



Tower Views

December 18, 2014

Clinton United Methodist Church
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Brad Reed - Pastor
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Jennifer Kiely - Director of Children and Family
Everyone - Ministry Staff

This will be Red Sweater Sunday. I hope you will join us to experience the hope of the birth of Christ. Sunday will also be the annual Youth Bake Sale. Our middle school and high school youth will be selling all kinds of wonderful Christmas sweets and all the proceeds will go toward their mission trip to Colorado next summer.



Then we have two wonderful services planned for Christmas Eve. That day includes:

Christmas Eve Service - 4 pm
Holy Communion - 3-4 pm
Special Music by the Handbells & the Angelus Choir

Christmas Eve Service - 7 pm
Holy Communion - 6-7 pm
Special Music by the Chance Choir & Chancel Band
Child Care will be available during both services.

Remember the Invitation Tree outside the sanctuary door. It has ornaments that are labeled with our worship times for both Sunday mornings and Christmas Eve. I encourage you to take an ornament from the tree and share it with a friend, co-worker, classmate, neighbor or family member who doesn't have a church home. Christmas is a wonderful time for people to connect with Christ and the church!

We will host our annual Christmas Dinner at noon on Christmas Day. Please sign up on the Connection Card or contact the church office if you plan to attend.

I hope you're having a Christ-filled Christmas season. It's been a delight for me to share my first Christmas season with all of you!

- Brad



Sherry Rein, Jill Bernard,
Fred McAllister, Robin Hays
John Chapin, Rita Barbee,
Jo Stromberg, Becki McQuitty,
Debbie Mitchel, Harold Lam & Rhonda Smith

Advent Season Schedule

Dec 21	*Red Sweater Sunday & Bake Sale
Dec 24	*Christmas Eve Services - communion will be 1 hour prior to both services 4:00 pm (Handbells & Angelus Choir) & 7:00 pm (Chancel Band & Choir)
Dec 25	*Noon - Christmas Dinner
Church Office will be Closed Dec 24-Dec 26	

We have a NEW Young Adult Sunday School class that is forming at the first of the year! More details coming soon!



A Note from the Financial Secretary

As the year draws to a close, it is time to think about year-end finances. All offerings must be received in the church office by 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 30 in order to be credited on your 2014 giving record. Offerings received after that date will be added to your 2015 giving record.

Also, please remember to fulfill your 2014 pledge



Thank you to our church for the outpouring of love for Christmas Cheer. It was a huge success for our community in need, serving over 900 families and over 600 children. God bless you!

- Mary Jo and Susie

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 21

Youth Bake Sale - Red Sweater Sunday

8:30 - Early Worship Service

9:00 - Continental Breakfast

9:30 - Sunday School

10:30 - Morning Worship

Monday, December 22

8:00 - Staff Meeting

6:00 - Handbell Rehearsal, Room 204

7:00 - Adults Learners Bells

Wednesday, December 24

Church Office Closed

3:00 - Communion

4:00 - Christmas Eve Service

6:00 - Communion

7:00 - Christmas Eve Service

Thursday, December 25

Church Office Closed

Noon - Christmas Dinner

Friday, December 26

Church Office Closed

Daily Bible Readings

Sun I John 4:7-12

Give thanks for God's love in Jesus

Mon Matthew 1:18-25

Give thanks that God is with us every moment of every day

Tues John 1:1-18

Pray for our Christmas Eve Services - that God's spirit will fill our worship

Wed Luke 2: 1-20

Invite Jesus to be born in your heart & life in new & deeper ways

Thurs John 3: 16-17

Thank God for the gift of new life that is ours thru Christ Jesus

Fri Luke 2: 21-40

Pray for those who are feeling lonely or down during the holidays

Sat Matthew 2:1-12

Ask God how you might honor Jesus with a gift of service or resources

Offering Envelopes



2015 Offering Envelopes-

Your 2015 offering envelopes are ready to be picked up and are located on the table in the Green Room. Please do not start using these envelopes until 2015!

. If you do not have a box assigned to you and would like one, please call the church office.

The next *Tower Views* will be published January 8, 2015.

Our office will be closed December 24, 25 and 26 and December 31 at noon and January 1 so the staff can enjoy time with their families during the holidays.

The Church Staff wishes you and your family and very Merry Christmas!

Brad-Sam-Jennifer-Ashley-Ed-Ileene



Thank you so very much for your donation to F.A.I.T.H. Inc. Your generous gift has allowed us to insure that those in our program will have a blessed Christmas. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



Christmas Day Dinner

There will be a dinner at the church on Christmas Day at 12:00 noon. Turkey, dressing, and gravy will be provided - please bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert to share.

If you do not have any other plans on Christmas day, come and join in the celebration. It will be a great time of fellowship. Please call the church office (885-5597) to make a reservation for lunch, or to have a meal delivered to you if you are unable to get out.