

CLINTON 1ST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Worship resources for December 8 are available via the web at <https://clintonfirst.org/fumc/category/worship/>

Please be watching for an email survey regarding Clinton First's worship. It is important that everyone respond to the survey.

Nostalgic for 2020? Well, perhaps at least nostalgic for the organ and piano Christmas music that Joni recorded for us that year since we were limited on attending church to hear those favorite songs?

Don't forget that those Carols are available on the CFUMC YouTube Channel (you can click on the YouTube icon at the bottom of these emails at any time) – but the direct links to the Carols are also listed here:

Organ:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QgB_NkJ9w_U

Piano:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jBC60I69gJo>

December 9 and 16 – 4pm – 8 pm. The Clinton Public Library invites all to join them for the **2024 Christmas Card Drive!** Help spread holiday cheer by creating greeting cards for our friends at VCC and Clinton Gardens. Craft supplies provided. Let's come together to brighten the season for those in our community!

December 12 – 6 pm – *Esther Circle Christmas Party* at [Gerrie's Restaurant](#).

To help "shore up" our supplies for the Blessing Box for Christmas Day, please consider donating additional items. The [Wal-Mart Blessing Box Registry](#) can be used to have items delivered directly for the Blessing Box – you can also use the list to see what items would be beneficial to have in the Blessing Box. Brenda Alexander is going to be checking the Box frequently during Christmas to help keep it full – and having well stocked shelves in the Gathering Area at church would be helpful.

December 14 – 5 pm – [Santa Claus is Coming to Clinton](#). Plans are underway for the Clinton Christmas Parade and visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Clinton Community Center.

- The fire truck will be escorting Santa and Mrs. Claus from the fire house at 332 Mulberry Street to Riverfront Park on Saturday December 14 at 5:00PM.
- All residents who would like to watch the parade should line Mulberry Street from 3rd and Mulberry, Riverfront Park, and then Blackman to the Community Center at Main and Blackman! Riverside Park will be lit and the parade will end at the Clinton Community Center for a visit with Santa as well as other goodies and treats to be handed out!
- We will be distributing cookies for this community event – please have cookies to the church by noon on Saturday December 14.

December 15 – 2:00 pm – Join the Lamplighter's Sunday School Class for the Church's Christmas Party at in the Fellowship Hall at Clinton First (basement). Bring a covered dish. Ham will be provided by the Lamplighter's Class. Everyone is welcome. Bring a wrapped gift you just might be able to part with for the white elephant gift exchange...gift

may be serious or not-so-much. Regifting is allowed. Please sign up at the table (with the Nativity set) in the Gathering area to provide numbers for planning for the party.

December 18 – 2pm – 6pm – Free Laundry Day – Assistance is greatly appreciated..... We can use Quarters (or any \$ denomination to convert to quarters), laundry supplies, and folks to assist with this Cluster mission. Supplies may be donated and delivered by ordering from the [Wal-Mart Free Laundry Day Registry](#)

- Note: **Pizza will be served at this Free Laundry Day (2pm and 4pm). This is a special Christmas treat for our laundry guests. If you can make cookies or a holiday treat to share, please bring it by.**

December 24 – 7 pm – *Candlelight Christmas Eve Service* – **“Love Came Down”** – Please join us to hear this meaningful message managed by Angela Crouch.

SOUPer BOWL – December 30

The Cluster is starting to collect cans of soup for the annual SOUPer BOWL on New Year's Eve. *All soup collected will be donated to the Vermillion County Food Pantry.* Pastor Terry Jeffers is the contact person. **Donations can be taken to Wayside UMC or the food pantry.**

January 16 - 7pm – Cluster meeting at Wayside UMC

Please remember donations to the **Blessing Box** – There is a great need in our community. Not sure what is useful? What folks need? What to donate? Feel free to use our [Wal-Mart Registry for the Blessing Box](#).

If you have extra plastic bags (from IGA, Wal-Mart, etc), please consider bringing them to church for use either at the Food Pantry or the

mission group that is using them to make “plarn” which is used in weaving sleeping mats for homeless individuals.

[El Shaddai Emmaus of Indiana](#)

No information at this time

Concerts

[WBGL Events](#) – includes concerts further away from Clinton that you still might want to attend.

December 12 – 7 pm – [Unspoken’s Acoustic Christmas Tour including One Cause](#). [Grace Baptist Church](#), Bloomington, IN

December 13 - 7 pm (IL Time) – [Celebrate Christmas Tour with Natalie Grant & Danny Gokey](#) - [Virginia Theatre Champaign, IL](#)

April 12 – [MercyMe Live 2025](#) along with music from guest artists Zach Williams and Sam Wesley – [State Farm Center](#) - Doors open at 5:30 pm (Central time). [Parking information](#).

[Other Awakening Events](#) throughout the US and the year.

[WOW God Stories](#) – These authentic, powerful, and true moments help us to build up our faith. Lisa Williams and Ann Sorenson love to share those moments, and leave you asking the question, “What’s my Wow God Story?”

[The Unfolding](#) - When you hear a story about God's supernatural work in someone's life, it builds your faith.

Interested in learning a new skill, expanding your technical abilities? Assistance is needed in preparing the "script" for Sundays to be projected on the screens. Additional help for running the system on Sundays would be gladly accepted to make sure we have a 'pool' of folks who can help.

What else is going on? Check out our [Church Calendar](#)

Check us out on social media:

- Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/clintonfirst>
- YouTube --<https://www.youtube.com/@ClintonFirstIgnited>

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