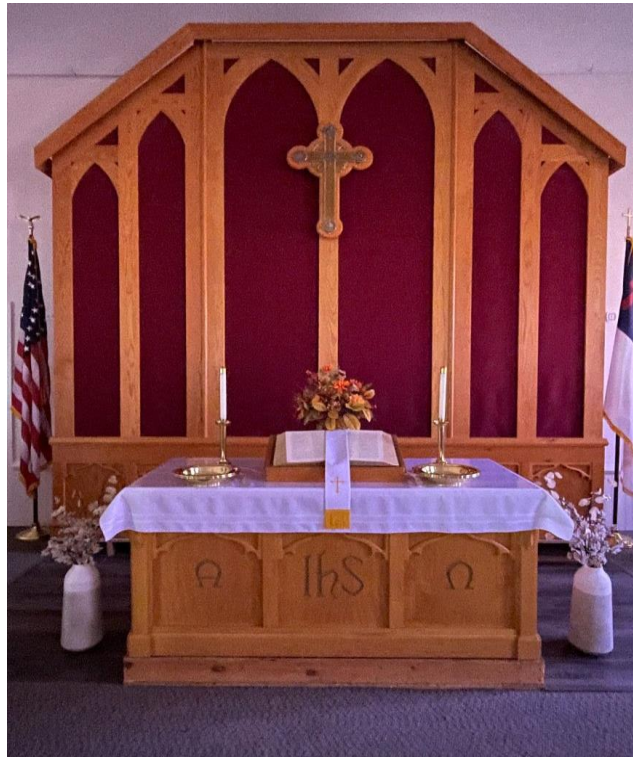


Clinton United Church of Christ



Weekly Message



"Earth Signs"

Pastor Marsha's message for Sunday, December 1, the first Sunday of Advent is "Earth Signs." During the worship service, the candle of Hope will be lit. Hope you

can join us as we begin our waiting for the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

The service starts at 9:45 AM with Hymns for Gathering. If you are unable to attend and would like to view the service, it will start at 9:40 AM on YouTube. You can watch it by going to the church website at clintonunitedchurchofchrist.com, click on Live Stream at the very top of the home page or scroll further down the page and click on Launch Live Stream. The service can also be viewed by accessing YouTube through the Internet. Type: Clinton United Church of Christ in the search box on the YouTube site. If you subscribe to the church YouTube, the service will also be available to you by clicking on your subscription in YouTube. Here is the link for the [Bulletin for 12.1.2024](#).

Life of Our Church

Prayers Needed:

- Prayers for Doris Kemner. She is having some health issues.
- Prayers for the Joel Winter family as they grieve and adjust to his passing.
- Prayers for all those who are having a difficult time Thanksgiving. May we always remember those that will be alone. Give them a call, stop in and see them and pray for them.

Thank you:

- Susan Armour for the beautiful flowers on the Altar in memory of her mother Marguarite Fisher.
- Alice Wimple for luncheon coffee hour. It was great to have her fix leftovers from the Senior Thanksgiving dinner.
- A huge thank you to Dar and Chris Downard and Jim Pittman for all of their hard work they did to cook a beautiful Senior Thanksgiving dinner for the seniors in the area.
- Thank you to all those who helped in anyway with the Senior Thanksgiving dinner. It is so wonderful to have so many give of their time to make this dinner a success.

Joy:

- The joy of our church is that there are so many volunteers who come together to feed the seniors in our area a delicious Thanksgiving dinner. Working together is also fellowship together.

Information:

- The Worship Team has purchased Advent Devotionals for all to help in preparation of this special season of the coming of Emmanuel, God-With-Us. Please help yourself to one. They are on the tables in the Narthex and Kirker Room starting this coming Sunday, November 24.
- Pastor Marsha will be offering a class "Getting to Know the UCC." This class is being offered for those who would like a better understanding of the church and those thinking about joining the church. There will be signup sheets on the tables in the Fellowship Hall, in the Narthex and Kirker Room. These signup sheets are to help determine who would be interested in attending and what day and time will work for those wishing to attend. The class will be offered in January.
- Used Christmas items for the Christmas Sale on December 7 may be brought in after Thanksgiving and placed on the bench in the Fellowship Hall.
- Bake Sale items are needed for the Christmas Sale. Please bring them to the kitchen no later than Saturday morning, December 7.
- Walkers are needed to pass out candy and riders on the float. See Gloria to volunteer.
- Volunteers are needed to decorate the float on December 6 at 3:00 PM. Please let Diane Schuler know if you will be helping so that she will have enough chili for everyone. If you cannot help decorate, come and join in the fellowship at the supper table.

Information on Up Coming Events:

- **November 30** - Rehearsal for the Cantata for the vocal choir and orchestra, 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Handbell choir rehearsal to follow.
- **December 1** - Cookie donations for the Cantata need to be brought to the church in the morning.
- **December 1** - Christmas Cantata, 3:00 PM

- **December 6** - Decorate the Church Float at John & Diane Schuler's home, 212 Tyrrell St., Clinton
 1. Decorate at 3:00 PM
 2. Chili supper following
- **December 7** - Christmas and Bake Sale, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
 1. Baked goods are needed for the Bake Sale. Please consider helping by baking some delicious treats to sell.
 2. Baked goods need to be at the church no later than 9:00 AM on December 7.
- **December 7** - Christmas Parade, 7:00 PM
 1. If you are riding on the float or going to hand out candy, be at the church by 6:00 PM.
 2. The float will leave the church no later than 6:10 PM to line up on Kehoe Rd for the parade. If you don't make it to the church before the time, join us on Kehoe Rd.
- **December 8** - Christmas Sweater/Sweatshirt Day during worship. The sweater/sweatshirt can be either ugly or beautiful, your choice.
- **December 14** - Christmas present wrapping from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. This will be open to the public to come to the Fellowship Hall and have us wrap your Christmas presents. The cost is \$1.00 per package. Spread the word! Volunteers to help wrap will be appreciated.
- **December 24** - Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 PM

Important dates:

- November 28, 2024 - Thanksgiving Day
- December 1, 2024 - Worship Service, Sunday of Hope, 9:45 AM
- December 1, 2024 - Christmas Cantata, 3:00 PM
- December 7, 2024 - Christmas and Bake Sale, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- December 7, 2024 - Christmas Parade, 7:00 PM
- December 8, 2024 - Worship Service, 9:45 AM, Ugly/Beautiful sweater/sweatshirt day at church!
- December 14, 2024 - Gift wrapping, open to the public 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- December 15, 2024 - Communion Worship Service, 9:45 AM
- December 22, 2024 - Worship Service, 9:45 AM
- December 24, 2024 - Christmas Eve Worship Service, 7:00 PM
- December 25, 2024 - Christmas Day
- December 26 & 27 - CUCC Scrapbooking, 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM
- December 29 - Worship Service, 9:45 AM



This Christmas season the poinsettias will decorate our church starting December 8. This is earlier than usual because Cantata is on December 1st. This also allows the church to be able to support the Clinton Band by purchasing the poinsettias from them. We hope you will understand the price change and still consider purchasing poinsettias. The poinsettias do add so much to the decorations of our church during Advent. The names of those in memory and honor of your purchase will be shown prior to the worship service on December 22. The form can be printed from the Weekly Message email (below) or there will be forms in the pew register books at church. The deadline to purchase poinsettias is December 18 for your information to be included in the PowerPoint on December 22.

Christmas Poinsettias

You may purchase a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary in memory or in honor of loved ones or someone special to you.

We are asking that you fill out the order form and place it in the offering plate with a check made payable to Clinton UCC for \$19.00 per poinsettia. The cost has increased this year because we are supporting the Clinton Band with each poinsettia purchased.

Red poinsettia _____

Given by _____

In memory of

Or

In honor of



Clinton UCC

Christmas & Bake Sale

December 7, 2024

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

300 Tecumseh Rd. Clinton, MI

Booths include:

Crafters from the Area

Christmas Again Sale

Delicious Bake Sale

Hope to see you there!!



CUCC Mission for December

The Christmas Fund

The Christmas Fund is a United Church of Christ fund that has been set up to care for active and retired clergy and lay employees of UCC. This fund provides emergency grants, supplementation of small annuities and health premiums, and Christmas "Thank You" gift checks each December to the low-income retirees. Your donations will help those servants of the church who are facing a time of need.

There are envelopes in the pew holders for you to use. Please make your checks payable to Clinton United Church of Christ with Christmas Fund in the memo portion of your check.



3: Pastor Marsha McFadden Quick

10: Georgia Greenhill

10: Natalie Abram

16: Diane Schuler

16: Kevin Beazley

17: Alice Wimple

18: Ken Wimple

19: Jacque Rolland

20: Abby Smith

24: Mark Smith

26: Lois Richardson (98 YEARS YOUNG)

29: Dan Jurasek



1: Jim & Patti Closser
13: Nathan & Crystle Burch
26: Howard & Betty Oesterling
28: Bruce & Dee Schmidt

Life in Our Community



CLINTON CLOTHES CLOSET will be held December 5, 6 and 7 at the Clinton Baptist Church. Extra help is always needed on December 5th from 9am to Noon to put clothes out and on December 7th from 11:30am to 1pm to put clothes away.

Thanks!



Food Pantry Donations Needed

Please have your items in by December 9th. Food Pantry will be held December 12th at the Clinton United Methodist Church from 8am until Noon. Your items can be brought to CUCC and placed in the shopping cart in the Narthex prior to December 9. Jim Pittman will deliver the items to the Methodist church.

Toilet Paper

Paper Towel

Kleenex

Toilet Bowl Cleaner

Any Household Cleaning Product (Lysol, comet, etc.)

Shampoo

Conditioner

Pasta (spaghetti and/or macaroni) NO SAUCE NEEDED

Cereal

Tuna

Cranberry Sauce

Canned Yams

Hamburger Helper

Green Beans

Corn

Canned Chicken

Oatmeal

Jello

Canned Peaches

Canned Pears

Frosting (NO CAKE MIX)

THANKS!



We are collecting items from December 2nd to December 20th to help our VETERANS have a Merry Christmas. Items can be dropped off at Signature Sewing or brought to CUCC. We will make sure they are delivered to Signature Sewing.

Items needed are:

Beef Stix

Slim Jims

Small containers of vienna sausages

Individually wrapped cheese/crackers

Individually wrapped cheese/peanut butter

Granola Bars

Easy open cans of tuna, chicken, etc.

Individually wrapped candies

Bags of wrapped life savers

Small containers of Pringles

Crossword Puzzles, Word Search, etc.

Any and all sizes of men and women socks

Any and all sizes of men and women underwear

All sizes men t-shirts

Travel size deodorant, tooth paste, etc.

Now you have a good idea of what we are collecting! If you think of anything else, please feel free to donate. Thanks!



May the beauty &
blessings of
Thanksgiving
bring warmth &
peace to your home
this season.

Happy
Thanksgiving!