



CLINTON
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Tower Views

December 9th, 2021

Mission Highlight

Due to the generosity of our church family, our Outreach Committee has been able to provide assistance to many very worthwhile organizations. Today, we are highlighting two of the many organizations we have assisted this year.



Red Bird Christian School, a part of the Red Bird Mission, located in Beverly, KY, has just celebrated 100 years of educating students in the very isolated, mountainous communities of Appalachia. Their Centennial Homecoming Challenge goal is \$300,000 as two very generous donors have pledged \$150,000 dollar for dollar for all matching gifts received by the end of this year. We were able to provide \$2,000 as a part of this campaign. The monies received from this campaign also allows Red Bird STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) to relaunch vocational/technical instruction at their nationally

accredited school. It brings training, certifications, and access to higher education courses for students and adults. This gives them an opportunity for employment in the leading industries and careers offered locally and at off-site locations, a local computer hub, or from their home. If you would like to learn more about Red Bird Mission and their school their website is rbmission.org.

Mobility Worldwide (formerly known as PET) – Following is their mission statement: “Mobility Worldwide MO – Columbia’s mission is to provide appropriate mobility for all of God’s children in need. We seek to provide

- ● ● mobility first for those in greatest need and with the least
- ● ● ● resources in poor or underdeveloped countries.” We have
- ● ● ● ● been in partnership with them through the Festival of
- ● ● ● ● Sharing since 1997 and were able to provide \$2,000 this year
- ● ● ● ● through our Outreach budget for missions. This will help more than 6 people receive
- ● ● ● ● Mobility carts! We recently received a lovely thank you letter from them about a young man
- ● ● ● ● with tuberculosis, who received a cart 10 years ago and now has graduated from Mount
- ● ● ● ● Kenya University!



Coming Up!

Friday, December 10th

9:30 UMW Christmas Tea

Saturday, December 11th

9:30—Dress Rehearsal for Fumbly Bumbly

1:00 Visitation for Bill Burgess

2:00 Funeral for Bill Burgess

Sunday, December 12th

Third Sunday of Advent

8:15 AM in-person worship

(on Facebook Live and KDKD too)

9:00 Continental Breakfast in Lower

Gathering Space

9:30 Chapel service

9:30 AM Sunday School

(Adults and Kids)

10:30 Fumbly Bumbly Performance

4:00 Carols in the Chapel

Monday, December 13th

6:00 Chancel Bells

6:00 Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 15th

7:00 Carols in the Chapel

Wednesday December 15th

3:30 Angelus Choir Christmas Party

6:00 Chancel Band

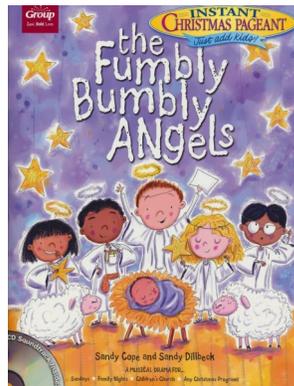
7:00 Chancel Choir

UMW Christmas Tea Tomorrow!

All ladies of the church are invited to UMW tomorrow Friday, December 10th at 9:30 AM for a Christmas Tea. Sam Lucas is our entertainment! If you'd like, bring a treat to share.



Christmas Musical This Sunday!



Kids, check the calendar for important practice coming up on Saturday!

Everybody, come watch the kids this

Sunday at 10:30 AM. They have been practicing and have some cute costumes to show off! This will be a fun performance!

Christmas Carols in the Chapel with Sam Lucas

There will be two performances. The first one is this Sunday, December 12th at 4:00 PM and it will be repeated on Tuesday, December 14th at 7:00 PM. Come enjoy the sounds of the vintage organ in a beautiful room.



Red Sweater Sunday!



It's a church tradition and coming up soon, so start planning that festive outfit for this special Sunday before Christmas! But come even if you don't have a red sweater! It will be quite the sight to see! It all happens Sunday, December 19th at both the 8:15 and 9:30 service in the Chapel!



LOOKING AHEAD

Christmas Eve Services

5:00 and 7:00

With Communion

Prayers are needed for:



Mary Stark, Buddy Judd, Helen Finks,
Charlsie Shoemaker, Martha Drendel, Gary Dubina &
Melvin Dennis

Sunday Worship Helpers

Ushers: Greg & Carlene Rowe
 Greeters: Amanda, Greta & Grady Huenefeldt
 Liturgist: Shirley Mincey
 Breakfast helpers: Amanda Huenefeldt
 Acolytes: Jace Nold and Audrey Harrison
 Gathering Music: Janet Parks
 Tech Team: Dawsons & Garnetts
 Children's Time: Jennifer Kiely



Connect With Us!

Pastor Monty Stratton—
 660-924-0667
 Pastor.monty@yahoo.com
 Office—Kathy Garnett—
 660-885-5597
 office@clintonumc.net

Youth Bake Sale

Yep, another Christmas tradition is back! It will also be Sunday, December 19th. The youth will have their Christmas treats out for sale. A free will offering is taken and will support their youth mission trip next summer! Look for their goodies by the sanctuary and down in the “green room” before and after church!



Songs in the Key of Christmas

Yet another activity on the 19th of December, but you won't want to miss this one! Clinton Arts Council is hosting an hour of Christmas musical performances that will end in a sing along! This is a fundraiser for the Clinton School band programs. Our featured performer will be John Blegen, jazz clarinetist and his pals, David Cummings and David Maggi! Even the CHS Jazz Band will perform! Invite your friends to our beautiful sanctuary for some wonderful music.

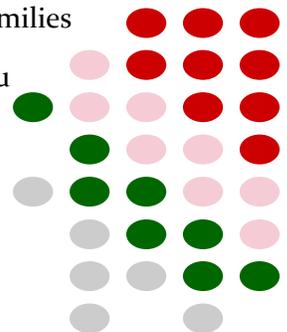


UMC Family, Thank you for allowing us to use the church for Bennett's baptism. May God continue to bless the church. Your support is uplifting.

Always, Tribble and Littrell Families

Clinton United Methodist Church—Thank you for the use of the kitchen and the beautiful new room for our Christmas lunch on December 3rd. You have been very helpful to allow our group to use your facilities this year.

Sincerely, Henry County Retired Teachers.





The Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services (DHSS) is warning citizens of a new text message scam targeting citizens and their personal information.

The text message requests that citizens visit a website to enter their social security number, name and date of birth, and upload photos of their Driver License to “validate” their “one-time Covid-19 Vaccine verification.” In an attempt to legitimize the site, logos of DHSS and the Missouri Department of Revenue’s myDMV portal appear along the top.

DHSS will never ask for a citizen’s SSN over email or text message and only provides vaccination verification and records upon request. Although citizens have reported text messages originating from 1-704-525-9772, DHSS encourages citizens to protect their personal information online no matter the source.



Last Day for 2021 Giving!

Please help the church office by getting your 2021 gifts turned in by Tuesday, December 28th!

Building Project Update by Dave Garnett

Sometimes the simple things bring the most pleasure. Especially in this season of hustle and bustle, preparing for the next party or shopping for that special gift, it’s easy to lose track of how magical it can be to calmly sit and admire the beauty of the twinkling lights on your tree at home, on our snowflake decorations lining the streets of



Clinton or clinging to the greenery along the walls of our sanctuary. Take a breath, slow down, enjoy the moment. Simple is good. The meal will be over, the gift will likely be forgotten once the next one comes along but that comforting relaxing feeling as you soak in the Christmas spirit will last. Simple is good.

For me, the most anticipated part of the season is the completion of our project and with it the joy and thanksgiving of having functioning light switches is overwhelming. Since June we’ve had to run to the second floor to turn the new hall’s lights on or off... no more. We have a button that works – it’s simple and it’s magical! Let’s turn off some lights and enjoy the peace of the season!

