



Tower Views

Coming Up!

Sunday, August 5th

8:15—Early Worship
9:00—Fellowship Time
9:30—Sunday School
10:30—Late Service

Monday, August 6th

7:00—Guitars

Tuesday, August 7th

1:00—Visitation Team

Thursday, August 9th

1:00—Stitch and Chat
6:00—Clinton Cool Cats 4H

Friday, August 10th

9:00—United Methodist
Women

Sunday, August 12th

Blessing of the Kindergarteners

8:15—Early Worship
9:00—Fellowship Time
9:30—Sunday School
10:30—Late Service
5:00—Prayer-A-Van to
Schools

Brad's Message

Jesus said, *“Where two or three gather in my name, I am there with them.”*

So, it's no surprise that for many people one of their best ways to experience God's love is through connecting with others in the church. In the coming weeks we are blessed to have several opportunities to do just that:

- We are hosting a **Splash Bash** this Friday evening, August 3 at the Artesian Park Pool.
- We are preparing for a new round of groups for **Dinners for Eight** starting in August.
- We are organizing a new **Stitch and Chat** group to make lap robes.
- We are restarting the **Adult Guitar** group

I encourage you to take advantage of one or more of these opportunities to connect a little closer with your church family. You can find more information about each of these elsewhere in this newsletter.

They will all be wonderful ways to connect with God through connecting with one another!

P.S. If you are interested in starting a group of some other sort, please contact Sandi Cox or the church office.

Daily Bible Reading and Prayer

Sunday

Philippians 2:14-18
Confess those times you've been quick to grumble or complain

Monday

Psalm 118:19-24
Give thanks for the blessing of each new day

Tuesday

1 Thessalonians 5:14-18
Give thanks for all of God's blessings

Wednesday

Philippians 4:8-9
Commit to focusing your mind on things that are positive & uplifting

Thursday

Philippians 4:11-13
Ask God to teach you to be content with what you have

Friday

James 5:7-11
Confess those times you've struggled to be patient

Saturday

Romans 15:13
Invite God to fill you with joy & peace

Sunday Worship Assistants

Gathering Music:

8:15—Frances Harvey

10:30—David Cummings

8:15 Song Leader: Zac Maggi

8:15 Ushers:

Duane & Carolyn Harms

Sarah Prince

8:15 Greeters:

Carl & Angelia Entrop

Continental Breakfast:

Martha Welsh and

Jim and Sandi Cox

10:30 Greeters:

Adele Bernard & Karen Erickson

Janet Akers & Treva Jones

Children's Time: Jennifer Kiely

8:15 Nursery: Mary Jo Cable

10:30 Nursery: Pam Jones

Church Bus Driver—Joe Wagoner



Time for a Splash Bash Friday!

Join us for a splashing good time at the Artesian Park Pool this Friday, August 3rd from 5:30-7:30! The church will provide pizza, drinks and a yummy treat. This event is for all Clinton UMC members. Bring your whole family!



Blessing Our Kindergarteners

Going to your first day of kindergarten can be a big event for kids – and their parents. So, we will offer a special

time of blessing for all of our kindergarteners during both services on Sunday, August 12. If you have a child who will be a new kindergartener this year, please contact the church office at 885-5597.



Youth on Wednesdays Starts Soon!

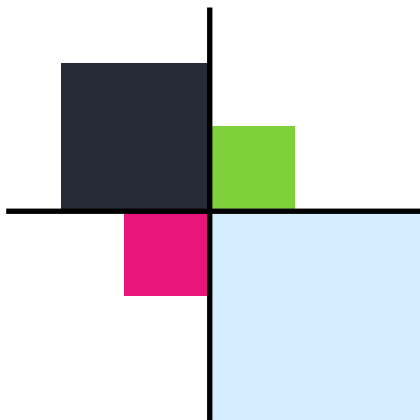
UMYF will be starting on Wednesday, August 22nd. The Middle School youth will meet from 3:00—5:00 and the High School will meet from 5:00-6:30.

Jennifer has big plans for this year and you'll want to be part of it! Brings some friends along!



Prayer Concerns

Lance Austin
Margaret Coleman
Pat Snyder
Janet Mansfield
Peggy Arthur
Carolyn McAllister
Fred McAllister
Melvin Dennis
Jill Bernard
Billy Faust
Jordy Jackson
Steve Mueller
Buster Greer
Helen Kenney
Vickie Sims
Arnie Drendel
Sharlene Wirsig
Marcy Crosswhite
Norma Grimsley
Ben Doup
Margie Best
Roger Self
Joan Hagemier
Rick Wolf
Wylie Brown
Tracy Guppy
Connie Briggs
Mike Lester
Shirley Stone
Rosie Banfield



Other Dates Coming Up

Jennifer and her helpers will be doing **5th Quarter** after the Jamboree and every home football game (except Homecoming). Youth are invited for pizza and pop after the games.

Promotion Sunday will be August 19th at the 8:15 Service. Kids will move up to their new Sunday School classes and 2nd graders will receive their bibles.

ECE will start up after Labor Day. Meet the teacher is on September 4th and 5th and class starts on the 5th and 6th. Call the church office or talk to Anna Zink and Allison Schilling for more info.

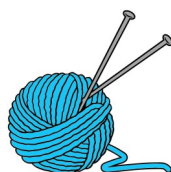
Wednesday, September 5th is a big day— **Angelus Choir** will start at 3:30, **Youth Guitars** will start up at 4:30, and **Chancel Choir** starts at 7:00

New Accounts Payable Staff Position

The church is looking to fill a new Accounts Payable staff position. This person will be responsible for processing payment requests, handling payroll, and providing financial reports for the church. The position is expected to require 25-30 hours per month. Applications will be received at the church office through August 12. For more information, please contact Brad Reed at 492-3060.

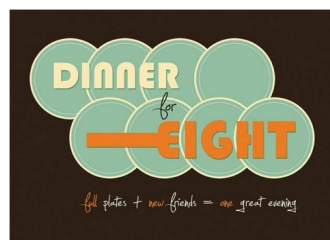
Stitch and Chat Update

In addition to those who crochet and knit, we're asking for those who sew or quilt or any other craft that will produce a bright and cheery lap robe or other items for the nursing home residents to join us. The staff member I spoke with at Clinton Healthcare and Rehabilitation suggested that 10-15 lap robes would make their residents a special Christmas gift. We're thinking of meeting perhaps twice a month to "stitch and chat", but would understand if there would be those who couldn't attend, but still wanted to participate. First meeting: Thursday, August 9th at 1:00 o'clock in the Craft Room. If interested, please call Delores Rowe 885-7197 or the church office.



Building Fund

The Church Council recently established a Building Fund. These funds will be used for the renovation and/or construction of new space, depending on the building plans adopted by the congregation. We encourage you to make any gifts to the Building Fund gifts above and beyond your regular giving to support the ministries and operations of the church. Please write a separate check for any building fund donations and mark it "Building Fund".



Dinners for 8

It's time for a new round of Dinners for 8 for August through November. Everybody had a good time in the last round and more want to join in! Please sign up as a single or a couple before August 13th on the Connect Card or call or email the church office if you'd like to be included in the next round.

Adult Guitars Starting Up!

Is learning to play the guitar on your bucket list? Or maybe you can play guitar and you would be willing to help others learn! We will meet on Mondays at 7:00 in the choir room downstairs. Join us for a fun, casual time of music and fellowship! (Kids will start when Angelus Choir starts in September).



Prayer-A-Van

Our new church bus will head out on Sunday, August 12th at 5:00 to stop by the school buildings and say a special prayer for the teachers and students. Come join us in our journey around town!



United Methodist Women

All United Methodist Women and guests are invited to the next meeting on Friday, August 10, 2018 at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be "Clinton Historical Figures" by Brenda Dehn from the Henry County Museum. Hostesses are Martha Welsh and Anita Slocum.