

August/September 2019

The Observer

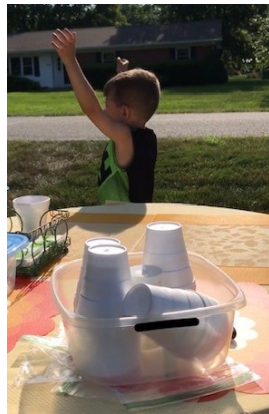


Clinton First *Ignited* Methodist Church



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Lemonade for BackPack!



Recruiting customers for BackPack

BackPack Packing Begins August 22

On July 24, Blake Natalie, 5, and his grandmother, Roxi Natalie, sold lemonade and cookies to help the Backpack Program. He raised \$137 in only 2 ½ hours! When his customers heard that Blake was raising money for the Backpack Program, they gave generously. Last year; 200 plus children a week benefited.

Blake's parents are Bryan Natalie and Tanya Wyndam. His grandparents are Larry and Roxi Natalie.

Shelby Marsolf reports that packing food for Backpack will resume on Thursdays, starting Aug. 22 (to give schools some time to identify and get permission slips from students who will receive the bags). The packs start at 2:00pm (set up a little earlier) in the Backpack room in the basement of CFUMC.

Can You Lift?-Volunteers Needed--Shelby writes, "We could especially use someone able to lift, even just to be on-call, to help deliver the food totes to schools as the boxes are filled. Another need is someone available during the day with a **large vehicle** to pick up shelf-stable milk (600 pounds?) about once per month in Terre Haute. Sometimes we have scheduled this to coordinate with the packing times, so that lifting wouldn't even be a requirement, as long as there are people at the pack able to help move the milk from the vehicle to the shelves!

"A few **packers** will be unable to return this year, so a couple new volunteers would be helpful.

"**Food donations** are welcome all school year! We **avoid items with nuts or peanut butter** in the

ingredients list. While we expect to send 200-250 bags of food each week, **the bags are often not identical**, so smaller donations are accepted. Common foods include 100% juice box, individual cereal, canned pasta (ravioli,

Nut-Free Zone



Please do not bring any products containing nuts (peanuts or tree nuts) into area.

Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.





spaghetti o's, etc.), block of ramen, fruit cup, and applesauce cup. When we get donations or inexpensive snack items, we include those, too. Examples of snacks would be small packages of cookies, chips, pretzels, microwave popcorn (any size), fruit snacks, Pop-Tarts, oatmeal pies, etc.”



Financial Contributions--Shelby continues, “In many cases, we've identified the most cost-effective places to purchase our regular items, so financial contributions may go further. **Checks can be made out to Clinton First with Backpack clearly marked in the memo or made out to CFUMC Backpack Program.** Members can place these in offering plate, and they will be acknowledged on their giving statement. Donations may also be sent to Clinton First United Methodist Church Backpack Program, PO Box 186, Clinton, IN 47842, and they'll be acknowledged in a separate letter. Questions can be emailed to backpackbags@hotmail.com or just ask Shelby. The church has donated the space. Elanco and the church have donated the shelves and tables. All the work is done by volunteers.

That means **donations go entirely to getting food to the children!!!**”



Coordinator Needed for Backpack McNight!

A volunteer is needed to coordinate a Backpack McNight at McDonald's. Date TBA. It would involve some advertising and getting people to "work" the night of the event. Please see Shelby Marsoff if you can help.

I HOP Providing Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, Saturday, September 21, 8:00 am-Noon Proceeds to support CAMA.



A delicious breakfast will be at Sportland Park again this year on Saturday, September 21 from 8:00 am-Noon 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.

The I HOP employees last year said that this was the best event they participated in. Employees donate their time to provide our community with a way to help others. Let's do even better this year and support CAMA!



Wildcat Store Donations Being Accepted!

Our church is emphasizing donating sets of towels and washcloths, rolled up and wrapped in twine as shown at left. They can be new or gently used. The dates for the Wildcat Store will be in December.

Audrey Lientz is the coordinator for our church.



Mostaccioli Dinner

***Everyone is invited for delicious
Italian food and fellowship!***

***In the barn
Saturday & Sunday,
August 31 & September 1
11:00 am - 8:00 pm***

Menu:

***Mostaccioli, salada, Italian bread,
and drinks***

Dessert by donation!

*Presented by the Wabash Valley
United Methodist Church Cluster
Proceeds to help the Cluster Youth Groups
Fellowship and Community Involvement*

Contact Sally Harris or Jury Vaira
sallylmhc@yahoo.com

Giving Opportunity!!

Every Dollar Donated Worth Two More!!

The **Vermillion County Community Foundation (VCCF)** is able to have every dollar (\$1.00) donated to the general or unrestricted funds of the foundation matched with two (\$2.00) from the Lilly Endowment. This matching opportunity is known as the GIFT VII Initiative and available through December 31, 2020. The goal is to raise \$250,000 from Vermillion County residents or businesses, to be matched with \$500,000 from Lilly Endowment, for a total of \$750,000 in general or unrestricted funds.

VCCF has been able to donate over \$110,000 in grant money to various organizations, food pantries, schools, communities, and fire and police departments over the past 3-4 years. With the \$750,000 from GIFT VII, **VCCF can more than double the amount of grants available.**

Please consider investing back into your community with a donation of any amount.

Remember, every dollar donated will be worth two more, i.e. \$50 donated becomes \$150, \$250 becomes \$750, etc.

You may contact Ed Shew (812-208-0714) for further information.



Join Clinton First United Methodist Church Team in the 2019 Terre Haute Walk to End Alzheimer's

WHEN: Saturday, September 14, at 9:00 a.m., with the walk itself beginning at 9:30 a.m.

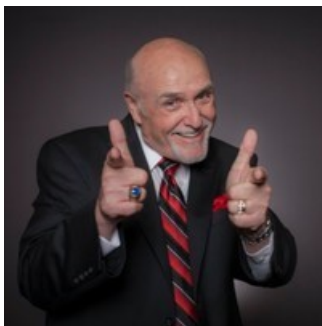
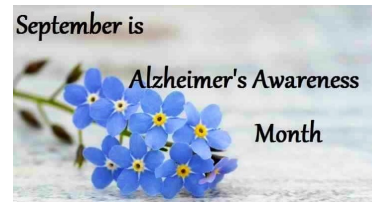
WHERE: Fairbanks Park Walking Trail in Terre Haute

LINK: <http://act.alz.org/goto/CFUMC> and click on "Join Our Team" button.

TO DONATE: If you would like to donate, go to the same link and click on the "Donate to the Team" button or on an individual team member's button. Team members are also taking donations to turn in for the Walk.

We appreciate your prayers as we walk to end Alzheimer's in our world.

Thank you so much!
Peggy Strobel



CAMA Revival-

Three days! September 27-29

Two Sessions at Clinton First!

The first two sessions on Friday and Saturday, September 27 and 28, will be in the evening at Clinton First. Dan Caldwell, from Evansville, who is an experienced keynote speaker and leadership development trainer for both churches and business, will be leading the revival.

On Sunday, Sept. 29 the revival service will be at 10:00 am at the LIFT stage. Following the service, will be a carry-in dinner and hog roast with two roasted hogs..

Candy Needed for Little Italy Parade

Please bring candy to church by Sunday, August 25, to use in the parade on August 30. This helps publicize the dinner. See Sally Harris or Jury Vaira



Little Italy Festival Time Means Mostaccioli!

Help Is Needed--It's Fun!

Making the Sauce: It is about that time again. We will have a day of making sauce on **Saturday, August 10 at 9:00am.** This is a Cluster event so please plan to come and help.



We will be needing *green peppers* and *tomatoes*



again this year.

Set Up on Aug. 29--Work Day on Aug.30

Set up time will be Thurs, Aug. 29 at 6:30 pm.

We will get together to set up the barn for our Mostaccioli Dinner.

Work day will be on Friday, Aug 30 (time to be

announced) to chop veggies for salada.

It takes all of us working together to make a success of this weekend. It is a lot of work, but the rewards of the wonderful fellowship make it all worthwhile. Please be thinking about when you will be able to **work either in the kitchen or serving in the barn.** We will also need **desserts.**



There are **sign-up sheets on the table in the gathering area.**

Thanks and God bless!

Sally Harris and Jury Vaira

CAMA Quarterly Gathering--Carry-in Meal & Service



The carry-in dinner and service on July 14 was held at South Vermillion High School. The gathering continues to be well attended. This time, 120 people enjoyed great food and wonderful music. Unfortunately, there was no air conditioning, but it wasn't unbearable. Fourteen from Clinton First attended. The offering was \$432.42 for CAMA.



Everyone ate well and the band was good. It was fun to see Matthew Russell, above, playing and singing.



Mothers & Fathers Honored on Their Days!



The oldest mother in attendance, Mary Ten Have, 91, enjoys her plant with a joyful smile. Kathy Davis is her daughter.

The youngest mother, Angel Emmons, 26, daughter of Neicie Ash, does the same.



Keepin' it in the family....

Ted Marsolf was recognized as the oldest father in church on Father's Day, June 16. His son-in-law, Tim Hunt, pictured with his son, Adam, was also recognized as the youngest father. Both wives, Phyllis and Alaina were very proud!



A Special Children's Time with Trinity and Misty!

On July 14, Trinity Rector brought in Misty, her service dog, for children's time with Mr. Eric. Mr. Eric talked about how service dogs must have focus. Trinity demonstrated some commands that Misty instantly obeyed because of her focus. Mr. Eric talked about how God needs us to be focused also. God wants us to use observation of and attention to needs & service in the community.

National Night Out-August 2



Watching the helicopter come in on a beautiful evening was great fun!



Dozens of delicious cookies were handed out, along with ice cold bottles of water. Kudos to Brenda Alexander for leading the project. Of course, she'd be the first to say she had help from friends.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



UPDATE!!

We had our first Packing Party on June 30 and we were able to make over 30 tic-tac-toe games, pack over 30 sewing kits (still need scissors) and prepped over 30 school supply kits, we made some Princess Wands and enjoyed a time of serving and fellowship!

ITEMS STILL NEEDED to complete our Kits:

FISHING KITS – Jelly Worms, Bobbers, Hooks, and Weights

HYGIENE KITS – approximately 30 washcloths

SEWING KITS – school size scissors – pointed tips

SCHOOL KITS – erasers, glue sticks, rulers

TOYS – small toys and new small stuffed animals (Dollar Tree great place to find small toys)

Thank you for your support and participation in this ministry....

Clinton Ignited Methodist going global in outreach!!

Contact Person-Lori Barnett

Esther Circle News



Margie Lapworth hosted the June 18 meeting of the Esther Circle at her home. She opened the meeting by sharing a devotion entitled, "Pulled In Two Directions". Lou Ann Andis, vice president, conducted the business meeting. The minutes were read

and approved and the treasurer's report was accepted. Other members present were Phyllis Marsolf, Katharine Marsolf, Ruth Hollingsworth, Martha Rutan, and Audrey Lientz. A letter was read from our Compassion child and a donation will be made to 14th and Chestnut Community Center to help with their mission work for the children.

Next meeting:

Tues., Sept. 17, 7:00 pm

Lou Ann gave the program by sharing "Ideas on Joy: Enjoying Where You Are on the Way to Where You Are Going". She also shared an article from the book, *Turn Your Radio On That*, which explained how the gospel song, "Happy Rhythm," got started and how it caught on, especially with the young folks. Several years ago the Neighborhood Quartet consisting of Mary, Henry, and Randy Hogan and Gary Andis recorded "Happy Rhythm" with several other gospel songs, and she shared these songs. The meeting closed with a prayer circle and refreshments were served by the hostess.



2,300 Lbs. of Meat Purchased at 4-H Livestock Auction!

Thank you for all those who donated to the 4-H livestock auction on June 28. With combined money amounting to \$6,600.00 from area businesses, Vermillion County Community Foundation, First Clinton UMC, and Cluster 83 were able to purchase nine hogs and two beef. Those were processed and donated to the food pantries in Clinton and Cayuga. This represents about 2,300 pounds of sausage, hamburger and pork chops. As it did last year, Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry paid for all the processing. They pay the processing for meat such as deer, hogs, or beef, that will be donated to food pantries throughout the state of Indiana. Both Spendal Meats and Paxton's are part of this program.

Again, thank you for your ongoing support of helping 4-H kids and the food pantry.

Ed Shew

2019 4-H Auction Contributors: Clinton Area Businesses

9 th St Auto Repair	Frist Funeral Home
Anderson Aqua Systems	Giovanini Funeral Home
Andrews Heating and Air Conditioning	Greg Harbison, Edward Jones Investments
April Hobbs, Miracle Ear	Jackson Family of Dealerships
B & S Cycle	Kevin Hixon, CPA
Beverly Plumbing & Heating	Keyaira Miller, Farm Bureau Ins. Agent
Binder Family Chiropractic	Kitchens Baths & More
Blackburn Tire and Excavating	Lee James, Farm Bureau Ins. Agent
Branson Insurance	M & M Lawnmower
Clinton Auto Parts NAPA	Malone Realty
Clinton Ford	MJS Insurance
Crown Hill Dentistry; Dr's Cloyd & Gooding	Pastore Lumber
Crown Hill Veterinary Clinic	Professional Glass
Dirk's Auto Repair	Sawyers Flowers
Doan Seed, LLC	Shepard's Gas
Dr. Charles Rutan, OD	Shots & Shells
Dr. Kent Cammack, DDS	Spendal Meats

Delegate to Indiana Annual Conference Needed. After four years of service, Brian Hutchinson is asking to be replaced. The 2020 Indiana Annual Conference will be held June 11-13 at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Indiana. Please consider this service to the church and learn a lot besides! See Pastor Tom if interested.

AUGUST, 2019

Day(s)	Date	Time	Event
Thursday	Aug. 22	2:00 pm	BackPack packing resumes
Thursday	Aug. 29	6:30 pm	Set up for the Mostaccioli Dinner
Friday	Aug. 30	TBA	Work day for Mostaccioli Dinner
Sat-Sun	Aug 31- Sept 1	11:00a-8:00p	Mostaccioli Dinner

SEPTEMBER, 2019

Saturday	Sept. 14	9:00 am	Walk to End Alzheimer's
Tuesday	Sept. 17	7:00 pm	Esther Circle meets
Saturday	Sept. 21	8:00a-Noon	I Hop Pancake and Sausage breakfast Sportland Park
Fri-Sun	Sept. 27-29	TBA	CAMA Revival at Clinton First & LIFT stage



Prayer Concerns

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

It's All About the Food!

5th Sunday Dinner & Ultimate Picnic

Well, not ALL about the food, but the food brings us together in serving and fellowship.





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Upcoming Events & Activities:

Aug. 31 & Sept. 1--Mostaccioli Dinner in the barn

Sept. 14--Walk to End Alzheimers

Sept 21--I Hop Pancake & Sausage Breakfast for CAMA

Sept. 27-29--CAMA Revival

Regular Events Calendar

Sunday 9:30 am	Worship service Communion 1st Sunday
11:00 am	Sunday school for all ages
Thurs. 2:00 pm	Backpack packing (first day Aug. 22)
Thurs. 3:00 pm	Prayer Team