



CLINTON  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Tower Views

January 6th, 2022



(from the Rainbow Network website)

**Four programs. One focus.**

Poverty is a complex problem that requires a comprehensive solution.

We have cultivated four main programs that address one common focus: poverty. Each program builds off of another, and is a key point in the cycle of sustainable success which allows our organization to thrive after so many years and to continue expanding all over Nicaragua.

If we chose only to support higher education, people in rural Nicaragua would still severely suffer from indecent housing and lack of healthcare. If we chose only to build housing communities, the people would still struggle to improve their communities or their economies without access to proper schooling or business training. And so on, and so on. The bottom line: **poverty needs to be attacked from all angles.**

That is why each program is so important in the fight to end poverty in one of the poorest nations in this hemisphere. When poverty is this severe and living conditions are this unimaginable, we must work together to tackle all areas of a community and rebuild each of the pillars that holds up a healthy, successful society. Programs covered include healthcare, education, economic development and housing.

Come hear Megan Herrera, President of Rainbow Network, on Sunday, **January 16th at 10:30.** She will give a presentation in the new room, sharing what is happening in Nicaragua and how we have helped and how we can continue to help.



## Today is Epiphany!



Epiphany is the day Christians remember the coming of the Magi to visit Jesus, bringing their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. It occurs on Jan. 6 every year, the 13th day of the Christmas season. The word "epiphany," from the Greek word *epiphania*, means appearance or

manifestation.

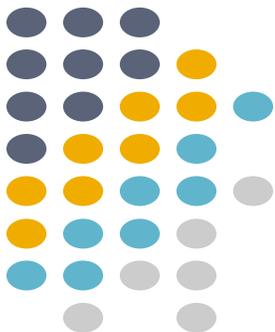
The arrival of these visitors was a sign that the incarnation of God in Christ had been made known and was recognized by the heavens to the whole world, so that even Gentile wise men from the East came to pay him homage. This is an observance of great majesty, solemnity and awe.

In Hispanic cultures, Epiphany is *Dia De Los Tres Reyes* (Three Kings day) - a day for presents, feasting and celebration. In England and some European cultures, January 5th is known as Twelfth Night, culminating the 12 days of Christmas feasting and partying. In New Orleans, Twelfth Night is the kickoff of celebrations that comes to fulfillment at Mardi Gras. An interesting tradition is in Ireland, where January 6th is *Nollaig na mBan*, which translates to "Women's Christmas". The women work hard during the 12 days of Christmas, so today, they put their feet up and the men cook, take care of the kids, and clean and the women all go to the pub!

What way will you celebrate today?

## Trustees to Meet

It's a new year—let's get things going. If you are on the Trustee's Committee—it's time to meet next week Thursday the 13th at 6:00 PM.



A special thank you to Greg Hard for getting here early Sunday morning to shovel the walks and create nice paths along the parking spots. A secret admirer really appreciated that!



## Coming Up!

### Sunday, January 9th

8:15 AM in-person worship  
9:00 Continental Breakfast in Lower Gathering Space  
9:15 Tech team training  
9:30 Chapel service  
9:30 AM Sunday School

### Monday, January 10th

6:00 Chancel Bell practice

### Tuesday, January 11th

5:30 PPRC

### Wednesday, January 12th

3:30 Angelus Choir  
6:00 Chancel Band  
7:00 Chancel Choir

### Thursday, January 13th

6:00 Trustees

### Friday, January 14th

9:30 UMW

### Sunday, January 16th

8:15 AM in-person worship  
9:00 Continental Breakfast in Lower Gathering Space  
9:15 Tech team training  
9:30 Chapel service  
9:30 AM Sunday School  
**10:30 Rainbow Network presentation**

### Monday, January 17th

Office Closed –MLK Day  
6:00 Chancel Bell Practice



Yes, that is an image of our Sanctuary projected on the screen in the new Hall! With the equipment investments we've made throughout the pandemic and the renovation, there are a number of options that we didn't have before, such as sharing our services in other spaces of the church building.

Why is this valuable? Occasionally, we have an event that needs more seating than our Sanctuary can provide. By being able to livestream the service to the new Hall, we increase our seating capacity by 50%. We also have the ability to stream the service live to other rooms such as the Lower Gathering, Upper Gathering, Fellowship Hall, the new Nursery and even up to the new Library space!

It doesn't even have to be just the service in the Sanctuary that is rebroadcast; we can stream a web event, a conference or some prerecorded messages to all those spaces to increase engagement and allow different small groups to experience the event together with their own small group discussion and reflection.

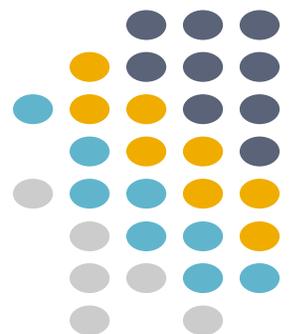
Being present in the room will never be replaced, but there will be opportunities to share a message in a new way in these new spaces as we complete the last bits of our renovations in support of the ministry. There's nothing like hearing the organ wide open in the Sanctuary, but the overwhelming sound of those pipes through our new speaker systems is impressive as well! Enjoy!

## Prayers are needed for:

Friends and Family of Jim Niemann, Melvin Dennis



Congratulations to Samuel and Antonia Lucas on the birth of their son, Rowan Alexander Lucas, born December 22nd weighing 9# 2 oz and measuring 20 1/2 ".



# Looking Ahead



## 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.

## 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!

## Church Directory

It's been over 3 years since our last directory! With a new building, new pastor and a few new families and kids, it's time once again! We've contracted with a different company with a rich experience in church directories. A great set of photographers will come to Clinton UMC March 22—March 30. More details to follow. There will be online scheduling to make it easy for you, but we can also schedule here at the church. Get planning those picture outfits!!!

## Connect With Us!

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## Sunday Worship Helpers

Ushers: Duane & Carolyn Harms  
Greeters: Penny Lindsey & Shirley Jordan

Liturgist: Shirley Mincey

Breakfast helpers: Larry & Eunice Wright

Acolytes: Audrey Harrison & Neysa Belle Johns

Gathering Music: Janet Parks

Tech Team: Kathy & Dave Garnett

Children's Time: Jennifer Kiely

