THE SOWER

Wednesday	Monthly	July 1, 2026

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.

Watermelon is almost synonymous with the 4th of July. There's something wonderful about cutting into a cold watermelon on a hot day. Then you have the question of whether you put salt on it or sugar on it or eat it as it is! Everyone has their preferences and ideas of "the best" way to enjoy it. Life and faith work that way as well. There are usually many opinions and ideas presenting themselves as truth. How do we discern what is God's way?

James 1:5 "If anyone of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives *generously* to all *without finding fault*, and it will be given to you." Jesus said this in Matthew 7:7 "ask, and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (a good verse to pray before reading your Bible!) The point is that God gives us that wisdom generously if we will but ask. That's about being obedient also. The difference between the wise and foolish men who were building houses was in their obedience. It doesn't say the foolish man was a horrible person – or that they didn't know better – it's all in what they chose to do. What did they act on?

Jesus' way is pretty clear. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the law and the prophets hang on these two commandments."

We always need to consider – is my faith making me more like Jesus? Nothing else in this world matters. Love God, Love People.

Have a fun and safe 4th of July – give thanks – love others.

Blessings!

Rev. Diana Steiner

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers for those in nursing home or assisted living

Judy Jordan, Charla Wedel, Jamie Shaddon, Thelma Chand, Tom Javorsky

Prayers for healing or for comfort in difficult circumstances

Don Miller, Leon Evans, Pat Cornell, Pat Kelley, Judy McAtee, Eric Shephard, Helen Jones, Judd Walpole, Debbie Gaylon, Clois Jeffries, Patricia Littke, Brett Stroud, Mae Anderson, Matt Baker, Cheryle Harms, Quincy Matlock, Bonnie Mandrell

Family of Rosemary McBee (Nancy Rodolph's cousin)

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/1	Cindy Wolters	7/14	Matt Evans
7/3	Bob Ford	7/18	Sonya Pearson
7/3	Traci Heerwald	7/19	Bret Matlock
7/4	Anita Fransen	7/25	Shelley Lively
7/5	Brandii Goossen	7/26	Vicki Mannering
7/8	Bryce Wolters	7/28	Kathy Allison
7/8	Thelma Chand	7/29	Dana Matlock
7/11	Michael Heerwald		
7/11	Diana McClendon		
7/13	Steven Cornell		

Note: If your name is not on the birthday list, please contact the church office at 323-3179, to have your birthday added to our list. Thank You, Kim Snider

First United Methodist Church Staff

Ministers	The baptized members of the church
Rev.	Diana Steiner: djpruitt87@gmail.com
Church Secretary	Kim Snider: clintonfumc580@gmail.com
Music Director	Shirley Clayton
Hand Bells Director	Nancy Rodolph
Pianist	Carla Cruson

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

9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
FACEBOOK LIVE & WEBSITE LIVE
(Clinton First United Methodist Church on Facebook)
(www.clinontfumc.church)
10:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL (all ages)

Church Office: 580-323-3179
Rev. Diana Steiner's cell number: 405-596-1702
Rev. Diana Steiner's Email: djpruitt87@gmail.com

New Website: www.clintonfumc.church
The next deadline for Sower articles is Tuesday July 21, 2026

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PERIODICALS
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Office Closed
Thursday
July 2nd
(July 4th Holiday)

- **Thursday, July 2:** Office Closed (July 4th Holiday)
- **Sunday, July 5:** Communion & Alms Giving
  9:30 am Worship Service
  10:45 am Sunday School
- **Sunday, July 12 :** Collect "Spaghetti Sauce" for Opportunities, Inc.
  9:45 am Worship Service
  10:45 am Sunday School
- **Sunday July 19**: "POT LUCK ONLY" After Worship
  10:00 am Worship Service
  No Sunday School
  After worship service - Pot Luck Only!
- **Sunday, July 26:** Coins for Missions
  9:30 am Worship Service
  10:45 am Sunday School

ALL COMMITTEE MEETING'S REMINDERS

- Weekly Bulletin Announcements
- Facebook
- Monthly Sower & Calendar - Mailed
- Website - clintonfumc.church

No Practice Schedule
June - August

- **Bell Choir & Choir Practices will reume after Labor Day.**

Committee Meetings

- **Methodist Men's Mtg**: Tuesday July 14 at 7:00 am FH
- **Methodist Women's Mtg**: Resume mtgs after Labor Day
- **Finance Committee Mtg:** Tuesday July 21 at 5:30 pm
- **Trustee Committee Mtg.**: Monday July 27 at 6:00 pm

Watch our Worship Services anytime, anywhere!
You can watch our services on our Facebook Page: **Clinton First United Methodist Church**.
Or, you can now watch our services on our Website: **clintonfumc.church**.

Share Our Facebook Services: you never know who you might reach with the good news of Jesus!

FOR ONLINE DONATIONS PLEASE GO TO OUR NEW WEBSITE:
clintonfumc.church
Click on the "donate" button

Everyone is invited to watch the fireworks!
Friday - July 3rd - 9:00 pm (Dusk)

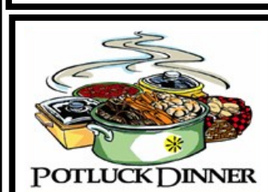
Mike & Diana McClendon's Home
22697 E 1030 Road - Clinton

Bring Your Chairs & Drinks
Bug Spray Provided

METHODIST MEN

CLINTON METHODIST
MEN'S MEETING & BREAKFAST
Tuesday - July 14, 2026 - 7:00 am
Fellowship Hall
Contacts: Joe Chittum - (580) 331-7261
Jimmy Evans - (580) 331-8640
** (Now meeting the 2nd Tuesday of every month.) **

LAY SERVANT TRAINING - CLINTON
Saturday - August 29, 2026
First United Methodist Church
1001 Frisco Ave. - Clinton, OK
Interested: Contact Rev. Diana Steiner
405-596-1702 djpruitt87@gmail.com



Potluck Dinner Only
Sunday
July 19, 2026
After worship service

Ther will be a church thinking session to follow.

"Missions"
John Steiner & Steve Brown helped collect "Snacks" for Missions on June 14, 2026 for Opportunities, Inc
Carla Cruson then delivered these items to Opportunities, Inc.
Thank You!

July 12 2026
"Spaghetti Sauce"

Methodist Women

Dear Ladies of the Methodist Church

CMW won't be meeting again until September. Everyone have a fabulous summer. Come back refreshed and ready to join with us for a great fall of fun.

Our December meeting will be a day trip to an undisclosed location. It will be quite a treat. Hope to see you all in the fall.

Diana McClendon
CMW President
817-919-4599

"The Chosen" Season 2, Episode 1
Begins
Sunday July 12th @ 4:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

"Adult Bible Study"
JOIN US EVERY THURSDAY
Time: 6:30 pm
Leon Evan's Home
1604 Park Ave, Clinton, OK 73601
For Questions - Call Leon Evans (580) 309-0728

Clinton - Al-Anon Meetings
Every Wednesday at 12:00 pm
First United Methodist Church - 1001 Frisco (Parlor)

Clinton – AA Meetings:

- **Location: Mission House – Kitchen - Blue House (Corner of 7th Street & Hayes)**
  Monday 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
  Wednesday 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
  Friday 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
  Sunday 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

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- **Location: Sleeps Bakery**
  2231 Gary Blvd., Clinton, OK
  Sunday & Monday @ 7:00 pm

Dear Church family,
No Wednesday night choir practice and no Sunday morning practice. We would love it if someone wants to sing or give some kind of special. Just let us know.

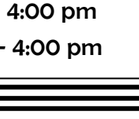
God bless all,
Shirley Clayton
Music Director
(580) 214-0457

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD

HANDBELL CHOIR

Our Handbell Choir will resume after Labor Day. Enjoy your summer!

Blessings,
Nancy Rodolph
Bell Choir Director (590) 445-71902



FOOD RESOURCES

CLINTON MISSION HOUSE KITCHEN:
Building on Hayes (Between 7th & 8th Street)
Serves (3) Free Meals to the Public

- **Breakfast (M, W, F): 6:30 - 7:30 a.m.**
- **Lunch (M-Sunday: 11:30 - 12:30 p.m.**
- **Supper (M-Sunday): 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.**

Food Truck – Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday @ 10:00 am

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OPPORTUNITIES, INC:
2250 W Modelle, Clinton, OK
(M-TH 9-12 & 1-3pm)
(580) 323-4373 oppincok.org

Anyone can come for a food box as long as they qualify.

Free Medical Clinic
Thursday July 9 - 4:00 pm
Thursday July 23 - 4:00 pm