

March 21st, 2019



Coming Up!

Sunday, March 24th

8:15—Early Worship
 9:00—Fellowship Time
 9:30—Confirmation
 9:30—Sunday School

Monday, March 25th

5:00—Ukuleles
 5:15—Pickleball/Ping Pong
 5:15—Learner Bells
 6:00—Bells
 7:00—Guitars

Tuesday, March 26th

8:30—Pickleball & Ping Pong

Wednesday, March 27th

Noon—Lenten Service
 3:00—Middle School UMYF
 3:30—Angelus Choir
 5:00—High School UMYF
 6:00—Church Chancel Band
 7:00—Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 28th

8:30—Pickleball & Ping Pong

Friday, March 29th

9:00—Literacy Council
 6:00—Evening Confirmation
 Group

New Pastor Announced!

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Jim Simpson, met with our Staff-Parish Committee earlier this week to introduce our new pastor. We are pleased to announce that Rev. Steve Blacksher will be coming to Clinton from Ozark, Missouri. Here is a brief introduction of Steve:

Steve is a native of southwest Missouri who has been a pastor in the United Methodist Church for over 15 years. He is married to Natalie, the love of his life for over 33 years. They both enjoy spending time outdoors (hiking, bicycling, canoeing, and skiing of the snow variety) and time with family. Their oldest son Andy, daughter-in-law Kristen, and grandsons Zachary and Nathan live in the Lake of the Ozarks area. Their youngest son, Ethan, and daughter-in-law Allison, live in Cuba, Missouri.

Prior to serving as a pastor in the United Methodist Church, Steve spent 17 years in the food processing and manufacturing business in the production, quality assurance, and business management fields. After sensing a call into formal ministry, in 2005, he began attending Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, Oklahoma and graduated in 2009. In June of 2011, he was ordained as an Elder in the United Methodist Church.

Prior to coming to Clinton United Methodist Church, Steve was appointed 6 years as pastor in the Ozark United Methodist Church (Ozark, MO), four years as the associate pastor in the Church of the Shepherd (St. Charles, MO), and four years as pastor in the Byers Avenue United Methodist Church.

Steve and Natalie will be moving to Clinton the first week of July and his first Sunday with us will be July 7. Please keep them in your prayers as they make for this transition.

Wendell Hoffman
 Staff-Parish Chair



This Sunday

Gathering Music:

8:15—David Cummings

10:30— Marnie Bellamy

8:15 Song Leader:

Gary Dubina

8:15 Ushers:

Mike & Tonya Harrison

8:15 Greeters:

McAllisters & Cables

8:15 Acolytes:

Annie & Brooklyn Johnson

Continental Breakfast:

Darlene Woods & Shirley Jordan

10:30 Greeters:

Dawsons & Austins

Children's Time:

Larry Dawson

Bus Driver:

Travis Smith



Scholarships!

It's scholarship time! The Clinton United Methodist Church will be offering twelve one thousand dollar scholarships to church members who are continuing their education. 2019 High graduates and those students already in a post high school program may apply. Applications are available now and can be picked up in the church office or call the office to have them emailed to you. They are due April 8th with two recommendations.



Lawn Crosses

Lent is a season that draws our hearts and minds to the cross of Jesus. This year to deepen our focus on the power of the cross, we have Lenten Lawn Crosses that you can put in your yard in observance of Lent. Each cross comes with three cloths to be draped over it – a purple, a black and a white cloth.

The Lawn Crosses will be available just outside the sanctuary. There is no charge for a cross, but donations will be received to cover the cost of the materials. Any extra funds received will go to the youth mission trips.

Prayers are needed for:

Charlsie Shoemaker, Ted Bolich, Maxine Evans, Jill Bernard, Wilbur Slocum, Clifford Inbody, Betsy Owens, Matt Palmer, Ryan Bitler, Virginia Wood, Danny Miles, Steve Winther, Karen Partridge, Jeremy Thomas, Jim Bilbruck, Jarrod Boyles, Donny Burton, Tom Ross, Caroline Wilson, Melvin Dennis, Arnie Drendel, Vickie Sims, Sharlene Wirsig, Norma Grimsley, Jean Ann Sidwell, Chastity Gillen, Margie Best, Rick Wolf, Mike Lester, Rosie Banfield



Daily Bible Reading and Prayer

Sunday

Mark 4:35-41

Give thanks for Jesus' power to calm our fears

Monday

Luke 12:22-32

Give your worries to God

Tuesday

Psalms 27:1-3

Pray for those facing challenges

Wednesday

Romans 8:31-34

Pray for those who struggle with fear

Thursday

Matthew 8:5-13

Give thanks that nothing can separate us from God's love

Friday

Joshua 1:1-9

Ask God to help you be strong and courageous

Saturday

John 14:27

Give thanks for God's peace



Pot Luck

Time for a Potluck Lunch! Everyone is invited at 11:30 am on Sunday, March 31st after church. Bring a dish to share and join us for a time of fellowship and food!



Church-Wide Clean-Up Coming

Mark your calendars for the church-wide clean-up on April 13th starting at 9 AM. There will be projects for all skill levels both inside and outside the church. We'll spruce it up so everything looks nice for Easter and all our guests!

A Few Tables for Sale Yet!

We would like to get rid of a couple more old 8' tables that are currently stored under the stage. If you'd like some for a \$5 donation each, let the office know.

Thank You

Thank you for the many prayers, cards, calls and flowers expressing concern and sympathy for passing of my dear brother Donald Ross Kelsey.

We are arranging a Celebration of Life for June 1, 2019 at 2:00 at the Elks Banquet Room. We would be so pleased for our church family to join us.

John and Jean Graham

Thanks so much for all who have turned in empty computer printer ink cartridges for recycling. Our last batch earned \$73.90 and through the years we have received \$2,642.55 for Special Mission projects!

Sam

Thank you to Don Turner who used his woodworking craftsmanship to make two planter stand boxes so when the band or bells are performing, the flowers on the altar will be elevated and we can see them better!