

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers for those in the nursing home or assisted living

Mary Lou Preston Charla Wedel Eva Lee Stewart
Thelma Chand Jamie Shaddon

Prayers for healing or for comfort in difficult circumstances

Don Miller Leon Evans Marian Tisdal
Gail Ashcraft Dub & Marge Smith Jeanne Engel
Shalyn (Engel) Carpenter Cooper Cruson Carole Hatcher
Eric Shephard Jack & Pat Kelley

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NEW OFFICE HOURS
M-TH 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Closed Fridays)

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/5 Clois Jefferies 1/20 Julie Cornell
1/9 Patrick Hunter 1/22 Riley Russell
1/10 Ellen Poulson 1/24 Larry Thomason
1/10 Twilla Brown 1/26 Harli Heerwald
1/11 Donelle Wollmann 1/28 Carole Hatcher
1/13 Jimmy Evans
1/13 Nancy Goodwin
1/13 Clint Lively
1/15 Blake Wolters
1/18 Charles Nimmo
1/19 Mary Evans

Note: If your name is not on the birthday list, please contact the church office at 323-3179 so we can add your birthday to our list. Thank You, Kim Snider

9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
FACEBOOK LIVE & WEBSITE LIVE
(Clinton First United Methodist Church on Facebook)
(www.clintonfumc.church)
10:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL (all ages)

Church Office: 580-323-3179
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New Website: www.clintonfumc.church
The next deadline for Sower articles is Monday January 20, 2025

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THE SOWER

Wednesday Monthly January 1, 2025

The mission of our church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World. Loving God; Loving Others; and Living Out Our Faith

Lighthouse Congregations are local churches in the Oklahoma Annual Conference that are willing to offer ministry to anyone whose church has closed or disaffiliated and who wish to remain a United Methodist.

One of my least favorite things to do is look back. Whatever is behind me, doesn't matter anymore. 2024, I am done with you.

Except I am not. There are things that are left undone. Hard conversations, hard work on myself, intentions that kept getting pushed to next week, telling people I love them, announcing out loud when something or someone is Joyful, or Fun, or Holy, taking time to be fully present in the moment, not later, right now, and many, many more.

I will take a few days at the end of the year, and at the beginning to do some journaling, praying, thinking, and looking back. Then, I will make new intentions, have a plan for the things left undone, and follow Jesus more consistently...this too is an ongoing prayer and intention.

I will ask myself: Did I finish 2024 the way I wanted to, if not, what can I do in 2025 to help me finish well.
What are my intentions for this next year: faith, family, church, friends, health, and my whole self?
What are my plans to map these out so that I can work on them over the year? Weekly, Monthly, and Daily.

I try not to go to big or I get overwhelmed and give up on the whole thing. Then, I will make notes in my calendar to review them periodically and with purpose. This way I can adjust and not continue with something that is not working. Or ramp up something that is working.

I am wondering if you can guess what my word of the year is: It starts with INT and ends with ENTION.

It is very easy for me to float along and not have a plan. I can adjust quickly. I want to be intentional about some things this year. I also am making space for things that need to change or drop based on life events. We have 365 days. We can arrive in 2026 and have no change or growth at all. This is not what I want to do. I want to show up for 2026 as my best self, ready for a new year! Bring on 2027!

I pray that 2025 is blessed beyond all that we can ask or imagine! As we follow our God, may we find love, grace, and mercy behind every moment.

Let us share this love, grace, and mercy to everyone we encounter. Happy New Year!!

Much Love,
Temple



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JANUARY

2025
HAPPY NEW
YEARS

- ◆ **Wednesday, Jan. 1:** Office Closed - New Year's Day
- ◆ **Sunday, Jan. 5:** Communion & Alms Giving
- ◆ **Sunday, Jan. 12:** Missions - Collect Soups" for Opportunities Inc.
- ◆ **Sunday, Jan. 19:** Apostle's Creed
- ◆ **Monday, Jan. 20:** Office Closed—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- ◆ **Sunday, Jan. 26:** Collect Coins for Missions

ALL COMMITTEE MEETING'S REMINDERS

- ◆ Weekly Bulletin Announcements
- ◆ Facebook
- ◆ Monthly Sower & Calendar - Mailed

January 2025

Practice Schedule

Sunday a.m.

Resumes 1-12-2025

9:00 am Choir Practice

Wednesday p.m.

Resumes 1-8-2025

5:30 pm Bell Choir Practice

6:30 pm Choir Practice



COMMITTEE MEETING REMINDERS

- ◆ **Methodist Men's Mtg**
Tuesday, Feb 4 at 7:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Worship Committee Mtg**
Monday, Jan. 13 @ 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Methodist Women's Mtg**
Monday, Jan.13 at 1:00 p.m.
At Carla Cruson's home at 1505 S 28th Street
- ◆ **Finance Committee Mtg**
Tuesday, Jan.14 at 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Trustee Committee Mtg**
Monday, Jan. 27 at 6:00 p.m.

Watch our Worship Services anytime, anywhere!

You can watch our services on our [Facebook Page](#): Clinton First United Methodist Church.

Or, you can now watch our services on our [Website](#): clintonfumc.church.

Share Our Facebook Services: you never know who you might reach with the good news of Jesus!



FOR ONLINE DONATIONS PLEASE GO TO OUR NEW WEBSITE:
clintonfumc.church
Click on the "donate" button



All activities are "weather permitting." In the case of cancellations, we will try to notify as many people as we can via the church Facebook page, and OKC Television stations.

Be safe and stay warm!



LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

As I was admitted to the hospital prior to a procedure, the clerk asked for my wrist, saying, "I'm going to give you a bracelet." "Has it got rubies and diamonds?" I asked coyly. "No," he said, "but it costs just as much."



CLINTON METHODIST MEN'S MEETING

Tuesday - Jan. 7, 2025 - 7:00 A.M.

Tuesday - Feb. 4, 2025 - 7:00 A.M.

Fellowship Hall

Contacts: Joe Chittum - (580) 331-7261
Jimmy Evans - (580) 331-8640



Thank you to everyone who stayed after church to decorate the church and Fellowship Hall for Christmas, and staying after worship service on Jan. 5th to undecorate. It surrounds us with beauty as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. What a great crew, you are appreciated!

Nancy Rodolph, Worship Chairman



FREE MEDICAL CLINIC

- ◆ Thursday - Jan. 9 at 4:00 p.m.
- ◆ Thursday - Jan. 23 at 4:00 p.m.
- ◆ Thursday - Feb. 13 at 4:00 p.m.
- ◆ Thursday - Feb. 27 at 4:00 p.m.



"Second Sunday Servant"

L.R. Sights and Cindy Bond helped collect "Rice Products" for Missions on December 8, 2024 for Opportunities, Inc. Carla Cruson then delivered to Opportunities, Inc. Thank You!



January 12th "Soups"



Methodist



Women

Methodist Women News

Ladies,

It has been a joy and a privilege to serve the women's organization for ten years. You have all been so supportive. Our organization has evolved over this ten-year period from United Methodist Women to United Women of Faith to Clinton Methodist Women, but no matter what we call ourselves, we are still about serving the Lord through our time, talents, money, and care for those in need in our community and beyond.

Now, I am asking you to pray for and support Diana McClendon as she takes on the presidency. I feel confident that this new leadership will bring fresh ideas and a positive boost to the women's group. I'm going to love returning to helper status rather than leader. Thank you, Diana, for taking on this responsibility. You go, girl!

Fundraiser Info: After all our expenses are accounted for, it looks like we will be able to give \$250 - \$300 to each of six local missions. Thank you for giving so generously.

Last meeting: We had a fun Christmas luncheon and meeting at Lucilles. Everyone got to go home with a Christmas ornament and a full belly!

Next meeting: Monday, January 13 at 1:00 at Carla Cruson's home, 1505 S 28th Street. She will host the program and provide refreshments.

Sincerely,

Carla Cruson - CMW President
1-405-474-8119

CHRISTMAS EVE 2024



Dear Church, family,
Choir practice will resume on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Starting Sunday, January 12, choir practice every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.

God bless all,

Shirley Clayton - Music Director - (580) 214-0457

For unto us
a child
is born,
to us
a son is given
Isaiah 9:6



We chose our wisest men for this reenactment.



L-R: Steve Brown, Mike McClendon & Jimmy Evans

CHRISTMAS CANTATA 2024



Dear Church Family, Temple, Choir, and Nancy,

I am so appreciative of the gifts you have bestowed upon me. To my church family I can't tell you how welcome your monetary gift was at penny-pinching time of the year. The flowers Sunday were such a surprise. Thank you so much.

Temple, thank you for overseeing church matters. You're a gift to us.

Choir, I like to cook so the cute measuring cups will come in handy, especially the 1/4 cup because I can never find any of my 1/4 cups. I just do a scant 1/3 cup. Now I can actually be accurate.

Nancy is always so kind to give a gift to each bell choir table. It totally puts me in the Christmas spirit. I'm sure every bell choir member joins me in telling you thank you.

You all are the best! May God bless all of you this new year.

Sincerely, Carla Cruson

