



# Tower Views

## Coming Up!

### **Sunday, December 10th**

8:15—Early Service  
9:00—Continental Breakfast  
9:30—Sunday School  
10:30—Children's Program  
3:00—Carols in the Chapel with Sam

### **Monday, December 11th**

6:00—Study Committee  
6:00—Chancel Bells

### **Wednesday, December 13th**

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

### **Sunday, December 17th**

#### **Red Sweater Sunday Youth Bake Sale**

8:15—Early Service  
9:00—Continental Breakfast  
9:30—Sunday School  
3:00—Carols in the Chapel with Sam

Advent is in full swing. Sunday will be another special day of worship.

Early Service – 8:15 am

Regular Worship

Late Service – 10:30 am

Children's Christmas Program

Carols in the Chapel – 3 pm

Hosted by Sam Lucas

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.

We are also busy spreading God's love! Christmas Cheer was a wonderful success as always, serving more than 900 families here in Henry County. We have people ringing bells for the Salvation Army next week. And our Christmas Offering this year will go to help families in need in our community through our Assistance Fund.

It is a blessing for me to share this wonderful season with all of you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam Lucas".



United  
Methodist  
Women

### Tomorrow! United Methodist Women to Meet

This 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. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

## Prayer Concerns



Gene Price  
Margaret Coleman  
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 Cary  
Nicole Fillipe  
Gary Dubina  
Mike Lester  
Lucille Clayton  
Marty Setzer  
Rick Wolf  
Sharlene Wirsig  
Sharolyn Kirby  
Jane Mautino  
Shirley Stone  
Rosie Banfield



### 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.

#### Sunday, December 17th

Red Sweater Sunday with all the glorious red Poinsettias and the Youth Bake Sale.

#### Christmas Eve - December 24th

Morning Worship 8:15 & 10:30

Communion at 3:00 and 6:00

Christmas Eve Services 4:00 and 7:00

#### Christmas Day - December 25th

Christmas Dinner at 1:00

### Hurry! Poinsettias for Christmas are going fast!

Only 5 poinsettias have not been spoken for, so call or stop by the office so you can purchase one for \$8.00 and dedicate it in memory or honor of some one. You can pick up your poinsettias after the 7:00 service or on Christmas Day.



### 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 27<sup>th</sup>.

### 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 102 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](mailto:pledges@clintonumc.net) or place the card in the offering. Please prayerfully consider taking a step forward in your giving in 2018.

### Worship Assistants

#### Gathering Music:

8:15—Brenda Ford

10:30—Janice Santero

#### 8:15 Song Leader:

Kelli Jenkins

#### 8:15 Acolytes:

None this week

#### 8:15 Ushers:

Greg & Carlene Lowe

#### 8:15 Greeters:

Carroll & Judy McVeigh

#### Continental Breakfast:

Fred McAllister

#### 10:30 Greeters:

Larry & Charlotte Hager

Nancy Fleming &

Betty Braun

#### Children's Time

Pam Jones

#### Nursery helper 8:15

Susie Wetzel

### Finance Committee Update

2017 has been a wonderful year for our church and its ministries. Our youth and children's ministries are growing. We started a new young adult Sunday School class and launched four Partners in Prayer groups. Our music ministries and outreach efforts continue to thrive.



But as we approach the end of the year, our income has not covered the cost of all these great ministries. At the end of November our income was \$391,378 and our expenses were 411,287, leaving us with a shortfall of \$19,909.

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 better position financially.

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

Brad and Jim Switzer

**Blue Christmas Service**  
**Thursday, December 21 at 5:30 pm**

This will be a somber service on the shortest day of the year for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one this Christmas season. It will be a time to both acknowledge our pain and affirm God's grace and hope. This service will be led by Peggy Eshelman and Brad Reed. Everyone who would find it helpful is invited to attend.



**Thank You!**



A big thanks to everyone who attended the Sing A Long and helped raise about \$1,600 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.

**Psssst.....Did you know?**

**No matter where you are, you can give to our church offering through "Text-to-Give."** Use your cell phone to send a text to 77977 with the message "CMOUMC." It will reply with a text message with a link that will take you to the mobile website for our electronic giving provider – PushPay – where you can choose to make either a recurring gift or a one-time gift using your credit card or checking account. The next time you do, it's even easier



because it remembers you! You can set it up to repeat on a weekly or monthly schedule. Safe and secure through PushPay! Call the church office if you need more information.



**Daily Bible Readings and Prayers**

**Sunday** Isaiah 7:14

Thank God for coming to us in Jesus

**Monday** Isaiah 9:2,6-7

Pray for peace & unity for the world

**Tuesday** John 14:27

Offer your worries to God & receive God's peace

**Wednesday** Colossians 3:12-15

Give thanks for God's gifts of the heart

**Thursday** Philippians 2:1-11

Pray for a humble spirit like Jesus

**Friday** Romans 15:13

Give thanks for God's hope, joy & peace

**Saturday** 1 Timothy 1:15-17

Invite God to cleanse your heart



**Recipe Sharing Project**

**Just for fun!**

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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:**