



March 2024

News of the...

Clinton United
Presbyterian
Church

The CUP

Announcements

Pastoral Care Emergency: In case of need of pastoral care, please contact the church office at 724-695-7993

Finance Meeting

The Finance and Stewardship committee is scheduled to meet Tuesday, the 19th at 7PM.

Session Meeting

Session is scheduled to have a meeting Thursday, the 21st at 7pm.

Sunday Worship and Online resources

Worship begins at 11:00a.m.

Did you know that here are several ways that you can remotely worship with us.

- Live Video of our worship service every Sunday can be found [here](#)
- You may watch the service at your convenience under the worship archived section of our website [Recording of services](#).
- Every week Pastor Karen sends out a weekly letter to the congregation via email. This letter can also be found every Friday on her page on our website. [Pastor Karen's page](#)
- We have copies of the Upper Room daily bible devotional on the table in the Narthex. If you are unable to get a copy in person or prefer to read a copy on your computer, please contact the office.



Sanctuary Flowers

Did you know that you can make a donation for fresh flowers to be in the sanctuary on Sunday morning, in Honor or Memory of a loved one or special occasion? There is a signup sheet, along with forms in the narthex for anyone that would like to celebrate that special someone. Please signup for whichever Sunday you would like. You **MUST** include an information form along with your payment, so that the office knows to order your flowers! Payments can be dropped off in the office or in the offertory. Please list flowers on your giving envelope or in the memo line of your check. A \$50 seasonal arrangement of the florists choice will automatically be ordered unless you pick something more specific. Please contact Rachelle Murin with any questions that you may have.

Office Hours

Our **office hours** are **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons and evenings**. Rachelle thanks you all for your patience and understanding, as she continues to navigate being a busy working mother of a very active toddler. If you require to meet with the office at a different time, please call to schedule an appointment. You can reach Rachelle or Pastor Karen via phone at 724-695-7993 or the church email at clintupch@gmail.com.

Special Dates in March

March 1	World Day of Prayer
March 10 th	Daylight Savings time
March 19 th	First day of Spring
March 24-31	Holy Week
March 24 th	Palm Sunday
March 29 th	Good Friday
March 31 st	Easter Sunday



WAMA Food Pantry
(Warehouse behind RiteAid)

105 West Allegheny Rd.
Imperial, PA 15126

We appreciate any help the churches can give us as we are now back to our normal schedule for the 2023 year.

March's Distributions

Tuesday, March 12 th	9:00 to 12:00pm.
Wednesday, March 13 th	4:30 to 6:30pm.
Tuesday, March 26 th	9:00 to 12:00pm.
Wednesday, March 27 th	4:30 to 6:30pm.

Please call the Food Pantry number 724-695-1305 to let our FP Coordinators: Tim Opfermann and Linda Stoner know if you would like to help.

Also, in addition, the Food Pantry would welcome any attendees who might need our services or if they know of anyone else in need, please refer them to us.

A message from Rev. Dr. Karen F. Younger

Dear Clinton Church Family,

It's exciting to see our church family growing! As a way to help us get to know one another better, over the coming months, I will feature our newer members for the newsletter. My prayer is that our love for another will continue to grow even as our love of God transforms us.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Karen

Getting to know the Fessenden Family

Where were you and your spouse born and raised?

Kevin was born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio. Kim was born in Huntington, West Virginia. When she was two years old, her family relocated to Van Wert, Ohio for her father's work.

What brought you to the area? How long have you been here?

We moved to Clinton, Pennsylvania for Kevin's position at Dick's Sporting Goods. Kevin moved in July 2019 and the rest of the family joined him in November of that same year.

Tell me a little about your children. How old are they? Hobbies, sports, etc.

Izzy is 10 years old and she is in the 4th grade at Wilson Elementary. She learned

how to play soccer, tennis, and flute this school year. She enjoys writing stories and crafting. Grant is 7 years old and he is in the 1st grade at Wilson. He loves soccer, tennis, drawing, and Minecraft. Drew is 4 years old and he is in Ms. Rachel Ayers' preschool class. He likes puzzles, swimming, and spending time with friends.

What does your family like to do together as a family?

As a family, we love to travel together. Our favorite spot is Vero Beach, Florida. We also love playing games and trying out new restaurants.

How did you hear about Clinton UP Church?

We live in a neighborhood close to the church called Maronda Farms. We were looking for a preschool for Grant to attend and discovered CUP through our neighborhood Facebook group. The preschool and church have been a blessing to our family. We are so grateful to be a part of this church.

Anything else you'd like us to know about you?

Kevin and the kids like to make simple video games and they created a Mario game over this past Christmas break.



Upcoming Events And News



Worship News for March 2024:

Lent is a season of the Christian year where Christians focus on growing closer to God. We do this through prayer and fasting.

Lent is the forty days before Easter. That is why our hymns reflect sorrow and dark tones to the season.

Please join us for worship during this most important season of our Christian journey. Easter!! The celebration of Jesus rising for the forgiveness of our sins and life eternal!

There will be Easter choir practice starting **Sunday March 3**, after the worship service. All are welcome to join!

Please remember to turn your clocks forward on **Sunday, March 10**, for daylight saving time.

Sunday, March 24, 11 AM Worship service, we will celebrate Palm Sunday, through Baptism and confirmands joining church.

Thursday, March 28, Maundy Thursday Worship Service, at 7 PM at Clinton, U.P.

Church. Hebron will be joining us, and we will have a combined choir. Communion will be observed.

Please fill out your Easter Flower order form. These flowers will be displayed at the front of the church for our Easter worship service.

Easter! **Sunday, March 31**, Worship will begin at 11 AM.

In your bulletin will be a flyer from Presbyterian USA on the One Great Hour of Sharing. Please take a moment to read and consider giving to this worthy cause. The Sunday School will be given fish banks for coin collection.

See you in church !

Volunteers needed.

We are requesting volunteers to help us to continue to provide nursery/childcare during the worship service. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for anyone who would like to volunteer. This is a great opportunity to serve in the church without having a long-term commitment.



As we fast approach spring, the deacon committee is gearing up for a busy season. Lots of folks to visit and phone and send cards to.

Please let us know if there are any needs that the deacon committee can help you with.

We pray continually for our church families and our community and our country. Our next meetings will be **March 3rd & April 7** directly after church.

This month's Food Pantry giving is CANNED FRUIT AND SUGAR. Please place these items in the box under the table in the narthex.

One tree can start a forest, one smile can begin a friendship.

One hand can lift a soul, one word can frame a goal.

One candle can wipe out darkness. One laugh can conquer gloom.

One hope can raise your spirits. One touch can show you care.

One life can make a difference.

Be that One life.



way for everyone young and old to participate in the worship service.

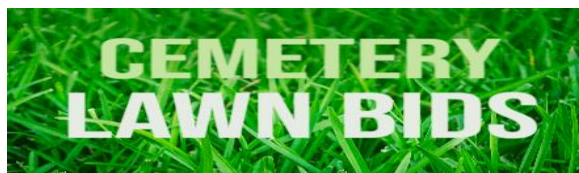
There is an Acolyte sign-up sheet located on the table in the Narthex. We encourage our youth or families to sign up. This is a great

Confirmation Class

Pastor Karen is teaching a 5 week-long confirmation class starting **Sunday, February 18th 12:15-1:15**. Our confirmands will be joining the church on Palm Sunday. We invite everyone to attend this joyous occasion.

Evangelism/Mission Committee

We are asking for volunteers for a newly combined Evangelism/Mission committee. If you would like to be a part of this team, please see Rick Lamb or Pastor Karen.



The Clinton Cemetery board is looking for sealed bids for the mowing and trimming of the old and new sections of the Clinton cemetery. Please submit your sealed bids to the Clinton Cemetery board **before April 15th**.



Church Directory

We are trying to update our Membership software and create a new Church Directory. Whether you are a returning visitor, a new member, or have sat in our pews for most of your adult life, the office and the Deacons ask that you please update your information. [update contact information here.](#) Rachelle hopes to have our new digital and print directory finished by the end of the month.



New Children and Youth Director

It is with great joy that we announce the newest addition to the Clinton Up Family. We have hired Marla Kemmler as our Children and Youth Director. Marla will be introduced to the congregation on **Sunday, March 3rd**. There will be a cookie reception in her honor following the worship service.



Choir practice for Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday Music will begin **Sunday March**

3rd, following the cookie reception. All those that are interested in singing are welcome to join.



Easter flower orders

It's that time of year again. We are taking orders for our Easter flowers. There is nothing quite like walking into the sanctuary on Easter Sunday to see and smell all of the beautiful flowers. All flower orders are **due by March 10th**. Please use an

order form, and place it along with your check, in the box located in the back of the sanctuary or in the offertory. If you cannot make it to church, please email the office and request an order form.

Membership Class

We are so incredibly blessed to see so many new faces in our pews each and every week. We are holding a membership class on **Saturday, March 16th from 10-12**. Please let Pastor Karen or Rachelle know if you would like to attend.



Heifer International Update

As I'm sure most of you remember, we had the kiss a cow fundraiser over the summer. We raised enough money to purchase a heifer and 2 flocks of chickens. What you don't know, is that a member anonymously gave an additional heifer in honor of the church, as an end of year gift. I have received an update from Heifer International. The chicks have made it to Cambodia, we have helped a family in Honduras to provide income and milk for their children, and the 2nd Heifer is on its way to a family in Uganda.

With Thanks and Appreciation

Thank you so much for your thoughts, prayers, and get-well cards during my recent foot surgery. With God's help I will continue my recovery!

God Bless!
Dale Huemmrch

The poster features a light green background. At the top, there are five colorful Easter eggs (pink, yellow, red, blue, and green) hanging from a vine. The title "EASTER" is in large, bold, black capital letters, and "Egg Hunt" is in a green, cursive script below it. The text describes the event and provides a QR code and contact information. At the bottom, there are several decorated Easter eggs (yellow and white, green and white, and yellow and green) in a field of green grass with white daisies.

EASTER Egg Hunt

Please join Clinton United Presbyterian Church for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Families will enjoy breakfast, Easter crafts, listen to the Easter story, hunt for eggs, and there will be a special visit from the Easter Bunny! Scan the QR code below to RSVP to ensure we have enough food and eggs for all families attending.

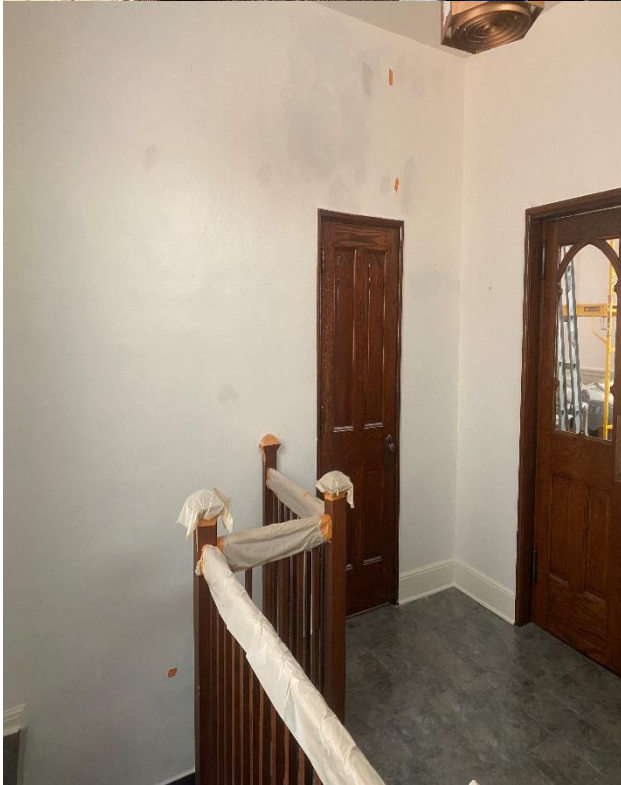
 **Saturday, March 30, 2024**  **Clinton United Presbyterian Church**
AT 9:45 AM 25 Wilson Rd. Clinton, PA. 15026

Looking back at February



Please use the following link to register for this event.

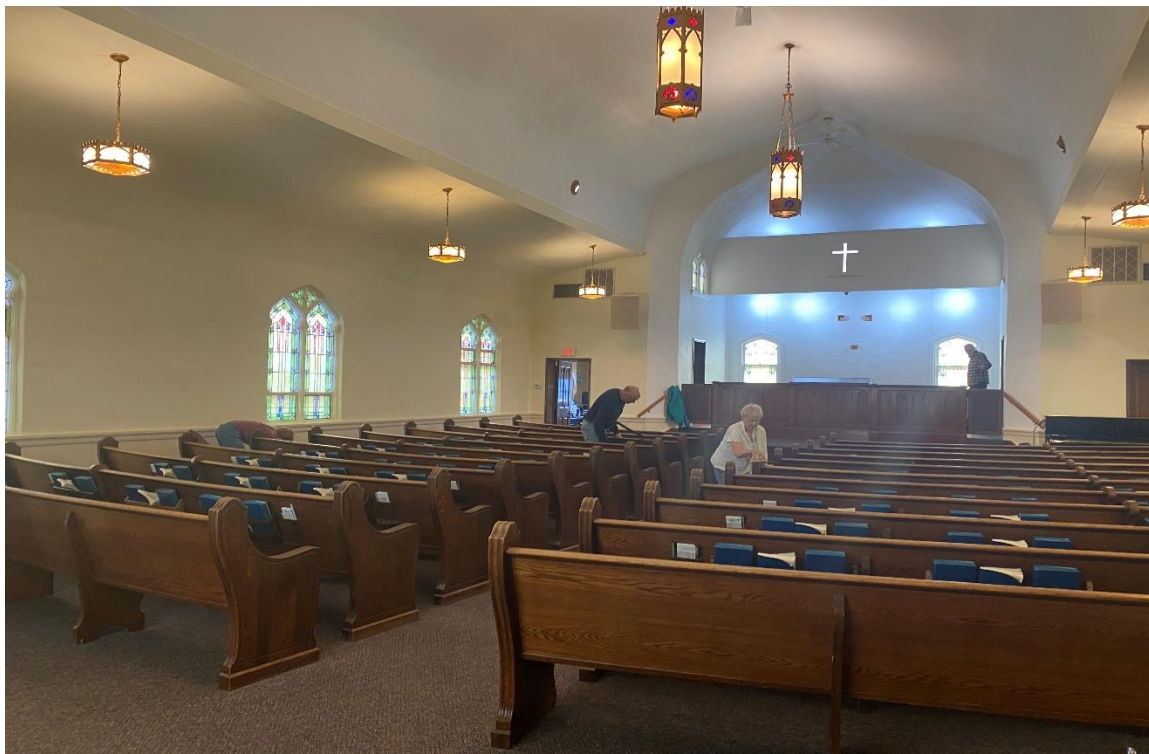
[Registration for Easter Breakfast Event](#)



Thanks to everyone including the Scouts who assisted with preparing the Sanctuary and Narthex for the plaster repair and painting after the service on Feb. 4th. Also, to everyone who assisted with cleaning and getting everything back in place on Friday Feb. 9th and Saturday Feb. 10th. Because of all the hard work we were able to have the service in the Sanctuary on Sunday Feb. 11th! Many hands make light work! God Bless!

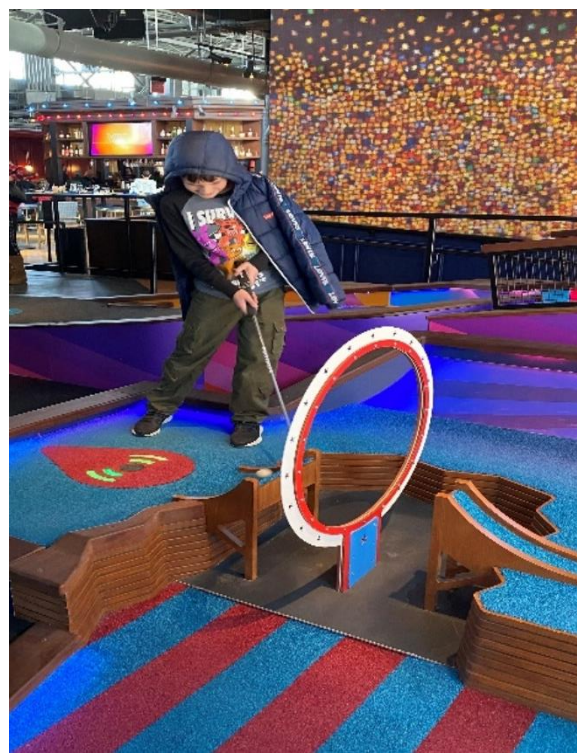
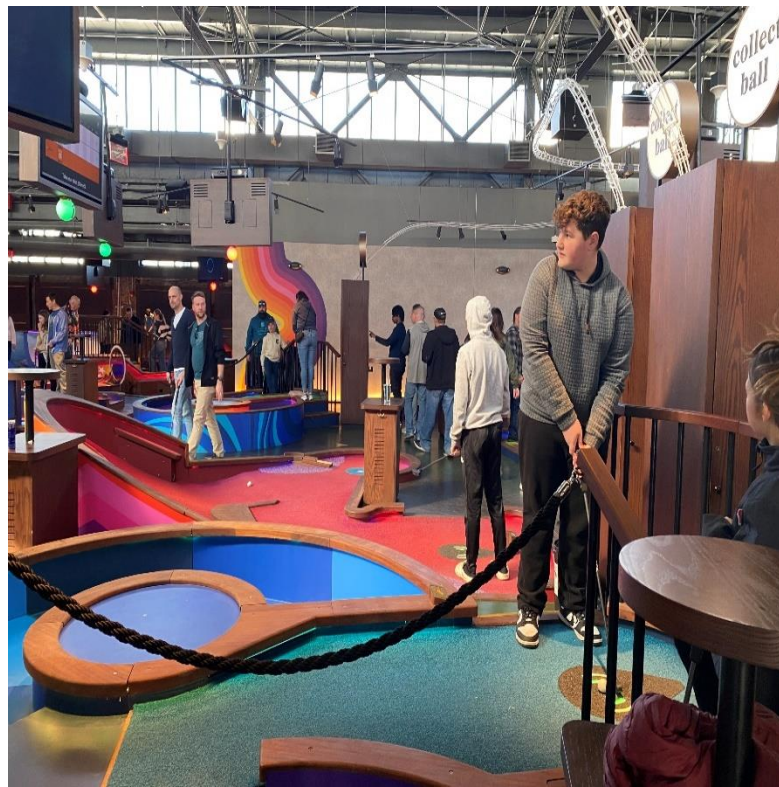
Blessings!, The Trustee's





On behalf of the congregation, we would like to take this time to thank all our many, many, faithful volunteers, committees, staff, and Pastor Karen. There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes that some people don't get to see. I thought you might enjoy getting to see this project from start to finish.

This is just one example of what it takes to care for and maintain our beautiful church building. Once again, thank you to our trustees for arranging, preparing, and organizing this task, the painting company, and everyone who helped to move furniture and clean, just in time for the ordination and installation of Elder, Howard Fugitt.



Some of our youth group kids joined us for lunch, indoor mini golf, and a visit to an ice cream shop.

Thank you to Amanda Wade for spending her afternoon with us.

We had a great time and learned many things. We may have some very talented young golfers among us!

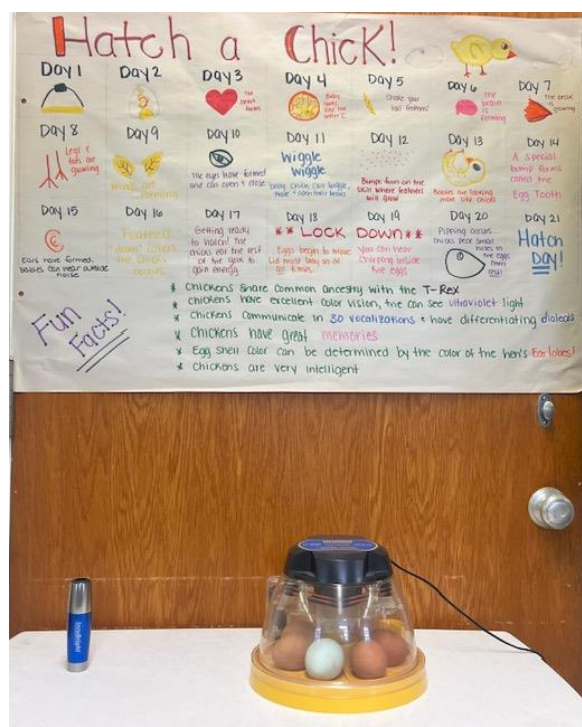


We were incredibly blessed to have special musical performances throughout our worship service. Our Guest Musicians were: Lelio Olarte, on the violin, Diana Rodriguez, on the violin, and the vocals of Rosa Parra De Olarte, Soprano. We thank them, along with our incredibly talented pianist, Aida.

~ Cup Preschool ~

In the month of February, we celebrated Valentines Day by decorating boxes passing out Valentines and decorating cookies. We also made the groundhogs prediction and celebrated Presidents' Day.

The students are finishing up the alphabet with lemon volcanoes, water experiments, x-rays and yarn. We also started our annual Hatch a Chick program. Hopefully, we will have some chicks to play with and share.



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Office Hours- Tues, Wed., Thurs., Fri., 1:00pm -4:00pm
Wednesday & Thursday 6:00pm -8:00pm
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Website: clintonupchurch.weebly.com
Financial Asst.—Rachelle Murin
Administrative Asst. — Rachelle Murin
Choir Director—Aida Olarte
Treasurer — Mark Elek
Church Sexton—Rachel Ayers
Session
Clerk of Session — Linda Wade
Mark Elek, Judy Huemrich, Rick Lamb — 2024
Carol Elek, Linda Wade — 2025
Jennifer Beaumont, Howard Fugitt — 2026

Deacons

Marsha Beck, Sandi Cogis, Maxine Wilson — 2024
Lynn Kopko, Cindy Macek — 2025
Dana Kopko, June Miller - 2026

Trustees

James Murin Jr. ---2024, Scott Hilpert ---2025
Dale Huemrich, Steve McCullough — 2026
Denny Macek — 2028

Auditors

Lorrie Leonard, Judy McConnell - -2024
Carla Fugitt — 2026

Sunday School

Superintendent—Rachel Ayers
Asst. Superintendent—Amber Hilpert

Cemetery Board

Kevin Campbell ---2024 Dale Huemrich---2025
Dennis Macek—2026
Rick Lamb — 2027
Rich Hamil — 2028

Nominating Team

Amber Hilpert, Judy Huemrich, Amanda Wade

Finance Team

Doug Beaumont, Sophie Chamberlain, Mark Elek, Lynne
Hamil, Thomas McCullough, Rachelle Speary-Murin,
Jennifer Rossman

Safety Team

Heather Campbell, Rick Lamb, Joe Miller

Community Involvement

The Deacon's Giving Campaign: if you know someone that needs a visit or a meal taken to them, we can help with that, please contact. Our job is to serve our congregation and community in helpful ways.

*Through the month of **March**, we will be collecting **Canned fruit & Sugar**.
Items can be placed in the container under the table in the Narthex.*

Thank you,
for your financial support to
Clinton UP Church!

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