

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers for those in the nursing home or assisted living

Mary Lou Preston	Steward Barrick	Jim Hill
John & Thelma Chand	Eva Lee Stewart	Betty Jo Hill

Prayers for healing or for comfort in difficult circumstances

Nadine Douglas	Betty Day	Helen Jones
Don Miller	John Jordan	Leon Evans
Regena Browne	Ashlyn Fiegenger	Chance Avery
Rev. George Williams	Larry Worley	Deann King
Robert Standingwater	Carter Cash	Curtis Duff
Tommy Klein	Nita Davis	Erin Hernandez
Family of Devert Hoelker		Todd Stehr

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Nursery	
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Young Adult Director	Jackie Guajardo

New Website: www.clintonfumc.church (Worship Services also Live and Recorded)

The next deadline for Sower articles is Monday, December 19, 2022.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/1 Shane Aneshansley	12/21 Gerald Kelley
12/1 Aaron Hunter	12/22 Kevin Wolters
12/2 Nadine Douglas	12/28 Cassidy Blanchard
12/3 F.A. Sewell III	12/29 Alejandra Cifuentes
12/4 Fred Atha	
12/4 Rick Weedon	
12/5 Kirsten McCartney	
12/6 Sherre Shepherd	
12/6 Calvin Lively	
12/8 Cheryle Harms	
12/12 Lisa Wandrie	
12/13 Mike McClendon	
12/14 Yvonne Carpenter	
12/19 Miranda Evans	
12/19 Ty Newcomb	
12/20 Eva Lee Stewart	

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. Kim

**9:30 AM WORSHIP &
FACEBOOK LIVE WORSHIP 9:30 AM
(Clinton First United Methodist Church on Facebook)
10:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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THE SOWER

Thursday

Monthly

December 1, 2022

*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*

Beloved,

December is here! Here we are in this midst of the hustle and bus-tle. As I was thinking about what I do for my personal Advent devotion-al, I looked at several options, yet I could not land on one. I would pick them up and flip through, nothing caught my eye or my heart. How can this be? I must find a de-votional so that I can be holy in this high holy season.

I kept looking and still nothing. Finally, I decided to let go and what I heard in my heart was: Prepare Him Room. What? I sat with this and what I have come to understand is that I am not being called to take something on. Rather, I am being called this year to make more room for Jesus in my life.

I could pick up a devotional and fill up my time with it and that would be fine, I guess. Instead, I am going to let some things go so I can spend time with Jesus himself.

Let us all find our way to the manger in our own way.

Much Love,
Temple



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PERIODICALS
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DECEMBER

- ♦ **Sunday, Dec. 4:** 2nd Sunday of Advent
Communion & Alms
- ♦ **Sunday, Dec. 11:** 3rd Sunday of Advent
Children collect food for Opportunities, Inc.
- ♦ **Sunday, Dec. 18:** 4th Sunday of Advent
10:00 Christmas Cantata and Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
Children collect coins for missions.
- ♦ **Sunday, Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service & Communion
- ♦ **Sunday, Dec. 25:** "Christmas Day"
No Worship Service, Sunday School or Youth
- ♦ **Monday, Dec. 26:** Office Closed

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:
www.clintonfumc.church
Click on the "donate" button**

KidMin MegaCon—Thank You from Colin & Kirsten

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to attend the KidMin MegaCon conference in Nashville in October. This was an amazing conference where we were able to learn a lot about the Children Ministries of churches around the US and learn from other ministers and volunteers.

Several of the sessions that we benefited from were:
Giving Your Preteen Power -where we were encouraged to involve the pre-teens in the church to have leadership roles in ministry.

Why can't we ask these Questions in Church? This session spoke about how to answer difficult questions with biblical answers and scriptures.

Equipping Parents to Lead Their Kids Spiritually-What is the church doing to make the parents feel personally connected and plugged into the church so they bring the kids and family back. There were a lot of booths that had great information and books. We picked up a couple different programs that are in the church if anyone wants to check them out.

We believe that this conference would be beneficial for anyone in the church that feels led to lead children and pre-teens in the church. Next year's dates are: September 12-14 in Nashville, TN.

UWF Meeting (Parlor)
Thurs. Dec. 8 at 12:30 pm
Finance Committee Meeting
Wed. Dec. 21 at 5:30 p.m.
Trustee Committee Meeting
Tuesday, Dec. 27 at 6:00 p.m.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♦ **Sunday, December 18, 10:00 am:**
Christmas Cantata and Dinner in the Fellowship Hall.
- ♦ **Saturday, December 24, 6:00 pm:**
Christmas Eve Candle Lighting & Communion Service.



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The Young Adult Ministry has so many great things planned for the rest of this year! Last month we went out bowling which was a lot of fun and we are so happy that we had some who were able to join us! For the last 2 months I have been meeting with young adults at the George Hawkins Treatment Center. I have met with the current group 3 times but will begin teaching a weekly class starting later this month. We want to remind everyone that Young Adult Camp Spark will be taking place January 5-7. If you know anyone who would be interested in attending this camp, please let us know so we can share with them more info!! I will be attending this camp along with some other young adults in our area who have signed up as well. If you have any questions about the camp, please call the church office to speak to me. We are currently in the early stages of planning a young adult district conference for the spring! There will be more information to come regarding this event soon! So, stay tuned for more information and ways you can become involved! I am so excited for what is yet to come for this ministry!! I would like to ask that you continue to pray for this ministry and its young adults. I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year. - Blessings Jackie G

Jaqueline Guajardo - Director of Young Adults
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Second Sunday Servant:

Shirley Clayton, Carla Cruson & Jackie Guajardo helped load the "Juice & Donations". Carla Cruson then delivered to Opportunities, Inc.. Thank You!

**December 11
Cake Mixes**

youth group SCHEDULE

**Youth 5-6 pm
Sunday Evenings
Youth Girls Bible Study
Wednesday 7-8 pm
At Braums**

Dec. 4, 5-6 pm: Youth night, fun night, games, snacks and devotion. All youth are welcome.

Dec. 11: Will be our last regular Sunday night youth; all youth 6th-12th grade are welcome.

Dec. 18, 5:00-6:00 pm: Youth annual Christmas party in the Youth Room. We'll play fun Christmas games, have holiday snacks, an ugly sweater contest, and play dirty Santa. We're excited to share this holiday season with you all!

Colin McCartney - Youth Director - (405) 816-7378



Dec. 11: We'll be celebrating Jesus Birthday! This will be the last children's event of the year, during Sunday school. All children are invited, and be sure to invite a friend. We'll have so much fun!

Colin McCartney
Children's Director—(405) 816-7378

NOVEMBER CHILDREN'S EVENT



L-R: Lisa & Carter Wandrie, Jackie Guajardo, Max McCartney, Nancy Rodolph, Pastor Temple Diehl and Miles McCartney



Watch our 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 at clintonfumc.church.

thank you!

Thank you everyone for all your cards, calls, prayers, food, texts & hugs after my dad's passing.
Love, Eileen & Joe Chittum



Dear Church Family,
Our Christmas cantata will be December 18 at 10:00 a.m. followed by lunch in the Fellowship hall. We will take a break from Wednesday night praise team and choir practice after the performance of our cantata.

We will resume Wednesday night praise team and choir practice on January 4.

We will have praise team practice January 1 at 8:30 before the Sunday morning service.

God bless you all,
Shirley Clayton – Music Director



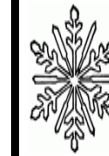
UWF

Thanks to everyone who helped make the UWF fundraiser a success. We will be distributing the money among six Clinton missions. When all is tallied I will be able to let you

know how much we were able to give away. The next UWF meeting will be December 8, 12:30 in the parlor. We will be filling out Christmas cards for the incarcerated women in our County jail. Kirsten will present a fun program and Doris will provide refreshments. Come join us even if you have never come. We try to keep the December meeting light and hold business down to the bare minimum. Hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Carla Cruson, UWF President, (405) 474-8119



All activities are "weather permitting."
In the case of cancellations, we'll post a message via the church Facebook page, and OKC Television stations.
Be safe and stay warm!

THANK YOU TRUSTEE'S



Look at these recently installed new windows along the top of the sanctuary.

