

After a week or so of perfect construction weather we are getting a dose of spring! We don't have a lot of exterior work taking place other than the masons finishing up the west wall of the new Worship Hall and they'll continue dodging the raindrops to top out the wall before the end of the week. The block heights you see in this photo will be the height of the bottom of a row of windows along that west wall and the ceiling will be about 30 inches above the blocks. Overall this new space will be slightly wider than our Sanctuary - about the length from the pulpit to the back of the pews and just a couple feet lower than the side walls. It will feel like a big, bright space to host lots of services and events going forward!

Interior work continues with drywall finishing coming to an end next week getting ready for paint. We'll have wiring start to be run and prep for cabinetry and flooring to begin around the end of the month. Lots of positive energy from the spring weather - a healthier community and our progression back to in-person services is spilling over into this stage of our project... keep your prayers coming!

