



PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers for those in nursing home or assisted living

Judy Jordan Charla Wedel Jamie Shaddon
Thelma Chand

Prayers for healing or for comfort in difficult circumstances

Don Miller Leon Evans Pat Cornell
Pat Kelley Judy McAtee Joe Chittum
Helen Jones Juan Martinez Judd Walpole
Eric Shephard Patricia Littke Matt Baker
Mae Anderson Debbie Gaylon
Family of Christa Miller Family of Mary Lou Preston
Family of Charles Nimmo

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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 May 18, 2026

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 5/2 Brent Atchley 5/28 Charla Wedel
5/9 Shirley Clayton 5/29 Flo Gathright
5/9 Landon Littke 5/29 Ryan Fransen
5/11 Craig Hunter 5/31 Dianna Jeffries
5/14 Eilleen Chittum
5/18 Helen Jones
5/18 Addyson Littke
5/24 Jill Atchley
5/28 Ann Marcy

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)

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Friday Monthly May 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.

During the feast of Pentecost, the crowd was surprised that a bunch of hillbillies (Galileans) were speaking in many languages found throughout the Roman world. Then the religious leaders are further amazed when this same group of local yokels start quoting scripture and teaching with authority although they have had no formal training.

God often speaks through the people we least expect to be able to bring us a message from God. That is nothing new to God. Gideon was hiding in a winepress when the angel of the Lord appeared to him – he argued, ‘hey, I’m nobody and nobody will listen to me or believe me or follow me. My tribe is the least of all in Israel, my clan is the least and I am the least!’ But that is the good news. With God, we are enough.

There is a wonderful song by Jason Gray “Remind Me Who I Am.”

When I lose my way, and I forget my name
Remind me who I am
In the mirror all I see, is who I don't want to be
Remind me who I am
In the loneliest places, when I can't remember what grace is. . .

When my heart is like a stone, and I'm running far from home,
Remind me who I am
When I can't receive your love, afraid I'll never be enough,
Remind me who I am
If I'm your beloved, can you help me believe it

Tell me, once again, who I am to you, who I am to you,
Tell me lest I forget, who I am to you, that I belong to you . . .

I'm the one you love, I'm the one you love.
That will be enough, I'm the one you love.

I love that song because there are times we all face those feelings of inadequacies or burn out. We think we're done and have nothing left to give, but if we are still breathing, God still has plans for us.

My prayer is that we will learn to listen for God's voice even in the least likely places and people. May we always remember that God is always good and we are always loved. And because we trust that, we can expect to hear God's voice even in the unexpected events of life.

Pentecost Sunday is Sunday, May 24 – don't forget to wear red for the fire of The Spirit (about the only time I'll ask you to wear that color – ha!)

Blessings, Diana





- ♦ **Sunday, May 3:** Communion & Alms giving  
9:30 am Worship Service  
10:45 am Sunday School
- ♦ **Sunday, May 10:** Mother's Day  
Collect "Pasta Sauces" for Opportunities, Inc.  
9:30 am Worship Service  
10:45 am Sunday School
- ♦ **Sunday, May 17:** Ascension Sunday - Handbell Choir  
9:30 am Worship Service  
10:45 am Sunday School  
2-4:00 pm Piano Recital in Sanctuary - Shirley Clayton
- ♦ **Sunday, May 24:** Day of Pentecost **(Wear RED!!!)**  
Coins for Missions  
9:30 am Worship Service  
10:45 am Sunday School
- ♦ **Monday, May 25:** Memorial Day - Office Closed

**ALL COMMITTEE MEETING'S REMINDERS**

- ♦ Weekly Bulletin Announcements
- ♦ Facebook
- ♦ Monthly Sower & Calendar - Mailed
- ♦ Website - [clintonfumc.church](http://clintonfumc.church)

**Practice Schedule May**

- ♦ **Wednesday Bells @ 5:30**  
**Choir @ 6:30**
- ♦ **Sunday Choir @ 9:00**

**Committee Meetings**

- ♦ **Methodist Men's Mtg:** Tuesday May12 at 7:00 am FH
- ♦ **Methodist Women's Mtg:** Monday May11, 11:30 Pato's Rest.
- ♦ **Finance Committee Mtg:** Tuesday May19 at 5:30 pm
- ♦ **Trustee Committee Mtg.:** Monday May18 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](http://clintonfumc.church).

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

*Grateful Givers*

**FOR ONLINE DONATIONS PLEASE GO TO OUR NEW WEBSITE:**  
[clintonfumc.church](http://clintonfumc.church)  
Click on the "donate" button

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

Thursday  
May 7, 2026  
Starting at 9:00 am  
Sanctuary  
Wooden East Side  
Doors Will Be Open

The National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 7th. If you like, the Sanctuary will be available with prayer prompts in a quiet atmosphere.  
If you are praying from home please remember our church, community, and nation, as well as the many persecuted Christians around the world. And remind your family and friends.

**Happy Mother's Day**

To all mothers and other mothers.  
On "May 10th" we will have gifts for all the women. Please pick one up in the baskets in the Narthex as you enter or leave.

**Annual Conference OKC**  
**May 28, 29 & 30**

Nancy Rodolph & Brian Clayton helped collect "Tomato products & Spaghetti sauces" for Missions on April 12, 2026 for Opportunities, Inc  
Carla Cruson then delivered these items to Opportunities, Inc.

**May 10, 2026**  
**"Pasta Sauces"**

Methodist Women

Dear Ladies of the Methodist Church

We had a very pleasant meeting in April. We would love to see some more friendly faces at our meetings. Barbara Griffin shared the Story of the 3 Trees with us. We all wanted a copy to share with our grandchildren.

Our May Meeting will be held at Pato's Mexican Restaurant on Monday, May 11 at 11:30. I will send out a text and Group Me message so we can get a count for seating at the restaurant. This will be our last meeting until September so if you can be there, we love to get caught up with everyone.

Diana McClendon  
CMW President  
817-919-4599

"The Farmer"

Pray for safe and bountiful wheat harvest for all farmers!  
They feed us all!

**Free Medical Clinic**  
Thursday May 14 - 4:00 pm  
Thursday May 28 - 4:00 pm

*Thank You!*

Thank you for supporting the CHS Mock Trial Program  
From:  
Clinton High School Legal Team

Dear Church Family,

We will continue to have choir practice on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm and Sunday mornings at 9 o'clock. We will continue with choir until the end of May. Then we will resume choir after Labor Day in September.

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

**HANDBELL CHOIR**

Sunday, May 17th, our Handbell Choir will be presenting our final gift of worship. We'll resume after Labor Day.

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

**Bible Study**

"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

**METHODIST MEN**

**CLINTON METHODIST MEN'S MEETING & BREAKFAST**  
Tuesday - May 12, 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.) \*\*\*

God says you are

UNIQUE (Psalm 139:13)  
SPECIAL (Ephesians 2:10)  
LOVELY (Daniel 12:12)  
PRECIOUS (1 Corinthians 6:20)  
STRONG (Psalm 118:137)  
CHOSEN (John 15:16)

**MEMORIAL DAY**  
REMEMBER AND HONOR

**Monday, May 25th**