

TOWER VIEWS

December 6, 2012

Clinton United Methodist Church
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MINISTRY STAFF
Dr. David A. Maggi - Pastor
Sam Lucas - Director of Music & Organist
Jennifer Kiely - Youth Leader
Rev. Carl Whitacre - Pastor Emeritus

advent

heaven is not so high
earth stretches skyward
in between the air is electric
songs will soon be sung
outreach of joy about to gush
now death lies uneasily
hope hovers near
it won't be long
shepherds shudder on the hillside
wise ones wend west
angels move earthward
you wait with wonder.



December 16 NO 8:30 SERVICE
10:30 Children's Christmas Program
December 21 Church Office Closed until Dec. 26
December 23 Red Sweater Sunday
Youth Bake Sale - both services
December 24 Christmas Eve Service
6:00 p.m.- Communion
7:00 p.m. - Service
December 25 Noon Christmas Day Dinner

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(corrected from last week)

Next Sunday
Children's Program - NO 8:30 Service



Attention Volunteers!

The church has signed up to ring bells at Wal-Mart and we need your help. We need bell ringers for Saturday, December 8 and Saturday, December 15. We need people to fill slots from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. each day. If you would like to volunteer to help please call Debbie Sieger at 885-4060.



We have ordered 45 poinsettias for the altar for the Christmas and Christmas Eve Services. The plants will be in 6" pots and will cost \$7.00. If you would like to reserve a poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one, please call the church office at 885-5597. They will be reserved on a first come-first serve basis.

2013 Offering Envelopes-
It will soon be time to start getting offering envelopes for 2013 ready. If you do not currently have envelopes and would like to be assigned a number, please call the church office at 885-5597.



Linda Wareham, Steve Cummings,
Martha Aldridge, Dennis Maruszak,
Cheryl Sites and Aaron O'Roark

Let us remember our world's leaders in our prayers.

Sorry for any confusion but the UMW meeting will be on Friday, December 14 at 1:30. When I was typing the calendar I put it on the wrong Friday!
-Ashley

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 9

- 8:30 - Early Worship
- 9:00 - Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 - Youth Council
- 9:30 - Sunday School
- 10:30 - Morning Worship

Monday, December 10

- 8:00 - Staff Meeting
- 4:00 - Clinton Cougars
- 5:15 - Cub Scouts
- 6:00 - Handbells

Wednesday, December 12

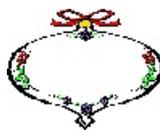
- 10:00 - Bible Study
- 3:00 - 5:30 - UMYF
- 3:30 - Angelus Choir
- 6:00 - NYC and Washington DC, Communiversity
- 6:00 - Chancel Band
- 7:00 - Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 13

- 6:00 - Cool Cats, 4-H

Friday, December 14

- 1:30 - UMW General Meeting



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.



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 Wednesday, December 26 in order to be credited on your 2012 giving record. Offerings received after that date will be added to your 2013 giving record. Also, please remember to fulfill your 2012 pledge



Worship Assistants



Greeters- Rocky and Kathi Austin
Dale and Dottie Dunn

Ushers - Mark Parker and Holly Thornton

Sound System - 8:30 - Larry Wright
10:30 - Marlin and Sherry Rein

Gathering Music - 8:30 - Brenda Ford
10:30 - Janice Santero

Children's Sermon - Pam Jones

Acolytes - Morgan Hendrich and Emma Gover



Thank you to the Henry Family for donating the beautiful new Advent Wreath in memory of Irene Henry. Also thank you to Sandy Houchen for decorating the wreath so beautifully!

Thank you to Penny Barker for donating the nativity scene out front - also thank you to Fred and Carolyn McAllister for setting up the nativity and Jamie and Olivia Kiely for wiring the lighting up for it!



Gentlemen:

Thank you for the donation of chili from your fund-raiser. Your timing could not have been better. We planned to have chili at our staff meeting on Friday (the next day) And I was in the process of purchasing supplies when the call came of your donation! On behalf of all the grateful men and women of the Sheriff's Office, thank you for thinking about us in your kindness!



May God bless each of you,
Kent Oberkrom and Staff



Dear members of the Clinton UMC,

Thank you for your generous donation. \$500 will buy many books for us to give out. To date, we have 2 adult students being tutored and have given over 1300 books through Henry County Public Health. Your support through the years is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely, Jackie Morales - Literacy Council