



PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers for those in nursing home or assisted living

Mary Lou Preston Charla Wedel Eva Lee Stewart
John & Judy Jordan Thelma Chand Jamie Shaddon

Prayers for healing or for comfort in difficult circumstances

Don Miller Leon Evans Charles Nimmo
Pat Kelley Jasmin Ruyle Mary Lou Preston
Logan Watkins Helen Jones Judd Walpole
Juan Martinez Robbye Meaders Sylvia Robart
Chelsea Blakeburn Mary Evans Don Avery
Joe Chittum Angie Snider Bob Ford

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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 Wednesday, January 21, 2026

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/5 Clois Jeffries 1/18 Charles Nimmo
1/9 Patrick Hunter 1/19 Mary Evans
1/10 Ellen Poulson 1/20 Julie Cornell
1/10 Twilla Brown 1/22 Riley Russell
1/11 Donnell Wollmann 1/24 Larry Thomason
1/13 Jimmy Evans 1/26 Harli Heerwald
1/13 Nancy Goodwin 1/28 Carole Hatcher
1/13 Clint Lively
1/15 Blake Wolters

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)

Church Office: 580-323-3179
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THE SOWER

Thursday Monthly January 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.

Ah – New Year’s Resolutions – seems we love them or hate them. A time to refocus – a time to look back and examine the year – a time to dream – could we make it a time to dare?

There is a song I sang in my high school choir that has stuck with me all these years – my sophomore year no less – MANY moons ago – ha! It is a song called “Christmas is a Feeling” by Natalie Sleeth. The song details all the wonderful things about the Christmas season but ends with quite a challenge – “If Christmas is a feeling, bringing such good cheer – then why oh why don’t you and I, try to make it last all year?” BOOM there it is.

How would your life change if you said “here I am” to God each morning? You can’t know for sure unless you do, but you wouldn’t regret it. We may think the holidays are over, but the work of Christmas is just beginning. Howard Thurman put it this way:

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.

If we are willing to say “here I am,” the work of Christmas will continue. May we have that hope and courage, this day.
Blessings, Diana



JANUARY

2026

- ♦ **Thursday, Jan. 1:** Office Closed - New Year's Day
- ♦ **Sunday, Jan. 4:** Communion - Alms Giving for the Needy.
9:30 am Worship Service
5:00 pm Movie "The Star of Bethlehem" in the Sanctuary.
- ♦ **Sunday, Jan. 11:** Missions - Collect "Tomato sauces & canned Tomato products" for Opportunities, Inc.
9:30 am Worship Service
10:45 am Sunday School
- ♦ **Sunday, Jan 18:**
9:30 am Worship Service
10:45 am Sunday School
- ♦ **Sunday, Jan. 25:** Coins for Missions
9:30 am Worship Service
10:45 am Sunday School



2025
Christmas Eve
Candle
Lighting



THANK
YOU

Your generous donation to Christmas Connection was very much appreciated!!

We were able to help 496 local kids (186 local families) have a brighter Christmas this year. That would not have been possible without your help. You are such a blessing to us, this community and those that were helped.

Again, Thank You!!! We appreciate your generosity

Merry Christmas!
Clinton Christmas Connection Board



ALL COMMITTEE MEETING'S REMINDERS

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

METHODIST
MEN

CLINTON METHODIST
MEN'S MEETING & BREAKFAST
Tuesday - January 6, 2025 - 7:00 am
Fellowship Hall

Contacts:

Joe Chittum - (580) 331-7261
Jimmy Evans - (580) 331-8640

Church
Directory

New Address for:
Ann Marcy
15401 N Penn Ave
Edmond, OK 73013

CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED FRIDAYS



"Second
Sunday
Servant"



Gabriella Clayton & Wylder Smith helped collect "canned vegetables" for Missions on December 14, 2025 for Opportunities, Inc

Carla Cruson then delivered these items to Opportunities, Inc.

January 11, 2026
Tomato sauces & canned
Tomato products



Methodist
Women

Dear Ladies of the Church,
Clinton Methodist Women met at Lucille's for a Christmas Luncheon. We shared stories (ask Vickie Mannering about her trip to New York!), we prayed, we laughed, and we celebrated with one another. Coming together was just what I needed at this time. After our meal, Dianna Jeffries read the left/right story as we stood in a circle and followed her directions to move our gifts from left to right. It was quite comical. We all ended up with beautiful ornaments to hang on our trees.
Our next meeting will be January 12th at 1:00. We will meet in the parlor. We have such a great time together and forget about all our trials and tribulations for a little while. PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US! We would love that!

Your CMW President,
Diana McClendon
(817) 919-4599



(L-R) Dianna Jeffries, Sally Sappington, Vicki Mannering, Beverly Thomason, Rev. Diana Pruitt, Nancy Rodolph, Barbara Griffin, Carla Cruson & Diana McClendon



Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for the Christmas bonus & all your wonderful gifts. It's been a pleasure serving all of you. Blessings, Kim Snider

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the Christmas bonus. As always, it was much appreciated. I'm looking forward to a Happy New Year with all of you. Sincerely, Carla Cruson



"HANDBELL CHOIR"
Bell Choir performed on Sunday Dec. 14th during the Christmas Cantata. December 17th was our last practice in December and will resume on Wednesday 1/7/26 @ 5:30 pm.
Blessings,
Nancy Rodolph - Handbell Choir Director



Dear church family,
On Wednesday, December 17 we will have food and fun at my house for the choir. And there will be no more choir practices until Wednesday, January 7. Starting January 7, we will go back to our normal schedule of Wednesday evenings at 6:30 and Sunday mornings at 9 o'clock.

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



"Christmas Cantata Choir"

Bible Study



"Adult Bible Study"
JOIN US EVERY THURSDAY
Time: 6:30 pm

Place: Leon Evan's Home
1604 Park Ave (No Bible Study 11/27)
Clinton, OK 73601
For Questions - Call Leon Evans (580) 309-0728

"Christmas Cantata - Turkey Meal & Potluck"



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clintonfumc.church
Click on the "donate"
button

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Or, you can now watch our services on our Website: clintonfumc.church.