



Tower Views

December 4, 2014

Clinton United Methodist Church
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Brad Reed - Pastor
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Everyone - Ministry Staff

The Advent/Christmas season is in full swing. The church was alive last night with children and families as we hosted Children's Christmas Party. It was a blessing to see their energy and excitement. We also have folks ringing bells for the Salvation Army this week. I'm looking forward to taking a turn on Saturday at Country Mart with my son. Please keep all the ringers in your prayers.



This coming week will bring the joy of Christmas Cheer. Please be in prayer for all of our volunteers. This is a massive undertaking that brings enormous joy. Please pray for all the families who will be served, also. They all need our prayers along with our generosity.

Please mark your calendar for all the festivities coming up, as well:

- Dec 14 Regular Worship at 8:30 am
Children's Christmas Musical at 10:30 am
Carol's in the Chapel at 4:00 pm
- Dec 21 Red Sweater Sunday & Youth Bake Sale
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services at 4:00 & 7:00 pm
- Dec 25 Churchwide Christmas Dinner at noon

We will also be receiving our special Christmas Offering. Those funds will go to the church Assistance Fund to help people in our own community in times of need.

I know there are a lot of things going on this time of year, but let's all remember to keep Christ at the center of our Christmas celebration!

- Brad



Sherry Rein, Jill Bernard,
Fred McAllister, Robin Hays
George Wackerman, Rita Barbee,
Jo Stromberg, Becki McQuitty, John Chapin,
Debbie Mitchel,, Harold Lam & Rhonda Smith



Advent Season Schedule



- Dec 14 *10:30 am - Angelous Choir
Christmas Program
(we will still have 8:30 service)
- Dec 21 *4:00 Carols in the Chapel
- Dec 24 *Red Sweater Sunday & Bake Sale
*Christmas Eve Services
4:00 & 7:00 pm
- Dec 25 *Noon - Christmas Dinner
Church Office will be Closed Dec 24-Dec 26

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.



We thank God for the life among us of Suzetta Busby, a member of this church since 2009. Our love and sympathy to her family on her death November 27.



We thank God for the life among us of Mozelle Gretzinger, a member of this church since 1978. Our love and sympathy to her family on her death November 30.



We thank God for the life among us of Faye Jeffery, a member of this church since 1958. Our love and sympathy to her family on her death December 2.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 7

8:30 - Early Worship Service

9:00 - Continental Breakfast

9:30 - Sunday School

10:30 - Morning Worship

Monday, December 8

- Christmas Cheer Set Up Begins -

8:00 - Staff Meeting

4:00 - Clinton Cougars

6:00 - Handbell Rehearsal, Room 204

7:00 - Adults Learners Bells

Wednesday, December 10

10:00 - Bible Study and Prayer, Board Room

NO UMYF

3:30 - Angelus Choir

6:00 - Witness Meeting

6:00 - Church Council

6:00 - Chancel Band

7:00 - Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 11

- Christmas Cheer Distribution -

Friday, December 12

9:00 - UMW

5:00 - Greufe Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, December 13

12:00 - Greufe Wedding

** Worship Assistants**

Greeters- Larry and Charlotte Hager

Ushers - 8:30 - Greg and Carlene Lowe

Gathering Music - 8:30 - Frances Harvey

10:30 - David Cummings

Children's Sermon - Jennifer Kiely

Christmas Comes to our Concert Series



"Carols in the Chapel" is the theme for Sunday, December 14, 4:00 p.m. as you have the opportunity to come to the Chapel, hear the 1873

Hook & Hastings organ, and join in singing Christmas carols. Sam will take your requests for carols! So, mark the date and get ready for some fun singing and maybe some surprises along the way. Come ready to sing, laugh, relax, and prepare for Christmas.

Daily Bible Readings

Sun Luke 1: 5-25

Pray for those struggling to get into the spirit of Christmas

Mon Luke 1: 26-38

Give thanks for Mary's Faithfulness

Tues Luke 1: 39-45

Give thanks for all those people who have encouraged you over the years

Wed Luke 1: 46-56

Offer a prayer of praise to God

Thurs Luke 1: 57-66

Pray for all the children in your family, our church & our community

Fri Luke 1: 67-80

Ask God to show you His purpose for your life - today and for the future

Sat Micah 5:2

Give thanks that God often uses the lowly & unexpected to do great things



We thank God for the care, calls, cards, visits and especially the prayers that our church family made on our behalf during Kent's illness. And we thank you.

- Kent and Mary Jo



On behalf of the Hospitality Committee a special thank you to the Bettyrae Fluke family on their generous contribution for the bereavement dinners.

- Debbie Sieger



Thank you so much for thinking about our family at this time. The food the ladies brought was such a blessing.

- Joann Whiting and family



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.