

PRAYER REQUESTS



Prayers for those in the nursing home or assisted living

Mary Lou Preston Charla Wedel Eva Lee Stewart
Thelma Chand Jamie Shaddon Gail Ashcraft

Prayers for healing or for comfort in difficult circumstances

Don Miller Leon Evans May Evans
Jack & Pat Kelley Charles Nimmo Gail Burns
John & Judy Jordan Shelley Lively Sue Riggers
Marian Tisdal

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Pianist Carla Cruson

NEW OFFICE HOURS
M-TH 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Closed Fridays)

New Website: www.clintonfumc.church
The next deadline for Sower articles is Monday April 21, 2025

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/9 Greyson Weedon
4/10 Quinn Weedon
4/14 Palmer Matlock
4/15 Sherry Jarvis
4/16 Roger Snider
4/18 Donna Snider
4/21 Susan Riggers
4/22 Kim Snider
4/23 Dusty Biggers
4/28 Caroline Biggers

Note: If your name is not on the birthday list, please contact the church office at 323-3179 so we can add your 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 Temple Diehl's Cell number: 405-331-0123
Pastor Temple Diehl's Email: NoBgDiehl@aol.com

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THE SOWER

Tuesday Monthly April 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.

Beloved,

I am writing this while we are under a fire watch and the wind is wild. I think March needs to get to the goes out like a lamb part.

This really does make me think about our Holy Spirit blowing as it will. Holy Spirit shows up and wild things happen.

I am also thinking about Lent and the need we have to go through this time of preparation so that we arrive at the cross and empty tomb differently than we started.

We continue to think about our faith in many ways. What needs to fall away so that we are closer to God? What do we need to pick up so that we are closer to God? What does our faith say about our life and how we meet people where they are?

I am looking into the question: Do we have a fight the world faith vs. a love your neighbor faith? It is a constant struggle to love our neighbors when they are not just like me! Yet, Jesus loves us all the time. Jesus is our biggest cheerleader, we can do it!

I pray that this middle part of Lent is nourishing you and that we are all falling more in love with God.

Much Love,
Temple

PS Jason told me that our neighbors are walking through our neighborhood picking a trash can that is close and taking it home! It is the wind!





EASTER
He is Risen
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- ♦ **Sunday, April 6:** 5th Sunday in Lent Holy Communion & Alms Giving for the Needy.
- ♦ **Sunday, April 13: Palm Sunday 10:00 am** Easter Cantata - Brunch after worship service. Missions - Collect "Cereal" for Opportunities, Inc.
- ♦ **Sunday, April 20: Easter Sunday 9:30 am** Easter Egg Hunter after worship service Apostle's Creed
- ♦ **Monday, April 21:** Office Closed
- ♦ **Sunday, April 27:** Collect Coins for Missions

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

APRIL 2025 Practice Schedule

Sunday am
9:00 am Choir Practice

Wednesday pm
5:30 pm Bell Choir Practice
6:30 pm Choir Practice



COMMITTEE MEETING REMINDERS

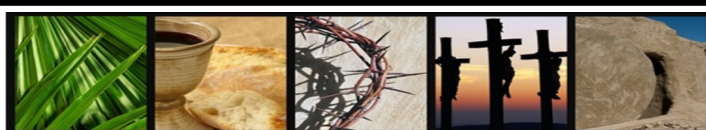
- ♦ **Methodist Men's Mtg**
Tuesday, April 1 at 7:00 am
- ♦ **Methodist Women's Mtg**
Monday, April 14 at 1:00 pm
In the Parlor
- ♦ **Finance Committee Mtg**
Tuesday, April 15 at 5:30 pm
- ♦ **Trustee Committee Mtg**
Monday, April 21 at 6:00 pm

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



"Holy Week"

- ♦ **Palm Sunday - April 13 @ 10 am**
The beginning of Holy Week and Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.
- ♦ **Maundy Thursday - April 17 @ 6 pm**
(Meal in the Fellowship Hall)
"Jesus' Last Supper"
- ♦ **Good Friday - April 18th - No Service**
Christian holy day observing the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary.
- ♦ **Easter Sunday - April 20 @ 9:30 am**
"Jesus' has Risen"



METHODIST MEN
CLINTON METHODIST MEN'S MEETING & BREAKFAST
Tuesday - April 1, 2025 - 7:00 am
Fellowship Hall
Contacts: Joe Chittum - (580) 331-7261
Jimmy Evans - (580) 331-8640

FREE MEDICAL CLINIC
♦ Thursday - April 10 at 4:00 pm
♦ Thursday - April 24 at 4:00 pm
♦ Thursday - May 8 at 4:00 pm
♦ Thursday - May 22 at 4:00 pm



"Second Sunday Servant"

Joe & Eileen Chittum helped collect "Canned Green Beans & Peas" for Missions on March 9, 2025 for Opportunities, Inc.



Carla Cruson then delivered to Opportunities, Inc. Thank You!

April 13 "Cereal"

Methodist Women Dear Ladies of the Church,
If you were unable to attend the March meeting, YOU WERE MISSED!!!! Christmas in the Park was discussed to help raise money for Opportunities inc. Beverly talked about her involvement in it last year, which is held the first of December. The ladies agreed to volunteer to help in this endeavor. Carla talked about how she takes groceries once a month to Opportunities – she said she would be glad to give up that job if anyone else wants it. Nancy gave the devotion about a mistreated orphan who was adopted by a preacher and his wife in Alabama and went on to become a golfer in the PGA. Then we convened to the Fellowship Hall and enjoyed a spirited game of UNO. Nancy provided a delicious Chocolate cake with ice cream.
Our next meeting will be April 14, at 1:00 pm in the Parlor. April is "Poetry Month". We have invited Yvonne Carpentar to come and share "Poetry" with us. She may even offer us the opportunity to compose our own poem. Who knows?!?!? It should be a lot of fun!
Your CMW President
Diana McClendon

CLINTON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH & COMMUNITY RESOURCES
SECOND SUNDAY SERVANT: Every month a certain food item is requested by Opportunities, Inc, depending what their needs are. Then, we collect these items on the 2nd Sunday of every month during worship service.

COINS FOR MISSIONS: Last Sunday of the Month, coins are collected for missions.
ALMS GIVING: 1st Sunday of the month – offerings given. We assist people in need in the Clinton/Arapaho area with Utility Cutoffs.
Contact church office at 323-3179.

(We assist through Clinton Ministerial Alliance/Mission House & referrals to Salvation Army in Elk City, OK)
SALVATION ARMY-ELK CITY: They assist with utilities, rent for Custer, Beckham, Washita & Roger Mills Counties. Call 580-225-5500 x2

CLINTON MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE: Assistance through Clinton Churches & Mission House (Requires a Ministerial Alliance Letter from Jennifer Lee, Mission House Director for Clinton local churches to help with assistance.)

FREE MEDICAL CLINIC: Every 2nd & 4th Thursday of the Month 4:00 pm.
Nov. & Dec. they only meet on the 2nd Thursday 4:00 pm

CUB SCOUTS: Meet Every Monday at 6:30 pm upstairs in the Theater Room. (No meetings during the summer.) They will have camping trips in the summer.

BOY SCOUTS: Meet Every Monday at 6:30 pm in the Scout Hall. They will meet some in the summer and they will take camping trips in & out of state.

AL-ANON ONLY: Meet Every Wednesday at 12:00 pm in the Church Library.



Dear Church, family,
Throughout the month of April choir practice will remain the same on Wednesday nights at 6:30. The choir will perform a cantata on Palm Sunday. We will talk a little later about when we want to meet to practice that morning. Unless we change it, (and we will for Palm Sunday) choir will continue to practice every Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.
God bless all,
Shirley Clayton
Music Director
(580) 214-0457



Bell Choir practices
Wednesdays at 5:30 pm
Nancy Rodolph
Bell Choir Director—580-445-7192



All activities are "weather permitting." In the case of cancellations, we will try to notify as many people as we can via the church Facebook page, and OKC Television stations.
Be safe and stay warm!

COMMUNITY FOOD RESOURCES

MISSION HOUSE:
300 S 7th Street, Clinton, OK
Serves (3) Free Meals to the Public.

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

Food Truck – Every 1st Tuesday @ 10:00 am
(Has fed up to 179 families)

OPPORTUNITIES, INC:
2250 W Modelle, Clinton, OK
(M-TH 9 am Noon & 1-3 pm)
Anyone can come for a food box as long as they qualify.

CORNERSTONE CHURCH:
1900 Lexington, Clinton, OK
Has a food bank available.

CONNECTION FOOD & RESOURCE CENTER
122 S 8th Street – Weatherford, OK
Monday: 2-6 pm
Tuesday & Thursday: 10 am - 2 pm
W, F, Sat & Sunday: Closed



Feeding the Hungry

