



PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers for those in nursing home or assisted living

Mary Lou Preston Charla Wedel Eva Lee Stewart
John & Judy Jordan Thelma Chand Jamie Shaddon

Prayers for healing or for comfort in difficult circumstances

Don Miller Leon Evans Charles Nimmo
Pat Kelley Jasmin Ruyle Mary Lou Preston
Logan Watkins Helen Jones Judd Walpole
Juan Martinez Robbye Meaders Sylvia Robart
Chelsea Blakeburn Mary Evans Don Avery
Jamie Harrelson Joe Chittum Angie Snider
Family of Gail Ashcraft Francisco Martinez Bob Ford

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Pianist Carla Cruson

OFFICE HOURS
M-TH 9:00 am - 5:00 pm (Closed Fridays)

New Website: www.clintonfumc.church
The next deadline for Sower articles is Wednesday, December 17, 2025

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS
12/1 Shane Aneshansley 12/14 Yvonne Carpenter
12/1 Aaron Hunter 12/19 Mirand Evans
12/2 Nadine Douglas 12/20 Eva Lee Stewart
12/4 Fred Atha 12/21 Gerald Kelley
12/4 Rick Weedon 12/22 Kevin Wolters
12/6 Sherre Shephard 12/31 John Steiner
12/6 Calvin Lively
12/12 Lisa Wandrie
12/13 Mike McClendon
Note: If your name is not on the birthday list, please contact the church office at 323-3179 birthday to our list. Thank You, Kim Snider

9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
FACEBOOK LIVE & WEBSITE LIVE
(Clinton First United Methodist Church on Facebook)
(www.clintonfumc.church)
10:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL (all ages)
Church Office: 580-323-3179
Pastor Diana Pruitt's cell number: 405-596-1702
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Monday Monthly December 1, 2025

The mission of our church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World.
Loving God; Loving Others; and Living Out Our Faith

Lighthouse Congregations are local churches in the Oklahoma Annual Conference that are willing to offer ministry to anyone whose church has closed or disaffiliated and who wish to remain a United Methodist.

The following is a great article by one of my professors and a prolific author and teacher – Dr. Leonard Sweet. Indeed, O come, O come, Emmanuel.

E = Emmanuel: The Divine Equation of True Humanity

The difference between human and humane isn't a typo. It's the difference between a mob screaming, "Crucify Him! Give us Barabbas!" and a Savior whispering, "Father, forgive them." Strip God out of the equation, and humanity collapses into the calculus of the crowd:

- Addition by subtraction.
Multiplication by division.
Peace through pieces.
Unity through elimination.

The math of the mob never balances. Hatred squared only multiplies loss. Violence times violence is always zero-sum. The missing variable? The Divine "WITH." Emmanuel.

Add God-with-us, and everything changes:
The victim becomes the Victor.
The crucified wears the crown.
The bleeding turns to blessing.

With Emmanuel, true humanity emerges:
Forgiveness instead of payback.
Blessing instead of cursing.
Love that divides hatred until only grace remains.

The "E" in humane is the Eternal equation:

Empathy instead of enmity.
Embrace instead of elimination.
Eternity's horizon instead of earth's shortsightedness.

Without Emmanuel, we stay merely human – violent, fearful, vengeful.
With Emmanuel, we become humane – merciful, loving, free.

E = Emmanuel, Emmanuel = Everything.
The math is solved. The answer is love.
The choice is ours.
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

Blessings, Diana





For unto us  
a child  
is born,  
to us  
a son is given  
Isaiah 9:6



- ♦ **Sunday, Dec. 7:** 2nd Sunday of Advent “Peace”- Communion - The Apostle’s Creed - Alms Giving for the Needy.  
9:00 am Choir Practice
- ♦ **Sunday, Dec. 14 :** 3rd Sunday of Advent “Joy”- Christmas Cantata -Missions-Collect “Canned vegetables” for Opportunities, Inc.  
Turkey Meal & Potluck sides - See details on the next column.  
9:30 am Choir Practice  
10:00 am Worship Service
- ♦ **Sunday, Dec. 21:** 4th Sunday of Advent “Love”  
9:00 am Choir Practice
- ♦ **Wednesday, Dec. 24:**  
6:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- ♦ **Sunday, Dec. 28:** Coins for Missions



*Advent Readers*

- **Nov. 30 “Hope” - Joe & Eileen Chittum**
- **Dec. 7 “Peace” - Matlock Family**
- **Dec. 14 “Joy” - Lowry Family**
- **Dec. 21 “Love” - McClendon Family**
- **Dec. 24 “Christ Candle” - Wolters Family**



Sunday  
December 14  
10:00 a.m.

“Turkey” Meal & Potluck after Christmas Cantata in the Fellowship Hall.  
“Church Meal”  
Church will provide Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Bring Potluck Sides

**CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY & FRIDAYS**



**“Second Sunday Servant”**



Carla Cruson & Sally Sappington helped collect “Spaghetti sauce & Spaghetti noodles” for Missions on November 9, 2025 for Opportunities, Inc  
Carla Cruson then delivered these items to Opportunities, Inc.

**December 14, 2025  
“Canned Vegetables”**



Methodist Women Dear Ladies of the Church,  
Clinton Methodist Women met in the fellowship hall this month. We had a relaxed meeting. We discussed the year and everyone felt it had been a successful year to date with more relaxed meetings and passing the Hat in place of fundraisers.  
We will be celebrating Christmas at our annual Christmas Party on December 8th at Lucille's. Please plan to be there at 11:30 for lunch and bring a wrapped Christmas ornament.  
Your CMW President,  
Diana McClendon  
817-919-4599

“HANDBELL CHOIR”  
Handbell Choir will continue to practice Wednesdays at 5:30 pm.  
No practice on Wednesday 12/24 and 12/31.  
Blessings,  
Nancy Rodolph - Handbell Choir Director

Free Medical Clinic  
“No Clinic in December”  
Will Resume  
Thursday, January 8 @ 4:00 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service  
Wednesday Dec. 24 at 6:00 pm

**THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS**  
The Twelve Days of Christmas was created in England during a time of religious persecution when Catholicism was outlawed in the 16th to 18th centuries. The song, “The Twelve Days of Christmas, was written as a kind of secret catechism that could be sung in public without fear of arrest - a learning or memory aid to Christians in fact. Each verse refers to a teaching of church doctrine - with the partridge being Christ who died on a tree and the “True Love” being God the Father, who gave us all gifts. The twelve days of Christmas are the twelve days between Christmas Day, Dec. 25th, the birth of Jesus, and the Epiphany, Jan. 6th, the day Christians celebrate the arrival of the Magi (Wise Men) and the revelation of Christ at the light of the world.  
**Shared by Shirley Clayton**

Dear church, family,  
We will have choir practice Sunday morning and Wednesday evening through December 14. We will have a lengthy choir practice the night of Wednesday, December 10. There will be no choir practice December 17 through January 6. Our first choir practice will be January 7. The morning of the cantata, December 14, we will begin practice at 8 AM.  
God bless all,  
Shirley Clayton—Music Director  
(580) 214-0457

**Bible Study** “Adult Bible Study”  
JOIN US EVERY THURSDAY  
Time: 6:30 pm  
Place: Leon Evan’s Home  
1604 Park Ave (No Bible Study 11/27)  
Clinton, OK 73601  
For Questions - Call Leon Evans (580) 309-0728

**METHODIST MEN** CLINTON METHODIST MEN’S MEETING & BREAKFAST  
Tuesday - December 2, 2025 - 7:00 am  
Fellowship Hall  
Contacts: Joe Chittum - (580) 331-7261  
Jimmy Evans - (580) 331-8640

**\*\*Note from Shirley Clayton\*\***  
I painted 12 oval boards that are 5’ x 4’ and they are in 12 yards here in Weatherford starting with my yard at 1109 N. Terrace Dr. They will be set up and ready for viewing, lit up at night, after Thanksgiving. You might wait until about the second week of December to make sure everybody’s got theirs up.

*Each element in the song is a code word for religious truth:*  
The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus  
2. The two turtledoves are the old and New Testaments.  
3. Three French hens stand for faith, hop and love.  
4. The four calling birds are the four Gospels.  
5. The five gold rings recall the Hebrew Torah (Law), or the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Old Testament.  
6. The six geese a-laying stand for the six days of creation.  
7. The seven swans a-swimming represent the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.  
8. The eight maids a-milking are the eight Beatitudes.  
9. Nine ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit.  
10. The ten lords a-leaping are the Ten Commandments.  
11. Eleven pipers piping represent the eleven faithful Apostles.  
12. Twelve drummers drumming symbolize the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles Creed.  
**\*\* See Note above from Shirley Clayton\*\***

**ALL COMMITTEE MEETING’S REMINDERS**  
♦ Weekly Bulletin Announcements  
♦ Facebook  
♦ Monthly Sower & Calendar - Mailed  
♦ Website - clintonfumc.church

**Practice Schedule December**  
♦ **Wednesday Bells @ 5:30 (No Prac. 12/24) Choir @ 6:30 (No Prac. 12/17, 12/24 & 12/31) Sunday Choir Practice 9:00 am**  
**Committee Meetings**  
♦ **Methodist Men’s Mtg:** Tuesday Dec. 2 at 7:00 am in the FH  
♦ **Methodist Women’s Mtg:** Monday Dec. 8 at 11:30 am “Christmas Party” @ Lucille’s  
♦ **Finance Committee Mtg:** Tuesday Dec.16 at 5:30 pm  
♦ **Trustee Committee Mtg.:** Monday Dec. 22 at 6:00 pm

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