



# TOWER VIEWS

December 13, 2012

Clinton United Methodist Church  
601 S. Fourth St. · Clinton, Missouri  
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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

melchior the magi

melchior the magi  
made his way  
toward bethlehem.  
it seemed  
a wise thing  
for a wise man  
to do.  
the remedial  
read books  
but melchior the magi  
studied stars.  
one star stood  
out in the night sky  
because it seemed  
to be moving.  
melchior the magi  
followed the star  
with a few friends  
and found,  
when the star stopped,  
on a stack of straw  
a baby boy  
wiggling into it's warmth.  
melchior the magi  
knew enough  
not to try to  
make sense of the scene,  
so showing his wisdom,  
he laid aside logic  
and worshiped. wise.

d maggi



In this issue of Tower Views we have enclosed your Christmas offering envelope. Again this year the offering will go into the Pastor's Discretionary Fund and will be used to help our friends in need. Please make your check payable to the church and write "Christmas Offering" in the memo.



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

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 and Larry Rowe

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

Clinton UMC-



Thank you for your gift in Tyler's honor. Your assistance has helped ease the financial burden. Your generosity will be remembered always.

- Rachel Fracassa

## Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 16

NO 8:30 Service

9:00 - Birthday Cake for Jesus

9:30 - Sunday School

10:30 - Children's Christmas Program

Monday, December 17

8:00 - Staff Meeting

6:00 - Handbells

Wednesday, December 19

10:00 - Bible Study

3:00 - 5:30 - UMYF

3:30 - Angelus Choir

6:00 - Chancel Band

7:00 - Chancel Choir

Friday, December 21

Church Office Closed



Worship Assistants



Greeters- Rocky and Kathi Austin

Dale and Dottie Dunn

Sound System - 10:30 - Larry Hager

Gathering Music - 10:30 - Frances Harvey

Dear church members,

Thanks so much for the use of the Hoverround and wheelchair. Although our house proved to be a bit small for their use, I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness and prayers and seem to be improving every day.

In Christian Love,  
Martha Aldridge



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



## 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.

To our Clinton UMC family –

Just as our lives were changed immeasurably by a courageous little girl named Olivia, so also have your love and support blessed us. We are grateful for the prayers, cards, notes and gifts. You have helped ease the journey of the past nine years and especially have helped us the past few weeks. We will remember and treasure your kindness.

In faith and friendship,

Deanna and Brandt Hendrich and family



## Flower Calendar for 2013



Each Sunday flower arrangements for the sanctuary's chancel area are provided by members and friends of the church. If you are interested in donating flowers, please sign up (one family per week) on the flower calendar located on the bulletin board by the library.

We want to say thank you to our church family for all the prayers for our sister-in-law Cheryl Sites. Cheryl lost her courageous battle with cancer on Sunday.

Thank you for your love and support.

-Ralph & Linda Sites

