



PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers for those in nursing home or assisted living

Judy Jordan Jamie Shaddon Charla Wedel
Thelma Chand Tom Javorsky Cheryle Harms

Prayers for healing or for comfort in difficult circumstances

Leon Evans Judy McAtee Quincy Matlock
Helen Jones Carole Hatcher Eric Shephard
Mae Anderson Judd Walpole Debbie Gaylon
Matt Baker Patricia Littke Jeannie Engel
Bonnie Mandrell Sha (Engel) Carpenter
Family of Nadine Douglas
Family of Don Miller

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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 Thursday October 22, 2026

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/3 Leon Evans 10/29 Steve Brown
10/6 Ron Wollmann 10/31 Larry Dawson
10/12 Tom Jaworsky
10/15 Lillian Heerwald
10/15 Julie Littke
10/19 Kate Biggers
10/28 Catherine Poe
10/29 Campbell Matlock

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

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

Rev. Diana Steiner’s cell number: 405-596-1702

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THE SOWER

Thursday

Monthly

October 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.*

You guide me with your counsel, leading me to a glorious destiny. Psalm 73:24

We often say we long to hear God’s voice. Yet is a part of us reluctant? Perhaps we have some lingering doubts that nag us into believing that God will call us to do something beyond our capabilities or that it will be something terribly painful, after all, God sent His only son to a cross! We forget the cross was not the end but rather the beginning of new life. Too often we approach God as a parent who asks us to eat our vegetables and never gives us dessert. We sometimes think that the Kingdom of God is where we go when we die, but beloved it is here and now. “The Gospel is less about how to get into the Kingdom of Heaven after you die and more about how to live in the Kingdom of Heaven before you die.” (Dallas Willard)

We can trust that God loves us and wants the best for us. Sometimes the path is difficult, but not always. Did David have hard times? Yes – but not always. It’s true that our lives will not go smoothly all the time and that there are times we will have to endure pain and loss, but not always. Pain and loss are a part of living in this imperfect world. But God (those 2 words change EVERYTHING), sees us in our pain and loss and frustration and failure. He loves us and strengthens us and encourages us. With God, the worst things aren’t the end of the story.

Don’t assume that God’s path for you is difficult or hurtful. It may not always be easy, but we can be sure that there is nothing to lose in having the courage to seek His heart and listen to His voice – and everything to gain. God is always good, and we are always loved.

Blessings, Diana



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PERIODICALS
THE SOWER
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10/31 turn back
1hr at bedtime.

Worship Committee

Meeting
10-1-2026
TBA

- ♦ **Sunday, October 4:** World Communion Sunday & Alms Giving
9:30 am Worship Service
10:45 am Sunday School
- ♦ **Sunday, October 11:** Collect "Canned Tomato Products" for Opportunities, Inc.
9:30 am Worship Service
10:45 am Sunday School
- ♦ **Monday, October 12:** Indigenous Peoples' Day - Office Closed
- ♦ **Wed. Oct. 14 - Sat. Oct. 17:** Women's Retreat to Alamosa, Colorado
- ♦ **Sunday October 18:**
9:30 am Worship Service
10:45 am Sunday School
- ♦ **Sunday, October 25:** Coins for Missions / Meal in FH
10:00 am Worship Service
"Admin Council Committee Meeting - After Meal"

Wednesday Practice Schedule
Handbells 5:30 pm
Choir 6:30 pm

Sunday Practice
Choir 9:00 am



- Committee Meetings
- ♦ **Methodist Men's Mtg:**
Tuesday Oct. 13 at 7:00 am FH
 - ♦ **CMW - Annual Women's Guild**
at Cornerstone Church:
Mon. Oct. 12 at 6:30 pm
 - ♦ **Finance Committee Mtg:**
Tuesday Oct. 20 at 5:30 pm
 - ♦ **Trustee Committee Mtg.:**
Monday Oct. 26 at 6:00 pm
 - ♦ **Admin Council Mtg:**
Sunday Oct. 25 after Meal in FH

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



LAY SERVANT TRAINING "Basic & Advance Courses"

Saturday - Oct. 24, 2026

Clinton First UMC - 1001 Frisco Ave.

Contact: West District Office
(580) 248-3343 westdistrict@okumc.org

Contact: Rev. Diana Steiner
405-596-1702 djpruitt87@gmail.com



CLINTON METHODIST MEN'S MEETING & BREAKFAST Tuesday - October 13, 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.) **

Women's Retreats
Renew • Restore • Refresh



Alamosa, CO October 14 - 17th



All Saint's Sunday
November 1, 2026
9:30 a.m.

A Candle will be lit for the following

Eva Lee Stewart
John T Jordan
Christa Miller
Charles Nimmo
Mary Lou Preston
Ellen Poulson
Pat Cornell
Clois Jeffries
Nadine Douglas
Don Miller



"Missions"
Carter Wandrie & Bryan Clayton helped collect "Packaged Rice & Beans" on September 13, 2026 for Opportunities, Inc.

Carla Cruson then delivered these items to Opportunities, Inc.



October 11, 2026
"Canned Tomato Products"



Dear Ladies of the Church,

The September 2026 meeting of CMW was held in the parlor.

Donations in lieu of a fund raiser were collected. Diana Steiner suggested a special collection could be taken up any month during church service that has a fifth Sunday. All members agreed this was a good idea. Since the attendance at our monthly meetings is down, we wanted to give the opportunity to others to donate to Clinton Methodist Women's missions. Current missions are CPS Backpack, CPS Winter Feed, and the Mission House. It was also decided to add Host Ministries as a fourth mission.

An invitation to the Annual City-Wide Women's Guild Salad Supper was shared. It will be held Monday, October 12 at 6:30 pm at Cornerstone Church, 1900 Lexington Avenue in Clinton. This Annual event brings women of all church affiliations together for a time of fellowship and worship. Two ladies should go together to create and bring one salad. Dessert will be provided. Come on ladies—Let's set a goal to represent FUMC in large numbers!!!! Let's show our enthusiasm for fellowship and representing our church.

Yours in Christ,

Diana McClendon, CMW President



Clinton Methodist Women's Missions

(Donation's in lieu of a fundraiser.)

Donation Basket will be in the Narthex

Every Month with a 5th Sunday.

CPS Backpack CPS Winter Feed
Mission House Host Ministries



MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2026 @ 6:30 PM

CORNERSTONE CHURCH
1900 LEXINGTON
CLINTON, OK 73601

THIS ANNUAL EVENT BRINGS WOMEN OF ALL CHURH AFFILIATIONS TOGETHER FOR A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP AND WOSHIP.
TWO LADIES SHOULD GO TOGETHER TO CREATE AND BRING ONE SALAD. DESSERT



Dear Church family,

We continue to have choir practice on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm and Sunday mornings at 9:00 am.

We are having a wonderful time working on our weekly anthems and our Christmas cantata.

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



HANDBELL CHOIR

Our Handbell Choir continue Wednesday practice at 5:30 pm.

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



Free Medical Clinic Schedule

Thursday Oct. 8 - 4:00 pm

Thursday Oct. 22 - 4:00 pm (Doctor)

Thursday Nov. 12 - No Clinic
Thursday Nov. 26 - No Clinic

Thursday Dec. 10 - No Clinic
Thursday Dec. 24 - No Clinic

2027
Returning on the
2nd & 4th
Thursdays.



O pen your heart to God's daily grace.
C hoose peace over worry.
T rust His timing in every season.
O vercome fear with faith.
B less others with kindness.
E mbrace His Word as your anchor.
R est in His unfailing love.

- MINDFUL CHRISTIANITY

