



PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers for those in nursing home or assisted living

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

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 Brett Stroud
Bonnie Mandrell
Family of Nadine Douglas

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Hand Bells Director Nancy Rodolph
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 September 17, 2026

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/1 Cheryl Lowry 9/19 Diana Steiner
9/4 Lucie Sewell 9/21 Judy McAtee
9/6 Courtney Heerwald 9/29 LaShelle Atha
9/7 Bryan Mannering 9/30 Debra Blanchard
9/13 Carla Cruson 9/30 Mark Rodolph
9/14 Terry Matlock
9/16 Amy Hunter
9/18 Caleb Blanchard

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)

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THE SOWER

Tuesday

Monthly

September 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.

The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. Day after day
they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. Psalm 19:1-2

Every aspect of the universe tells us something about God. But could it be possible creation speaks more specifically than that? Our lives are filled with meaningful sights and sounds and smells that remind us of special times or significant events we've experienced in life, often at incredibly opportune moments. Perhaps these "coincidences" are really "God-incidences," God's way of speaking to us through his creation.

Just as everyone's experience in life is unique, so are the means God uses to communicate with each of us. The particulars vary from person to person, just as we have all had different experiences, but the principle is the same – God communicating to us in meaningful ways through the world around us. Just as the heavens declare God's glory to all, creation can also speak to each one of us specifically. If we are to receive these messages of grace and hope, we must learn to become aware of the Glory of God surrounding us, each and every day.

So here's a helpful exercise – you have homework! Close your eyes – think of sitting in your living room. As you are thinking of your living room - what are the first 5 things you see? Write them down. Then discover how each of these things remind us or teaches us about Relationship with God. Everything is gift, and everything can be a way to receive a blessing and become a blessing. It's all about learning to see God in and with us at all times and all places. That makes all the difference in everything! We start to see the world around us, our homes – everything as gift. So what will you do with your gifts to-day?

If you aren't dead, you aren't done, so remember – be full of sap and keep producing that fruit of the spirit no matter what your age! (Read Psalm 92)

Blessings!
Rev. Diana





NATIONAL BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

- ♦ **Sunday, September 6:** Communion & Alms Giving
9:30 am Worship Service
10:45 am Sunday School
- ♦ **Monday, September 7:** Labor Day - Office Closed
- ♦ **Sunday, September 13: "Grandparents Day"**
Worship Committee will celebrate with a meal & invite your grandchildren to play games.
Collect "packaged rice & beans" for Opportunities
10:00 am Worship Service
No Sunday School
- ♦ **Sunday September 20:**
National Back to Church Sunday!
9:30 am Worship Service
10:45 am Sunday School
- ♦ **Sunday, September 27:** Coins for Missions
9:30 am Worship Service
10:45 am Sunday School

Practice Schedule
Starts Back
Wednesday
Sept. 9
Handbells 5:30 pm
Choir 6:30 pm

Sunday Practice
Sept. 13
Choir 9:30 am



Committee Meetings

- ♦ **Methodist Men's Mtg:**
Tuesday Sept. 8 at 7:00 am FH
- ♦ **Methodist Women's Mtg:**
Monday Sept. 14 at 1:00 pm Parlor
- ♦ **Finance Committee Mtg:**
Tuesday Sept. 15 at 5:30 pm
- ♦ **Trustee Committee Mtg.:**
Monday Sept. 28 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!



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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 - September 8, 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.) **



Grandparents Day



Sunday
Sept. 13,
2026
10:00 am



Sunday Worship Service
Sept. 13, 2026 @ 10:00 am

Worship Committee will
Celebrate with a Meal
in the Fellowship Hall.
Invite your
grandchildren to come
play games too.

Monday
Sept. 7, 2026
Office Closed



"Missions"
Sally Sappington &
Bill Jackson helped collect
"Canned Vegetables"
on August 9, 2026 for
Opportunities, Inc.
Carla Cruson then
delivered these items to
Opportunities, Inc.
Thank You!



September 13, 2026
"packaged rice &
beans"



Dear Ladies of Clinton First United Methodist Church,

We will be having our next meeting of
the Clinton Methodist Women (CMW)
on Monday, September 14, at 1:00 PM

in the church Parlor.

During this meeting, we will discuss our planned
activities for the remainder of 2026. Our meetings
are very casual, focusing on fellowship and
devotions rather than long business discussions.

Everyone is welcome, and we hope to see you
there!

Yours in Christ,
Diana McClendon, President
817-919-4599



THE MONKEY'S SOLIOQUY

Three monkeys sat in a
coconut tree, discussing
things as they're said to be; Said one to the
others, "Now listen, you two, there's a certain
rumor that can't be true." That man descended
from our noble race; the very idea is a disgrace.

No monkey ever deserted his wife, starved her
babies and ruined her life; and you've never
known a mother monkey to leave her babies with
others to bunk, or pass them on from one to
another till they scarcely know who is their mother.

And another thing, you will never see; a monkey
build a fence around a coconut tree, and let the
coconuts go to waste, forbidding all other monkeys
a taste. Why, if I'd put a fence around a tree,
starvation would force you to steal from me!

Here's another thing a monkey won't do, go out at
night and get in a stew; or use a gun, a club, or a
knife, to take some other monkey's life; yes, man
descended, the ornery cuss, but, brothers didn't
descend from us.

Printed by request
Leon Evans



Dear Church family,

Our choir practice will resume
Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30 pm,
and Sunday morning practice on
September 13 at 9:30 am. We will begin
practicing our cantata on Wednesday night,
September 9.

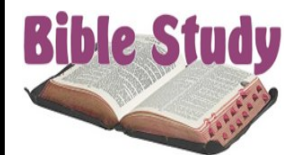
God bless all,
Shirley Clayton
Music Director (580) 214-0457



HANDBELL CHOIR

Our Handbell Choir will resume
Wednesday practice, September 9 at 5:30 pm.

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



No
"Adult Bible Study"
At this time.

We'll resume at a later date.

Join us Sunday
Sept. 20, 2026
9:30 a.m.
Invite
Family & Friends



Free Medical Clinic

Thursday Sept. 10 - 4:00 pm
Thursday Sept. 24 - 4:00 pm

5 things to ask your kids instead of "How was school?"



1. What made you smile today?
2. Who did you sit with at lunch?
3. If you could change one thing about today what would that be?
4. What was the hardest rule to follow today?
5. Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.