



It is safe to assume that all of us have goals we want to accomplish. Innocuous dreams we hope will come to pass. With each passing moment, we receive subliminal as well as forthright messages of what is deemed important and who has value. From our politics to our moral compass to our religious beliefs, our

priorities often influence how we interact with God and with our neighbor.

Setting priorities is crucial in establishing healthy boundaries. It brings spiritual growth that provides a deep sense of peace, healing, and comfort in our daily lives. Without them, we can become mentally, physically, and spiritually drained. And this is certainly not what God wants for us. We are to prioritize God!

When we prioritize Jesus in our lives, we are more apt to being our best selves toward our family, co-workers, and neighbors. When our priorities are in a healthy place, we discover how it brings mental clarity. We can focus better and experience less stress. We become less controlling and learn to let go and let God lead. Setting priorities also teaches us how to steward our time, our talent, and our resources in a more efficient manner.

Are there areas in your life you need to re-prioritize? Perhaps you've become so inundated with work and family responsibilities and life issues that you forgot to connect with Jesus, set boundaries, and engage in self-care - all of which are essential in order to have a healthy life. Therefore, let us all do a self-check, reassess our priorities, and encourage one another to do the same!

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Luke 12:34

Peace,

Pastor Rhonda



**Monday – Friday
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

[Calendar link](#)

**For Sunday Service click
below: (Bulletin and hymns are
attached)**

**[Our Church Services on
YouTube](#)**

Office - UMC of Clinton
12 Commerce Street
Clinton, CT 06413
9am-12pm Mon-Friday
860-669-836

Weekly Calendar Items

Sundays – 9:00 AM Adult Sunday
School
10:00 AM – Worship Service

Wednesdays – 9:00 AM TOPS
5:00 PM – Soup Kitchen

Fridays – 5:30 PM AA Happy Hour
Meeting

Date Specific Events

Aug. 10 – 14 9:00 to 11:30 AM
Vacation Bible School

Tues. Aug 4 9:00 AM – WIC

Wed. Aug 12 – 7:00 PM Church
Council

Wed. Aug 19 -7:00 PM AA
Meeting

Mon. Aug 31 – 3pm Book Club

Weekly Bible Study will resume after Labor Day.



Tuesday Evening on-line Bible Study will resume on *September 8 at 7:00 PM.*

Thursday Morning in-person Bible Study will resume on *September 10 at 10:00 AM.*

We are currently studying the Book of ACTS.

Town of Clinton School Supply Drive

Donations of the following items will be collected in the box in the Fellowship Hall through Sunday, August 9th. **NEW ITEMS ONLY.**

Good quality lunch boxes
20 oz or larger water bottles (Bpa free)
Lined binder paper
3 subject notebooks-*no one subject please*
Index cards • **Highlighters** • Black and blue pens
Colored pencils and markers (all grades use these)
Plastic (not paper) 3 hold punch subject dividers and/or folders
Calculators with square root button
Pencil cases that go in 3 ring binders

Cash donations accepted. Checks should be made out to United Methodist Church of Clinton with School Supplies in the memo section.

Make a
difference in the
lives of local
children and
help them
succeed in
school!



Save the Date! – Saturday, September 26th 3:00 PM
Pumpkin Delivery! We'll Need Your Help!



This QR Code will bring anyone who scans it with their smartphone directly to our Vanco Giving site for Regular or Special Donations. Or [Click Here!](#)



August Celebrations!

Birthdays

1st Ashley Policar
Ray Silvernale
4th Steven Clark
Bev Engelhart
5th Ellie Wells
10th Don Shogren
11th Gary Hawes
Olivia Kluz
Reagan Riley
Paula McPhee
12th Austin Remetta
George Andres
Pastor Rhonda Taylor
13th Makenna Clark

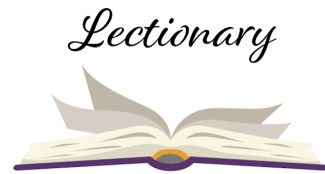
15th Donald Merry
20th Lisa Benisvy
21st Robert McLeod
22nd Jeffrey Mckinnon, Jr.
Linda Thelin
24th Cynthia Harding
28th Finley Nicklis
30th Connor Drena

Anniversaries

4th Bev and Ken Bowen
Nathaniel and Kristen Brown
9th Carolyn and Hill Gbunblee
24th Emily and Jose Gonzalez

Lectionary Readings for the month of August 2026

The lectionary is a sequence or list of lections (passages of scripture) to be read in church services during the year. The Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) is a three-year cycle of suggested scripture readings that follows the Christian year. Each Sunday, four passages of scripture are recommended, usually two from the Old Testament and two from the New Testament. Thus, over a three-year period the Bible is covered in a systematic and balanced way.



August 2 - Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

August 9 - Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 10:5-15,
Matthew 14:22-33

Aug 16 - Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

Aug 23 - Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

Aug 30 - Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

A Month of Sundays

August 2

Ushers: Jeane Howard, Diana Vincent,
Rick Gilcher, Sherry Hynes
Camera Operator: Val Gilcher
Video Coordinator: Karin Thelin
Worship Leader: Sharon Minick
Lectionary scriptures: *Genesis 32:22-31*;
Psalms 17:1-7, 15; Romans 9:1-5;
Matthew 14:13-21
Sermon: Pastor Rhonda R. Taylor
Communion Steward: Sharon Minick
Fellowship Hosts: Laurie Bell

August 16

Ushers: Evelyn & Dennis Scaglione, Sally
Maxwell, Charlotte Parisi
Camera Operator: Banks Babjak
Video Coordinator: Erica Babjak
Worship Leader:
Lectionary scriptures: *Genesis 45:1-15*,
Psalms 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32;
Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28
Sermon: Pastor Rhonda R. Taylor
Fellowship Hosts: Jeane Howard

August 30

Ushers: Jeane Howard, Diana Vincent,
Rick Gilcher, Sherry Hynes
Camera Operator: Banks Babjak
Video Coordinator: Karin Thelin
Worship Leader: Lydia Templeton
Lectionary scriptures: *Exodus 3:1-15*,
Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c; Romans 12:9-21;
Matthew 16:21-28
Sermon: Pastor Rhonda R. Taylor
Fellowship Hosts: Hales

August 9

Ushers: Sharon Minick, Bill Hancock,
Lynda Larson, Banks Babjak
Camera Operator: Erica Babjak
Video Coordinator: Lisa Sutherland
Worship Leader: Robin Patten
Lectionary scriptures: *Genesis 37:1-4*,
12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b;
Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33
Sermon:
Fellowship Hosts: The Babjaks

August 23

Ushers: Lynn Sellers, David Moore,
Brian Piezcko
Camera Operator: Jill Hale
Video Coordinator: Dan Attanasio
Worship Leader: Natalie Sutherland
Lectionary scriptures: *Exodus 1:8-2:10*;
Psalms 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20
Sermon: Pastor Rhonda R. Taylor
Fellowship Hosts: Laura Becker, Barbara
Cubberly

Food Donations Needed

for the new

SSKP Pantry in Madison

at the First Congregational Church
26 Meetinghouse Lane, Madison

email Paola at

pserrecchia@shorelinesoupkitchens.org



Vacation Bible School

August 10th – 14th

9:00 to 11:30 am

There will be:

- Bible Adventures
- Crafts Games
- Music
- Snacks
- All On the Go with God!

If you or someone you know, aged 3 through 12, please join us for the fun! Bring a friend or two to join in!

Teenagers and adults are needed as volunteers!

Register with the church office. For questions call Karin Thelin at (203) 671-7321 or email at karinthelin@aol.com



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.



Outdoor SERVICE

at
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF CLINTON

SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 6, 2026
10:00 AM

On the church grounds

Following the service will be a
**CHURCH FAMILY
POTLUCK PICNIC**



BRING YOUR
CHAIR



BRING A DISH
TO SHARE



DRINKS AND
GRILLED ITEMS
WILL BE
PROVIDED



GAMES,
FUN AND
FELLOWSHIP!

All Are Welcome!

Serving at the St. Vincet DePaul Soup Kitchen



