

Welcome to
Clinton First United Methodist Church
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Enter into Worship, Expecting God to touch your Heart;
Worship the One who Welcomes You with wide open arms!
If you are seated at or near the back of the Sanctuary, please sign and pass the attendance registry forward.

(* DENOTES STANDING, AS YOU ARE ABLE)

BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Listen, God is calling you!

We hear the cries of the hungry children in our community and around our world.

Look, God is seeking you!

We see the homeless in our streets and shelters in need.

Reach out, God is taking your hand!

We feel the hands of youth reaching out in need of help, guidance and friendship.

Search your heart, God is calling you!

The home-bound and the sick are in need of our prayers and companionship.

Listen, God is calling you!

We hear You, O God! We see You, O God! We feel You and we perceive You, O God!

COME, LET US WORSHIP GOD, WHO CALLS US INTO THIS WORLD TO DO JUSTICE, TO

LOVE MERCY, AND TO WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD.

***OPENING HYMN**

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

UMH#57

***OPENING PRAYER**

Loving God, we confess that we have failed to hear Your voice calling us, though the cries of the world are deafening. We are overwhelmed with the need to the point we feel helpless. How can we possibly make a difference? Forgive us, O God, for failing to act because the problems seem too big for us. Forgive us, O God, when we become focused on our own problems and worries instead of seeing Your face in our neighbors and around the world. Call us back to You, so that we might hear Your voice, seek Your ways, and love our neighbors as ourselves, our brothers and sisters in You. In the name of Christ, the one who lays down his life for all of us, we pray. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 18:18-19

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MINISTRY OF MUSIC

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

Pastor Susan

EPISTLE READING

Acts 4

Pastor Susan

MESSAGE

“Breaking Strongholds”

Pastor Susan

“Spirit of the Living God”

UMH #363

GOD SIGHTINGS, PRAISES, AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (*in unison*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING

Offertory

Offertory Response

Doxology

Offertory Prayer

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CLOSING SONG

“Victory in Jesus”

UMH#370

***BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE**

Serving Today

Pastor Rev. Susan Martin Organist Joni Weeks

August 12th

Liturgist Sally Harris

Hosts Sara Nield, Bill Hartman

CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

August 12th- August 18th

Today— 11am Sunday School all ages
6:30pm UMYF

Monday 13th - 7:00pm Backpack Team

Tuesday August 14th 7:00pm Radical Hospitality/Worship Team
7:00pm Chateau

Wednesday 15th -- 10:00am Acts 29 Bible Study Acts 16.

Thursday 16th 7:00pm Wabash Valley 83 Cluster meets at Clinton UMC.

Next Sunday August 19th- Barnfest #1 "Come to Church for a Sundae"- Bring a Friend to Church!

Sunday August 26th- Barnfest #2- Pet Blessing Sunday—Bring your pets to church for a blessing!

Sunday September 2nd- Barnfest#3- Gospel Sing Worship-- Let Pastor Susan, Freida Rutan, Karen Hartman or Joni Weeks know if you know of a group or person who would like to sing a song, poem, or skit for this worship service. Thank you!!

WANTED New or used stuffed animals to be given to Chld Protective Services for the comfort of the children they serve. Animals should be no more than approx. 15 inches tall with no removable parts. We also need colorful SOFT children's blankets. We will repair and launder if needed. Contact Sara Nield , Molly Britton or Sue Wormsbecher.

The youth group will be cooking sauce for the **Mostaccioli Dinner on Saturday, August 25th at 1pm and Sunday, August 26th at 12pm.** We welcome anyone that would like to come and help out. Sign ups for workers for the Labor Day weekend Mostaccioli Dinner will be in the back starting on Sunday, August 12th. We need kitchen and barn workers again this year.

During the Mostaccioli Dinner this year, the youth group will be conducting a **silent auction.** We are asking for donations for the auction. *Donations of money or items are tax deductible. See Ed Shew or Nicole Roberts-Smith for information.

The Backpack team will be serving Mostaciolli on Friday, August 31 following the Little Italy Festival Parade. Please see Shelby or Pastor Susan if you are able to work that day.

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"Breaking Strongholds"
August 5, 2012

Worship 9:30am
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