

Tower Views



Coming Up!

Sunday, December 9th

Second Sunday of Advent

8:15—Early Worship

9:00—Fellowship Time

9:30—Sunday School

10:30—Children's Christmas Program

2:00—Carols in the Chapel

Monday, December 10th

5:15—Learner Bells

6:00—Bells

6:00—Staff Parish meeting

7:00—Guitars

Wednesday, December 12th

10:15—Women's Bible Study

3:00—Middle School UMYF

3:30—Angelus Choir

5:00—High School UMYF

6:00—Chancel Band

7:00—Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 13th

7:00—Kids' Guitars

Friday, December 14th

9:00—United Methodist Women

Sunday, December 15th

Third Sunday of Advent

8:15—Early Worship

9:00—Fellowship Time

9:30—Sunday School

10:30—Late Service

Brad's Message

Our Advent/Christmas season is off to a wonderful start.

Supper with Santa was a huge success. We had a record number of families participate and a record number of smiles! It great to see all the kids learning about the true meaning of Christmas along with a visit from Santa. Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a success.

The sanctuary looks beautiful, as always. Thank you to everyone who helped hang the greens; and a special thank you to Rita Barbee and Denise Cover for the new window boxes.

Thank you, also, to everyone who helped with Project Christmas Cheer. It's always such a blessing to so many people in need in our own community. Thank you to everyone who helped with the food distribution at the Samaritan Center and who helped with the gift distribution here at the church. Project Christmas Cheer is a wonderful witness to God's incredible generosity and love.

This Sunday will bring more special opportunities. We will have regular worship at 8:15 with Christmas carols and the lighting of the Advent candle. Then the 10:30 service will feature special music by our children and the presentation of their Christmas program. Sunday afternoon at 2:00, everyone is invited to join Sam Lucas for Carols in the Chapel.

We are blessed to have so many ways to keep Christ at the center of our Christmas!

Daily Bible Reading and Prayer

Sunday

Luke 1:5-25

Pray for the faith to believe God's promises

Monday

Luke 1:26-38

Invite God to use you for His purposes each day

Tuesday

Luke 1:39-45

Pray for those who need encouragement

Wednesday

Luke 1:46-56

Offer a prayer of praise to God

Thursday

Luke 1:57-66

Pray for the children of our church

Friday

Luke 1:67-80

Pray for the children of our community

Saturday

Isaiah 60:1-3

Ask God to show you people you could invite to church this Christmas

Sunday Worship Assistants

Gathering Music:

8:15—Brenda Ford
10:30—Janice Santero

8:15 Song Leader: Gary Dubina

8:15 Ushers: McAllisters

8:15 Greeters:

Zink family & Duane Harms

8:15 Acolytes:

Continental Breakfast:

Kent Cable & Martha Welsh

10:30 Greeters:

Larry & Charlotte Hager
Tim & Liane Hager

Children's Time: Pam Jones

Bus Driver: Ron Grunig



Carols in the Chapel

This Sunday, December 9th, join Sam in the Chapel as he plays that great organ and leads you in your favorite hymns and Christmas carols. You will surely leave in the Christmas spirit!



Prayer Requests

Ted Bolich
Baby Mallory Scott
Stephanie Wolf
Jeremy Thomas
Chris Brockhaus
Earlene Hull
Jim Bilbruck
Carlene Lowe
Jarrod Boyles
Donny Burton
Tommy Durrill
Tom Ross
Caroline Wilson
Melvin Dennis
Arnie Drendel
Jill Bernard
Jane Mautino
Darlene Anderson
Vickie Sims
Sharlene Wirsig
Norma Grimsley
Jean Ann Sidwell
Chastity Gillen
Margie Best
Joan Hagemier
Rick Wolf
Wylie Brown
Mike Lester
Shirley Stone
Rosie Banfield

children's program



Children's Christmas Program

You won't want to miss it! They will sing the joy of Christmas into your heart and make you smile from ear to ear. Only at 10:30 this Sunday, December 9th!

Poinsettias are Sold Already!

Wow! Those poinsettias sold fast. If you signed up for one, please make sure to stop in the office to pay \$7 and fill out the card for who the flowers are in memory or honor of. You can pick up your poinsettias after the 7:00 Christmas Eve service or later that week.



Bell Ringers Needed!

Can you spare a couple hours to help ring bells for the Salvation Army on December 8th? Please call Ron Grunig ASAP at 360-789-1910 to schedule a time slot.



Take an Ornament!

This is a great time to invite friends and family to join you for worship. To help with that, we have a tree with invitation ornaments just outside the sanctuary. Each ornament has information about both our Christmas Eve Services and our regular worship schedule. Please be praying about who you might invite to church this Christmas season.



Stitch N Chat Update

Please stop by the Green Room on Sunday to see all the wonderful lap robes that the Stitch and Chat group have created. They will take the lap robes to Clinton Healthcare and Rehabilitation on Monday. They will meet again after the first of the new year to decide what project might be next. Please watch for the announcement in the bulletin for the date and time. My sincere thanks to all who have participated in this project.

Delores

Dates Through Year End

**So many events coming up!
Be sure to mark your calendars so you don't miss out!**

- Dec 9—10:30—Children's Christmas program
- Dec 9—2:00—Carols in the Chapel
- Dec 23—**Red Sweater Sunday**
- Dec 23—Youth Bake Sale
- Dec 24—Office Closed
- Dec 24—Christmas Eve Services at 4 & 7
- Dec 25—1pm—Christmas Dinner
- Dec 30—Last Day for 2018 Contributions
- Dec 31—Office Closed



A Sing Along Thank You!

A big thanks to everyone who attended the Sing A Long and helped raise over \$1200 to help Alzheimer's and Dementia patients receive iPods with their favorite songs to bring the joy that music brings to their life once again.

If you know of someone who suffers from Alzheimer's or Dementia, who still lives at home but would benefit from the use of familiar music to help them be happier for awhile, please contact Kathy in the office.



Pledge card reminder

Thank you to everyone who made a financial commitment to the church for 2019 on Commitment Sunday. We've already received 84 pledge cards. Your gifts are vitally important to the strength of our church. Together, we are touching hearts and changing lives with God's love every day. You can turn your pledge card in to the church office, email your pledge to pledges@clintonumc.net or place the card in the offering. Please prayerfully consider taking a step forward in your giving in 2019.

Financial Update



We have had a wonderful year in 2018. Our youth and children's ministries continue to thrive, we have launched several new small group opportunities, our music ministries and outreach efforts continue to be strong, and our Building Committee has been developing plans for our future!

Yet as the end of the year approaches, our income has not covered the cost of all our great ministries. At the end of November our income was \$399,567 while our expenses were \$410,474, leaving us a shortfall of \$10,907.

December is usually a strong month for the church financially. We encourage you to join us in making a special year-end gift to help us close this gap. Your generosity will help us begin the new year in a strong position.

Thank you in advance for your faithfulness in helping to keep our church strong!