



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Prayers for those in nursing home or assisted living

Mary Lou Preston Charla Wedel Jamie Shaddon  
Judy Jordan Thelma Chand

Prayers for healing or for comfort in difficult circumstances

Don Miller Leon Evans Charles Nimmo  
Pat Kelley Mary Lou Preston Judd Walpole  
Helen Jones Juan Martinez Joe Chittum  
Robbye Meaders Chelsea Blakeburn Pat Cornell  
Patricia Littke  
Family of John Jordan Family of Eva Lee Stewart  
Family of Sylvia Robart

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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 March 19, 2026**

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**  
3/8 Craig Meacham  
3/8 Kaci Fransen  
3/11 Brian Clayton  
3/14 Elise Anderson  
3/15 Paula Barrick-Glancy  
3/18 Narci Smith  
3/25 Cassie Matlock  
3/26 Sally Sappington  
3/27 Anna Cornell  
**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  
Rev. Diana Steiner's cell number: 405-596-1702  
Rev. Diana Steiner's Email: djpruitt87@gmail.com

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# THE SOWER

**Sunday Monthly March 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.*

Have you ever played ‘Name that tune?’ I was in a meeting where we started with that game. We guessed them all. Everything from Yesterday and Monday, Monday to the themes from the Brady Bunch and Gilligan’s Island. It is amazing how many tunes and lyrics we know just from hearing them on a regular basis. So, the next question for the group was this: how many Scriptures do we know?

A rabbi is considered to have truly “arrived” when he can give away his 20 volume Talmud because he has memorized it. The computer industry has an acronym – GIGO. Garbage in garbage out. What you put in is what you will get out. So, what are we putting in to our minds – our thoughts, our hearts? Here’s the rub – when the going gets tough, what will we have to draw on to give us hope and courage and strength if we haven’t been intentional about learning God’s word? In “The Chosen” Season 1, Episode 1 had a recurring theme – What do we do when we are afraid? We say the words of Adonai . . .

Lots of folks give things up for the season of Lent – chocolate, their favorite Sonic drink, coffee. We might want to clean out a drawer or closet each day and donate those things. The point is always that in giving those things up, they draw us closer to God. As we donate things to others, we remember those less fortunate and give thanks for our many blessings. Or perhaps as we give up our favorite treat we save that money to give as a special offering. But we can also add things. What if each week during Lent you chose a Bible verse or passage to memorize. For example you could start with Psalm 25:1-3 “Make me to know your ways, O Lord’ teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.” So, each day, 1 time per hour you repeat it – it will take less than a minute. By the end of that week, (probably by the end of the day) you will know that Psalm. Then, when difficult times come, you will have those promises to draw upon and trust in. Just as the spring is a time of new life and hope, where the dead branches and grass (and weeds) are transformed, let’s make this Lent a time of transformation – a time of re-energizing and re-committing our lives and hearts to the Lord as we develop new habits of faithfulness and gratitude.

Blessings!  
Diana





**♦ Sunday, Mar. 1: Communion - Alms Giving  
2nd Sunday in Lent**

9:30 am Worship Service  
10:45 am Sunday School

**♦ Sunday, Mar. 8: Missions - Collect "Canned Vegetables" for Opportunities, Inc. - Time Change  
Spring Forward 1-hr.—3rd Sunday in Lent**

9:30 am Worship Service  
10:45 am Sunday School

**♦ Sunday, Mar. 15: 4th Sunday in Lent**

9:30 am Worship Service  
10:45 am Sunday School

**♦ Sunday, Mar. 22: Coins for Missions - 5th Sunday in Lent**

9:30 am Worship Service  
10:45 am Sunday School

**♦ Sunday, Mar. 29: "Palm Sunday"**

10:00 am Worship Service  
**Meal After Worship Service:**

Baked Potato Bar, Green Salad & Dessert in the Fellowship Hall

**♦ 4:00 pm Every Sunday - "The Chosen" Season 1 in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Practice Schedule  
March**

**♦ Wednesday  
Bells @ 5:30  
Choir @ 6:30**

**♦ Sunday  
Choir @ 9:00**



**Committee Meetings**

- ♦ **Methodist Men's Mtg:**  
Tuesday Mar 3 at 7:00 am in the FH
- ♦ **Methodist Women's Mtg:**  
Thursday Mar 26 Lunch for Wesley Foundation, SWOSU in Weatherford
- ♦ **Finance Committee Mtg:**  
Tuesday Mar 17 at 5:30 pm
- ♦ **Trustee Committee Mtg.:**  
Monday Mar 23 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!



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



3-20-26



"Holy Week 3/29 - 4/5"

Palm Sunday	3/29
Holy Mon.-Wed.	3/30-4/1
Mauudy Thurs.	4/2
Good Friday	4/3
Easter Sunday	4/5



**CLINTON METHODIST MEN'S MEETING & BREAKFAST**  
Tuesday - March 3, 2025 - 7:00 am  
Fellowship Hall

Contacts:

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



**"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



**"The Chosen" Season 1 starts  
Sunday 2-22-2026 @ 4:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall  
Every Sunday 2-22-26 thru 4-19-26**



Beverly Thomason helped collect "Boxed Rice and/or Canned or Packaged Beans" for Missions on February 8, 2026 for Opportunities, Inc. Carla Cruson then delivered these items to Opportunities, Inc. Thank You!

March 8, 2026  
Canned Vegetables



Dear Ladies of the Church,

We had a very interesting meeting this Monday. Troy Lee and Chuck Whitetail attended to give us a presentation of how our Mission Donation money is spent. They have 5 people on payroll. Chuck is the warehouse manager and his pay is only \$12.00 an hour. So, as you can tell they are very frugal with their expenses. All other money is obtained through sales and donations. They appreciate monetary donations as well as items that are dropped off. This is one of our missions that is supported through our monthly donations – we do not have fund raisers. Future meetings we will have a representative come tell us how they use our donations. All ladies of the church are welcome to participate/donate in Clinton Methodist Women activities.

On March 26 we will help Reverend Diana Steiner provide a meal to Wesley Foundation students. Anyone willing to volunteer would be appreciated. Contact Diana McClendon if you are willing to help. Please bring 2 dozen cookies to the church office that week for the meal on Thursday, March 26. This activity will place our regularly scheduled March meeting.

CMW President  
Diana McClendon  
817-919-4599



Dear Church Family,

We continue to have choir practice every Wednesday night at 6:30 and every Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. We are continuing to work on our Easter cantata every week.

During spring break, we will not have choir practice on Wednesday of that week.

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



*Thank you*

We the Street people wish to give a special thanks to the Clinton Methodist Church for providing a warm place with cots, blankets, coats and good food. Also for bringing food to the motels.  
God bless you!

# WARMING CENTER



## Clinton FUMC Opens Doors During Winter Storms Serves 227 Meals

First United Methodist Church of Clinton opened its doors to the community during recent winter storms, providing warmth, shelter, and hot meals for neighbors in need.

Pastor Diana Steiner said the church remained open from Friday, Jan. 23, through Tuesday, Jan. 27, after the local homeless shelter closed Jan. 19, leaving many with few options during dangerous weather. Steiner said the church provided a warm place to gather and stay, along with hot meals.

Volunteers also delivered meals to long-stay motels in Clinton, where families without transportation were unable to travel. With restaurants closed and children out of school, the need in the community grew quickly.

During the five-day effort, the church provided 227 meals and offered overnight shelter for several individuals each night. Volunteers prepared homemade soup, ham and beans, chili, and breakfast each day.

The church coordinated with Custer County Emergency Management and the City of Clinton Emergency Management. Custer County provided cots, and community members donated blankets, hats, gloves, scarves, and coats.

