



CLINTON

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Tower Views

July 1, 2021



Greetings Clinton United Methodist Church!

My wife Gloria and I are so excited to become a part of both this wonderful community, and this beautiful church! As I learn more about the people, the history, and the stories of God's work that has taken place within these walls, I am so honored to have been appointed by our Bishop to be your next pastor.

My wife and I arrive as new 'empty nesters.' From what I have been told, that is a term that is often very temporary, but it is where we are today. Our youngest daughter Jaci, will begin in the fall as a freshman at Missouri State University in Springfield. Our middle daughter, Chely, will be a senior at

Central Methodist University, and our oldest daughter, Hailey, is living in Raymore, and will be getting married in September! So although they will be scattered a bit, Clinton puts us geographically right in the middle of where we want to be. The girls older brother Kenny and his wife Rachell live in Fort Wayne, IN, with our four grandchildren, Aiden, Oliver, Ivy, & Emberlyn. That is our family!

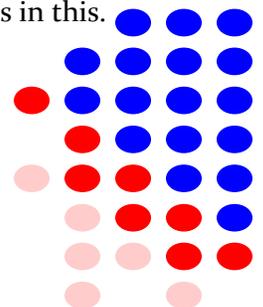
Our journey in ministry began about 18 years ago, and has led us to several wonderful communities. We have served United Methodist churches in Barnard & Guilford, Maysville & Winston, Hood UMC in Republic, and most recently at St. Paul's UMC in Raymore. During those years we have served churches in both rural settings as well as more suburban, with both traditional & contemporary worship styles, and in congregations that have averaged from 12 folks, to over 400 on a Sunday morning.

Although it will take some time, we look forward to meeting each and every one of you. We are both very relational people... and while we know that there is always lots of work to do in a church, for us, people always come first. We believe that is where God's heart is, and therefore where we are called to be also.

So as we face this new beginning together, please take a breath... and know that God's hand is in this. We believe that! We depend on that!!!

We look forward to getting more connected, and serving this community together with you, as we do our best, to make a difference, one life at a time!

Blessings..... Monty Stratton



Coming Up This Week!

Thursday, July 1st

9:30 PM—Fireworks!

Friday, July 2nd-4th

Olde Glory Days!

Sunday, July 4th

Pastor Monty's first Sunday

8:15 AM in-person

(on Facebook Live and KDKD too)

9:15 AM Sunday School (Adults and Kids)

Monday, July 5th

Office Closed for Holiday

Tuesday, July 6th

Office in transition to new space -
Phones, copier and computers
being moved

Thursday, July 8th

6:00 Trustees Meeting

Friday, July 9th

9:30 UMW meets

Prayers are needed for:

Gary Dubina, Ron Arthur,
Keon Engeman, &
Melvin Dennis



Meet the Pastor Brunch July 18th!

Join us as we host a brunch after church that day! It will be a come and go event from 9:00—11:00 AM in the new gathering space.

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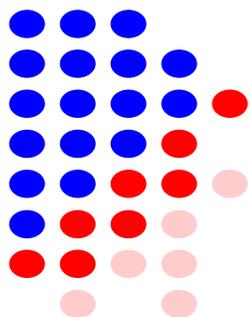
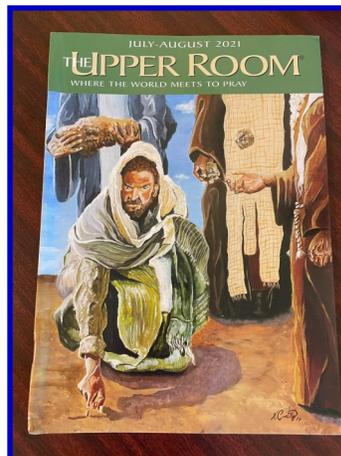


We'll have a variety of brunch type things—just show up and meet Pastor Monty and his wonderful wife Gloria.

Next Week's Scripture Readings

We ask that you use the Upper Room for your Daily Readings. They do such a wonderful job putting them together and relating it to real-life situations.

The July/August books are available. You can pick those up at church or for the next few days, on the porch at the temporary office. If you are unable to get out, please call the church office at 885-5597 and we will have them delivered or mailed to you.



You are invited!

The UMW meets on Friday, July 9 at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall, hosted by Sarah Prince. Vivian Taylor's program will include at least two book reviews. With Covid restrictions lifted, our group grows each month, so come join us for fellowship!



Sunday Worship Helpers

Ushers: Larry & Eunice Wright

Acolytes: Jace and Kaysen Nold

Gathering Music: Janet Parks

Worship Leader: Kelli Jenkins

Tech Team: Garnetts & Dawsons

And pretty soon we'll need donut and coffee time hosts and greeters!



Church office moving

If everything goes as planned this week, the church office will be moving into their new space next week. We'll be closed Monday, July 5th for the holiday and moving phones, computers and copier on Tuesday, July 6th. Bear with us as we make this change to our new, wonderful office!



Building Project Report

Many thanks to the helpers that started moving us back into the renovated space last weekend. While construction of the new Worship Hall finishes over the upcoming weeks we'll plan to have office staff moved in to their new rooms next week. So much anticipation for how we can use these spaces to expand our ministry, we're about to turn it into reality!

Have a safe family celebration this Fourth of July - we're having to pack two years worth of Olde Glory Days into this one weekend!



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