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**SERVING THE LORD:**

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**Pastor**

Debbie Reith  
**Music Ministry**

Blayne Paxton  
**Board Chair**

Matt Jones  
**Board 1st Vice-Chair**

Meagan Johnson  
**Board 2nd Vice-Chair**

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

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**Stewardship**

Andy Engelhart  
**Worship**

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Lisa Wallace  
**CWF**

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**Evangelism**

Annette Meyers  
**Church In Society**

Charlotte Anderson  
Jerome Anderson  
**Membership**

Jody Anderson  
**Christian Education**

1 Christine Craig  
**Memorial**

# REFLECTIONS...

## FROM BAPTISMS TO THE RESURRECTION

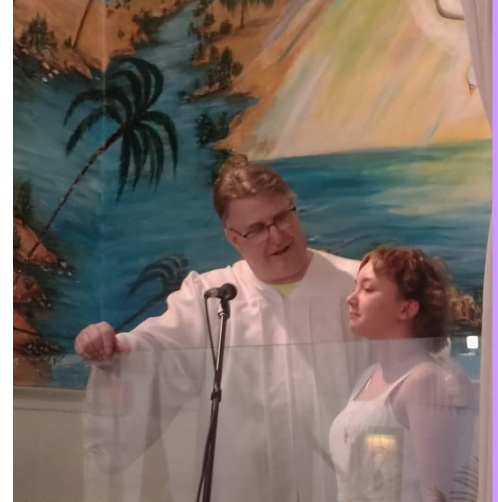
Pastor Tim conducted Baptisms on Palm Sunday.

Glory to God for the eleven who professed their faith and were baptized at Clinton Christian Church!

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|----------------|---------------|
| Maggie Johnson | Reed Smith    |
| Tucker Johnson | Aiden Smith   |
| Adalynn Jones  | Madelyn Reid  |
| Jordan Oliver  | Markus Oliver |
| Emilie Oliver  | Mark Oliver   |

Sondra Schweighauser

*Congratulations to this wonderful group of followers of Jesus.*



Above: Pastor Tim baptizes Madelyn Reid;

Left: Baptism candles were lit for each person being baptized.

Far Left: On Easter morning each person that was baptized received a certificate and their baptismal candle.



## From Death on the Cross to Resurrection and Beyond...

### Keep our eyes focused on GOD.



Our Lenten Journey reminded us of God's unselfish love. It reminded us how crazy our world is and that God shares his love so we can share it with others. And, we were reminded that there are still "other gods" (money, work, possessions) that interfere with our relationship with the "real" God. Focus on God—he is with us always..





**Birthdays**



- 5/1 Steve Brewer
- 5/6 Aiden Smith
- 5/18 Cassidy Anderson
- 5/19 Blayne Paxton
- 5/20 Mackenzie Richey
- 5/24 Lucy Nilson
- 5/29 Meagan Johnson
- 5/29 Mary Young

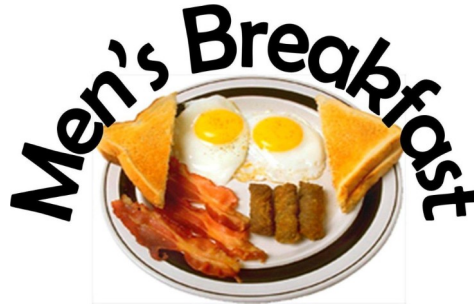


**Anniversaries**

- 5/01 Bill & Donna Martin
- 5/23 David & Dixie McClymond
- 5/23 Kent & Nancy Summers
- 5/26 Jim & Ruth Arnold
- 5/26 David & Mary Young
- 5/27 Jim & Erin Houk
- 5/27 Jim & Linda DeRemer



**AMEN GROUP**



On the first Saturday of each month, our men gather for breakfast, fellowship and a good time.

For more information contact Steve Baker

Next Meeting  
May 6 @ 8am

**MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**  
**BOARD MEETING IS THE**  
**SECOND MONDAY**  
**OF EACH MONTH**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME  
TO ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS

**NEXT BOARD MEETING IS**  
**May 8 AT 6 PM**

*(we'll begin the meeting in the sanctuary)*

**CONTACT BOARD CHAIR BLAYNE PAXTON**  
**WITH QUESTIONS**

**Seekers Bible Study**

is a women's Bible Study that usually meets every Tuesday at 11am.

However, it is not meeting until at least May 16.

Contact Patty May with questions.

**ELDERS' MEETING**

Tuesday, May 9  
at 5:30pm

*(the meeting will begin in the sanctuary)*

**MEMORIAL FOR C.W. SOUTHERS**

**Saturday, June 3, 2023**

Graveside services will be at 2:00p.m. at Engelwood Cemetery, Clinton.

Immediately following at 3:00p.m. a Celebration of Life gathering will be held at our church.

All are invited to attend.

If questions, call Carolyn at 660.909.4343

**FOOD — FUN — FELLOWSHIP**

**MAY**  
**FELLOWSHIP DINNER IS**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 21<sup>st</sup>**

immediately following Worship Service  
**THE MENU IS HAM.**

**BRING A SIDE OR DESSERT**  
**IF YOU WANT**

**EVERYONE, OF COURSE,**  
**IS WELCOME**

**MAY GAME NIGHT**  
**WILL BE**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 26th**

Bring a snack or dessert if you want to.

Come have fun with us!

**EVERYONE IS**  
**WELCOME TO GAME NIGHT**

# WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Worship Committee met April 6 with all members present except Elaine VonSpreckelsen excused and joined by Pastor Tim Wessley.

1. Opening Prayer by Andrew Engelhart around 4 10 pm.
  2. Discussed our Lenten worship services and thanked Pastor Tim for the "sweetest story ever told" lenten journey!
  3. Palm Sunday (Baptisms) 11!! Best our group has ever seen! Glory to God!! Thanks to all those who helped with this Joyous day!
  4. Prayer Vigil--very special as always and thanks to our Elders.
  5. Good Friday Service (bring in trigger objects). Comment from a church member. Friday as a good experience and I have never seen anything like that before. Thanks to Pastor Tim for the great service and Debbie on the piano/organ.
  6. Easter Lilies and Easter Sunday--both Worship services. Lillies looked great! Thanks Becky Culler, Lisa Wallace, and Pat for helping us!!
  7. Education moments in Worship Service--ask other committees to follow our start on this. We liked this and would like to encourage other committees to do likewise during announcements.
  8. Camera installation. Went well and we enjoy the new camera angles and pictures. Lighting may be discussed with Property however not to infringe on any current lighting arrangements like the two shadow crosses that appear behind our Cross.
  9. Mothers Day --going to place some orders for items to give out to Mothers. Andy to order gifts by April 14th.
  10. Fathers Day--think on what to give away at Fathers Day service. We will pick our gift for our Father's in May
  11. Thanks Debbie and the choir and enjoyed the new choir members!!
  12. Closing Prayer--Andy Engelhart
- Meeting adjourned around 4:55 pm.



## JESUS DAY CAMP At the Clinton Presbyterian Church

July 17-21  
More Information to come.

## STOP THE SNACK ATTACK...FOR A WHILE

Annette Meyers, the chairperson of the CIS Committee reports we have donated enough snacks to the Clinton Technical Center to last them through the school year so we moving on to a new outreach project.

**We are on a roll...**

**to collect 500 rolls  
of toilet paper in May!**



## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP (CWF)

*Attention Ladies:*

Want to get to know other women in the church better?

Consider joining a CWF group.

We have two and they meet monthly.

JOY group meets in the evening on the third Monday.

Phoebes daytime group meets on the second Thursday.

You are invited to **attend** for study and fellowship.

## EASTER EGG HUNT A SUCCESS!

Seventy-three children enjoyed the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the church on April 8. Sixty baskets were given away and children enjoyed gathering eggs and getting their picture taken with the Easter Bunny a/k/a Pastor Tim!

Thanks to Jody Anderson and the Education Committee for sponsoring the event. And, thanks to each of you who brought candy, stuffed eggs, "hid" eggs and helped at the event.

It is a good outreach project for our church.



Jody Anderson, chairperson of Christian Education starts the Egg Hunt!



The Easter Bunny had fun with families and children. Matthew, Laura, Isabella and Leah Wesley came to the Easter Egg Hunt, all the way from Kearney!

## CWF News

CWF executive committee met April 10 to discuss the upcoming day trip and bi-county CWF meeting.

**A day-trip in May is planned** Though we originally scheduled a trip to the New Theater in Overland Park, Kansas, tickets were sold out on the dates we requested. Our second choice is a trip to the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum on Wednesday, May 10. We'll leave the church at 8:30am and return by 4:00pm. Tickets are \$10. We plan to take the church van (if we can find a driver). And, other vehicles as necessary.

Sign up by Sunday, May 7 on the sheet in the church lobby. If you have questions, contact co-presidents, Maryann Van Dyke or Lisa Wallace 660-492-2575.

**Our local CWF will host the CWF bi-county meeting on Tuesday, June 13.** It will begin at 9:00am and end after lunch. We invite ladies from Deepwater, Holden, Windsor and Warrensburg. Mark your calendar and plan to attend for fellowship—and to be friendly and hospitable to those coming from other churches.

**The annual rummage sale is July 14-15 this year.** Begin gathering your treasures at home but please do not bring them to the church until early July. We do not have enough space for everyone's boxes of rummage.

Pat Bouse announced we will **make pies from 9-11am on Friday, May 19.** All are welcome whether you have made pies before or not – join the fun!

All women are welcome and encouraged to get involved in the fellowship, mission, and learning opportunities through CWF. The next executive meeting is Monday, May 1.

## GREEN CHALICE CHURCH—WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Earth Day this year was celebrated April 22, but at Clinton Christian Church, we celebrate the Earth year round! We are a Green Chalice Congregation and have been since 2019. We will become a certified Green Chalice Congregation just as soon as Membership's Green Chalice subcommittee finishes and submits the paperwork.

Some background on the Green Chalice as a program with our denomination and our congregation. Resolutions at our whole church's conventions began in 2001, by Angela Herman and others, calling for better earth stewardship for Disciples. In 2010, Angela Herman created the Green Church Program which became denomination-wide in 2011 and renamed Green Chalice. The idea is that individual churches pledge earth sustaining practices, form a committee, submit a document and get dubbed Green Chalice.

The goal of Green Chalice is to make churches carbon neutral. To become certified as a Green Chalice congregation, churches that have finished Step one and become Green Chalice, find three things to change and pledge to continue with a plan to eventually become carbon neutral. Our denomination is partnered with lots of organizations including Blessed Tomorrow, has lots of guidance and information, and has created another program, called Blue Chalice, for congregations that have become carbon neutral.

Our congregation applied for and received Green Chalice status in June of 2019. When we did this, we were (and still are) the smallest town in our region to become Green Chalice. We are one of 210 Green Chalice churches in the world! We are currently working towards becoming a Step 2 Certified Green Chalice Congregation, which would make us one of twenty-one other churches in the world. We have done everything we need to do except turn in the paperwork (and that is due to Covid and the shutdowns.)

There are 17 things we did (that the committee can think of) that shows Clinton Christian Church's commitment to being a great steward of our planet. What we have done so far:

1. Started a building recycling program.
2. Use real dishes when ever we can.
3. Only plant native plants in the garden and on the property.
4. Host "rummage sales" two to three times a year in various forms and under different names
5. Planted native trees in the community (through a DNR program in 2018, at least).
6. Recycle bulletins
7. Email most newsletters
8. Upgraded our stove
9. Added insulation in places that needed it
10. Maintain our heating and cooling systems
11. Use programmable thermostats
12. Are moving towards all LED lighting throughout the building
13. Stopped using styrofoam (All "to go" containers are either biodegradable or reused plastic that is recyclable.)
14. Gave out cloth grocery bags
15. Began recycling "t-shirt style" (Wal-Mart) plastic bags.
16. Began a used ink cartridge recycling program.
17. Recycle within the church—paper, plastic, tin, cardboard, and corrugated cardboard



**Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)**

If you can think of anything else we have changed in the last few years, let Jerome Anderson know, which will make our list complete. If you want to be a part of the Green Chalice Committee, join us! We are a subcommittee of the Membership Committee and we meet the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

### Greetings from Membership-

Update time! Let's talk long term first! The Red Roof Flea Market is on! It is set for the Saturday May 27 this year. Rain or Shine! Kathy Heatherington needs set up and take down volunteers. Please contact her if you want to help or if you want a booth.

Membership will have a concession stand at the Red Roof Flea Market, but not a traditional one. Instead of a money making project, Membership just wants to provide. We will have biscuits and gravy and possibly "Sharlotte's Sinamon Rolls" for breakfast-time and pulled pork sandwiches with chips and water for lunch time. We will have a donation jar, but there is no set cost; this is just a service for the vendors and the patrons who may be hungry while bargain shopping.

We just had our Fellowship Dinner for April. If you were one of the 80 plus who attended, you enjoyed a pasta bar with lots of salads to choose from plus all the desserts you could ever want. Don't miss the one in May. It is the third Sunday, May 21. The menu for May is ham. We will have both pulled ham and ham slices (think spiral sliced ham). We ask those who can, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. All are welcome. If there was someone you were thinking about inviting to our fun and friendly church, our fellowship dinner would be a great opportunity.

Speaking of opportunities. We are beginning to get some regulars attending our Game Nights; regulars who don't come any other time. This is FANTASTIC! The whole point of game night is to meet people out side of service and eating times and really get to know one another. If we have people attending our game nights because we are having a great time; they enjoy themselves; that is all the better. We welcome people of all beliefs. So, if you want to introduce someone to our "church family", as Pastor Tim puts it, what better time than Game Night!?! Our next Game Night is May 26, the Friday before Memorial Day weekend and also the day before the Red Roof Flea Market.

If you really want to look ahead, June's Fellowship Dinner will be our Annual Out Door Picnic, rain or shine! More details are coming.

I do want to give a few shout outs, if you will permit me. The Membership Committee is a great group of people. Right now the Co-Chairs are Sharlotte Anderson and Jerome Anderson (and if you ever wondered, we are not related). The members are Kenny Royal and Sherri Royal (who are related; they are husband and wife), Bobby Royal (Kenny's brother), Kathy Heatherington, Christa Reel, and Rita Winburn. We would love to have additional help. If you can make our meetings, the first Thursday of the month and that's all you can do, great! We'll take it. We need ideas for what to do, what to serve, what the congregation wants. If you can only help cook, then great. We would love to have you back with us on the Sunday we do Fellowship or the Friday we do Game Night. If you only want to help clean up—again—GREAT! Let us know by coming to the meeting or tell any member. Thanks and have a blessed month.

Church Family,

I want to thank the wonderful members of our church. Thank you for all the cards, prayers, food and outpouring of love my family and I have experienced this week. And especially the funeral luncheon. I expected good, but it was over the top and I want to pass on the many complements the crowd expressed. It made the day and week much easier to get through.

7 Love you all. Rita, Shane and Cody

### CONGRATS TO SWANEY SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Nick Branscombe, Gentry Wishard and Jake Wirsig were awarded the Swaney Scholarship. It is given in memory of Lester Swaney, a long-time agriculture teacher at the Clinton Technical School and faithful church member.

## Weekly Schedule

### Sundays

9:00 a.m. Bell Choir  
9:30 a.m. Choir  
9:15 a.m. Bible Reading  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. Worship Service

### Mondays

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Prayer  
4:30 p.m. Community Café

### Tuesdays

11:00 a.m. Seekers Bible Study

### Wednesdays

1:00 p.m. Prayer Group

## Church Office Hours

9:00 a.m. to noon  
Monday through Friday

[Monday, May 15](#)

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

## Red Roof Spring Flea Market

The spring Red Roof flea market is Saturday, May 27, in our church front parking lot. Let your friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, and even strangers know.

This is a super time to clean out a garage, basement, storage shed, or closet and make some extra money. How about a church committee that is looking for a fundraising event? It is also a great opportunity for our church family to show our hospitality and friendliness to everyone who comes to shop and eat while at the flea market.

If you're interested in being a participant or a helper, you'll be needed. Parking spots cost \$20. Tables are available for a small fee. Pick up a packet and a flier in the church office.

**Got a question?** Stop me on a Sunday morning. I'll be itchin' to answer any of your questions.

Thanks! Kathy Hetherington



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