Clinton Christian Church
Disciples of Christ

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Jennifer Hinton
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Christian Education
Memorial
By committee
Andy Engelhart
Advisory

Changing of the Seasons...









"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." – Ecclesiastes 3:1

Our church is ready for the season with beautiful new fall colors decorating the sanctuary and vibrant mums welcoming you at the front doors. As we enjoy this beautiful transition, may we continue to flourish together in faith and fellowship this fall.



Thank you to Cindy Mullen, Becky Raysik, Barb Houk & Vicki Figg for donating this tree in honor of **Pattie Johnson**!
It is a wonderful tribute to Pattie's memory and will bring comfort & beauty to our church family for many years to come!

Youth Updates

Shape the Future: Join Our Children's Ministry Team!

Our children are the future of our church, and we need your help to guide them! We are looking for passionate individuals to invest in our youngest disciples. Whether you want to help plan behind the scenes or work directly with the kids, we have a place for you:

- **Christian Education Committee:** Help us brainstorm and plan education programs and spiritual growth opportunities for all ages.
- **Young Disciples Moment:** Lead the brief, engaging children's message during the main worship service.
- **Children's Church Teachers:** Teach simple, meaningful lessons to our kids during their designated learning time**.**

No prior teaching experience is required. To ensure a secure and nurturing environment for our youth, all volunteers must complete a background screening and safe church training.

Reach out to ***Leslie Watts*** *if you are interested.*



Young Disciples Moment



Children's Church

4th Annual Youth Holiday Rummage sale brought in $932.66 for activities for the youth! Thank you for all of your support!

ELDERS CLUSTER WORSHOP





On Thursday evening, October 15th, our Church Elders hosted the Annual Cluster Elder Retreat, welcoming leadership teams from across our church cluster. This special workshop rotates to a different church each year, and we were honored to be this year's host!

The evening focused on leadership development and sharing creative ideas to better serve and assist our congregations. A big thank you to Andy Engelhart, Jerome Anderson, and Dan & Lisa Wallace for leading the instructional classes. Beyond the workshops, it was a wonderful night of fellowship, connection, and a lovely shared meal. We are grateful for our leaders' dedication to growing together and strengthening our church community!

Thoughts, Prayers and Concerns

Prayer Requests / Concerns

Prayers for **Gary Beamer** as he recovers from hip replacement surgery.
Continued prayers for **Leslie Watts** as she is slowly healing from hip decompression surgery as well as labrem tear repair surgery.
Prayers for the family of **Kit Anderson** who passed away October 9th.
Prayers for **Russ & Shelly Wells** after the passing of their pup, Rocky.
Prayers for **Elaine VonSpreckelsen** after the passing of her brother, Bob, in Florida.
Prayers for **Marvin & Ronna Rhoads** who both are experiencing health issues.
Prayers for **Jim Naber** as he heals from an accident.
Prayers for **Keith Pettersen** that his leg heals.
Prayers for **Bill Jolley** for his upcoming dialysis.
Prayers for **Tammy Woirhaye** after her surgery for her breast cancer.
Prayers for **Casey Kraft** who suffers from back pain after his time served in the military.
Prayers for **Cary & Dani Dills' granddaughter, Emmy**, who is experiencing health problems.
Continued prayers for **Tina Wessley**. She continues to have back pain.
Prayers for the Johnson Kiddos' **Grandma Kathy** that she may heal.
Continued prayers for **Christa Reel, her son and their families** as they go through some difficult times.
Prayers for the **Community Cafe** and all of the hungry people it is feeding.
Prayers for the unspoken needs of **God's Children**.
Continued prayers for **our country and military**.
Prayers for our **Chi Rho Youth Group and Puppet Ministry**.
Prayers for the names written on **our Starfish**.
Prayers for **those struggling with mental illness**.



Cancer Concerns

David Scott, Whitney Dody, Delmar Dickey, Alex Anstine, Lindsey Zucker, Bruce Sisk, Jessica Brown, Ginger Baker, Mikayla Wise, Ashlee Brown, TeRee Davis, Marlene Griner, Glenda Weter, Mike McIntyre, Sam French, Katie Brown, David Clickner, Charlotte - Donna Frederick's sister, Delmar Dickey, Cheryl Tyndall, David Scott, Joy Stoll, David Plumlee, Jessica Olson-Shriner, Sherri Royal's Daughter-in-Law's Brother Jacob, Andy Engelhart's cousin Naomi, Darren Wallace, Linda Sisk, Tyler Sell, Larry Liles, Linda Morgan-DeRemer, Jim Beckman, Tammy Woirhaye, Marleen Merrill, Katie Mueller, Matt Tenholder

Shut-In Concerns

Kristene Brock - Ridge Crest Nursing Home
706 S. Mitchell, Warrensburg, MO 64093

Ongoing Concerns

Kennedi Watts, Sharlotte Anderson, Kyle Engelhart, Avis' Daughter in Law's Sister Michelle, Jack and Alice Leisure, Keegan Huff, Nancy Stanford, Sondra Schweighauser, Darren Wallace, Betty Scott's Daughter Emilie and her baby Lukas, Wesley Skaggs, Our Church, Our Church Leaders, Our Pastor, Our Community, Our Youth Group, Our Starfish

Prayers for Our Troops

If you have a family member, friend or loved one who is serving active duty in the military, please contact the office to have them included in our ongoing prayers.

Please keep the following troops in our prayers:

Trent Crawford, Cesar Gutierrez, Dylan Wilson, Brandon Robertson, Gordon Snethen, Cathleen Gutierrez, Kielen Morgan, Chase Michael Crelly, Gavin Wells

November Birthdays



Kennedi Watts	11/6
Bernie Henehan	11/7
Donna Frederick	11/8
Carol Hinton	11/9
Sharlotte Anderson	11/12
Anna Engelhart	11/12
Sherri Royal	11/16
Nina Sisk	11/18
Jake Caldwell	11/21
Bill Martin	11/21
Liam Johnson	11/29
Shane Smith	11/29
Vicki Kauffman	11/30

Anniversaries

Robert & Janet Smith	11/12
Matt & Tabitha Jones	11/19
Doug & Ranae Walrath	11/27



Chi Rho Youth Group

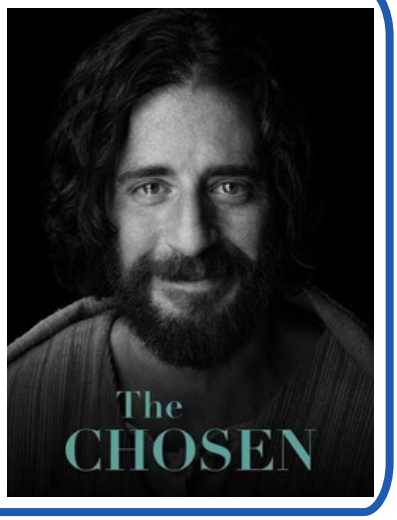
Youth in 6th-12th grades meet right after worship on all but the 3rd Sunday of the month!
Join us for a lesson, activity & light lunch!

The Chosen Bible Study

Tuesdays @ 10:30 a.m.
InBetweeneners' Classroom

Consists of watching an episode followed by great discussion!
Come and join the fun!

All are welcome!



AMEN GROUP

On the first Saturday of each month, our men gather for breakfast.
Next meeting 11/7 @8AM at Dietz Family Buffet.
Cost at $11 covers buffet & drink.
All men are welcome to join us for food, fun and fellowship.

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study



Every Wednesday Morning
@ 11:00 a.m.
In the Inbetweeners Classroom

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

November 15th following worship service.

This is our annual Turkey Dinner prepared by the Elders. Please bring your favorite sides, salads and/or dessert!

Game Night

November 27th
Starts at 6PM in the Fellowship Hall



Please bring a snack (or 2) to share and bring your own drink!

Join us for fun and fellowship,
Betty will not be in the nursery.

BOARD MEETING

Second Monday of each month
Everyone is welcome!
Next meeting: November 9 @ 6PM
Contact Board Chair, Christa Atchison with questions.

ELDERS' MEETING

Second Tuesday of each month
@ 5:30PM
In the Inbetweeners Classroom.
Next Meeting November 10th

CWF NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLE

The CWF Executive Board met on October 5th. Our next meeting will be November 2nd, 2026.

Luncheon/Annual Meeting - Ladies, be sure to mark your calendars for our potluck brunch on Saturday, November 7th, at 10:30 am. Carmen Bohannon will be our guest speaker. She has a powerful testimony to share after losing her leg in an ATV accident. Also, please prayerfully consider serving as our Phoebes Leader. Our officers to be installed at our luncheon will be:

- President – Elaine VonSpreckelsei
- Vice-President – Donna Martin
- Secretary – Lisa Wallace
- Treasurer – Nancy Engelhart
- Phoebes Leader – TBA
- Pie Chair – Pat Bouse

Cookie-Thon – Please remember our Annual Cookie-Thon will be held Saturday, December 12th. Please be planning your baking schedule now so that we have plenty of cookies to sell. Our community is counting on us!

Activities for 2027 – Just to get a jump on our plans, the 2027 Executive Board will undertake the following activities:

- Annual Rummage Sale - March 4–6, 2027
- Luncheon & show at New Theatre - Elaine will ask the new VP Donna Martin to research & plan.
- Possible other activities – Visit tea house in Ozark, MO; visit Cockrell, MO; go to Lambert's for lunch; visit Powell Gardens; do an activity around Mother's Day (second week in May)

Phoebes - The next meeting will be on November 12th at 11:30am in the Holy Ground Room with Linda Morgan-DeRemer as hostess and Jennifer Hinton presenting the program. All women of the church are invited to bring your lunch, share in conversation & enjoy the program. Please make sure you have December 3rd marked to attend our Phoebes Christmas Luncheon. Watch for more details!

Elaine VonSpreckelsen, President

Church in SOCIETY

Thank you to all who donated cake mix for Project Christmas Cheer in October. We will also collect cake mixes through mid-November. We still have time to meet our goal of 800 boxes! We know those desserts will bring happiness to families throughout our community during the holidays.

Proceeds coming from this year's Ice Cream Social have been voted on to be used to adopt 7 angels from the local Operation Holiday Hope - Henry Co, MO (formerly Angel Tree). Nancy Engelhart is going to team up with Leslie Watts and the youth to do the shopping!



Serving Others Together,

Jennifer Hinton
CIS Chair





CIS was able to help out Zoe's Home, Blessing Box, Survival House, Share & Care, as well as CARE with items obtained from Manna Harvest!



Beautiful Banners



We extend our heartfelt thanks to Patty May for her generous donation of the gorgeous, hand-made banners now on display in our sanctuary. Her incredible craftmanship brings a wonderful warmth and beauty to our worship environment. Banners have long been a meaningful tradition in worship, and having these custom, hand-crafted pieces makes them even more special. We thank God for Patty's generosity, her time, and her beautiful ministry of craft



Thank you, Church Family.
Thank you for the very nice banner recognition. I really appreciate it! I enjoyed creating the designs and putting them together. Each design is meant to glorify our God. The banners now belong to the Clinton Christian Church. Thank you for those helped hanging them.

With love,
Patty May

WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The Worship Committee met on October 6, 2026 to plan for the upcoming fall and winter seasons. Here is what you need to know:

Sanctuary Decorating—Helpers Welcome!

- Christmas Decorating: Join us on **Tuesday, November 24th at 12:00 PM** to decorate the sanctuary. All volunteers are welcome! Then we will will take down the holiday decorations on **Tuesday, January 5, 2027 at 1:00 PM**.

Advent & Christmas Highlights

- Advent Theme: This year's theme centers on the Advent Wreath candles (Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love) and letters from Paul. Look for Deb Mills' Advent Devotional Book by November 29th.
- Instead of collecting blankets this year, we have decided to do a Reverse Advent Calendar. Collect non-perishable food items throughout Advent to bring as our Christmas Eve offering. Donations will support the church and the Blessing Box at the Community of Christ Church on Pawnee. That calendar is included with this newsletter.
- Holiday Sundays: We will celebrate Christmas on December 27th and the New Year on January 3, 2027.

Young Disciples' Moment

- It was discussed that the focus is placed on shaping the Young Disciples' Moment (YDM) into an engaging, relevant, and concise experience for our children. Moving forward, the goal is to keep these moments to around 5 minutes in length, focusing on building a meaningful conversation with the kids rather than putting on a show. The topic can then build during Children's Church in the classroom.

Our next meeting is November 3, 2026 at 12:00 PM. Interested in joining the worship committee? Please reach out to Elaine VonSpreckelsen.

JOIN A COMMITTEE

Serving together strengthens our church family. If you are looking for a meaningful way to share your gifts, we invite you to prayerfully consider where God might be leading you to serve this coming year. Our ministries thrive when fresh ideas and willing hearts come together. Please reflect and pray about joining one of these vital areas:

- **Christian Education**
- **Membership**
- **Evangelism**
- **Church in Society**
- **Worship**
- **Stewardship**
- **Memorial**
- **Property**
- **Van & Safety**
- **Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF)**

No prior experience is necessary—just a heart willing to serve! If you feel a nudge toward a specific group or want to learn more, please reach out to the church office or a committee chair.

Pledge CARDS

2027 Pledge Cards have been mailed. Please be sure to return no later than **Sunday, November 29th**.

Help Us Honor Our Heroes! 🇺🇸

Every year, we look forward to celebrating our congregation's Veterans with a special tribute slideshow. If you have a photo of a loved one you would like us to include, please submit it by Monday, November 4th.

Note: If you submitted a photo last year, we still have it on file and will automatically include it—no need to resubmit!

COMMUNITY CAFE

FEEDING OUR COMMUNITY

The Community Café is a feeding outreach Clinton Christian Church took under its wing some years ago.

We hand out anywhere from 150 to 200 meals (drive thru style) each week to community members in need of food.

NO QUALIFYING.
NO HOOPS TO JUMP THROUGH.
JUST FOOD.

OCTOBER TOTALS

October 5 - Deacons - Served - 186
Hosted by Matt & Tabitha
October 12th - GVMH - Served - 198
Hosted by Patient Access Team
October 19th - The Elders - Served - 186
Hosted by Dan Wallace
October 26th - Church in Society - Served TBA
Hosted by Jennifer Hinton

NOVEMBER HOSTS

November 2nd - Hosted by The Deacons
November 9th - Hosted by Oak Star Bank
November 16th - Hosted by The Elders
November 23rd - Hosted by Jennifer Hinton
November 30th - Hosted by Holy Rosary

Weekly Schedule

Sundays
8:45 a.m.SundaySchool

9:30 a.m. Choir
10:15 a.m. Worship Service
11:30am Chi Rho

Mondays
7:30 a.m. Sunrise Prayer
4:30 p.m. Community Café

Tuesdays
10:30 a.m.
"The Chosen"
Bible Study

Wednesdays
11:00 a.m.
Women's Bible Study
1:00 p.m. Prayer Group

Church Office Hours

9:00 a.m.to 1:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Friday, November 20th, 2026

Pastor Appreciation Month

While we appreciate Pastor Tim all year long, October serves as a reminder for us to just make sure he knows how appreciative we are of him! In early October, the Property Committee remodeled his bathroom with a fresh coat of paint, new flooring, new light fixture and new medicine cabinet. On Sunday, October 25th, Brian Hetherington presented him with a gift and cards from the congregation.





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-there is a link on our website

Dated Material