

Tower Views

Coming Up!

Sunday, September 17th

8:15—Early Service
 9:00—Continental
 Breakfast
 9:30—Sunday School
 10:30—Late Service

Monday, September 18th

5:15—Learner Bells
 6:00—Bells

Wednesday, Sept. 20th

3:00—Middle School
 UMYF
 3:30—Angelus Choir
 4:30—Acolyte Training
 5:00—High School UMYF
 6:00—Finance Meeting
 7:00—Chancel Choir

Friday, September 22nd

9:00—5th Quarter

Saturday, Sept. 23rd

7:30—UMM at Golden
 Corral

The destructive force of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma has been staggering. It's hard to comprehend how many houses have been damaged and how many people remain without power. The needs are great. Fortunately, our there are some simple but powerful ways we can respond:

- **Pray** – Please continue to pray for everyone impacted by the storms and those impacted by the wildfires and the earthquake in Mexico.
- **Give a Special Offering** – People from our church have already given over \$8,000 to support UMCOR (our United Methodist Committee on Relief). That is incredible!
- **Donate Hygiene Kits** – We are gathering Hygiene Kits to provide basic health supplies for those driven from their homes. Please see the list of all the items in a health kit in this newsletter. They youth are leading this collection.

I know this church has a giving heart. It is such a blessing to see your generosity!

Daily Bible Readings and Prayers

Sunday

Luke 11:1-4
 Pray the Lord's Prayer slowly & reflectively

Monday

Isaiah 40:28-31
 Pray for those who feel tired & weary

Tuesday

John 3:16-17
 Give thanks for God's sacrificial love

Wednesday

Psalms 51:1-13
 Confess your sins to God

Thursday

Matthew 6:19-21
 Ask God to remind you of the true treasure of life

Friday

Acts 2:42-47
 Pray for our church – especially for all of the people who serve faithfully

Saturday

Galatians 5:22-23
 Invite God to fill your heart with the fruit of the Spirit.

Prayer Concerns

John Moore
Shirley Bilbruck
Wilbur Slocum
Warren Smith
Connie Briggs
Arnie Drendel
Jill Bernard
Paul Martin
Angela Garbee
Harold Lam
Connor Moore
Sarah Duncan
Fred McAllister
Julia Carey
Mike Beaty
Nicole Fillipe
Gary Dubina
Mike Lester
Lucille Clayton
Marty Setzer
Paul Alldredge
Rick Wolf
Sharlene Wirsig
Sharolyn Kirby
Steve Coward
Jane Mautino
Shirley Stone
Rosie Banfield



Study Committee Focus Groups

Our Study Committee has been exploring new possibilities for ministry for our church and considering our need for a building renovation/expansion. They are currently hosting a series of focus groups. These gatherings are set up by life stage, to provide a focused dialogue with the Study Committee about our church, our community and our future.

Everyone has been, or will be, contacted about being part of a group. We hope everyone will be part of one of these conversations. If you have questions about the Focus Groups, please contact the church office at office@clintonumc.net or 885-5597.

Acolytes!

 It's time to start our 2017-2018 acolyte season. Any child from grade 2 through grade 5 is eligible to participate. An acolytes duties are lighting and extinguishing candles at the 8:15 service. We invite all children to assist with our worship service by serving as an acolyte. There will be a practice session with Brad and Susan Mosley after choir on **Wednesday, September 20th** at 4:30 in the sanctuary. Our first Sunday to acolyte will be September 24th. Please contact Susan Mosley at 660-351-3029 or smosley@hawthornbank.com if you would like your child to participate. A schedule for the year will be prepared and distributed to all participant families.

Worship Assistants

Gathering Music:

8:15—David Cummings

10:30—Marnie Bellamy

8:15 Song Leader:

Karen Switzer

8:15 Ushers:

Harrison Family

8:15 Greeter:

Marilyn Briggs

Continental Breakfast:

Dave & Kathy Garnett

10:30 Greeters:

Les & Fern Mason

Larry & Eunice Wright

Children's Time

Kelli Jenkins

Nursery helper 8:15

Deborah Elrod

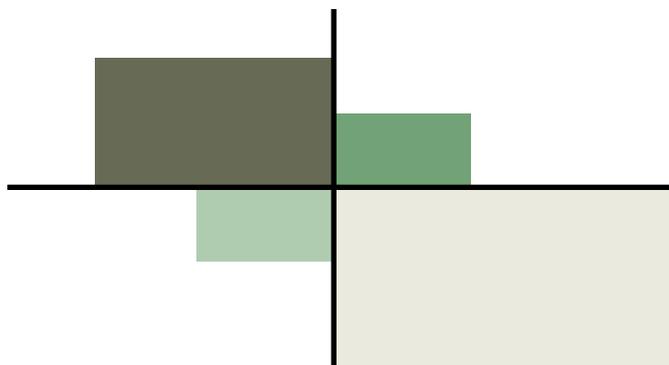
Make Your Giving Easy

Did you know you can still give while you are away! Using our electronic giving tools you can set up your giving as an automatic recurring gift or you can make a one-time gift by using our church app or text-to-give or through the church's website. Call the church office or see the cards in the pews for more information.

Hygiene Kit Materials Shopping List

All items must be new and towels should not be washed!

- ◇ **1 hand towel**, 15 x 25 inches to 17 x 27 inches (Kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber towels not acceptable)
- ◇ **1 washcloth**
- ◇ **1 comb**—needs to be sturdy and longer than 6 inches long, no pocket combs or picks please, rattail combs and combs without handles are acceptable with a minimum of 6 inches of teeth
- ◇ **1 metal nail file or nail clippers**—no emery boards, please
- ◇ **1 bath-size soap**—3 oz. and larger sizes only (no Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content and do not remove from original packaging)
- ◇ **1 toothbrush**, Adult size only and do not remove from original packaging
- ◇ **6 adhesive bandages**, ¾ inch to 1 inch-size (common household Band-Aids)
- ◇ **1 plastic one-gallon size sealable bag only**



Because of your generosity...

Submitted by Andy Pogue

Because of your generosity, I was able to travel to another country and experience God's love in a whole new culture. On January 28, 2017, I joined 18 fellow Christians on a week-long journey I will never forget. We were going to Jamaica to do mission work engulfing ourselves in the true culture of Jamaica. We spent our week traveling to orphanages, homes for the elderly and special needs, and girls' protection homes doing construction work and spending time worshipping God with the people.

Growing up in a very loving family, I have thankfully never had to experience what it is like to be an orphan. All of the orphanages we were able to travel to were phenomenal institutions allowing the children to attend school in a safe environment and giving them resources they need to one day leave the orphanage and succeed. In Mark 13-16, Jesus says "Let the little children come to Me. Don't stop them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I assure you: Whoever does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." We tried to keep Jesus's teachings in mind as we spent time with the children at the orphanages. Most of our time was spent playing and worshipping the Lord with them.

One of the memories from the orphanages will forever be with me. When I was not painting inside, I got to spend time with toddlers outside. The thing with the toddlers was that they did not get held by their caretakers much, so they just love to be held when people come to visit. This one

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little boy named Christopher loved for me to hold him. He liked me to take him by the palm trees on top of a hill overlooking a valley, so the views were just phenomenal up there. Christopher just liked to sit there - he fell asleep in my arms to me singing "Jesus Loves Me" and praying to God that he would have a good life.

At the other institutions, I spent a lot more time helping do construction work, but a few more memories of where I was able to share God's love with somebody do stand out. One of the memories that stands out to me took place at the West Haven Children's Home where 99 special needs children live. When I got off the bus, this girl who had issues with both her arms and legs and could not verbally communicate grabbed my hand and began walking me around the compound. She took me to a building where music was playing and began dancing to a worship song. God really spoke to me in that moment. I began seeing that even though people with special needs may have physical or psychological issues, they are still children of God and God loves them the same as anyone else.

My last distinct memory from my time doing mission work in Jamaica took place at one of the girls' protection homes where teenage girls, who have found themselves in bad situations that are out of their hands, go to take safe haven. The first day I had trouble connecting with the girls, and I did not really know how I could show them God's love. The second day God led me to Issiaa and allowed me to hear her story.

Issiaa told me that she was there on witness protection. She told me that her mother had passed away, and that her father lived in the United States, working as a manager. I asked her if she ever planned to travel to the United States to reunite with her father. She told me she probably would not. She seemed like a tough and resilient girl, but I still cannot imagine what it would be like to go through something like that. I left her a Life Book which is a gospel tract for teenagers and still to this day pray that everything works out for her.

Your contributions to the Clinton United Methodist Church go far past paying the bills to keep the lights on and water running, which are very important things; don't get me wrong. Your contributions go towards funding a ministry that reaches thousands of people not only in our own community of Clinton, Missouri but all over the world. Not only are your money contributions important to the ministry of the Clinton United Methodist church, but your time and efforts are too. If it was not for people like you, I would not have been able to grow up in such a wonderful church community learning about Christ. I know I would not be the person I am today if it were not for the phenomenal people who are members of the Clinton United Methodist Church.

