



CLINTON

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Tower Views

June 15th, 2022

Annual Conference Report by Eunice Wright

Missouri Annual Conference 2022 was held at Branson Convention Center June 10 - 12. Pastor Monty, Larry and I attended the sessions with great anticipation.

Everyone was excited to be meeting in person with a message of "Greater Things"- spirit led innovation. John 14:11-16 encourages us to follow Jesus calling his disciples to do greater things. We need to be servants as Jesus was to those who are unchurched and in need of acceptance and compassion. Pastor Adam Mustoe gave the introductory message entitled, Going Great in reference to the ongoing mission our the United Methodist Church.

Bishop Robert Farr affirmed the strength of our church in spite of differences and division. He asked the church to come to the middle and get out of our theological corners. We are to welcome all God's children and not just some.

The Class of 2022 Ordained pastors were announced with Matthew Thornton, son of Holly Thornton and the late Mark Thornton, and his class of newly licensed pastors were recognized for the completion of their studies. Retiring ministers were honored for their service. Conference leaders, members and new clergy are reminded to show new ways to provide acceptance and compassion to those in need. Measures voted and adopted on support of clergy, closure of 11 local churches and continued litigation of 3 churches seeking disaffiliation.

A video was shown recognizing Pastors who have passed away in 2021 and 2022 with the conference. Members raised a light as those were announced honoring their service and commitment to the work of God through the Holy Spirit.

Dr. Cynthia Wilson presented the Sunday morning message, Wake-up, Get up, Speak up to move us as individuals to be more proactive on our individual walk with God and not to give other people power in our decisions. She also addressed the reasons why our children do not come to church. The church is viewed as irrelevant, intimidating and powerless.

A service of commissioning and ordaining conference commission of Deacons, Elders and Associate members. Offerings were collected for the support of the Mozambique Initiative and support of churches growing in diversly cultures and backgrounds.

Conference agenda ended with 2022 pastor appointments. Happy to report Reverend Monty Stratton is with us for another year. We continue to be the church of John Wesley's vision, diversity in thought and united in Christ.

Thank you for the privilege and support you provided for me and my husband to attend this exciting session. Next year annual conference will be in St. Charles.



Thank You Notes!



Thank you to my church family for the scholarship for college. I appreciate the continued support as I work toward a degree in Speech Pathology! Love Lydia Harrison

Dear Clinton United Methodist Church, Thank you for the generous scholarship donation. I am honored to receive this scholarship. This will positively impact y education and I am forever thankful to have such a supportive community. Once again thank you! Sincerely, Christian Voelmeck

Dear Clinton United Methodist Church, Thank you so much for awarding me the scholarship. This scholarship will help me pursue a degree in Biomedical Engineering at the University of Missouri. I have signed up for my first semester classes and attended orientation. Making me all set for the fall! Thank you again for warding me this scholarship. I am honored to have received it! Sincerely Ellie Swaters

Pastor Monty, Thank you so much for the beautiful cross! It was my honor getting to know you and your family! I hope to see you soon! Sending my best! Love, Sierra Wareham

Coming Up!

Sunday, June 19th

8:15 Scholarship Recognition

- 8:15 Early Service
- 9:00 Fellowship Time
- 9:30 Second Service
- 9:30 AM Sunday School

Monday, June 20th

- 8:00 Pickleball
- 5:30 Pickleball

Wednesday, June 15th

- 8:00 Pickleball
- 8:30 Bible Study

Friday, June 17th

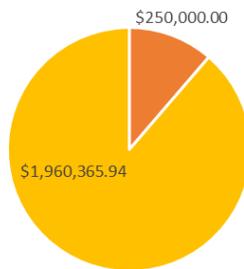
- 8:00 Pickleball
- 1:00 Tom Wilson memorial at Elks

Annual Budget vs Giving



■ Budget remaining ■ Giving to Date

Building Campaign Given vs Needed



■ Needed ■ Given

How are We Doing?

Great News! We are on track for giving and expenses so far this year. Let's keep it up!

As of yesterday, we finished our 3-year Building Pledge campaign. Woo hoo! Congratulations to all that hit 100% of their pledge! Call the office to see where you are at if you are unsure. Of course, with any project, costs went up and we still need about \$250,000. Can you go the extra mile and help with these final costs?

Sunday Helpers

- Ushers: Duane & Carolyn Harms
- Greeters: Penny Lindsey & Shirley Jordan
- Donut helper: Janet Parks & Shirley Jordan
- Liturgist: Deanna Hendrich
- Children's Time: Peggy Dameron
- Acolytes: Lizzie Miller & Eleanor Lewis
- Gathering Music: Marnie Bellamy & Peggy Arthur
- Tech Team: Hunter Cates & Brandt Hendrich
- Flowers on the Altar: Duane & Carolyn Harms



Camp Sagrada Has Started and Needs Our Help!

Camp Sagrada, the bible camp for young people whose parent or parents are incarcerated, is up and going. It takes a sponsorship for these campers to attend. If you would be willing to help with this make a check payable to the church with a note for Sagrada. It takes \$100 for a camper to attend. Also, they are asking for prayers for a prosperous camping season.

Thanks, Fred McAllister, Outreach Committee

Back to School Fair Needs Our Help!



Clinton Bright Futures will be hosting their Back To School Fair this summer for needy children. Let’s help the kids the essentials ready! We are collecting socks and underwear in preschool through adult sizes. Please leave the socks and underwear in their packages. Monetary donations are accepted—make checks payable to the church and write “SOCKS” in the memo.

Hurry! The collection ends June 30th.



Teacher’s Warehouse—Donations on Hold!

The Teacher’s Warehouse is frantically looking for a new location, so at this time, please hold off donating anything until they know they have a place! (can anybody help them find about 3500 sq feet cheap?)

Connect With Us!

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Tom Wilson—Stories, Food and Fellowship

Friends and family of Tom Wilson are invited to a celebration on Friday, June 24th at 1:00 at the Elks Banquet Room. Everyone is invited.

Prayers Needed

Mike Lester, Tom Stark,
Suzanne Ammons, Melvin Dennis



Building Project Update

By Dave Garnett



Transformations. Many of us come to worship looking for comfort and peace, some of us for inspiration, a few for transformation.

The commitment you made several years ago was a bold statement about the future of our congregation and how our ministry will remain relevant to future generations. We made changes that added areas of comfort, areas of inspiration and most definitely areas of transformation! Beyond the obvious physical changes there have been as many hours and dollars spent on things that you don't see but you know they serve our purpose; upgraded electrical and plumbing systems, new fire sensor and alert systems to improve life safety, ADA accessible doors and restrooms, building wide Wi-Fi and lots of upgraded technology to support modern communication equipment.

As the project comes to a close we have one last effort to push across the finish line— paying the bill! Much has already been given and the dedication our congregation has shown to providing great spaces for those that follow reflects well on the efforts those before us have made.

As you are able, we appreciate your continued financial support as we are about 90% of the way there at this time, with great hopes that we can get this fully wrapped up before the end of the year.

