

Advent

Advent is the 4 week season before Christmas in which we wait with anticipation for the coming of Christ.

Hanging of the Greens & Pancake Supper

Sunday, Dec. 1, @ 5:00 PM
Sanctuary

The Hanging of the Greens service celebrates the symbolism of the season. The preschool choir will ring hand-chimes in the service. Free pancake supper to follow, hosted by the United Methodist Men.

Christmas Cantata

Sunday, Dec. 15, @4 PM
Sanctuary

Presented by the Chancel Choir & Elementary Children's Choirs

Sermon Series: Christmas Lights

Join us each Sunday in December as we explore the light of Christ found in love, hope, joy, and peace!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services with Communion

Traditional at 4 PM
Hydrate at 5:30 PM



In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Prayer Concerns:

Anne Bamburg
Todd Bowen & Family
Dax Cordell
Alicia Dobbs
Pam Graham
Garrett Guthrie
Randall Hayes
Jacob Leach
James and Nina Mayo
Jim & Nancy Norton
John & Patsy Schmith
Hershel Smith
Keith Shafer
Cheryl Tucker



The United Methodist Children's Home has made a real difference in the lives of children since 1890. By supporting The United Methodist Children's Home, YOU can make a life changing difference.

Special Offerings collected:

*Traditional Communion Dec. 1

*Hanging of the Greens Dec. 1

*Christmas Eve Services

Checks can be made to Clanton FUMC with "White Christmas" in the memo.

THIS WEEK ON THE CALENDAR

Tonight! Hanging of the Greens at 5 PM in the Sanctuary. A family friendly service that celebrates the symbolism of the season. Free pancake supper to follow, provided by the UMM.

Celebrate Recovery! Monday at 6:30 PM in the Activity Center. Brandy S. will offer Lesson 5, "Action." Dinner provided beginning at 5:30 PM. Celebration Place for ages 5 - 12 at 6:30 PM. Childcare for ages 3 - 4. All are welcome!

Children's Choir (K-6) rehearsal on Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 6 PM.

Chancel Choir rehearsal on Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Meet in the choir room (Rm 209, education wing). All are welcome!

Meals on Wheels delivery this week.

LOOKING AHEAD

UMW Christmas party on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

UMM will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 6:30 PM in Crossroads Café.

Children's Choir (K-6) rehearsal on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 6 PM.

Christmas Cantata on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 4 PM in the Sanctuary. Presented by the Chancel Choir and Elementary Children's Choirs. Reception to follow in Crossroads Café.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services with Communion: Traditional at 4:00 PM. Hydrate at 5:30 PM.

Church office holiday closings: Dec. 24 at 12 PM - Dec. 26.

Financial giving for 2019 can be received until 12 PM on Dec. 31.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ecuador mission trip with SIFAT: May 30 - June 6, 2020. Interest meeting on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 12 PM in Crossroads Café.

Clanton FUMC Preschool openings: Ages 2, 3, 4. Child must have turned class age by 9/1/19. Three-year-olds must be potty trained. Contact Linda Niles for more info at mzlinda@clantonfumc.org.

Announcement of Search: Communications Coordinator
We seek candidates that will create digital and print communications that support the church's programs, ministries, and mission. The position requires an average of 10-15 hours per week, knowing that some seasons of the church's life may require more or less weekly hours. Flexibility and dependability are critical. Please submit samples of your print and/or digital work along with résumé to Wes Kelley, as directed below.*

Announcement of Search: Pianists & Organists
We seek musicians with skill as piano accompanists and organists for our traditional services of worship. Proficiency in both piano and organ is preferred, but candidates with proficiency in either instrument will also be considered.*

*Please direct all inquiries and résumés to: wes@clantonfumc.org or mail to the following: Wes Kelley, 207 8th Street North, Clanton, AL 35045.

Budget receipts needed as of Nov. 24, 2019:	\$782,733.32
Budget receipts received as of Nov. 24, 2019:	\$734,616.85
Amount needed to meet the budget needs:	\$48,116.47
Debt retirement balance as of Nov. 8, 2019 is	\$466,807.66



December 1, 2019

Co-Pastors: Rev. Meghan S. Kelley & Rev. Wes Kelley

Traditional worship 8:30 AM and 11 AM in the Sanctuary
Hydrate (contemporary) worship 9:30 AM in the Activity Center

Church Office (205) 755-0490

www.clantonfumc.org

Facebook: Clanton First United Methodist

SUNDAY SCHOOL

NURSERY (Age 0 — 2)

9:30 — 12:00 Ages 0 — 1 (Rm. 100, education wing)
Ages 1 — 2 (Rm. 105, education wing)

PRESCHOOL (Age 3 — 5)

9:30 — 11:00 (Rm. 107, education wing)
11:00 — 12:00 “SPLASH” Children’s Church (Rm. 107, education wing)

CHILDREN (K — 6th Grade)

9:30 — 10:00 K — 6th in Hydrate worship, gym
10:00 — 10:45 Kindergarten (Rm. 3, Activity Center)
1st — 3rd Girls (Rm. 1, Activity Center)
1st — 3rd Boys (Rm. 2, Activity Center)
4th — 6th Grades (Upper Room)
10:45 — All gather in Upper Room to cross the street together at 10:55.
11:00 — 12:00 Kindergarten will go to “SPLASH” (Rm. 108, education wing)

11:00 — 11:25 1st — 6th Grade to Traditional worship (Sanctuary)
11:30 — 12:00 1st — 6th Grade to Children’s Church (Crossroads Café)

YOUTH (7th — 12th Grade)

11:00 — 12:00 Jr. High Class & Sr. High Class (Gibson Center)

8:30 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

The First Sunday in Advent

WELCOME/GREETING

INVOCATION: LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*HYMN OF PRAISE #368
“My Hope is Built”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881

*GLORIA PATRI #70

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #95

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON Pg. 12

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN OF PREPARATION #196
“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:5-19

SERMON Rev. Meghan S. Kelley
“Christmas Lights: Hope”

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Pg.13
All financial gifts left at the altar will go toward the United Methodist Children’s Home White Christmas offering.

HYMN OF INVITATION #218
“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

BENEDICTION

*Please stand as you are able.

ADULTS

9:30 — 10:30 Agape/Carlisle Miller (Rm. 202, education wing)
Aldersgate (Rm. 200, education wing)
11:00 — 12:00 H2O (Rm. 202, education wing)
New Horizons (Rm. 200, education wing)
reNEW (meets third Sunday of the month, Fellowship Hall)

11:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

PRELUDE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME/PARISH CONCERNS Rev. Wes Kelley

GREETING ONE ANOTHER
(Trained Pew Buddies may invite a child to sit with them at this time.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE “My Hope is Built” #368

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881

*GLORIA PATRI #70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Mary Did You Know?” Martha Gothard

*DOXOLOGY #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON Pg. 12

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

CHILDREN’S MOMENT
(Afterward, the children will be dismissed for Children’s Church in Crossroads Café.)

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BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION #898
“Amen”

POSTLUDE
*Please stand as you are able.

Acolytes serving: Elizabeth Eason, Emma Elmore, Harper Kelley, and Omar Leon

9:30 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP



Welcome & Parish Concerns

Jeff Herron

Worship

Elevate

Advent Lights

DV8 Drama

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Children are dismissed for Sunday School when the music ends. The Children’s Sunday morning schedule can be found on the left panel of this bulletin.

**Please sign your children in at the Welcome Desk before they leave for Sunday School.

Scripture

Luke 1:5-19

The Message

“Christmas Lights: Hope”

Rev. Meghan S. Kelley

Closing Song & Time for Prayer

Elevate

Giving & Closing Prayer

Rev. Meghan S. Kelley

December 1, 2019

Please register your attendance in the Hydrate Service:

Name(s):

I am interested in . . .

- ◇ Sunday School/Small Group
- ◇ Children’s Ministries
- ◇ Youth Ministries
- ◇ Adult Ministries
- ◇ Church Membership

Guest Information

OR Change of Information

Address _____

City _____

State, Zip _____

Preferred Phone _____

Email _____

Spouse Name: _____

Child Name, Age, and Grade: _____

◇ Please add me to the church email list.

◇ Please add me to the Children’s ministry email list.

Email Address: _____

Prayer requests to be added to bulletin prayer list and sent out in church email : _____

