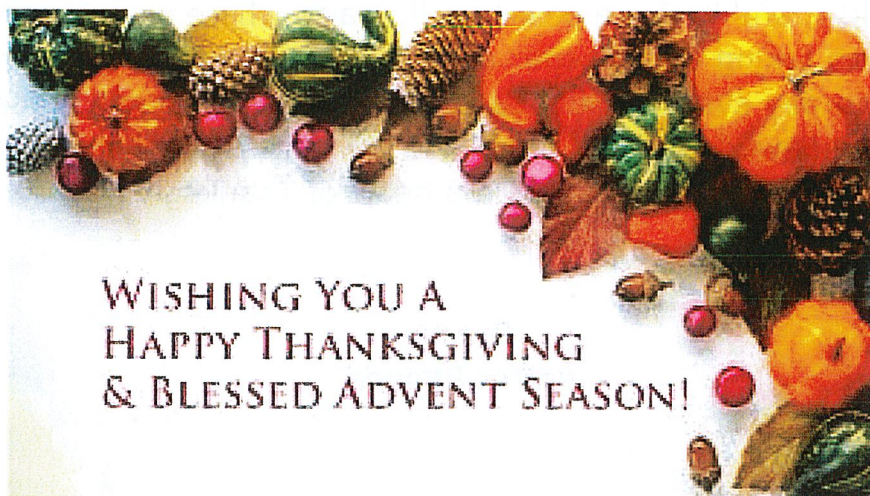




The Thanksgiving and Advent/Christmas seasons provide us with a great opportunity to share Christ's love and mission in our churches and in our communities. Traditionally, Thanksgiving festivities include a home cooked meal among family and friends, watching football and the Thanksgiving Macy's parade. Today, however, a growing number of families and friends are opting for a more "non-traditional" way of celebrating Thanksgiving by choosing to dine out and travel.

Houses of worship and non-for-profit organizations also continue their Thanksgiving traditions by opening their doors and serving a hot meal with all the fixings with those who are in need within their communities.

Thanksgiving Day is not only about eating a scrumptious meal, watching football or a parade, but it is a reminder that we are to give God thanks for blessings we don't deserve. We are to also remember that for some, Thanksgiving is not a day of celebration, but of mourning for our Native American brothers and sisters whose land we occupy.

While people celebrate Thanksgiving on November 27, three days later, the Season of Advent begins throughout our Christian churches. During the season of Advent, people wait in expectation, in anticipation, and in preparation for the longing of Jesus to be among us. Advent provides us with a great opportunity for meaningful spiritual reflection about our faith in the one who has come, will come again, and who will make things right and just.

It is our faith that keeps inspiring us to believe that such a world filled with hope, peace, joy, and love are possible. It is also where we witness the spirit of Thanksgiving taking on a deeper and more profound meaning in our lives than just a one-day event. Both seasons provide that sacred space for us to reflect with a renewed sense of hope and joy that as we wait in anticipation for Jesus to come again, we do it with a heart of Thanksgiving!

*Peace,
Pastor Rhonda*

Stewardship Sunday, November 9, 2025

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)



Theme: Radical Generosity

During our 10:00 AM worship, we will present our 2026 commitment cards unto the Lord.



Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 23, 2025

4:00 PM

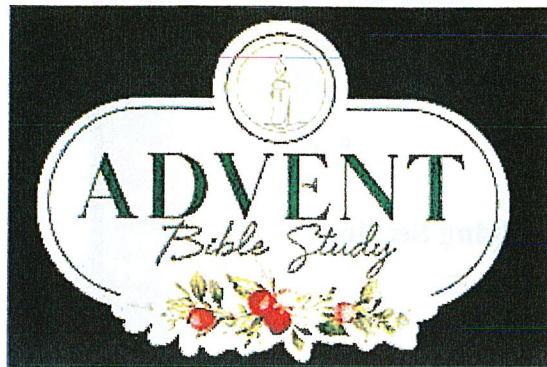


Service will be held at:

First Church of Christ, Congregational, in Clinton

55 Church Rd, Clinton, CT 06413





Advent begins:

Sunday, November 30 – Tuesday December 24

Online Study: Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM

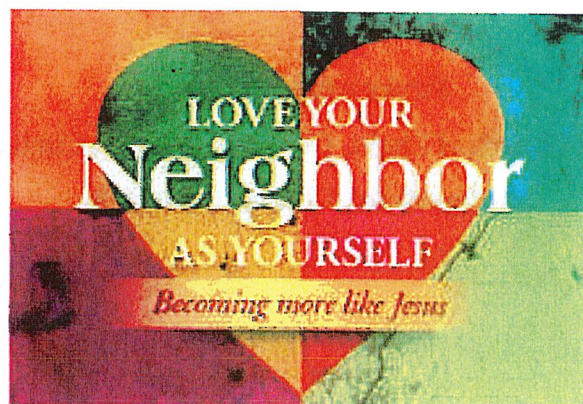
Google Meet joining info Video call link:

<https://meet.google.com/zyk-gbfm-dkb> or

dial: (US) +1 318-81-8377 PIN: 803 541 446#

In-Person Study:

Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM – Church





1st Sally Maxwell, Jack Moss
2nd Rachel Benisvy
3rd Jonathan Lohutko
4th Kara Bell
6th Amy Heuchert
7th Michael McKinnon, Nate Clark
8th Dylan Byington
9th Nicholas Dollahite
10th Laura Becker, Michael Cardarelli,
Jr.
11th Marlee Sonoski, Theo Gbunblee
12th Gary Stevens, Cameron Becker
14th Tammy Bronson
15th Chrissy Forman, Craig Becker,
Brook Hawes

18th Leslie Parent, Diane Scaglione
20th Tammy Drena
24th Mike Johns-Ahern
28th Bob Hale

Happy Anniversary

Enjoy your special day!



1st Lyle & Barbara Cubberly
5th Andrea & Micheal Lee
12th Ray & Theresa Silvernale

MONTH OF SUNDAYS

November 2nd-All Saints Sunday

Ushers: Sharon Minick, Bill Hancock, Lynda Larson, Banks Babjak

Camera Operator: TBD

Video Coordinator: TBD

Worship Leader: Robin Patten

Communion Steward: Evelyn Scaglione

Lectionary scriptures: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18, Psalm 149, Ephesians 1:11-23, Luke 6:20-31

Sermon: Pastor Rhonda R. Taylor

Fellowship Hosts: Val Gilcher and Gail Whitney

November 9th

Ushers: Evelyn and Dennis Scaglione, Sally Maxwell, Charlotte Parisi

Camera Operator: TBD

Video Coordinator: TBD

Worship Leader: Ray Silvernale

Lectionary scriptures: Haggai 1:15b-2:9, Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 (UM857), 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17, Luke 20:27-38

Sermon: Pastor Rhonda R. Taylor

Fellowship Hosts: Hales

November 16th

Ushers: Lyle Cubberly, Lynn Sellers, David Moore, Bob Morrison

Camera Operator: TBD

Video Coordinator: TBD

Worship Leader: Sharon Minick

Lectionary scriptures: Isaiah 65:17-25, Isaiah 12, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, Luke 21:5-19

Sermon: Sue Alexander

Fellowship Hosts: Jackie Blomberg and Jeane Jarusik

November 23rd

Ushers: Jeane Howard, Diana Vincent, Rick Gilcher, Sherry Hynes

Camera Operator: TBD

Video Coordinator: TBD

Worship Leader: Sue Alexander

Lectionary scriptures: Jeremiah 23:1-6, Luke 1:68-79, Colossians 1:11-20, Luke 23:33-43

Sermon: Bob Hale

Fellowship Host: Erica Babjak

November 30th-First Sunday of Advent

Ushers: Sharon Minick, Bill Hancock, Lynda Larson, Banks Babjak

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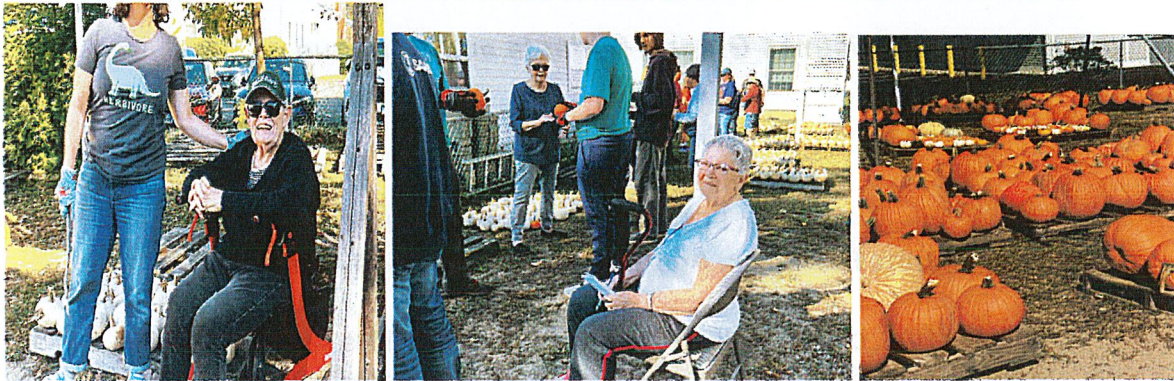
Worship Leader: Deb Anderson

Lectionary scriptures: Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122 (UM845), Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon: Pastor Rhonda R. Taylor

Fellowship Host: Donna Carpenter-Bronson

Awesome group of people to help unload and set up Pumpkin Patch.



Saturday, November 15th from 9 am – noon.

Please come down and help, bring your rakes and leaf blowers too.



United Methodist Church
Holly Fair

November 22nd 9am-2pm
Luncheon 11am-1pm

Country Store Jams and Jellies and baked goods

Hand-Crafted Gifts & Decorations

Christmas Past Décor

Christmas Greens & Plants and Boutique

From May, 1971 Messenger

A PRAYER FOR OUR BOYS IN VIETNAM

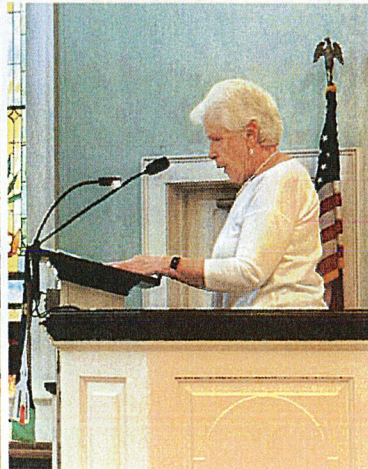
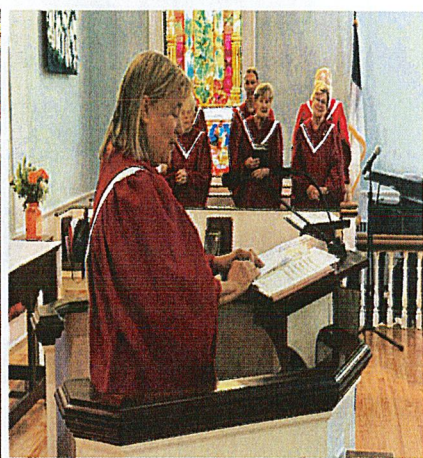
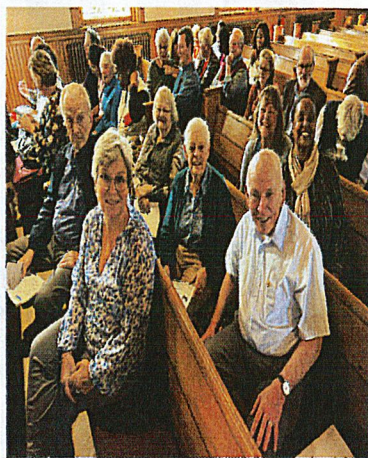
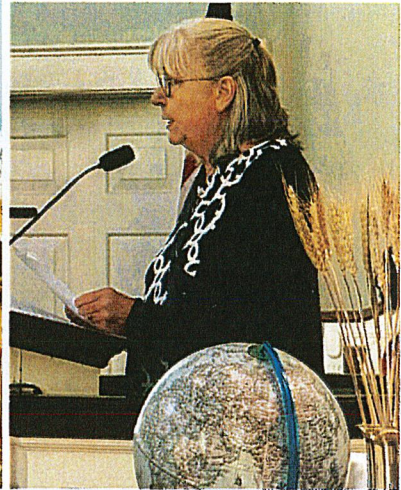
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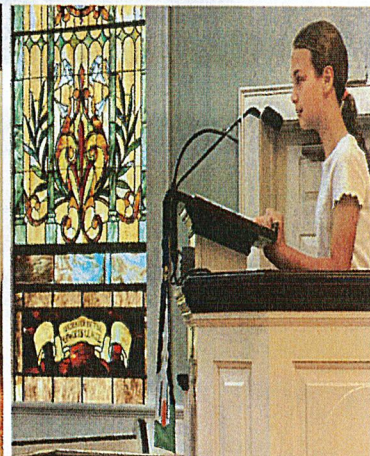
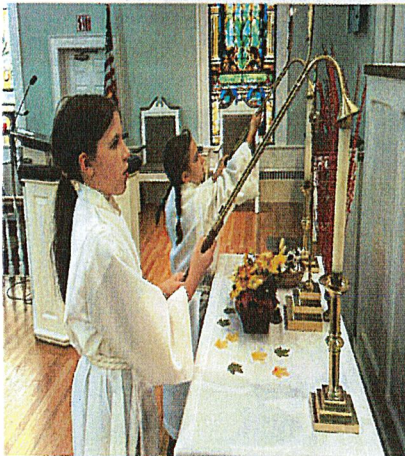
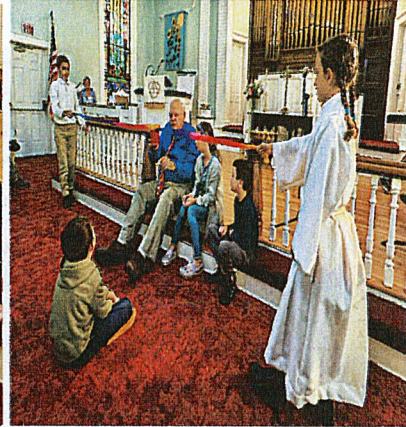
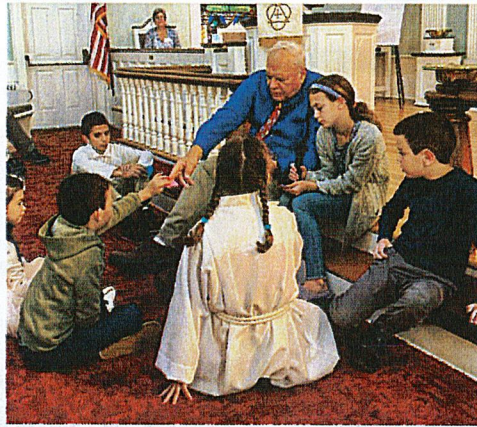
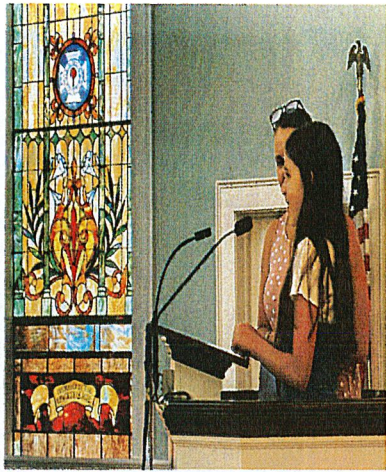
Almighty God, bless now this day, The boys the world is sending away
to fight for our country, to fight for our rights; To hear many things, and
see many sights. Be with them, Lord, we ask and pray, Let them know you're
With them night and day.

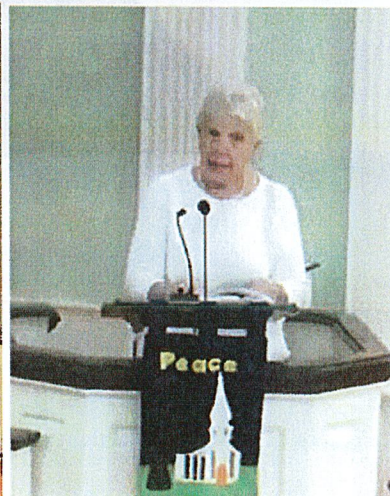
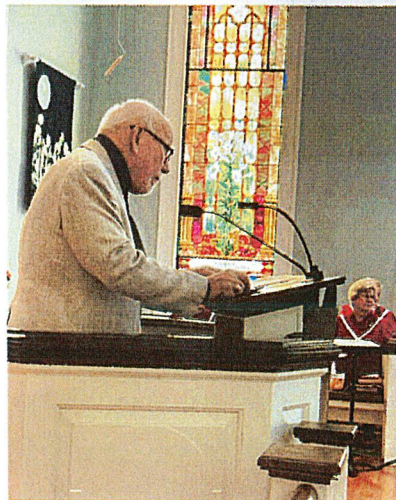
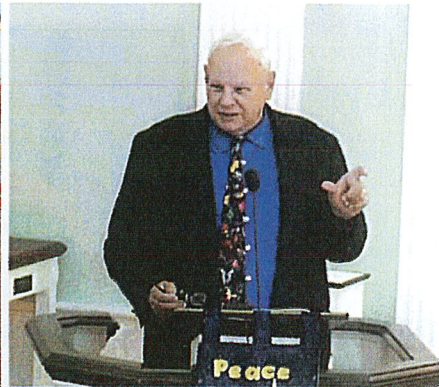
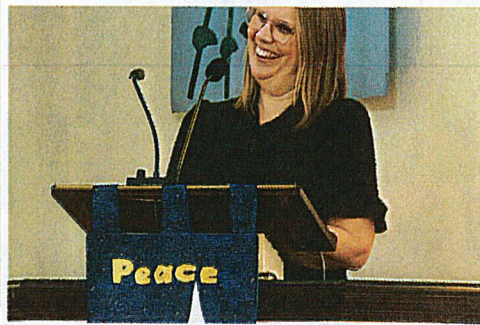
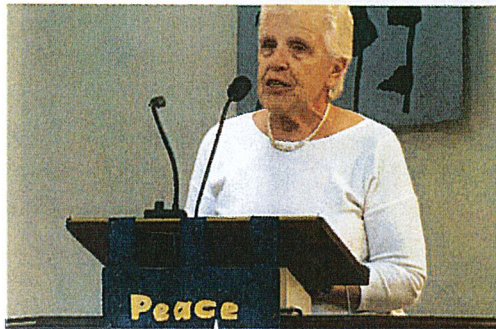
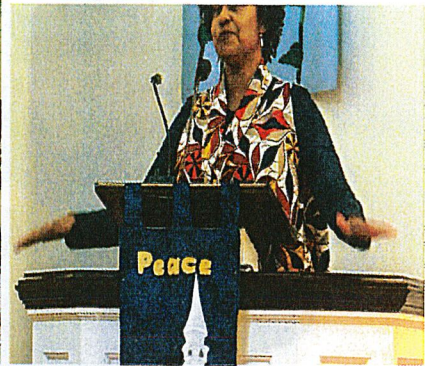
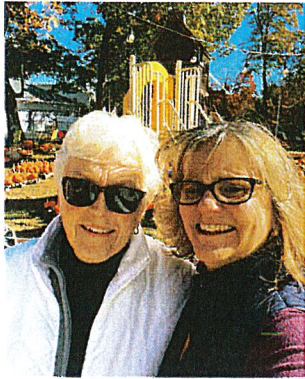
Make them feel Your strength; make them see your power. Be with them, Lord,
every day, every hour. Amen

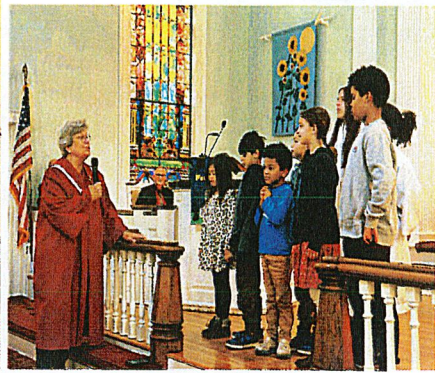
Note: The poem above was submitted with the following explanation. "When her
older brother went to Vietnam four years ago, Katrina (Trinket) wrote this poem.

Another brother will be leaving in May, also for 'Nam'.



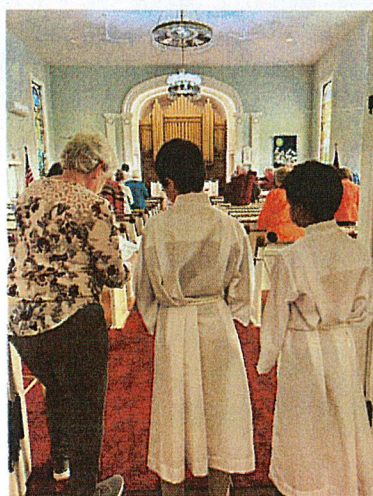


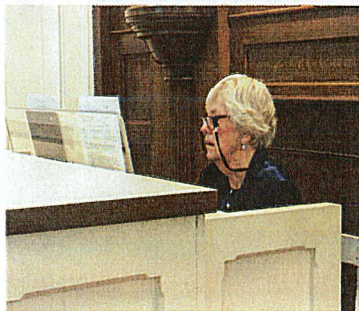
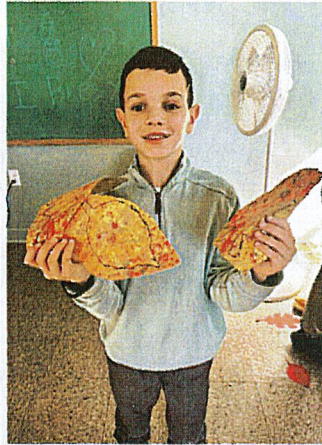






Our Communion Table definitely celebrated World Communion Sunday on October 6th as we joined with churches around the globe in sharing this special blessing.







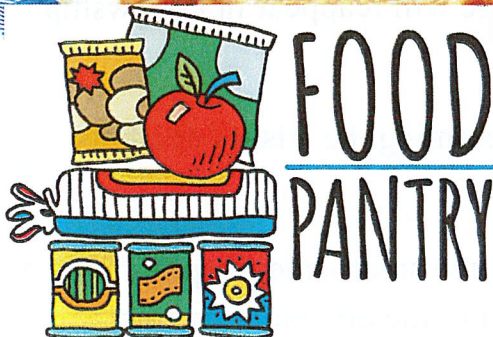
COUNTRY STORE WORKSHOP November 6 at 11 am.

Will be putting soups and spices together for sale at the Country Store. Please come and join the fun. If you have canned anything and would like to donate please do and we need all of our members to bake things to sell and deliver to church on Friday, November 21st.

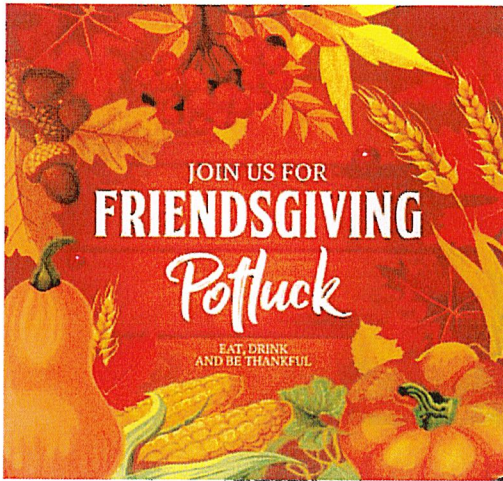


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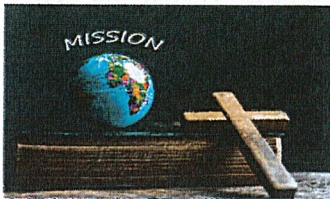
Monday, November 11, at 9:30 am
Come and help peel apples for pies to serve at the Holly Fair Luncheon. It will be fun. We will be picking chicken on Friday November 21st at 9:30.



Don't forget to bring in donations for SSKP Clinton Pantry. They give out food to over 400 families each week. Items always needed; cereal, pasta, sauce, canned beans and peanut butter.



We are thrilled to be able to once again host our church's annual Church Family Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 23rd at 5:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to attend! Turkey will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Bring **your** favorite part of Thanksgiving dinner. It's amazing but somehow we always have a nice variety and plenty for everyone. We look forward to seeing you there! Bob and Jill Hale



Judy Levesque

News from Missions....This year, as last year, our Christmas Giving Tree will be on display at the Holly Fair, with the familiar ornaments representing several of the charities we regularly support, such as Bare Necessities (diapers), SSKP(soup kitchen), etc.

On November 30, the first Sunday of Advent, the tree will reappear in Fellowship Hall with a different purpose.

Clinton Social Services will supply ornaments representing the wishes of adults and children in Clinton who are in need.

Congregation members are invited to take from the tree an ornament representing a gift request, record it on the master list, and then return the ornament and the unwrapped gift to Missions on a later Sunday in December.

This new plan will replace our previous emphasis on all members of a single family. Your Missions Committee feels that it will impact more Clinton residents.

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Our Mission

We celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit; being and making disciples of Christ by sharing God's gifts through word and deed.

