

October/November 2019

The Observer



Clinton First *Ignited* Methodist Church

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Family Fall Festival

Sat., Oct. 26 in the barn

11:00am- 1:00 pm

**Lots of activities,
games and prizes!**

**Hamburgers, hot dogs,
chips, and drinks for lunch**


--All Free!



OCC* Build-a-Kit Day & Carry-in Dinner Sun. Oct 27



***OCC (Operation Christmas Child)
Kits assembly begun prior to dinner.
Only two items needed to complete kits!**

 1. BARS OF SOAP(NOT Ivory) Irish Spring, which is inexpensive and holds up in heat is recommended

 2. SMALL SCHOOL SIZE SCISSORS
May be blunt or pointed

DONATIONS ALSO NEEDED

\$9 is needed to ship each box. \$450 is the goal amount to ship 50 boxes. (The Esther Circle is providing the plastic boxes.) Contact Person: Lori Barnett



Carry-in Dinner-Dinner is at noon. Drinks and entrees provided. Please bring sides and desserts.



Volunteers/Items Needed for Fall Festival

Sat., Oct. 26-11:00am-1:00pm in the barn

>Need prizes and candy for games

>Most food will be purchased, but please donate homemade cookies.

>Need **volunteers** to welcome guests, host games, and serve food.

Sign up on table. See Shelby Marsolf with questions.

“Canoeing the Mountains”-Training Event

Fri. Oct. 18-8:00a-4:00p -at Mt. Pleasant UMC Terre Haute

Registration Deadline Oct. 15

Rev. Dr. Tod Bolsinger “will be discussing the ideas he wrote about in his book, *Canoeing the Mountains*. The book takes the example of Lewis and Clark who left the east coast in the early 1800s to discover a water pathway to the Pacific Ocean. Their technical skills only took them so far. They had to develop adaptive skills as they faced challenges they



never thought they would face. Tod will talk about how pastors and church leaders have to take wise risks; learn to lead on the map before they can lead off the map, how to prepare for the unknown, how to become resilient leaders, and how to follow the Holy

Spirit into places one feels completely unprepared for. Contact Pastor Tom.

Candy is Needed for “Trunk or Treat”

What: City of Clinton “Trunk or Treat”

When: Wednesday, October 30 5:00pm -8:00pm

Where: Community Center, 301 South Main Street

Clinton First will participate.

Donations of candy needed. Lots of candy!

See Brenda Alexander if questions.



Hangings of the Greens-Sun., Nov. 24



Please help adorn our beautiful church!

Immediately after the service, grab a treat and drink, and pitch in with this important project. Decorations will be put up during Coffee Time and Sunday school.

Cluster Thanksgiving Dinner Is Same Day-Since this is the same day as the Cluster Thanksgiving Dinner, please bring your covered dishes to church. If the decorating isn't complete, we will need to return to church after the Cluster Thanksgiving dinner, (but we hope not.) This is necessary because the next Sunday, December 1, is the first Sunday in Advent and a holiday weekend. See Pastor Tom if questions.

2019 Team Celebrates Successful ALZ Walk!

♥ Thank you so much to friends who walked the Alzheimer's "mile" with me. I am blessed with your support and love for Chuck and me and for your donations to the Alzheimer's Association. Thank you too to those who couldn't walk but donated to the cause and kept us in your prayers as our team "walked to end Alzheimer's." We collected \$2,605 so far, which is amazing! Out of 84 teams in the Terre Haute Walk, we came in 7th. My love goes out to all whether you walked, donated, and/or prayed for us. It was a beautiful day!

<http://act.alz.org/goto/CFUMC> Peggy Strobel



Above-team picture. Below—L to R Sally Harris, Jury Vaira and Abby McKown., who were also on the team.

Brenda Alexander held a very successful bake sale for the Walk, which raised \$360! Several just donated without buying baked goods.. Brenda can truly say, "Here's my sign!" for champion fund raising. So can Peggy Strobel, who has led our group for several years!

Wildcat Store 2019--Dates Are Set!

Set up--Wednesday, December 11.

The store--Thursday & Friday, December 12-13

Sign up sheets and more info are on the table.



Please start collecting because the time is fast approaching.

Our church is still collecting **towels and washcloths** rolled up and bound as shown.

ITEMS NEEDED:

>Wildcat apparel and school items

>Gently worn coats, boys & girls- all sizes

Coats and clothing can be taken to cleaners in Clinton to be cleaned at no charge

>Middle school size gently worn jeans and hoodies--boys & girls

>High school size gently worn jeans--boys & girls

>Boys & girls winter gloves

>Casey gift cards

>McDonald gift cards

>Jewelry

>Movies appropriate for the students

>Blankets



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Bags for Wildcat Store!

Our church was asked to make 80 large bags for the kids to take their items home. They are replacing the large black plastic trash bags. We had two sewing days, September 25 and October 2, at the church



and

have completed the projects. We had a good time of fellowship and always a good lunch.

Those that helped were Pat Richey, Freida Rutan, Sally Harris, Katharine Marsolf, Joyce Harvey, Ruth Hollingsworth, Joni Weeks, Margie Lapworth, Brenda Starkey, and Audrey Lientz. Lou Ann Andis [chair]

Ramp News--Lou Ann Andis shared this news, "There is a team in Northern Vermillion County that is building ramps in several counties. Our team built a ramp in Rosedale. Gary has been assisting and consulting the northern group. They have built several ramps in Crawfordsville and Turkey Run. This team is becoming very active." It is so good to hear that Gary is still involved in building ramps!

Mostaccioli Dinner Is Success!

From the buying of supplies to serving the last customer, the mostaccioli dinner was a success. In fact, it was a sell out! All of the mostaccioli was sold by early afternoon on Sunday, due to such a good turnout. Kudos go to Sally Harris and Jury Vaira, who chaired the event again! Sally reported a profit of \$3,000, which will go to support Cluster Youth activities. Below are pictures of some of the days and the people involved.



Sauce Day , Aug 10



Set Up , Aug 29



How about Sally's Corvette? Huge crowds at the parade! Ran out of candy! Aug. 30



Making salada, Aug. 30



Stirring the sauce, Aug. 31



Surrounded by desserts, Aug. 31



And there they ALL are! Aug. 31
People commented on the variety and quantity of our desserts!



Serving food, Aug. 31



Debbie Kuykendall was drenched, all morning long, Sept. 1, bringing food and supplies back and forth from the tent to church. Toughest job of all!



Sue and Dan Caldwell

CAMA Revival--September 27-29

Dan Caldwell from Evansville gave the folks who attended the revival three rousing messages. On Friday night, he discussed how God helps us “through it all,” the very song, that Pastor Tom has been using in our services! “Tumultuous” would be an understatement to describe Dan’s childhood. At age 14, he felt the call of God. At age 16, he was ordained, which he doesn’t recommend. His father was an alcoholic and committed suicide when Dan was 14. Dan became the man of the house and worked three jobs as he attended school. His mother had a nervous breakdown. Dan learned his strength came from the Lord and is more than enough. He stressed not to place limits on God. “God Can” was aptly the theme

of the night.

Later in life, Dan passed out with a stroke while driving and struck a telephone pole. He knows the price of one telephone pole: \$65,000! He lost his voice after the stroke, not good for a pastor, and had extensive therapy. Then a year later, he faced cancer. Now, he obviously can talk, and his message is that “God Can.” He explained that miracles come in cans, not just one time, but every time. The second night, he focused on responsibility and repeated “I’m responsible,” many times. On Sunday, he stressed, “It’s time.”

The attendance at the revival was very good with a total number of 360. Offerings met and exceeded expenses. \$2,000 was needed and the total offering was \$2,300. On Sunday, due to weather, the service and the carry-in meal had to be at our church, instead of the LIFT grounds. The sanctuary was full, as was the Fellowship Hall for the carry-in dinner. We feasted on delicious pulled pork and brisket from an all-night hog roast, and the huge amount of food that was brought in. People from all churches pitched in to help.



In Memory of Mary Etta Ten Have



Mary was carried by the angels into heaven on August 31, 2019 at the age of 91. Mary was born in Howell, MI, November 7, 1927, the daughter of Alfred and Helen (Whittaker) Shaffier and foster daughter of C. Earl and Ruth Champlin. She was an affiliate member of the First United Methodist Church in Eaton Rapids, Trinity United Methodist Church in Zephyrhills, FL and a current member of Clinton First United Methodist Church. Mary was also a member of the Eaton Rapids Holiness Camp Meeting, was active in church leadership and the Climax Women’s Study Club. She was a devoted wife and mother and spent her life caring for countless individuals. She was a licensed practical nurse, a 4-H leader, a local pastor in the United Methodist Church, and continued to serve the church and its members throughout her life.

IHOP Pancake & Sausage Breakfast Benefits CAMA!



On September 21, IHOP brought its blue tent and provided breakfast for \$5 to all comers. All funds raised are used for the CAMA benevolence fund.

Please Congratulate Freida Rutan!*



Freida Rutan has been a Red Cross volunteer for many years and traveled extensively when disaster strikes. She wrote, back in June, that she and Pat Richey had spent a week in Pendleton, Indiana and two solid weeks in Dayton, Ohio, helping tornado victims. As she said, "It's time consuming, but I love it!" She continued to say that Pat Richey was "boots on the ground." As a result of their service they both received the Red Cross challenge Coin for their efforts. It's a coin given for outstanding service and commitment. Freida said they were both very humbled and completely unaware.

*I hope that Freida will accept my humble apologies for overlooking this article for the last newsletter. Congratulations! We are all so proud of the work you do for the Red Cross!

Karen Carlson



Esther Circle News

Lou Ann Andis hosted the Esther Circle at her home in Hillsdale Tuesday, Sept. 17. She welcomed the ladies and shared a devotion "The Nudging Prayer." Members attending were Ruth

Hollingsworth, Martha Rutan, Margie Lapworth, Kathy Davis, Phyllis Marsolf, Katharine Marsolf, and Audrey Lientz. The minutes were read and the treasurer's report was given. A letter from the Compassion Child we support was read. It is always a joy to hear from her. Upcoming events were announced and the circle will once again be purchasing plastic boxes to be used for the

Operation Christmas Child project sponsored by the Vermillion County Cluster 83. [September activities were announced.] October 30, Clinton First will be participating in the Halloween trick or treat at the Clinton Community Center. The October 15 circle meeting will be held at the church. [Karen Carlson will be the host,] and Phyllis will give the program. Margie gave the program using an article by Norman Vincent Peale "Seven Values to Live By". The meeting closed with a prayer circle and refreshments were served by the hostess. Audrey Lientz



Mark Davis Baptism

Sept. 29



A beautiful scenic view of the river shows the family and friends gathered at the river to celebrate Mark Davis' holy baptism.

Mark made his confession of faith to Pastor Tom and his father, Tom. Thx to Brian Hutchinson for pics.

Ford Motors Presents Check to BackPack



On August 29, Phyllis Marsof received a \$1,440 check from Tom Wilson of Ford Motor Company for the Back Pack Program. At left is Shannon Davis of Tractor Supply, Marsof, Wilson, and Ford employees Aarin Lien and Cayli Sandusky. On May 11, Clinton Ford, Inc. sponsored a "Ford Drive 4 UR Community" held at Tractor Supply to benefit the Back Pack Program. For each person who took a spin in a new Ford, the company donated \$20 to Back Pack

Back Pack Volunteers: L to R Will Sanquenetti, Phyllis Marsof, Brenda Alabaugh, Barb Kuykendall, Yale Yager, Orthanna Yager, Audrey Lientz, Ruth Hollingsworth, Carol Bonomo, Peggy Strobel, Chet Rutan, and Lou Bonomo. The photo above was taken in the Back Pack room where brown paper bags are filled with food for children in need. Donations are always welcome. Contact Shelby Marsof at backpackbags@hotmail.com



OCTOBER, 2019			
Day	Date	Time	Event
<i>October is Pastor Appreciation Month!</i>			
Sat.	Oct. 12	4:00-7:00pm	Hog Wallow outing for Cluster youth
Sun	Oct. 13	9:30am	Children's Sabbath. Message: "Mr. Eric" Weeks
Tues	Oct. 15	7:00pm	Esther Circle at church-Karen Carlson Host
Thurs.	Oct. 17	7:00 pm	Cluster meeting
Fri.	Oct. 18	8:00a-4:00p	"Canoeing the Mountains" Registration Deadline 10/15 Adaptive Leadership Seminar at Mt. Pleasant UMC
Sun.	Oct. 20	9:30am	Laity Sunday
Sat.	Oct.26	11:00a-1:00p	Family Fall Festival in barn
Sun.	Oct 27	After service/ noon	Build-a-Kit Day for Christmas Child/Carry-in Dinner
Weds	Oct. 30	5:00-8:00pm	"Trunk or Treat" at Clinton Community Center- Clinton First to participate
NOVEMBER, 2019			
Sun.	Nov. 3	TBA	OCC Packing Day (Operation Christmas Child) at Salem UMC
Sun.	Nov. 10	2:00pm	Charge Conference at UM Temple, Terre Haute
Sat.	Nov. 16	11:00a-2:00p	Hillcrest Thanksgiving Dinner
Sun.	Nov. 24	After service	Hanging of the Greens
Sun.	Nov. 24	TBA	Cluster Thanksgiving Dinner at Salem UMC
DECEMBER			
Weds.	Dec.11	3:00pm--??	Set Up Wildcat Store
Thurs.-Fri	Dec. 12-13	7:45a- 3:00/4:00p	Wildcat Store for HS and middle school students



Prayer Concerns

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

Notes from Rhonda Reed:

Check us out on Facebook – www.facebook.com/clintonfirst

Upcoming Events - <http://clintonfirst.org/fumc/calendar/>

Please send any additional upcoming events info to admin@clintonfirst.org so they can be added to web / Facebook as soon as possible.

Donations to the Blessing Box would be heartily accepted as our supplies are getting low.



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Upcoming Events & Activities:

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| Sat. Oct 26 11:00a-1:00p | Family Fall Festival in barn |
| Sun. Oct. 27 After service
Noon | OCC Build-a-Kit Day &
Carry-in Dinner |
| Sun. Nov. 24 After service | Hanging of the Greens |
| Sun. Nov 24 TBA | Cluster Thanksgiving Dinner |

Regular Events Calendar

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| 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 |