



The Beginning of a Vibrant Season

Fall is often thought of as a season of endings—the end of summer, the end of long days, the end of warm nights and fresh garden harvests. But if we look a little closer, autumn is also a season of beginnings. Students back in the swing of school, new routines take shape, and we find ourselves gathering again after the busy pace of summer.

Here in our church family, October is brimming with new beginnings. We are preparing to welcome new members into our fellowship, beginning a fresh season of Bible study together, and launching a new crafting ministry that will open space for creativity, connection, and joy. Alongside these beginnings, we will share the gifts of music through a praise band concert, and of fellowship as we gather around the table for a church-wide potluck brunch.

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Welcome . . .

to the October 2025 issue of the Clinton United Methodist Church newsletter. We are a community sent for others; our hope is for all people to experience God's love in Jesus Christ.

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Each of these moments—whether learning, serving, singing, or sharing a meal—are signs of God's Spirit moving among us. They remind us that God is always doing something new in our lives and in our church.

As we step into this vibrant season, may our hearts remain open to what God has in store. Let us give thanks for the ways God continues to grow us, shape us, and bring us together in love.

Grace and peace,

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October Worship Series: Blessed



Throughout his life, Jesus taught all who would listen about the Kingdom of God, what our lives and our world could look like if we all tuned our hearts with God's heart, and let our lives follow. He did this even when it turned the expected order and power dynamics of society on its head, challenging the status quo. Join us in worship as we continue to explore the Beatitudes recorded in Matthew's gospel and learning about blessings through the eyes of Jesus.

World Communion Sunday Is October 5



"Do this in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19

Join us for worship at 10 am Sunday, October 5, as we celebrate communion with churches around the world. World Communion Sunday celebrates the unity and diversity of the universal Christian community. As we sing in the hymn "One Bread, One Body":

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the Earth
We are one body in this one Lord.*

Author: John Michael Talbot

Pastor's Bible Study Resumes in October

Starting in October, Pastor Jess will be leading a Bible study on Thursdays at 9:30 am. If you'd like to dig deeply into our scriptures and explore what we can learn about God and our faith journey, please plan to join in the conversation! Contact Pastor Jess (pastorjess@sentforothers.org) for more information.

Take a New Faith Step: Explore Membership

Are you thinking of deepening your commitment to Christ and to Clinton UMC? Join Rev. Jessica Brendler Naulty Sunday, October 12 to learn more about what membership at Clinton UMC means.

In the United Methodist Church, members vow to participate faithfully in the life and ministries of our local congregation through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. According to "Ask the UMC,"

"John Wesley was clear that Christianity is a social religion, and that our growth in holiness of heart and life is deeply dependent on being in face-to-face community with others who are watching over us (and we over them) in love. It is through these face-to-face relationships that we experience what it means to be the body of Christ in the world."



We can live fuller, more faithful lives when we live and worship in community. If you have any questions about membership or want to join but cannot attend the October 12 meeting, please contact Pastor Jess (pastorjess@sentforothers.org).

Annual Church Conference: Help Us Offer Hospitality

Join us as we celebrate the life of our church over the past year at Clinton United Methodist Church's Annual Conference on Saturday, November 1 at 9:30 am. We are again hosting a "cluster conference" that includes several local churches in our area. Please help us to extend hospitality to our guests! Volunteer to greet visitors, offer refreshments and hospitality, or lead worship. Contact the church office with questions or to help.

Children's Ministries



Sunday School

Grades Kindergarten through 4th

Sunday mornings during worship

Happy October! We are excited to share in the joy of God with your students and look forward to covering some of the following topics.

10/5: God of Justice

10/12: Solomon Builds the Temple

10/19: King Josiah

10/26: Fall of Jerusalem

Volunteer!

Our Sunday school program wouldn't be possible without our team of volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering to teach Sunday school, please contact Hailey Becker (hailey@sentforothers.org).



Youth Ministries

Youth Group

Grades 5th through 12th

Sunday evenings from 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Eek — happy spooky month! As we truly enter into the fall season, we are excited to share in moments of fun and connection with our youth group students!

October Schedule:

10/5: Youth Group

10/10 - 10/12: IGNITE Annual Youth Conference
(Wildwood, NJ)

10/12: NO YG

10/19: Volunteering at Country Arch (2 – 3 pm)

NO YG

10/26: Halloween Party!

IGNITE 2025

From October 10-12, students from our youth group will be attending the IGNITE Christian Youth Conference in Wildwood, NJ. It's an exciting opportunity for students to grow in their faith, connect with one another, and meet other youth across the state of New Jersey! We ask that you pray for our youth and their leaders as they attend this exciting event, and we can't wait to share our experiences when we get back.

Meal Sign-Up

If you are able to contribute a meal for our youth group gatherings, please sign up via the QR code below. We appreciate you taking the time to provide nourishment!



Parent Communication

If you want weekly updates on youth group happenings, please join our youth group GroupMe chat via the QR code below.



Volunteer!

If you are interested in volunteering as a youth group leader, please reach out to Hailey (hailey@sentforothers.org) for more information. It's a wonderful opportunity to spend time with students as they grow in their faith, their understanding of themselves, and love for one another.

With love,

Hailey Becker

Director of Children's & Youth Ministries

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CUMC's Community Groups

Community groups

We're designed to be in relationship with God and one another. That's where community groups and Bible studies come in. If you're looking to take your faith one step further, check out our community group and Bible study offerings.

Groups for all adults

Wednesdays at 7 pm

- Godshalk group, current study The Case For Christ, by Lee Strobel (open to new members)
- Dick Peete's group, Studying the book of Mark (biweekly

starting Oct 1) (2 openings available)

- Lynette and Chris Stone's group, undecided topic (starting Oct 1) (open to new members)

Women's group

Monday, 3:30 pm: Lois Anderson's group, current study on the disciples called "Twelve Ordinary Men" by John MacArthur (open to new members)

Tuesday, 7 pm: Maul group (meets via Zoom) (open to new members)

Friday, 10 am: Elaine Peete's group, Bible study called Surrendered by Barb Roose (open to all)

Mom's group (on hiatus but is working on restarting)

Men's group

Gather occasionally and/or plan events together

Bible study

Thursdays at 9:30 am: Rev. Jessica Brendler Naulty, topic yet to be decided (starting Oct 9th)

We currently do not have a Monday night group, but if you are interested in starting or joining one, please let us know. Contact the church office for more details.

Sing. Worship. Serve. Join the Choir!

If you love to sing and find it a great way to express your faith, choir might be a great fit for you. Music is good for lowering stress, strengthening your memory, and creating new connections with others. Plus, it's fun! Why not check it out? Choir practices are Thursday nights at 7 pm. Contact Choir Director Jen Gursky (jen@sentforothers.org) with questions.



NH Thrift Shop

October merchandise will get you ready for the fall and winter seasons. Blue light specials pop up throughout the month so pop on in to see what's new.

We were privileged to donate sleeping bags and winter coats to our friend Tina for distribution to the homeless. For 11 years, Tina has hand-delivered these items to people in Phillipsburg and Easton.

The North Hunterdon Thrift Shop offers new and gently used clothing, home goods, linens, children's toys, books, vintage items and more to people who want to stretch their budget or reduce waste and pollution.

Donations are needed! Our donation shed is open 8:00 am – 8:00 pm daily and is convenient and hassle-free. We love your donations, but please only drop off usable, in-working-condition, clean items. Accepted items can be viewed online at <https://www.sentforothers.org/northhunterdonthrift>.

Make a difference and meet great people—volunteer at the NH thrift shop. If you have a warm smile and a heart for others, this may be the ministry for you! You don't need experience, and you can choose days/times that work for you. For more information stop in during shop hours or call 908-735-0177, email office@sentforothers.org or visit us on Facebook or Instagram.

Come on in; we're more than just a thrift shop!

Hours: Monday: 8:30 am–12 pm | Wednesday: 8:30-12 pm and 3 pm–6 pm | Saturday: 8:30 am-2 pm

Location: 51 County Road 635, Hampton, NJ (corner of Norton Church & Charlestown Roads)

Phone: (908) 735-0177

Blessings,

Volunteer Staff



Care Committee

Do you join us for coffee and treats after worship? (Please do!) You can help us keep coffee time going throughout the year, and show your appreciation to the Care Committee, by signing up for an open date. If you have never participated before, don't worry. A Care Committee member will be partnering with you to help you serve.

Contact Nancy Smith (nsbestemor41@gmail.com) or the church office to let us know which Sunday works best for you.



Shop Rite Cards for Sale

Every Sunday, Shop Rite cards are available for sale in the social hall.

5% of all sales go toward our church mission.

Please come prepared with cash or check made out to CUMC.



CUMC Missions Update



Thank you to all who came out to serve at Grow A Row. We had about 15 people and with a few other groups, we picked 8,750 pounds of tomatoes. All of the produce will be donated to food insecure areas in the state and beyond.

October Events

Saturday October 4, from 2-4 pm: Rocktober

Join us for refreshments and great music by our CUMC Praise Band outside in the church parking lot (inside if there is rain). Invite your friends. All ages are welcome. There will be a free will offering that will go to Family Promise, one of our important local missions.

Sunday October 19, 2-3 pm: Country Arch Visit

Share Joy!

Make a craft and chat with residents

All ages welcome

RSVP to Brenda Jaffe or church office

Thank you for your support and generosity.

The Missions Committee



All Saints' Day November 2

All Saints' Day is a time to give thanks for those who have died in the past year, as well as to celebrate those who have been baptized and have joined "[the great cloud of witnesses](#)."

"From the early days of Christianity," [according to the UMC](#), "there is a sense that the Church consists of not only all living believers, but also all who have gone before us...Charles Wesley picks up on this theme in his hymn that appears in our United Methodist Hymnal as 'Come, Let Us Join our Friends Above,' #709. In the first verse, he offers a wonderful image of the Church through the ages:

"Let saints on earth unite to sing, with those to glory gone, for all the servants of our King in earth and heaven, are one."

If you would like to honor a loved one who has passed away since the last All Saints' Day, please send their name, date of death, and a photo to the church office (office@sentforothers.org).



Potluck Brunch



Sunday, October 26

The Care Committee is planning a potluck brunch after worship on October 26 and we invite the members of the congregation to bring their favorite casserole, salads, fruit or dessert to share. Clipboards will be passed through the pews on October 12 & 19 for food sign-ups. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite a friend to church!

Crafters Group

Attention Crafters of All Ages!

Are you looking for a creative crafting outlet? Come join the new CUMC Crafters group! We would love to hear your ideas as to what you would like to see – all ideas are welcome. We will be having our first craft session Saturday, October 18, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm in the church sanctuary, where we will be brainstorming for the future and creating fall centerpieces for the upcoming potluck (supplies provided). Please contact Robin Godshalk (rlgodshalk@yahoo.com; 908.797.0928) with any questions, and we hope to see you there!

Prayer Chain

We would love to add you to our prayer chain to receive the prayers of our people each week. We appreciate every prayer that is lifted for healing and comfort for those who are in a time of need.

Call or email your request to the church office: office@sentforothers.org or 908-735-7025. Prayer is a treasure that is never exhausted.



Celebrating October Birthdays



Ryker Yarnell – 10/1
Josue Santiago – 10/1
Kira Kluthe – 10/2
Nancy Smith – 10/23
Bonnie Adair – 10/25
John Kluthe – 10/26
Bob Smith – 10/28

Photo Gallery



The church does not receive mail at 12 Halstead Street (the church) or
10 Halstead Street (the church office).

Ensure your mail is not lost: Send mail to the church's Post Office Box in Clinton:
P.O. Box 5331, Clinton, NJ 08809
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