



Tower Views

November 25, 2014

Clinton United Methodist Church
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Thank you to everyone for a spectacular Thanksgiving Sunday. It was a blessing to see the line as everyone brought forward their Thanksgiving Cards and Commitment Cards. Thank you to everyone who made a financial commitment. I'm pleased to share that we've already had 87 commitments and 36 of those included an increase in their giving. Your generosity is awesome!



The Thanksgiving Dinner was wonderful as well. Thank you to everyone who came, and especially to the great team of folks who made all the preparations. Then we had a packed sanctuary for an outstanding Community Thanksgiving Service. All the choirs were wonderful, especially our two choirs. Thank you to everyone who helped welcome the community.

Now Advent is almost upon us. This Sunday, November 30, will be the first Sunday of Advent. We have lots of great things planned. There will be special opportunities for worship, fellowship, study and giving. I hope you'll find many ways to be a part of all the festivities.

Our Advent/Christmas celebration this year will include several new wrinkles:

Pictures with Santa is planned for our children and families on Wednesday, December 3.

A regular 8:30 Worship Service is planned in addition to the Children's Musical during the 10:30 Worship Service on Sunday, December 14.

Then we will offer Two Christmas Eve Services - one at 4 pm and one at 7 pm - with Holy Communion offered prior to both services.

I look forward to sharing this holy season with you. I look forward to experiencing many of your traditions and beginning some new ones together.

- Brad

 Advent Season Schedule 


Nov 30	9:30 am - Advent Activities for Sunday School kids in gym
Dec 3	5:00 - 6:30 pm - Family pictures with Santa - gym
Dec 14	10:30 am - Angelous Choir Christmas Program (we will still have 8:30 service)
Dec 21	Red Sweater Sunday & Bake Sale
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Services 4:00 & 7:00 pm
Dec 25	Noon - Christmas Dinner



On December 3rd we are having a party with Santa Claus. Bring your parents to the gym at 5:00 pm and have dinner, decorate sugar cookies, get your family picture taken with Santa, and make a frame to take home!

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.



 Sherry Rein, Jill Bernard,
Fred McAllister, Robin Hays
George Wackerman, Suzetta Busby,
Jo Stromberg, Becki McQuitty,
Debbie Mitchel, John Chapin,
Harold Lam, Rhonda Smith and Kent Cable

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 30

- 8:30 - Early Worship Service
- 9:00 - Continental Breakfast
- 9:30 - Sunday School Advent Activities
- 10:30 - Morning Worship

Monday, December 1

- 8:00 - Staff Meeting
- 6:00 - Handbell Rehearsal, Room 204
- 7:00 - Adults Learners Bells

Tuesday, December 2

- 1:00 - Homebound Visitation

Wednesday, December 3

- 10:00 - Bible Study and Prayer, Board Room
- 3:30 - UMYF
- 3:30 - Angelous Choir
- 5:00 - Family Pictures with Santa
- 6:00 - Witness Meeting
- 6:00 - Finance Meeting
- 6:00 - Chancel Band
- 7:00 - Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 4

- 5:00 - Cub Scouts

** Worship Assistants**

Greeters- Carol Cockrell and Mary Beth Zink
Mary Ann Hartzler and Sara Campbell

Ushers - 8:30 - Jim Sandi Cox

Gathering Music - 8:30 - Frances Harvey
10:30 - David Cummings

Children's Sermon - Jennifer Kiely



Explore the Christmas Story
Sunday Mornings at 9:30 am
During Sunday School in Advent, Brad will be leading a discussion of the Christmas story as recorded in Luke's Gospel. Everyone is invited to join this group in the conference room from 9:30-10:00 am, beginning on Sunday, November 30.

Offering Envelopes



2015 Offering Envelopes-
It will soon be time to start getting offering envelopes for 2015 ready. If you do not currently have envelopes and would like to be assigned a number, please call the church office at 885-5597.

Daily Bible Readings

- Sun Isaiah 9:6
Give thanks for Jesus, the Prince of Peace, and invite him into your heart
- Mon Psalm 85: 8-13
Pray for peace across America
- Tues Isaiah 11: 1-6
Pray for peace & justice among people of all races
- Wed Isaiah 2: 1-4
Pray for peace around the world
- Thurs Isaiah 55: 10-12
Pray for peace within our families
- Fri Matthew 5: 1-12
Pray for grace to be a peacemaker
- Sat Isaiah 7:14
Give thanks that God is with us thru it all - good times & hard times

Christmas Cheer -

The Samaritan Center will be handing out items for just two days; because of the short amount of time they will need many workers! If you would like to volunteer please call 885-4340 to discuss volunteer times with Mary Jo. Any donations can be brought to the church by December 8. Any and everything is appreciated!



Membership Gathering
Sunday, December 7 at 6:30 pm
Would you like to become a member of this church? Pastor Brad Reed will be hosting a Membership Gathering to talk with anyone interested in learning more about our church and the commitments of membership on Sunday, December 7 at 6:30 pm. Please contact Brad if you need child care, if you are interested in membership but are unable to attend the gathering or if you have questions.



A HUGE thank you to everyone who contributed to the Blanket Sunday offering! We have raised \$5000 towards the purchase of the blankets! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!!!