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CWF

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Evangelism

Annette Meyers
Church In Society

Sharlotte Anderson
Jerome Anderson
Membership

Jody Anderson
Christian Education

1 Christine Craig
Memorial

UMPTENTH ANNUAL

COOKIE-THON



Saturday, December 9th
9am to Noon in
The Fellowship Hall
Please help by providing
9 dozen (3 batches)
of homemade cookies.
(decorated if possible)

Have cookies to the church by
Friday, Dec. 8th by 3pm.
Thank you.



WE DID IT !!

YE OF LITTLE FAITH
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FOR THOSE OF YOU
THAT THOUGHT
THAT WE WOULD
NOT
ACHIEVE OUR GOAL
OF COLLECTING
900 CANS
OF
PORK n BEANS
FOR THE
SAMARITAN CENTER
WELL....
SHAME ON YOU

THANK YOU TO ALL
THAT DONATED

OUR HOMELESS OUTREACH
PROJECT WAS A
HUGE SUCCESS.
OUR GOAL WAS TO AQUIRE
10 TENTS and
10 SLEEPING BAGS
FOR THE HOMELESS.
WE AQUIRED
11 TENTS and
12 SLEEPING BAGS
THANK YOU DANIELLE DILLS
FOR OVERSEEING THIS
PROJECT



Concerns and Celebrations

Prayers for these individuals as they fight cancer:

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|---|-----------------|
| TJ Palmer | Keri Smith |
| Jessica Brown | Jim Kindall |
| Dennis Jones | Bruce Engelhart |
| Gary Grenzke | TeRee Davis |
| Jeff Ross | Ashlee Brown |
| Erica (Vicki Kaufman's friend) | Mike Simmons |
| Sherri Royal's Daughter-in-Law's Brother, Jacob | |
| Andy Engelhart's cousin, Naomi | |

Prayers for **thw Wishard Family** on the passing of Brian's Step- Grandpa Ardell .

Prayers for **Olivia Robinson**. She had a brain tumor removed and she has started radiation.

Prayers for **the family of Cathy Swanagon** in her passing. She was a lifelong friend of Nary Atchison.

Prayers for **Pat and Amber Dittmer's unborn daughter, Brecklyn Opal**. She was delivered by C-section on 11/27 missing a kidney and her left leg. .

Prayers for **Jerry, Rick Dickey's brother**. He was diagnosed with cancer

Prayers for **Jeff Ross**. He is fighting cancer.

Prayers for **Sharlotte Anderson**. She is having health issues.

Prayers for **Mary Lou Harrelson**. She is in the hospital with an infection.

Prayers for **Kenny and his dog T**.

Prayers for **Mike Simmons**. He has been diagnosed with cancer.

Prayers for **Lucille Stewart** as she wraps up her radiation treatments.

Congratulations to **Briley Wishard** for signing a letter of Intent to throw for the UCM track team.

Thanks for healing of **Elaine VonSpreckelsen's grandkids, Walker and Wren**.

Congratulations to **Pastor Tim and Tina** on the announcement of two new grandkids on the way.

Prayers for a **youth director** and the **finances to make that come true**.

Prayers for our **youth program** and for more **volunteers for Children's Church**.

Continued prayers for those people named on our Starfish. We added 40 new starfish. Pray that God will intervene in their relationship with Jesus.

Ongoing Concerns

Sharlotte Anderson, June Dehn, Walt Reinhard, Lucy Nilson, Kyle Engelhart, Avis' Daughter in Law's Sister, Michelle. Jack and Alice Leisure, Helen Famuliner Sondra Schweighauser Our Church, Our Church Leaders, Our Pastor, Our Community, Our Youth Group, Our Starfish

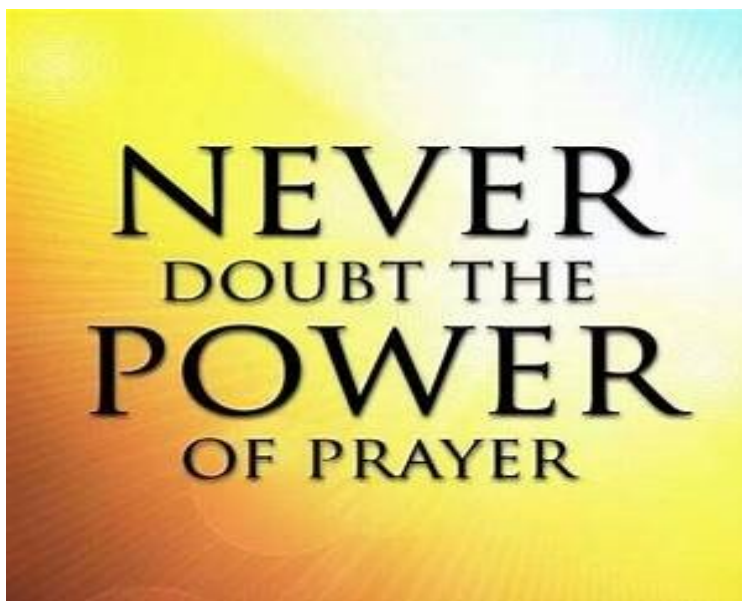
Shut in Concerns

Kristene Brock

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

Evelyn Weber

Lincoln Community Care Center, 205 Timberline Drive,
Lincoln, MO 65338



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. If available, please provide us with a picture and any pertinent information you wish to share, such as: name, relationship to you, family, where they are serving, what capacity they are serving in, etc...



Please keep the following troops

Cesar Gutierrez, Dylan Wilson, Brandon Robertson, Weston Miekley, Gordon Snethen, Cathleen Gutierrez, Chase Michael Crelly, Gavin Wells

Birthdays



- 12/3 Mary Cupp
- 12/6 Penny Altis
- 12/7 Sondra Schweighauser
- 12/11 Avis Compton
- 12/18 Annette Meyers
- 12/19 Holly Howe
- 12/21 Bev Dickey
- 12/21 Easton Shanks
- 12/22 Christa Reel
- 12/24 Louise Brownfield
- 12/24 Jim Kindall
- 12/26 Renee Bancroft
- 12/29 Dixie Birge
- 12/29 Paul Few
- 12/30 Scott Jones
- 12/30 Patty May
- 12/30 Xavier Watts
- 12/30 Alex Watts

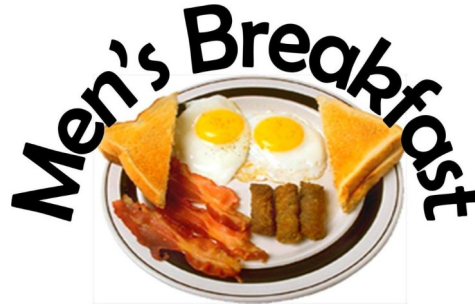


Anniversaries

- 12/1 Brian & Kathy Hetherington
- 12/4 Steve & Penny Altis
- 12/23 Scott & Sherri DeHart
- 12/29 Kent & Alice Lower



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
 December 2nd @ 8am

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

BOARD MEETING IS THE
 SECOND MONDAY
 OF EACH MONTH

EVERYONE IS WELCOME
 TO ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS

**NEXT BOARD MEETING IS
 December 11th AT 6 PM**

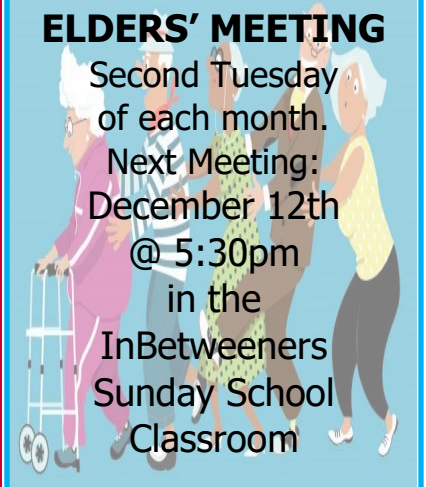
(now meeting in the InBetweeners classroom)
**CONTACT BOARD CHAIR BLAYNE PAXTON
 WITH QUESTIONS**

ELDERS' MEETING

Second Tuesday of each month.

Next Meeting:
 December 12th
 @ 5:30pm

in the
 InBetweeners
 Sunday School
 Classroom



Adult Sunday School Class

The adult Sunday School class continues its study of the classic C.S. Lewis book, *The Screwtape Letters*, which consists of letters of advice from senior demon Screwtape to his nephew Wormwood on the best ways to tempt a particular human and secure his damnation. We start at 8:45 AM on Sunday mornings. Andy reads the Bible, currently on 1 Corinthians will follow at 9:30 AM. You don't have to be a Bible Scholar to join the class. Everyone is welcome.

DECEMBER

GAME NIGHT

WILL BE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

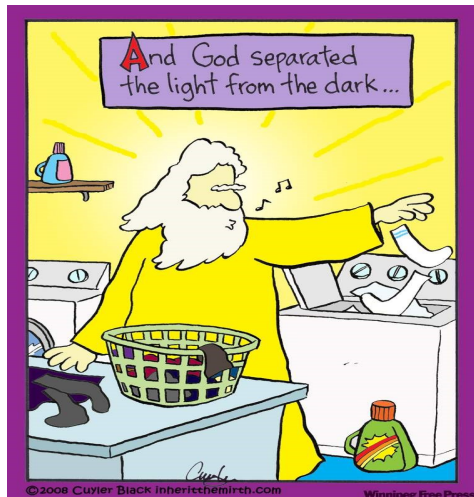
**Bring a snack or
 dessert if you wish.**

Come have fun with us!

The fun starts at 6pm

EVERYONE IS

WELCOME TO GAME NIGHT



Holiday Items Rummage Sale

Christian Education Committee



Wow, what an event!

The first-ever **Holiday Items Rummage Sale** for the Clinton Christian Church ... an idea that came up with a very fast brainstorming session.

There were several boxes of holiday items being stored from the annual church rummage sale. Then, there were several storage totes of holiday items that were being stored in a garage. Then, these items needed to find new homes elsewhere ... Now what???

Within a matter of minutes, it was determined that, yes, we could hold a "Holiday Items" only rummage sale. It was announced to the congregation to bring in any unwanted holiday items which could be brought to the church and sold.

But, for what???

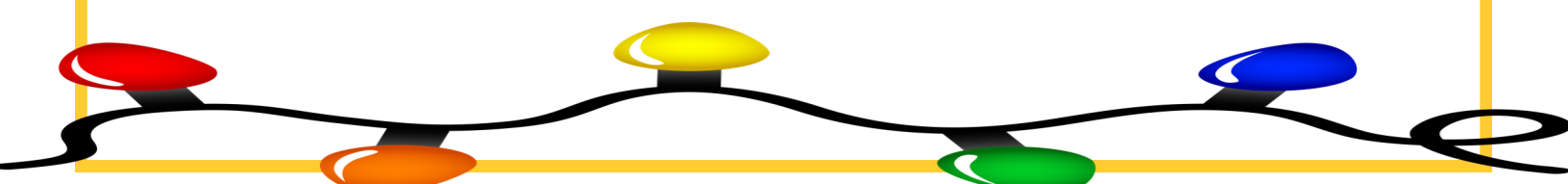
It was decided that the youth could be involved to help with this event. Calls, emails, texts, went out to the parents of our church youth. The proceeds for this event would be designated for Jesus Camp and other church camps that our youth would like to attend.

And, then it happened ...

Initially, nine tables were set up and boxes and totes were loaded on the tables. Busy hands were unpacking the Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter, St. Pat's, Halloween, and other holiday items. Another three tables were added; more boxes were added. At the finale, 22 tables, eight-foot long, were needed to hold all the merchandise! After two days, a total of nine hours, and five pairs of hands, the sale was ready to begin.

Shoppers came in and were told that it was an **all-donation sale**, and the money was earmarked for youth church camps. Generosity came to a wonderful conclusion at the end of the sale -- \$1100.

There were several "youth" that helped the day of the sale. They carried items to "holding" areas,



Staff Love Offering

We at Clinton Christian Church are blessed beyond measure to have such a wonderful church staff!

If you wish to contribute to the Staff Love Offering this Christmas Season, we will be collecting from now through December 17th.

Please pickup an envelope marked, "Staff Love Offering"

on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Once you seal your envelope, there will be a container on the table for you to put your envelope in.

If you write a check, please make it out to cash.

Once again it is that time

Christmas time is fast approaching.

Once again this year we will be displaying poinsettias in honor or in memory of a person of your choice.

Please have the poinsettias to the church building by Thursday December 21st.

We will have an insert on Christmas Eve reflecting the names given

CWF News

The CWF Executive Board met November 6 with six attending. All officers agreed to remain the same in 2024.

Pie Making: Thanks to Pat Bouse's leadership, 36 pies were made November 17 at the monthly pie-making session. Thanks to all the ladies who work to make pie dough, roll the dough, arrange the fruit, and bag the pies. It is a lot of work with good fellowship. There are apple, peach, and cherry pies in the freezer for sale for \$13. Please note, the price will increase significantly after the first of the year as all supplies and have increased.

CWF Annual Meeting: Our Annual Meeting is Saturday, December 2 at 10 am. All women in the church are invited, whether you attend Phoebes or JOY group. Meagan Johnson has agreed to have the children present a 20-minute program. It will be a breakfast potluck, with egg dishes, sausage and bacon casseroles, potato casseroles, pastries, and fruit. Group leaders will ask for two volunteers from each group to help with clean up.

Cookie-Thon Plans: The Cookie-Thon is Saturday, December 9 from 9-noon. Though this is a fundraiser for CWF, anyone attending church is encouraged to bake three batches (nine dozen) of cookies. Decorated cookies sell well but all cookies are welcomed. Set up for the event is Friday, December 8 from 3-4pm.

Group Reports: JOY will NOT meet in November, December, and January.

Phoebes – Sherri reported they held their silent auction for First Fruits of the Harvest and made about \$80. Their December meeting will be held at Mallard's on December 14, 2023.

Other Items: Annette has a counted cross-stitch of the Last Supper that Mary Laughlin was working on when she passed. She'd like the unfinished piece to be hung in the church in Mary's honor. Members voted unanimously for CWF to purchase the frame and etched plate to display the piece.

The next CWF Board meeting will be Monday, February 5, 2024, at 10 am

Worship Committee met November 8th

All committee members present at the Nov 8th meeting except Jody Anderson and guest were Pastor Tim and Blayne Paxton Board Chairperson

1. Open with prayer at 4:05pm
2. Veterans Day discussion and plans were made on showing the slides just after announcements and during prelude. Some Veterans Bells will be available as a gift for our Veterans.
3. Thanksgiving--normal service with Elders serving fellowship luncheon
4. Nov 30th decorating for Advent and therefore Christmas.
5. Andy to call on families or individuals to light our Advent Candle each week starting Dec 3rd until the last service on Christmas Eve.
6. A new Christmas Tree has been purchased
7. Worship Committee to schedule Worship Leaders and greeters starting Jan of 2024 throughout the year. Andy to call on January before Dec 9th.
8. Closed with prayer at 4:50pm.

Sincerely,
Andrew Engelhart Worship Committee Chair

Meals on Wheels Ministry

It is time to deliver meals in December for the Clinton Senior Center.



Our church has committed to serve “Home Delivered Meals” from the Clinton Senior Center one week each quarter. Our dates to deliver are

Monday, December 18

Wednesday, December 20

Tuesday, December 19

Thursday, December 21

Friday, no deliveries



Meals are delivered each day between 10:45am and 12:30pm.

Ideally two volunteers will partner each day to pick up the food at the Senior Center at 10:45am and make the deliveries around Clinton. It takes less than 2 hours.

Please consider signing up on the clip board in the church foyer. Questions? See Lisa Wallace or call her at 660-492-2575.

CHURCH IN SOCIETY REPORT

CIS met on Monday, November 13th with 7 attending.

- The Tech School has brought it to our attention that they are in need of more snack items. The CIS Committee voted to spend \$150 on snack items for the Tech School.
- The Blessing Box Ministry at Clinton Community of Christ Church on Pawnee is one of our ongoing outreach projects. We have been supplying the Blessing Boxes with detergent, Women’s hygiene items and incontinence items. The committee voted to spend \$200 per month on The Blessing Box Ministry.
- Antioch Hills Housing has asked for donations of hygiene products, cleaning products, paper towels and toilet paper. A large donation of these items has been delivered to them. Plus we added socks and underwear. The majority of these products came from the Manna Harvest Warehouse.
- To complete Dani Dills’ outreach project for the homeless for 10 tents and 10 sleeping bags we used the \$400 collected for this project to purchase 3 more tents and 11 more sleeping bags...giving us a total of 11 tents and twelve sleeping bags. These items are ready to hit the streets.
- The committee voted to spend \$200 to restock the food pantry in the Holy Grounds Room. These items are given to clients that need a couple of days worth of meals. Pastor Tim will purchase can openers for those items that do not have pop-tops.
- We continue to give out eight(8) \$20 Gas Vouchers (auto gas) per month. The vouchers are given to clients and redeemed at Bullseye gas station. Bullseye bills the CIS committee each month to pay for these vouchers.
- We exceeded our goal of 900 cans of pork and beans for the Samaritan Center’s Christmas Cheer program. Thank you to all that gave generously.
- Our Monday evening meal, Community Café, that we serve to those that need a meal continues to flourish. We are serving 65-80 meals each week. It will only get bigger. Thanks to all that help with this outreach project.
- CIS continues to help support H.O.P.E. Project, Zoe’s House and Survival House with products they request.
- CIS allows Pastor Tim to have a discretionary cash fund to help those that come in and need items not offered by any of our other programs.

**REMEMBER - 10% OF ALL MONIES GOING TO THE GENERAL FUND
ARE USED FOR THESE OUTREACH PROJECTS.
IT IS BECAUSE OF YOU THAT WE ARE ABLE TO HELP
SO MANY IN SO MANY WAYS.**

THANK YOU

Hello and Welcome to the Membership Update for November! The over indulgent season is upon us. My how time flies.

This is getting a little routine for me; I don't know about you. I enter this season with grand plans and end up getting about one tenth done of what I set out to do. This time, I am going to try something different. I am not going to may plans to get a long list of things done. That does not mean that I will have no goals, just I am not going to let those goals stress me out and determine whether or not my Holidays were successful or not. I will define success differently this year. Success this year will mean spending time with Family and Friends. I will clear out my schedule and make sure that I don't let some "goal" get in the way of an important memory.

I thought the Fellowship Dinner provided by the Elders was fantastic! December's Fellowship Dinner will be a variety of soups. I bet Sharlotte will make some of her famous rolls. Bring sides that go along with soups or desserts or just join us! Bringing something if you feel inclined. But make it a point to spend time with your Church Family after the service on December 17.

Game night for November will be December 1. A light supper will be provided. Bring finger foods or sweets, if you desire. Otherwise, just plan on joining those who can Friday, December 1. The first game or two will be Bingo, so everyone come on out and have a great time. Betty is always there, so those of you who would need a babysitter, Membership has you covered! Come on out and have some fun.

That's all for this month. Enjoy!

Red Roof Fall Flea Market Update

The fall Red Roof flea market took place Saturday, October 28. Although the temperature was cold and the day being pretty dreary, it was another super event for the Clinton Christian Church.

Twenty vendors signed up for 28 parking spaces. Even though a handful of vendors did not show, there was a nice variety of wares to sell.

After expenses, the flea market netted a profit of \$223. This fund now totals \$2,020, which the Membership Committee oversees. In the past, these monies have purchased the ice machine and paid a portion of the stained-glass protection barrier.

I want to thank everyone who helped with road signs, banners, canopy setups, vendor assistance, and more. It would not have been possible without you.

Kathy Hetherington

Dear Clinton Christian Church Family,

I would like to thank the Clinton Christian Church for my Thanksgiving card and plate of goodies.

It is nice to be remembered.

Thank you, Lisa Wallace, for your visit.

~ Evelyn Weber

Dear Church Family,

Thank you to those of you who sent cards and signed the card from church when I was sick. I enjoyed reading the names.

~ Avis Compton

Dear Clinton Christian Church Family,

June Berry called and wanted everyone to know how much she appreciated the Thinking of You card. It made her day.

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

8:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Bible Reading
9:00 a.m. Bell Choir
9:30 a.m. Choir
10:15 a.m. Worship Service

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

11:00 a.m.
Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays

1:00 p.m. Prayer Group

Church Office Hours

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

[FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15](#)

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

ADVENT 2023 SCHEDULE SPREAD THE WORD

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 3rd - HOPE

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 10th - PEACE

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 17th - JOY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 24th - LOVE

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
DECEMBER 24th @ 5:30pm
JESUS

December 2023

Dated Material



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We livestream our 10:15 Sunday service

-there is a link on our website