



# CLINTON

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Tower Views

September 23, 2021

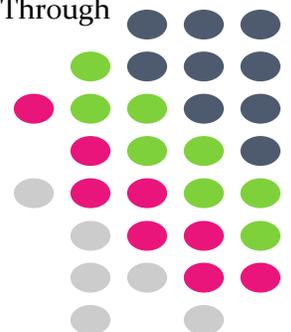
## Special Ways to “Give”

Today we are highlighting two easy ways to contribute to the church without even writing a check or sending us cash!

A long term, ongoing project has been the collection of empty or unneeded ink cartridges. Sam Lucas has a collection box in his office where you can drop off your cartridges from your home (or work) printer. This way they don't end up in a landfill and they are reused! Our last box generated \$158.85 for Special Missions bringing the total to date of \$2,927.25! Special missions money is used occasionally for funding small things that come up without a budget item.



A more recent program, Amazon Smile, gives back 0.5% every time you purchase something from Amazon. You must shop through Smile for the church to get this credit. The link to Amazon's Smile program is in every Thursday Tower newsletter email or you can go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and choose Clinton United Methodist Church as the charity you support. (hint, bookmark Amazon Smile in your computer browser so you don't forget!) Through the past couple years, we have earned \$345.10 which goes to Youth Missions, helping support the summer mission trips they take.



### Coming Up!

#### **Saturday, September 25th**

7:30 AM UMM at Dietz  
Family Buffet

#### **Sunday, September 26th**

8:15 AM in-person worship  
(on Facebook Live and  
KDKD too)

9:00 Continental Breakfast  
in Lower Gathering Space

9:30 New Chapel service

9:30 AM Sunday School  
(Adults and Kids)

4:00 Middle School Youth

5:00 High School Youth

#### **Looking Ahead**

#### **Sunday, October 17th**

4:00-6:00 PM

Fall Family Get-together.

Details coming soon



### What's in the Library Upstairs?



Karen Erickson, our church librarian and her helpers worked hard to organize the books to make it easier for you to find what you are looking for. Shelves are labeled with the type of book on it. These labels are listed here for you! →  
What an assortment!

Check out the new library on the second floor—it is truly a cozy space to browse and even have a cup of coffee and read! No special library card needed—just sign the book card and you can take the book home!

### LIBRARY SHELF LABELS

#### **CHILDREN:**

- Bible Characters
- Berenstein Bears
- Easy Readers
- Bibles
- Devotions & Prayers

#### **ADULT:**

- Fiction
- People
- Billy Graham
- Holidays
- Church History
- Sunday School Ideas
- Bibles
- Faith & Personal Growth
- Life's Challenges
- Spiritual Growth
- Heaven & Angels
- Jesus
- Cookbooks
- Thought Provoking
- Devotionals
- Prayer
- Marriage, Family & Children
- Women of the Bible
- Bible History & Information



### United Methodist Men

It's the fourth Saturday of the month, so guys, you know what that means! Time for some food and fellowship with your Methodist buddies! Join them at the Dietz Family Buffet this Saturday, September 25th at 7:30 AM.

### Prayers are needed for:

Martha Drendel,  
Tabitha Mifflin,  
Gary Dubina  
& Melvin Dennis



### Charge Conference



Mark your calendars!  
This year our charge conference will be Saturday, October 16th from 9-11 AM in person at First United Methodist Church in Warrensburg. All members are invited to attend.





### Sponsors! Get those letters out ASAP!

Our scholarship students in Nicaragua are confronted by numerous obstacles in their lives, many of them living in extreme poverty with little resources. Some of the best days at school for them are when they receive letters from their sponsors. Students view their sponsors as much more than someone who offers financial support -- they look up to their sponsors and genuinely enjoy learning about their sponsors' families and lives.

Rainbow Network is planning **two more boxes** to be shipped to Nicaragua this year. If you have not written your student or would like to strengthen your relationship with your student more, please have letters to the Rainbow Network office by **September 29th or December 1st**.

**You can write a letter online** at <https://www.rainbownetwork.org/write-to-students/> or you can mail us a letter at Rainbow Network, 2840 E Chestnut Expy Ste A, Springfield, MO 65802.

### Christmas Cheer Help Still Needed—Soon!

Our church has been asked to supply people to cover 4 mornings at the Samaritan Center. Their job would be to help people sign up for Christmas Cheer.

Hours are 9:00-Noon on October 4th, 5th, 7th, and 8th!

Please call the church office at 660-885-5597 if you can volunteer for one of these mornings. All churches in town are being asked to help with this opportunity—let's do our part!

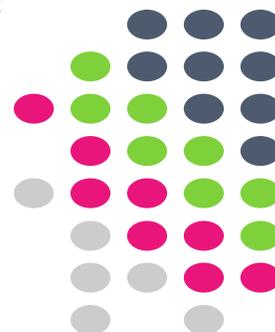


### Connect With Us!

Office—Kathy Garnett—  
660-885-5597  
office@clintonumc.net

### Sunday Worship Helpers

- Ushers: Larry & Eunice Wright
- Greeters: Fred & Carolyn McAllister
- Breakfast helpers: Fred & Carolyn McAllister
- Liturgist: Kelli Jenkins
- Acolytes: Reed Parks & Greta Huenefeldt
- Gathering Music: ??
- Tech Team: Kathy & Dave Garnett
- Children's Time: ???



## Building Project Update

As the days shorten with the advent of fall we're thankful that the majority of our outside work is complete! The west drive has been completed for phase 1, we'll do a few more feet after we complete the rebuild of the north stairwell in the coming months but it looks really good and the water sheds properly. Many construction projects this year have had challenges with material deliveries, ours is no exception... we're still waiting on the window glass to



Lights! But where's those windows?

arrive so we can complete the exterior of the new space. They are also waiting on the metal that will cover the soffits and fascia on the exterior to finish out the roof trim and north wall of the new room. We are weather tight at this time but not quite complete.

On the inside we're down to relatively few things to install. The lighting was installed last week and much of the remaining electrical. We are going to be doing the final coat of paint shortly and then it'll be carpet and the acoustic panels to hang. Our audio visual install has started but they are waiting on a few components yet, our goal is to have a parallel system to what we have installed in the Sanctuary so our Tech Team can operate either system with almost identical controls. We can use a few more folks to step up and be trained for operating the equipment so we can support services in either location... jump in – it's fun!



Upper Gathering Space behind Sanctuary!



Chairs are here!

As you can see in the photos our renovation for Phase 2 has begun! Demolition will be mostly complete for the first step in any project, the original construction in 1955 was using concrete block walls so the removal has been a little more work than the traditional wood or steel stud walls that you may be familiar with. You will notice we installed a temporary wall down the steps between the Lower Gathering space and the Sanctuary so we can work on this step without closing off the building. Once we reopen this space we'll have access to the renovated and enlarged Nursery space as well as all new ADA accessible restrooms and a comfortable and functional Upper Gathering space just outside the

Sanctuary. The end result will be a welcoming and friendly space that promotes fellowship before and after services, I think you're really going to like it!

Thanks for your patience as we work through the messy process of this renovation, and just as importantly for your continued monetary support. Our ministry will continue to grow with your assistance!

