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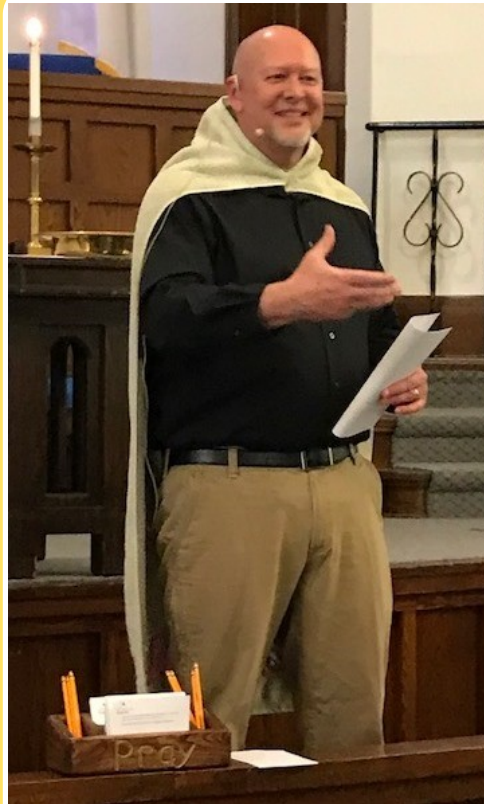
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Clinton First *Ignited* Methodist Church



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Pastor Tom Begins New Series "I Need a Hero"



On April 8, Pastor Tom discussed in his first message, "Good, Evil and God," and stated that both kids and adults imitate our heroes. We both admire and relate to our superheroes because they struggle like we do, yet they win out in the end. But he said that we need to do more than just imitate our heroes. We need to share goodness, like Jesus, our hero, shared. If Jesus is our hero (and he is), we are called to "act justly,... practice mercy...and walk humbly with God."

Note: You may listen to the whole message online at clintonfirst.org/fumc.

On April 8, Pastor Tom Barnett donned his superhero cape and began preaching a new series, "I Need a Hero." The first sermon was "Good, Evil and God."



Pastor Tom to Teach New "Superhero" class

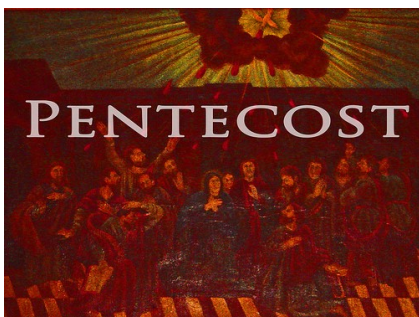
Following the same theme as the messages, the new Sunday school class, which is video based, will learn about specific Bible heroes.

When: April 15 - May 20 (You may join the class at any time.)

Where: Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall

Time: 11:00-11:45

Everyone is invited! Kids and their "grown-ups" even if you attend another class.--and even if you don't have kids!



Pentecost Sunday is May 20.

Look What's Comin' Up!

Info & pic about YOUR grad is requested!



Please turn in by May 13---Graduation Sunday is June 3!

It is that time of year again when we like to honor our graduates. If you have a family member who will be graduating from high school, college or beyond, please let us know no later than May 13.

We will be getting ready with a bulletin board display and preparing for Graduation Sunday.

We do need: a **5 x 7 photo** (it will be returned) along with a **paragraph** stating name, college attending or graduating from, major and minor (if known), future plans, and parents and grandparents of the graduate.

(Please give your info to Sandee Frey or place it in her church mailbox.)

A Scholarship Is Available for High School Seniors

Application information is available online at this link:

<http://clintonfirst.org/fumc/resources/scholarships/>



Promotion Sunday is also JUNE 3!

It's a special day for the young ones.

Please attend if possible.

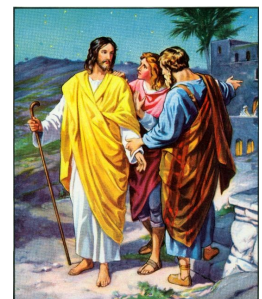


Fifth Sunday Dinner, April 29 at noon

Enjoy a great meal and fellowship on Sunday, April 29 at noon Meats, drinks and tableware will be provided. For example, Carter Crouch is planning to cook meatballs to die for. Please bring your appetite, a well-filled covered dish and join the fun!!

Walk to Emmaus is April 26-29

Please pray for Brent Hoover and Pastor Tom, during the Walk to Emmaus. Brent is a participant and Pastor Tom will be working at the event. Also, like wise, support Ed Shew, who will be bringing the message to our congregation on that Sunday, April 29.



Hillcrest Chicken Noodle Dinner-Fri. April 27



**Friday, April 27 -- 4:00-7:30pm, Carry outs available.
Prices \$7 Adults, \$6 Seniors, \$3 children 12 and under
Dessert is free, although donations are accepted.**

**Requesting desserts to be donated by our congregation.
See Rosie Wolfe**

Esther Circle News



March Meeting:

The Esther Circle met with Audrey Lientz at her home on March 20. She opened the meeting with a devotion from a book entitled, *When I'm Praising God*.

Members attending were Karen Hartman, Ruth Hollingsworth, Margie Lapworth, Martha Rutan, Mary Ten Have, Kathy Davis and Phyllis Marsof.

Karen opened the business meeting by thanking the hostess. The minutes were read and approved, and the treasurer's report was given.

Thank you notes were read for love plates received and the memorial for Larry Carlson given to the Back Pack Program. Plans were made for the Parke/Vermillion Retired

Next meetings:

April 17-Kathy Davis hosts at church

May 15--Phyllis Marsof hosts at church

June 19--Margie Lapworth hosts at her home

Teachers luncheon, which will be May 14 in the church fellowship hall.

Kathy will host the April 17 circle meeting at the church and Margie will give the lesson. Phyllis will host the May 15 meeting at church, and Karen Hartman will give the lesson. On June 19, Margie Lapworth will host at her home, and Audrey will give the lesson.

Phyllis gave the lesson taken from a *Guidepost*. The meeting closed with a prayer circle, and refreshments were served by the hostess.

It Is Darkest Before the Dawn.....Easter Sunrise Service AND Breakfast!



Sunrise service was held on the LIFT stage at the river on a COLD, dark morning. Since the power wasn't available as planned, Pastor Tom used his phone as a flashlight to conduct the service for the approximately 22 folks who attended. . He talked about how very dark those days were for the disciples and the followers of Jesus after his crucifixion. As we huddled and shivered together, we could more deeply understand how the disciples and Jesus' followers must have felt. As the gloom disappeared and daylight slowly appeared, we also could understand that Christ had truly risen and feel that great joy!

Amazing Breakfast! After we hurried into the warmth of the church afterwards, we enjoyed a sumptuous breakfast, which made this Easter even more special. Almost everything you've ever wanted for breakfast was there! From biscuits and gravy to egg casseroles to scrambled eggs, and more ,It. Was. All. There. Thanks go to the men and women who provided and served the food! Note: Apologize for no pictures of the breakfast. Too engrossed in enjoying the food and fellowship!

Karen Carlson

What a crowd!

Breakfast with Easter Bunny & Egg Hunt Was “Eggstravaganza”!



What a great breakfast and Easter egg hunt! Pancakes and sausage were flying off the griddle to try to feed the hungry crowd. Children had their pictures taken with the Easter bunny, followed by an egg hunt outside, even though it was chilly.

Ashley Downs, chairperson of the event, said that more eggs would be needed next year, and there were 700 this year! Estimates of the crowd at breakfast ranged from 75 to 85, and more people came just for the egg hunt. Nice prizes were given, including a large stuffed bunny that had been donated. The bunny seen in the picture at left was won by a very thrilled little girl. Several Walmart gift cards were also given. The event was a great success. Thanks to all who cooked, donated, and participated!



*Clinton First United Methodist Church
Leadership Directory 2016*

Find it online!--The 2016 Leadership Directory is available on the church web site at <http://clintonfirst.org/fumc/about/officers/>



CHURCH BOARD	
Pastor	Tom Barnett
Chair	Brent Hoover
Vice Chair	Hannah Hoover (lay leader)
Trustees	2018 Tom Taylor 2019 Chris Downs 2020 Mitch Marsolf
Staff Parish	2018 Ashley Downs 2019 Audrey Lientz 2020 Chet Rutan
Finance	2018 Bob Alexander (finance chair) 2019 Joyce Taylor (financial secretary) 2020 Carter Crouch (treasurer)

SUPPORTING POSITIONS	
Lay Leader	Hannah Hoover
Lay Member to Conference	Brian Hutchinson
Finance Chair	Bob Alexander
Treasurers	Carter Crouch Rhonda Reed Freida Rutan (data input)
Counters	Chet Rutan Gary Andis Ruth Hollingsworth
Financial Secretary	Joyce Taylor
Capital Campaign	Lou Ann Andis
Audit Team	Richard Britton Audrey Lientz
Membership Secretary	Peggy Strobel
Memorial Committee Memorial Fund Records	Pastor Tom Barnett Brenda Starkey Phyllis Marsolf
Flower Committee	Audrey Lientz/Lou Ann Andis

MINISTRY WORK AREAS

PASSIONATE WORSHIP	
Those responsible for helping people connect to God through various responsibilities in the worship setting	
Pastor	Tom Barnett
Lay Leader	Hannah Hoover
Choir Director	Ed Shew
Praise Team Coordinator	Karen Hartman
Organist	Joni Weeks
Communion Steward	Ruth Hollingsworth
Paraments	Pastor Tom Barnett
Acolytes	Phyllis Marsolf
Audio	Chet Rutan Carter Crouch Chris Downs Randy Hogan (scheduling)
Video	Rhonda Reed Freida Rutan (script) Carter Crouch Chet Rutan
Special Services Coordinator	Sandee Frey/Lou Ann Andis

COMMUNICATIONS	
Outdoor Sign	Pastor Tom Barnett
Web Page Ministry	Rhonda Reed
Email Distribution	Rhonda Reed
Birthday/Anniv. List	Rhonda Reed
Facebook Page	Rhonda Reed
Web Maintenance	Rhonda Reed
Bulletin Board	Lou Ann Andis/Ashley Downs
Church Newsletter Committee	Editor: Brian Hutchinson (Jan-Mar), Karen Carlson (Apr-Dec) Names/Addresses: Peggy Strobel Copying/Mailing: Brenda Alabaugh
Sunday Bulletin	Juanita Crouch/Ashley Downs/ Freida Rutan
Publicity	Juanita Crouch
Cluster Representative	Sandee Frey

RADICAL HOSPITALITY	
Team Leader	Pastor Tom Barnett*
Team Members	Lou Ann Andis Molly Britton Margie Lapworth Karen Carlson
Track Attendance	Molly Britton
Host/Hostess Coordinators	Team Members
*Funeral Dinner Coordinators (Esther Circle)	Audrey Lientz Margie Lapworth
*Set-up and Take-down	Tom & Sandee Frey
*Prayer Chain Coordinator (phone)	Margie Lapworth
*Prayer Chain Coordinator (email)	Rhonda Reed Freida Rutan

*Not required to attend meetings

LAY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE	
Chair	Pastor Tom Barnett
2018	Hannah Hoover
2019	Margie Lapworth
2020	Audrey Lientz

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT	
Those responsible for helping organize and plan the education of children and adults, small group ministry, and programming.	
Coordinator	Pastor Tom Barnett
Order Curriculum	Phyllis Marsolf
Youth Ministry	Pastor Tom Barnett
Adult Ministry	Kathy Davis
Family Ministry	Ashley Downs
Children's Ministry	Shelby Marsolf
Nursery Staff Coordinator	Niecei Ash
At Large	Audrey Lientz Brian Hutchinson

RISK TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE	
Chair	Gary Andis
Pastor	Tom Barnett
Team Members	Audrey Lientz Shelby Marsolf Kathy Davis Bruce Starkey
Chateau Ministry	Freida Rutan/Peggy Strobel/ Pastor Tom Barnett

BACKPACK TEAM	
Team Leader	Shelby Marsolf
Team Members	Phyllis Marsolf Chet Rutan Pastor Tom Barnett Brenda Alabaugh Peggy Strobel Audrey Lientz Ruth Hollingsworth Tom Frey Brian Hutchinson Chantel Booth Various members from area churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS	
Preschool-5 th Grade (one-room Sunday School)	Audrey Lientz Phyllis Marsolf
Middle/High School	Pastor Tom Barnett
Lamplighters	Freida Rutan Margie Lapworth
Pathfinders	Brian Hutchinson Mitch Marsolf

Scrapbook for Ronald McDonald House and Alex's Lemonade Stand!

**Saturday, May 12 from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm
Mecca Gym, 4958 W. College, Mecca IN 47860**



Forms available at church on alcove table

Return forms to Joyce Harvey, 603 Blackman St. Clinton, IN 47842

Early Registration is \$25 post marked by May 1, 2018 After May 1, \$30

Make checks payable to Joyce Harvey.

All proceeds will be divided between the organizations listed above.

(Donations will also be accepted.)

Lunch, Drinks and Snacks will be provided. Call Joyce at (904)707-0872 for info.

This crop is in honor of Joyce's granddaughter, Trinity Rector, who is currently undergoing treatment for Osteosarcoma, a rare bone cancer.

If you do not have a form--Please send your name, email address, phone number and address with your check. Also, please state who you would like to sit with. List any food allergies.

Brian Hutchinson will represent our church again at Annual Conference on June 6-9. The theme this year is "See All the People," based on the scripture below.

Jesus traveled among all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, announcing the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness. Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were troubled and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The size of the harvest is bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest." (Matthew 9:35-39 - Common English Bible)

APRIL			
Day(s)	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	April 15-	11:00-11:45a	"Superhero" Sunday School Class begins
Tuesday	April 17	7:00 pm	Esther Circle at church
Friday	April 27	4:00-7:30pm	Chicken Noodle Dinner at Hillcrest
Th-Sun.	April 26-29	-----	Men's Walk to Emmaus
Sunday	April 29	Noon	Fifth Sunday Dinner
MAY			
Saturday	May 12	9:30a-5:30p	Scrapbooking Awareness for Ronald McDonald House & Alex's Lemonade Stand
Sunday	May 13	9:30 am	Graduate Information due to Sandee Frey
Sunday	May 13	9:30 am	Mother's Day-Gifts at service!
Tuesday	May 15	7:00 pm	Esther Circle meeting at church
Sunday	May 20	9:30 am	Pentecost Sunday
JUNE			
Sunday	June 3	9:30 am	Promotion Sunday and Graduation Sunday
Weds-Sun	June 6-9	-----	Annual Conference Brian Hutchinson attending
Sunday	June 17	9:30 am	Father's Day-Gifts at service
Tuesday	June 19	7:00 pm	Esther Circle at Marge Lapworth's



Prayer Concerns

*Telecare Prayer Chain: If you have a prayer request or concern, email at clintonfirst@gmail.com

Many thanks go to Brian Hutchinson for his work on the newsletter in my absence. You did a great job, Brian!



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Looking Ahead....Sat., July 14--The Ultimate Picnic!

2nd Annual Free Cookout at Go-Kart Grand Prix!

Break out the grills once again and cook those hamburgers and hot dogs! Throw in some chips and a drink and you have a meal. A tent is going to be set up in front of the barn, and a free meal will be available to all comers. Volunteers and eaters will be needed! More details will come.





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Upcoming Events:

April 15-May 20 "Superhero" Sunday school class (p.1)

April 27--Scrapbook Workshop-Fundraiser (p.8)

April 27--Hillcrest Chicken Noodle Dinner (p.2)

April 29--Fifth Sunday Dinner

May 13--Mother's Day

Regular Events Calendar

Sunday	9:15 am	Worship service
		Communion 1st Sunday
	11:00 am	Sunday school for all ages
Tues.	7:00 pm	Worship at Chateau
Thurs	2:00 pm	BackPack
Thurs.	3:00 pm	Prayer time at church for prayer list
Thurs.	6:30 pm	Bible Study, Wrapped in Love