



Tower Views

Coming Up!

Sunday, December 3rd

8:15—Early Service
 9:00—Continental Breakfast
 9:30—Sunday School
 10:30—Late Service
 4:00—Christmas Sing A Long
 for Alzheimer's

Monday, December 4th

9:00—Christmas Cheer Setup
 6:00—Chancel Bells
 6:00—Finance Meeting

Tuesday, December 5th

1:00—Visitation

Wednesday, December 6th

10:15—Morning Bible Study
 3:00—UMYF (MS)
 3:30—Angelus Choir
 5:00—UMYF (HS)
 6:00—Church Council
 7:00—Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 7th

8:00—Christmas Cheer
 Distribution

Friday, December 8th

9:00—UMW

Have you started your preparations for Christmas? A wonderful team of elves has decorated the sanctuary here at church. It looks beautiful!

This Sunday we will light the first Advent Candle and there will be lots of great music to help prepare our hearts for Christmas. You won't want to miss it all.

Sunday afternoon, the Clinton Arts Council will host a Christmas Sing-a-Long in our sanctuary at 4 pm. It will feature even more great music as they raise funds to assist those in our community with Alzheimer's.

I hope to see you in worship Sunday. There is no more wonderful season to gather for worship together!

Prayer Concerns



Ileene McQuitty and family
 Ken Scott and family
 Ron Grunig
 Steve Prince
 Melvin Dennis
 Wylie Brown
 Rosemary Hardinger
 Wilbur Slocum
 Sarah Duncan
 Arnie Drendel
 Guido Santero
 Tom Griffiths
 Teresa Jones
 Connie Briggs
 Jill Bernard
 Angela Garbee
 Fred McAllister
 Julia Carey
 Nicole Fillipe
 Gary Dubina
 Mike Lester
 Lucille Clayton
 Marty Setzer
 Rick Wolf
 Sharlene Wirsig
 Sharolyn Kirby
 Jane Mautino
 Shirley Stone
 Rosie Banfield

Christmas Sing A Long for Alzheimer's This Sunday



December 3rd is the first Sunday in Advent and it's the **Christmas Sing A Long** at 4:00 to benefit the Henry County Memory Fund's "The Medicine of Music" Program for Alzheimer's/Dementia folks. Join the Chancel Band, Sam Lucas, David Maggi, David Cummings, and special guest John

Blegen for an hour of merriment and song.

They will accept used iPods, iTunes cards and monetary donations (checks payable to HCMF).

Also, if you know of an Alzheimer's or dementia patient still at home who would benefit from an iPod with customized music to help them be more alert and happy, please contact Kathy in the office.

Get in the Christmas Spirit with Upcoming Holiday Programs

December 10th at 10:30 —
Children's Christmas Program

December 10th at 3:00—
Carols in the Chapel with Sam.

December 17th will be **Red Sweater Sunday** with all the glorious red Poinsettias and the **Youth Bake Sale**.



Christmas Eve/Christmas Day

On December 24th, we will have morning worship at 8:15 and 10:30

Christmas Eve Services at 4:00 and 7:00 with special music and **Communion** at 3:00 and 6:00.



On December 25th at 1:00, we will have a **Christmas Dinner**.

Daily Bible Readings and Prayers



Sunday Matthew 3:1-6
Confess your sins to God

Monday Matthew 3:11-12
Invite Jesus to come into your heart

Tuesday John 1:1-5
Invite the light of Jesus to shine in you so others may see it

Wednesday John 1:6-13
Give thanks that you are a precious child of God

Thursday John 1:14-18
Pray for those who do not know the love & faithfulness of Jesus

Friday John 1:19-27
Ask God for humility like John the Baptist

Saturday John 1:29-34
Give thanks for God's forgiving grace

Poinsettias for Christmas



45 poinsettias have been ordered to decorate the

sanctuary and you can purchase one for \$8.00 and dedicate it in memory or honor of some one.

Please call the church office or mark the Connect Card. You can pick up your poinsettias after the 7:00 service or on Christmas Day.

2017 Perpetual Ministry Fund Update

This year has been a great year for the Perpetual Ministry Fund (PMF). We have seen contributions and your money has gone to support many worthy projects. This year alone we have used the PMF funds to support the following:

- ◆ Scholarships for our Graduating Seniors and College Students
- ◆ Landscape and renovations to the outside of the Church
- ◆ Contributions to the Jamaica Mission Trip
- ◆ Contributions to Rainbow Network
- ◆ Contributions to Camp Sagrada Bible Camp Scholarships

As the year comes to a close, the PMF Committee would like to remind our members that donations to the PMF are tax deductible. If you are looking for this benefit as the year comes to a close, please consider a donation to the PMF. This year the PMF Committee has established some new funds within the PMF. These will allow you to direct your contribution to a specific area of our ministry. These funds are:

- ◆ Trustees/Building
- ◆ Scholarships
- ◆ Youth/Children's Ministry
- ◆ Music Ministry
- ◆ Adult Education
- ◆ Outreach Ministries



Perpetual
Ministries
Fund

Your contribution will help insure the long-term stability of our Church and make our ministry continue on in perpetuity.



United
Methodist
Women

United Methodist Women to Meet

On Friday, December 8th, the UMW meeting will begin in the chapel at 9:00 AM. Sam will lead us in singing Christmas Carols. Afterwards, we will go to the fellowship hall for refreshments and a meeting.

If you have been thinking of attending UMW meetings, we urge you to come to our special Christmas meeting. Hostesses are Susie Wetzel and Mary Jo Cable. For information contact Eunice Wright at 660-885-5164 or 660-890-4049. Look forward to seeing everyone there.

Touching Heart, Changing Lives Generosity Program for 2018



Thank you to everyone who made a financial commitment to the church for 2018 on Commitment Sunday. We've already received 88 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.

If you were unable to turn in your pledge card on Commitment Sunday, you can turn it in to the church office, email your pledge to pledges@clintonumc.net or place it in the offering one of following weeks. Please prayerfully consider taking a step forward in your giving in 2018.

Kids Care about CARE!



The Middle School Sunday Funday class needs your help! We are helping to serve our community by gathering donations for CARE (Clinton Animal Rescue Endeavor). If you would like to help there will be a box in the Green Room to collect any of the following items the shelter can use:

Laundry Detergent (any kind), Bleach, Dishwashing Liquid, Hand Sanitizer, Clorox Wipes, Paper towels, Purina Kitten and Cat food, Pedigree dog and puppy food.

Or you can drop a monetary donation in the offering plate to help with their annual vet bills. We will be collecting until December 27th.



Worship Assistants

Gathering Music:

8:15—Frances Harvey
10:30—David Cummings

8:15 Song Leader:

Zac Maggi

8:15 Acolytes:

Ayson & Cale Zlnk

8:15 Ushers:

Greg & Carlene Lowe

8:15 Greeters:

Larry & Eunice Wright

Continental Breakfast:

Chester Jones

10:30 Greeters:

Larry & Charlotte Hager
Martha Welsh

Children's Time

Larry Dawson

Nursery helper 8:15

Sarah Goth

RECIPE



Recipe Sharing Project

Just for fun! Print page 5 of this newsletter and HAND WRITE your best loved recipe to share with the other folks. Maybe it's the recipe you bring to the potluck that everybody devours, or maybe it's one you've kept secret and now's the time to share! Anyone who participates will get a copy of everybody else's! Please bring to the office by December 14th!

Title:

From:

Ingredients

Instructions: