



## Freedom

We celebrate a big birthday this month; the United States of America is 250 years old! Yes, I am proud to be an American!!!

I know the freedom I enjoy is not free:

1. Through our military, people (young and old) have fought and won so that we can wave the American flag.
2. People have sacrificed time, energy, and money to build a nation, full of institutions of learning, innovation, science, technology, and safety.
3. People have work tirelessly each and every day to create a sense of security, so that we can play softball and walk our dogs in the public parks.
4. The list of people who give of themselves is endless.

But, do we truly ENJOY our freedom?

In Galatians 5:1, Paul tells us “It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.”

Paul’s proclamation reminds me of the Easter message: Christ won the battle so that we can enjoy the sweetness of his victory over sin and death. When we live into the Easter Promise, we are free to enjoy all that Christ gives us each and every day. And yet, this promise can be hard to believe. All we have to do is read the newspaper every day to know the world still struggles with Christian beliefs and faith.

Thank goodness Christ never gives up on us! If we pray, confess our sins, receive the Holy Spirit, and act according to Christ’s will for us, then the freedom will come. What I am realizing more and more every day is the patience required to taste the sweetness of freedom in Christ. I must wait, watch, look, listen, and then act. I must slow down and allow Christ Jesus to do all he has planned, and that can be a difficult for me.

The reward is freedom, and we can taste it in the watermelon. We can see it in the fireworks. We can feel it, as we worship together. It’s the joy of the Lord! Let His FREEDOM reign!!!



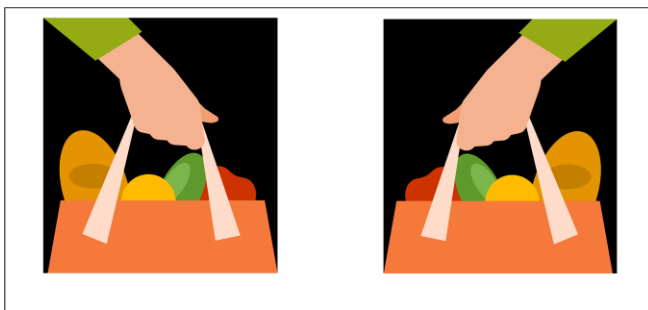
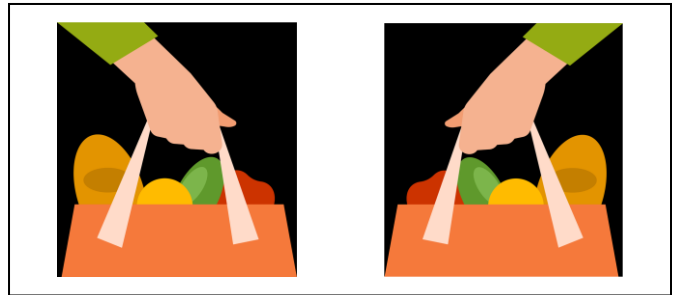
# Missions: Reaching out to show God's love

## Food Pantry

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday  
5-6 p.m.

Our Food Pantry has been serving  
25-30 families every 2 weeks.

*Your generous contributions help keep this  
vital program going! If you would like to help  
more, contact Pat Stonecipher.*



## The Blessing Box

The Blessing Box is restocked often. This is a separate mission from the *Food Pantry*, and everyone may contribute at any time. Please contact Kathleen Jones to see what might be needed each week.

Thanks!

## Our Homebound Families

*Don't forget our Extended Family Members*

Juanita Smith 301 Cross Street Clinton, TN 37716	Gibby Seals 101 Dana Drive Oak Ridge, TN 37830	Peggy Burton Morning Pointe Assisted Living 960 S. Charles G. Seivers Blvd. Clinton, TN 37716
Ellie Green 517 Delft Way Knoxville, TN 37923	Mary Ann Conner 297 Doe Run Blvd. Clinton, TN 37716	Joyce Wilson 112 Hillcrest St. Clinton, TN 37716
Clyde Horton 118 McAdoo St. Clinton, TN 37716	Andrea Fritts 916 Eagle Bend Road Clinton, TN 37716	Susan Overstreet 410 Halsboro Lane Clinton, TN 37716

*We hope you will consider sending a card  
to our members who may be in an assisted-living facility, or home-bound.*



01 Karen Bray  
V.L. Stonecipher  
02 Logan Prater  
06 Mark Medley  
09 Steve Combs  
10 Terry Austin  
11 S. Tyrone Foster  
13 Walter Freels

16 John Jones  
18 Betty Sellers  
22 Brian Hatmaker  
26 Michael Freels  
30 Lauren B. Nichols  
31 Sherry Livengood  
Gibby Seals

If you have a prayer request,  
or would like to be a part of  
the Prayer Warriors  
Call Sarah Medley  
865-406-9161

*"Do not be anxious  
about anything, but in  
every situation, by prayer  
and petition, with thanks-  
giving, present your requests  
to God."  
Philippians 4:6*



## Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Committee

Here is a quick update on some of our staff/volunteer positions:

- Catie McCracken retired as our church secretary/treasurer on June 26, 2026. Please join me in thanking Catie for her dedicated service over the last 1 ½ years.
- Terry Moore has volunteered to take over the church's bookkeeping activities from Catie. We very much appreciate Terry volunteerism!
- The Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations committee is actively interviewing for an Administrative Assistant and Youth Coordinator. Several qualified candidates have been identified. The goal is to fill these positions in the month of July.

Please contact me (865-457-0352) if you have questions or suggestions.

Tom Thrasher  
Chairman, S/PPR Committee Chairman



# Upcoming Events

## Youth & Children

July 29<sup>th</sup> - 6-9 p.m.: Pool Party at Emory Valley Pool, 650 Emory Valley Rd., Oak Ridge. Ella & Wesley Hill will be our Lifeguards for the evening. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

There may be a few days during JULY that the Trustees will need volunteers to help get the parsonage ready for Pastor Amanda and her family. Check for announcements at Sunday Worship or by email.



## Summer Cottage Prayer Meetings

At 6 p.m.

- July 01 Pat & VL Stonecipher  
218 Bingham Drive, Clinton
- July 15 Donna & Chuck Parke  
244 Hogohegee Dr., Andersonville
- July 29 Anita & Erik Hill  
136 White Loop Rd., Clinton

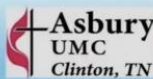


### The City of Clinton Parks & Recreation

Is partnering with Asbury United Methodist Church to host a Back to School Bash. The Clinton Community Center will be accepting donations Monday through Friday from 7:30am until 8:30pm through July 29, 2026.

Items needed:

- \* Pens, pencils, highlighters, & erasers
- \* Markers, crayons, & art supplies
- \* Clorox wipes, hand sanitizer, Kleenex
- \* Loose leaf paper, graph paper, & notebooks
- \* Calculators, rulers, scissors
- \* ALL SCHOOL SUPPLIES ACCEPTED.



All are welcome to join us for the activities at Memorial UMC!!!

### \$\$\$ Financial News \$\$\$

Giving as of June 29<sup>th</sup>: \$153, 286.00 (General Fund)

Memorial UMC is looking for volunteers! Please prayerfully consider your gifts, your talents, and let us know what you would like to do. Here are some of the tasks we are looking for help with:

- Altar Flowers on Sundays
- Audio-Visual on Sunday mornings and special occasions
- Blessing Box
- Bulletin Boards
- Christmas costumes committee
- Creating Slides for Worship Service
- Food Pantry
- Gardening (weeding!)
- Greeting card ministry
- Holy Grounds Hosts
- Home visits
- Join the choir

Let Nancy Harper, Pastor Amanda or Tom Thrasher know where you would like to help.

**HELP WANTED!**  
**IF YOU'RE AWESOME,**  
**PLEASE APPLY INSIDE!**

- Kitchen crew
- Memorial UMC Facebook page
- Memorial UMC Instagram page
- Memorial UMC webpage
- Office volunteers
- Small repair jobs
- Serve on a Committee
- Serve on Church Council/  
As an At-Large Member
- Serve on the Altar Guild
- Teach Sunday School
- Youth Fellowship helper/driver
- Y.U.M.S. on Wednesday evenings  
(during school year)



PRESS THE  
**YALE BUTTON**  
WHEN YOU LEAVE,  
PLEASE!



We need your help to keep  
the building secure.  
Whenever you leave the building,  
please make sure the door is  
closed and locked

# July 2026

## MUMC Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Summer Cottage Prayer Meeting at the Stonecipher's 218 Bingham Dr., Clinton	2 Food Pantry 5:00-6:00	3	
5 9:00 Holy Grounds 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	6	7	8	9	10	11
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26 9:00 Holy Grounds 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	27	28	29 	30	31	

# Memorials and Honorariums

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>	<u>For</u>
<b>Ruth &amp; Ebb Lomax</b>	John Lomax	Food Pantry/ Music
<b>Jack Rains</b> ----- <b>Winkie Watkins</b>	Johnanna Sprague, Marion McHugh, Cindy Guthrie, Marilyn & Carl Manka, Encounter Sunday School Class, Vanessa Seivers	Food Pantry
<b>Phil Wenk</b>	Steve & Bebe Combs, Sarah & Jim Ern Medley, Leslie & Bill Stone	General Memorials
	Karen & Buford Bray, Gibby Seals, Dr. & Mrs. David Smith, Hoskins Drugstore, Sharon McCarty, Betty & Leslie Sellers, Pat & VL Stonecipher, Don Hedden, Denise Davis, Deane & Sutton Kay, Vicki Underwood, Bethany & Jeff Ballard, Martha Beasley, Nancy Trammel, Larry Vaughn	Food Pantry
	Tom & Nancy Thrasher	Trustees: Building Repairs
<b>Becky Williams</b>	Art Miller	Music Fund
	Sarah & Jim Ern Medley, Mark Medley	Ida Gamble Scholarships
	Deane & Sutton Kay	General Memorials
	Sharon McCarty	Food Pantry

\*\*\* The above Memorials are part of a much larger list from the past 18 months. Please be patient as we get caught up on recognizing your contributions. If you feel someone has been left off the list, contact Nancy Thrasher at [thrashernl@msn.com](mailto:thrashernl@msn.com)

## Cottage Meetings

Our thanks to Bill & Gail Gallaher and John & Kathleen Jones for hosting our June meetings







Band camp is coming up in a few weeks, which means we have an opportunity to reach out and lend our support!

- ◆ Help is needed to prepare and serve lunches every day.
- ◆ Fruits and vegetables are required daily. (You can prepare at home and drop off.)
- ◆ Bottles of water are needed throughout the season during games and competitions. They may be dropped off at the band room any day during camp, or Wednesdays after school is out.
- ◆ Amazon Wish List: [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

If you would like to donate cash, so that our church can be named as a Band Sponsor, with a banner at the stadium and on the CHS Band trailer, please make your check out to MUMC, and mark it for the CHS band. All check/cash donations need to be in by July 12<sup>th</sup>.

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