

September/October 2018

The Observer



Clinton First *Ignited* Methodist Church

Shall We Gather at the River...

Baptisms in the Wabash!

On Sunday, August 12, Loren Crouch and Jeffrey Davis confessed their faith in God during the worship service while their families looked on. After the service, congregation members and families reconvened at the Wabash River where Loren and Jeffrey received holy baptism. As a surprise, Carter Crouch also renewed his faith and was re-baptized.



Baptisms	1-2
Ramp Builds	2
Wildcat Store	3
Walk/End Alzheimer's	3
Tom & Sandee Frey	4
Mostaccioli Dinner	4
Fifth Sunday Dinner/ Build-a-Box Day	5
Family Fall Festival	6
BackPack	6
National Night Out	6
Back-to-School Event	7
Volunteers/Fall Festival	8
Cookout/Water Mission	8
Sept./Oct Calendar	9
Prayer Concerns	9
Leadership Meeting	9
CAMA Pancake & Sausage Breakfast	9
"Reclaiming Irresistible" Conference	9
Contact Info	Cover
Coming Events	Cover
Regular Events	Cover





**GOD BLESS
LOREN,
JEFFREY,
AND CARTER.**

It's Ramp Season!

Gary Andis and his crew assembled more ramps, recently. Each person has a job on the crew and they do it well. In addition, in order to make the build go smoothly, Gary does a lot of prep work for each ramp. One of them was built on July 21; the one most recently was on Sept. 4. The first had to be built from plans and lumber cut to the specs of that ramp; the second was from the Carlson home. It was disassembled on Sept. 3 and reassembled at Henry Hogan's home the next day. A new deck had to be built, but the rest of the ramp could be reused, which saved a lot of time.

To obtain a ramp--If a ramp is needed for yourself or someone you know, please **call the Will Center in Terre Haute at 812-298-9455** for information. Gary Andis and his crew build the ramps, but you must apply at the Will Center to obtain one.



**The ramp
built on
July 21.
It's a big
one!**



**The ramp
built at the
Henry Hogan
house.
It's also very
long!**



Wildcat Store 2018--Dates Are Set!



Set up--Wednesday, December 5.

The store--Thursday & Friday, December 6-7

Angela Cripes from the Bono Church has volunteered to be the chairperson. Please start collecting because the time is fast approaching.

Please begin "storing up" items for the Wildcat Store. The store needs gently-used teen jeans, hoodies, jackets and coats and hygiene products for young men and women. (Please do not donate adult clothing.) Also, blankets and throws are popular items. Later, there will be a box to collect what you have "saved." More info will be coming.



**2017
Team
Celebrates
Successful
Walk!**

First United Methodist Church has a team in the Terre Haute 2018 Walk to End Alzheimer's

WHEN: Sunday, September 16, at 1:30 p.m. with the walk itself beginning at 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Fairbanks Park in Terre Haute

LINK: <http://act.alz.org/goto/CFUMC>

As most of you know, I walk to support the cause because my husband/best friend, Chuck, came down with Alzheimer's around year 2000. If you would like to join our team (First United Methodist Church) and walk with us, click on the link above to register or you can choose to donate to the team or an individual at the same link. Team members will also take cash or check donations to turn in on or before Walk Day. All money goes toward ending Alzheimer's in our world. Your prayers are also appreciated. Thank you so much for your love and support. Peggy Strobel

We Wish You Well, Tom & Sandee!



On July 29, Tom and Sandee Frey came back for the Fifth Sunday dinner in their honor. They are now living in Covington. It was great to visit with them!

Tom is facing open heart surgery on September 18, and many prayers are going up for his full recovery. God bless you both, Tom and Sandee!

Thanks from Tom & Sandee

“Hello, Clinton First! Thank you so much for the heartfelt send-off you gave us on July’s Fifth Sunday dinner. The food and fellowship were especially good. We were so humbled to hear your kind words and funny memories. You all will have a special place in our hearts. May God bless Clinton First and all who enter. We love you!”



Mostaccioli Dinner



It takes a village! Many hands from the Cluster made this year’s mostaccioli dinner a huge success! The profit was \$3,252, which will be used for Cluster youth events and activities.

Sally Harris wishes to say thanks to all who participated in any way by cooking, chopping veggies, (especially onions!), donating produce,

cashiering, baking desserts, helping with publicity, walking in the parade, taking care of the tent, setting up the barn, working at the dinner, , tearing it all back down at the end, EATING! and anything else people did to help out.

Thanks go to Sally herself for her tireless work in coordinating such a big event!



GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY.

**CLINTON FIRST UNITED METHODIST
BUILD-A-BOX DAY!
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

PRIOR TO AND FOLLOWING **THE FIFTH SUNDAY
CARRY-IN LUNCH**, WE WILL BE ASSEMBLING ITEMS
FOR OUR O.C.C. BOXES: HYGIENE KITS, FISHING KITS,
SEWING KITS, CRAFT ITEMS, SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS,
DUCT TAPE BAGS, GAMES,

AND MORE!

YOU DON'T NEED TO BRING ANYTHING!

GOAL: ASSEMBLE ITEMS FOR 75 BOXES

Family Fall Festival

Saturday, October 27

in the barn

11:00am- 1:00 pm

Lots of activities, games and prizes! Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and drinks for lunch

--All Free!



Mitch & Shelby Marsof sort food for Backpack.

New Year for Backpack!

BackPack started Thursday, August 30. One hundred and eighty-one bags of food were packed so that they could be sent home with students in need for the Labor Day weekend. The bags were then delivered to each of the three elementary schools of South Vermillion and placed in the backpacks of students who had been signed up to receive them. Participation slips were still coming in, so the number will likely increase. The bags are packed on Thursdays in the church basement. The packing starts at 2p, on Thursdays, but volunteers start setting up at 1p. See Shelby Marsof .

National Night Out

Clinton First once again participated in National Night Out on August 7th. Lots of bottled water and homemade cookies were donated. Since it was a steamy night, lots of people cooled off with the water, and enjoyed the cookies. As Pastor Tom stated, "What a great way to connect with the community and to support our local police and first responders." Many thanks to Brenda Alexander for coordinating the event and to those who helped in any way.



Back to School Event

On July 21-23, the Back to School Event was a fun time and a learning time for all ages! Pastor Tom demonstrated how we can put on the armor of God to protect us from anything that threatens us. Notice the oranges in the picture below. One is peeled and has no protection; therefore it sinks. The unpeeled orange had protection and floated. It continued to float for 3 days!

The next day, in the same theme, Brent Hoover, an Indiana State Police officer, showed the group his bullet-proof vest that he wears at all times to protect himself from sudden danger. He also explained all the equipment he wears to keep himself and others safe. It was a very good symbol of

the importance of putting on the armor of God.

On Thursday, the group went to the park for lessons. There, Pastor Tom demonstrated how easily it is to be swayed or blown away if there is no foundation. The children could easily blow empty Styrofoam cups away. The cups wouldn't budge, though, with a little water in the bottom.

The children were delighted with two bounce houses and loved going through the obstacle course. A few of the adults risked life and limb trying it out, also.

Thanks go to Brenda Alexander, who capably led the kitchen crew and to all who volunteered.





Volunteers Needed for Fall Festival

Friday, Oct 26 Set up at 6:00 pm
Saturday, Oct. 27--Please arrive at 10:30a. Festival is from 11:00a-1:00p

Many adults are needed to set up and run game booths or the registration table that day. Some jobs do not require standing. There are several game suggestions that require minimal supplies/set-up, or you may get creative and come up with your own ideas.

Donations of small prizes, trinkets, individually-wrapped candy, etc. are also requested, especially by those who are not volunteers. Cash donations are welcome. The church will also purchase prizes, so volunteers who are setting up the games are not asked to provide their own prizes. In October, sign-up sheets will be on the table at the back of the sanctuary. See Shelby Marsolf.

Ultimate Cookout for the Go-Kart Grand Prix And Water Bottle Mission



On July 14-15 this year, go-karts roared through the streets of downtown Clinton in exciting races as they have done for many years. For the past few years, the racers and race goers have had an opportunity to enjoy a free lunch on Saturday. Grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and a drink were all provided. Having a tent helped even more!

On Sunday after worship, members of the congregation distributed cold water to spectators and racers.

Thanks go to .all who helped in any way, especially Mitch Marsolf, who chaired the cookout. Thank you, Pastor Tom, also, for “igniting” us!



SEPTEMBER

Day(s)	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	Sept. 16	1:30 & 2:00pm	Walk to End Alzheimer's- Fairbanks Park Amphitheater (Registration-1:30 p Walk-2:00 p)
Tuesday	Sept. 18	7:00 pm	Esther Circle Lou Ann Andis hosting
Saturday	Sept. 22	9:00a-1:00p	CAMA Pancake & Sausage Breakfast provided by IHOP at Sportland Park. \$5 a person
Sunday	Sept. 30	Noon	Fifth Sunday Dinner and Build-a-Box Day for Samaritan's Purse

OCTOBER

Saturday	Oct.6	TBA	Apple Dumpling Sale/Bazaar at Salem UMC
Sunday	Oct. 7	9:30am	World Communion Sunday
Thursday	Oct. 11	-----	"Reclaiming Irresistible" conference for church leadership
Sunday	Oct. 14	9:30am	Children's Sabbath
Tuesday	Oct. 16	7:00pm	Esther Circle
Sunday	Oct. 21	9:30am	Laity Sunday
Saturday	Oct. 27	11:00a-1:00p	Family Fall Festival in the barn
Sunday	Oct. 28	6:00pm	Charge Conference at UM Temple, Terre Haute



Prayer Concerns

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

Leadership Committee to Meet

The Leadership Committee (formerly the Nominating Committee) will be meeting in late September or early October. They will be seeking persons to fill leadership roles in our church. If you are called on to serve, please do so. Also, thanks go to all those who have been serving in various leadership roles this year.

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, Sat., September 22

The breakfast will be at Sportland Park from 9:00am-1:00pm for a cost of \$5 per person. It is hosted by CAMA (Clinton Area Ministerial Assn.) IHOP is providing the food. All proceeds go to CAMA's benevolent efforts. Pastor Tom has advance tickets while they last.



"Reclaiming Irresistible" Conference--October 11 in Indianapolis

Several members from our church will be attending. Part of the Deep and Wide Tour, the conference is led by Andy Stanley. He discovered last year that thousands of Christians want to make the church as irresistible as it was in Biblical times.



THE OBSERVER

Sept. & Oct. 2018

A Publication of the
First United Methodist Church
PO Box 186
Clinton, IN 47842-0186

Pastor Tom Barnett
Phone (765) 832-3159
clintonfirst@gmail.com
<http://clintonfirst.org>
[facebook.com/clintonfirst](https://www.facebook.com/clintonfirst)

THE OBSERVER

September & October, 2018

Clinton First *Ignited* Methodist Church

Upcoming Events:

Sept. 16 Walk to End Alzheimer's (p3)

Sept. 22 CAMA Pancake & Sausage Breakfast (p9)

Sept. 30 Fifth Sunday Dinner/Build-a-Box Day (p5)

Oct.27 Family Fall Festival (pps. 6 & 8)

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
Thurs. 6:30 pm	Bible Study, Battlefield of the Mind