



CLINTON

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Tower Views

December 16th, 2021



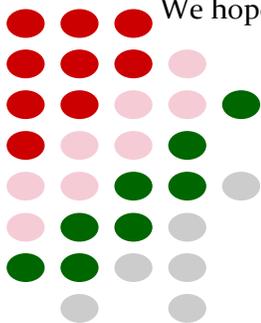
Greetings Clinton UMC family!

We are nearly there... the celebration of the birth of our Savior is so close. We pray that you are feeling the excitement. There are a couple of changes we would like to share with you regarding this Christmas Season.

First of all, in addition to our two traditional candlelight services at 5:00 & 7:00pm this year, we are going to ADD an additional Christmas Eve candlelight service. This service will take place at 3:00pm, and have a little more “modern” presentation. This service will not take place in our sanctuary, but in the newly remodeled space. Also, please note that this service will not be and “in place of” service... but an “in addition to” experience. We look forward to celebrating the birth of Christ in different places... and in different ways.

ALSO... as the morning of December 26th will be our 4th worship service in just a matter of hours, we will celebrate and worship at ONE TIME ONLY.... 8:15. This special ABBREVIATED SERVICE will be simply the singing of several hymns, and a short word from our pastor. No choir, no children’s time, no band, bells, or liturgist... just the basics. This will allow some of our staff and regular volunteers to spend the Christmas weekend with their families.

We hope to see you ALL at one of our Christmas Eve Celebrations this year! Blessings,



Coming Up!

Sunday, December 19th
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Red Sweater Sunday
Youth Bake Sale

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)

**4:00 CANCELLED—Songs in the
 Key of Christmas**

Monday, December 20th

6:00 Chancel Bells

Wednesday December 22nd

No Angelus Choir

6:00 Chancel Band

7:00 Chancel Choir

Friday, December 24th

Christmas Eve

Office Closes at Noon

3:00 Candlelight Service in New Room

5:00 Candle Service in Sanctuary

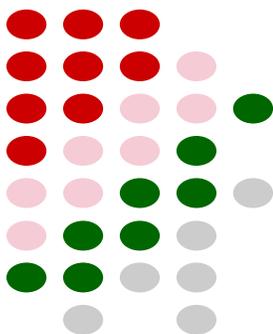
7:00 Candle Service in Sanctuary

Sunday, December 26th

8:15 Service ONLY

Monday, December 27th

Office Closed for a Holiday



NEXT SUNDAY



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!

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

CANCELLED!

With heavy hearts, Arts Council has decided to cancel Sunday's Christmas musical event. With so much sickness in the community and school, we didn't feel it was safe but we will reschedule this event when things calm down (hopefully soon!). **Please let your friends know that might not be on Facebook or get this newsletter!**

Prayers are needed for:



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

Looking Ahead at 2022!



Funeral Dinner Helpers Needed!

Hostesses serve for one month—we need 12! Helpers will be on call for serving and prep work. We'll also need people to contribute food.

Please call Debbie Sieger at 885-4060 if you are willing to participate in this worthwhile service for our families (or she just may call you!)

Gym Floor

At this point, the gym floor is tentatively set to be refinished the week of January 17th. It will need an additional week to set. So if things go as planned, we are looking at possibly February 1st to begin activities there. It will be striped for basketball, volleyball, pickleball and have nets! *We'll keep you posted if this changes!* Let the fun begin!



Missoula Children's Theatre

If all goes well next summer, we will have the return of the Missoula Children's Theatre. The program next year is "Hansel and Gretel" and it is scheduled to happen July 18-23.

Connect With Us!

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Sunday Worship Helpers

Ushers: Greg & Carlene Lowe

Greeters: Jim, Amanda, Greta & Grady
Huenefeldt

Liturgist: Deanna Hendrich

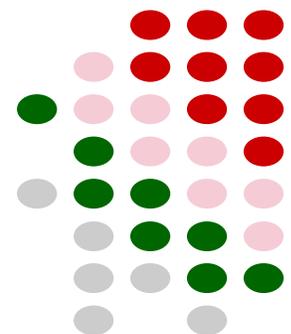
Breakfast helpers: Patty Moore

Acolytes: Lofton and Emerson Mills

Gathering Music: Peggy Arthur,
Marnie Bellamy, Brenda Ford, & Janet
Parks

Tech Team: Dave & Kathy Garnett

Children's Time: Andy Ford





It's Not to Late to Turn in Pledge Cards!

Pledge cards help us with the planning process. If you haven't turned your card in yet, it's not too late! Extra cards are available in the entrance to the sanctuary.

Office Closed

The church office will close on noon on December 24th and also be closed on Monday, December 27th.

Last Day for 2021 Giving!

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



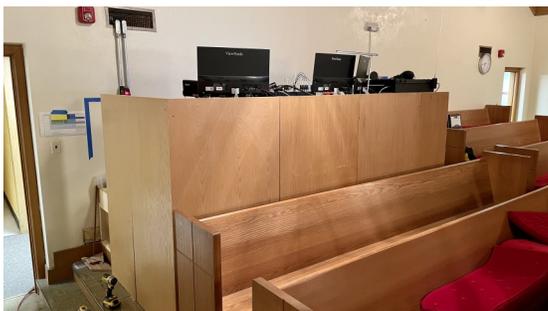
Building Project Update by Dave Garnett



Christmas coming a week early – we hope! Our Phase 2 work going on behind the Sanctuary is ready for sheetrock and it looks like that will happen yet this week! It takes a lot of energy to get all the utilities in place - the studs in just right places and all the heating and cooling systems buttoned up. We appreciate all the effort our skilled trades are bringing to the project to give us a great finished product.



On the Sanctuary side of that wall, we're finishing up a project too! The Tech Booth is now in its new home and starting to look a little more finished. Dozens of wires keep all the audio and video moving in the right direction— it's coming together nicely. Sitting up in the top row you get an appreciation for just how impressive our Sanctuary really is. Sitting at eye level with that big stone cross surrounded by the storytelling stained glass and the triumphant organ pipes immerses you in the feeling that a higher power surely is watching over us. I love the imagery and inspiration that our building brings to us as we gather during the week in all kinds of outreach and ministry and look forward to how each of us can expand on that with the enhanced capabilities of our renovated spaces.



I'm looking forward to the sea of red that we'll experience this Sunday – we'll show Arrowhead how it's done!

