

November/December 2018

# The Observer



Clinton First *Ignited* Methodist Church

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## Wildcat Christmas Store Coming Soon!

### STORE DATES

**Weds., Dec. 5--Set up**

**Thurs., Dec. 6--High School students shop.**

**Fri., Dec 7--Middle school students shop.**



Angela Cripe from the Bono Church is chairing the Christmas Store this year. She stated that church members are encouraged to ask any friends, family members or places of business to also donate items. Angela is excited about the store this year and has several plans to make it wonderful for the students once again. Music will be playing and students will all receive treat bags.


**Please sign up to help!**

**The sign up sheet is on the round table in the gathering area.**

**Shifts:** Angela said workers may work all day or a shift. Shifts will be from 8:00am-11:30 and 11:30-2:30.

Adults are asked to stay with one student and to stand by the dressing room if the student needs to try on clothes. She is working to speed up the shopping process for the students since they will be testing on those days and won't have much time.



 Our church is emphasizing donating full-size blankets, pillows and pillowcases. This year, the emphasis is on gifts for the students themselves, so youth clothing, freshly laundered or new, is much desired. Clothing with the Wildcat logo is a good choice. Coats are in short supply this year. Also, baby items and clothing are needed since some students have babies or young siblings.

Audrey Lientz is the coordinator for our church. Thank you, Audrey!



## Terre Haute 2018 Walk to End Alzheimer's



## 2018 Team Celebrates Successful Walk!



### Donations Still Being Received!

Although it was a brutally hot day on September 16 at Fairbanks Park, spirits on the Clinton First team were high for the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's.

Peggy Strobel was surprised and delighted to see her son Chris and his family, who came to participate in the Walk. Peggy said donations are still coming in and, as of November 14, total \$2,070!

A great surprise!

## CAMA/IHOP Breakfast



CAMA (Clinton Area Ministerial Assn.) hosted a fundraising event along with IHOP on Sept. 22. IHOP provided a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast. All the proceeds went to benefit CAMA's benevolent efforts.



**IGA donation to Food Pantry**--Please remember to bring in your own bags to the IGA. The store gives 5 cents to the Vermillion County Food Pantry for each bag.



**Gary Andis on Mission Trip**--Gary and his group are in North Carolina helping with a home damaged by a hurricane. They are siding the home, which is on stilts, 10 feet in the air! The group is staying in an unused church that has been renovated to house mission workers. He will return home on November 18..



# Fall Festival Highlights!



**Fall Festival--Oct. 27 in the barn  
Very chilly day, but nearly 60 children  
were there!**

- Registration table (nearly 60 children)
- Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, cookies, hot cocoa (good thing!), coffee, lemonade (165 sandwiches)
- Making chocolate dipped pretzels
- Face painting
- What's in the Pumpkin?
- Airplane landing strip
- Quick Hammer
- Potty Pitch
- Goin' Fishin'
- Golf
- Candy Corn Ring toss
- Bounce House
- Inflatable Obstacle Course



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## Clinton City Community Center Trunk (Table) Trick or Treat!

Brenda Alexander reported almost two hours of non-stop trick or treaters on Oct. 29. Candy was donated by several members of the church for this fun event!







## 103 Boxes Assembled for Operation Christmas Child (OCC)

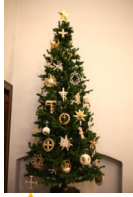
On November 4, volunteers met at Salem UMC to complete the assembly of boxes for OCC. Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has partnered with local churches around the world to deliver **157 million OCC shoebox gifts to children in need in 160 countries.**

Each one—packed full of fun toys, school supplies, and hygiene items by a family or individual—is sent with prayer that the child who receives it will experience God's love through their simple gifts

**Fifth Sunday Dinner combined with Build-a-Box Day--**On September 30, Clinton First met the goal of putting 75 kits together to go into the boxes. Fishing, hygiene, and school supply kits were created. There were also craft items, duct tape bags and more! Church members also enjoyed a Fifth Sunday Dinner before and after assembling the kits. Thanks go to Lori Barnett for coordinating the event!



## **Upcoming Christmas Activities & Events!**



### **“Hanging of the Greens”--Sun. Nov. 25**

After church, a soup luncheon will be served. Then the fun will begin!  
Help make our church ready for the Christmas season!



### **CAMA Advent Breakfast-December 1**

Saturday, December 1, an Advent Breakfast will be at the First Christian Church at 8:00am. This is similar to Lenten breakfasts, but there will be only one.



### **Church Christmas Party!**

Friday, December 7,  
6:00 pm at MCL Cafeteria

Once again, the Lamplighters Sunday school class is sponsoring the Church Christmas party. Each person is asked bring a nicely wrapped “gift” to exchange for our “Dirty Santa” game.

A sign-up sheet is/will be in the gathering area, or let Sally Harris know.  
Possible carpooling. More details later. Hope to see you there!

### **Poinsettia Tradition Continues!**



Poinsettias add greatly to the beauty of our church at Christmas. If you are interested in purchasing a poinsettia, please sign up on the sheets in the gathering space. .

The cost is \$8, and the **last day to order is Sun. Dec. 16** . Please make checks payable to the church. You may pay in two ways: either pay Phyllis Marsolf or pay in the offering by designating the payment is for poinsettias. If questions, see Phyllis.

### **Esther Circle Christmas Dinner & News**

The Esther Circle will enjoy fellowship and dinner at the Columbus Co-op on **December 18 at 6:00 pm**. No meetings in November or January. The first meeting in February will be at the church to prepare love plates.

### **Special Services**

On **Sun., Dec. 23**, a special visitor will arrive during Fellowship Time!  
On **Mon., Dec. 24**, the annual candlelight Christmas Eve program will be at 7:00pm. Don't miss either of these dates!





*Clinton First United Methodist Church  
Leadership Directory 2019*



<b>Church Board</b>	
Pastor	Tom Barnett
Chair	Brent Hoover
Vice Chair	Hannah Hoover (lay leader)
Trustees	2019 Chris Downs 2020 Mitch Marsof 2021 Loren Crouch
Staff Parish	2019 Audrey Lientz 2020 Chet Rutan 2021 Margie Lapworth
Finance	2019 Joyce Taylor (fin secretary) 2020 Carter Crouch (treasurer) 2021 Bob Alexander (finance chair)

<b>Supporting Positions</b>	
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 Marsof
Flower Committee	Audrey Lientz/Lou Ann Andis

## MINISTRY WORK AREAS

<b>PASSIONATE WORSHIP</b>	
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 (scheduling) Carter2 Crouch Chris Downs Randy Hogan
Video	Rhonda Reed Freida Rutan (script) Carter Crouch Chet Rutan
Special Services Coordinator	Lou Ann Andis

<b>Communications</b>	
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: Karen Carlson Names/Addresses: Peggy Strobel Copying/Mailing: Brenda Alabaugh
Bulletin	Juanita Crouch/ Freida Rutan/Lori Barnett
Publicity	Juanita Crouch
Cluster Rep.	Audrey Lientz

<b>Radical Hospitality Team</b>	
Team Leader	Pastor Tom Barnett
Team Members	Lou Ann Andis 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	Loren/Angela Crouch
*Prayer Chain Coordinator (phone)	Margie Lapworth
*Prayer Chain Coordinator (email)	Rhonda Reed Freida Rutan
*Not required to attend meetings	

<b>INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT</b>	
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

<b>RISK TAKING MISSION &amp; SERVICE</b>	
Chair	Gary Andis
Pastor	Tom Barnett
Team Members	Audrey Lientz Shelby Marsolf Kathy Davis Bruce Starkey

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

<b>LAY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE</b>	
Chair	Pastor Tom Barnett
2019	Margie Lapworth
2020	Audrey Lientz
2020	Hannah Hoover

<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS</b>	
Preschool-5 <sup>th</sup> 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

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## Sympathy



**Henry T. Hogan, Jr, 95, Of Hillsdale, IN died Monday, October 1, 2018 at his residence.**

**He was born August 30, 1923, in Central City, KY, to Henry T. Hogan, Sr., and Eva Hack Hogan.**

**He was an Electrical Supervisor for the Public Service Generating Station at Cayuga. He was a Navy Veteran during World War II and the Korean War.**

**He was a member of the Clinton First United Methodist Church in Clinton and was a certified Lay Speaker and taught Sunday School classes. He enjoyed singing with the Neighborhood Quartet.**

**Memorial donations may be made to the Clinton First United Methodist Church in memory of Henry Hogan.**



<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
Day(s)	Date	Time	Event
Thursday	Nov.22	All Day!	Thanksgiving Day
Sunday	Nov. 25	After church	Hanging of the Greens
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
Saturday	Dec 1	8:00am	Advent Breakfast at First Christian
Wednesday	Dec 5	3:30pm	Set up Wildcat Christmas store
Thurs-Fri	Dec 6-7	8:00a-2:30p	Wildcat Christmas Store for HS & Middle School
Friday	Dec. 7	6:00 pm	Church Christmas Party at MCL Cafeteria
Tuesday	Dec. 18	6:00pm	Esther Circle Christmas Dinner at the Co-op
Sunday	Dec 23	9:30am	Special service and special visitor after church
Monday	Dec. 24	7:00pm	Christmas Eve service
Tuesday	Dec 25	All day!	Merry Christmas!



### Prayer Concerns

\*Telecare Prayer Chain: If you have a prayer request or concern, email at [clintonfirst@gmail.com](mailto:clintonfirst@gmail.com)

## Special Veteran's Day Celebration!



The church owes a debt of gratitude to Bob Alexander, Lou Ann Andis, Joni Weeks, Freida Rutan, Rhonda Reed, Chet Rutan, Kathy Davis, Bruce Starkey, Pastor Tom and all those\* who prepared or presented the service on November 11. It was truly heart warming! Bob's message was gripping and caused us to better realize what it truly means to be a veteran.

### Lou Ann summed up how much our country owes veterans with this brief message:

It is the veteran, not the preacher, who has given us the freedom of religion.  
 It is the veteran, not the reporter, who given us freedom of the press.  
 It is the veteran, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.  
 It is the veteran, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom of assembly.  
 It is the veteran, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.  
 It is the veteran, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote.  
 For this we thank all veterans and all our active military men and women.



\*Please forgive me if I omitted anyone. Karen

### Cluster Youth Visit Hog Wallow

Hog Wallow was fun! There were 38 altogether. The kids always enjoy the tractor ride and getting to pick a pumpkin to take home. Audrey Lientz





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### Upcoming Events:

**Dec 1--Advent Breakfast-First Christian Church 8:00am**

**Dec 5-7--Wildcat Store Set up and stores at HS & middle schools**

**Dec. 7--Church Christmas Party 6:00 pm MCL Cafeteria**

**Dec. 24--Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm**

### Regular Events Calendar

Sunday 9:30 am	Worship service Communion 1st Sunday
Thurs. 3:00 pm	Prayer Team
11:00 am	Sunday school for all ages
Thurs.. 2:00 pm	BackPack (depending on school calendar)
Thurs. 6:30 pm	Bible Study, Battlefield of the Mind