



# Chili

## COOK OFF

**WEDNESDAY  
JANUARY 28**  
6:30PM WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

The Steadfast Youth are hosting a chili cook off to raise funds for a new sound system for the fellowship hall.

For more information:  
youth@fmcnc.org

The rules are simple, cook an edible chili and present it. Your Chili could win these prizes: Golden Spoon, Silver Spoon, Wooden Spoon. Winners determined by the amount of money placed in the jar beside contestant's chili.

**Awards**  
Golden Spoon  
Silver Spoon  
Wooden Spoon

FREE TO ENTER  
WINNER DETERMINED  
BY HOW MUCH MONEY  
THEIR CHILI RAISES AT  
THE EVENT.

Signup Today!!

**Steadfast Youth**



# BOSTON BUTT

## Fundraiser

*This Fundraiser Supports  
The Methodist Men's Ministry*

**SATURDAY  
January 17**

PICK UP AT THE FMC FELLOWSHIP HALL  
BETWEEN 3:00- 4:00 PM  
208 Sampson St. Clinton, NC 28328

BUY YOUR TICKET NOW AT  
**WWW.FMCNC.ORG**  
ONLINE GIVING (METHODIST MEN)

**\$35**

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

## First Methodist Church

208 Sampson St. Clinton, NC 28328

Phone: 910-592-2035

E-mail: [info@fmcnc.org](mailto:info@fmcnc.org)

[www.fmcnc.org](http://www.fmcnc.org)



**December 28th, 2025**

Prelude

**"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"**  
Susan Sautter, *piano*

Longfellow/Marks

Ring of the Church Bell

Choral Call to Worship

**"In Bethlehem in Lowly Manger"** arr. Joseph Flummerfelt

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Joel Wise

*Please take a moment to sign the pew pad located at the end of the pew.  
Be sure to pass it down and see who you are worshipping with this week.*

Opening Hymn

**"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"**

**No. 180**

Children's Moment

Abby Tomell

Children in K-2nd grade may attend Children's Church following the children's moment.

Children's Church is located at the top of the stairs and through the door at the top of the steps.

Choral Call to Prayer

**"Jesus, Jesus Rest Your Head"** arr. Joseph Flummerfelt

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Joel Wise

Together We Build through God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

**"What Child Is This?"**  
Linda Andrews, *piano*

**No. 179**

Doxology

**No. 682**



# Volunteer at

## Night to Shine

TIM TEBOW FOUNDATION

**February 13th, 2026  
6-9 PM**

Be part of something truly special by volunteering at Night to Shine – a prom night celebration for individuals with disabilities, aged 14 and up. This event promises to be a night filled with joy, dancing, and unforgettable memories! Your support will help create an incredible experience for all attendees.

To register, visit  
<https://fmcnc.nighttoshine.com/>

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

- Activities Team
- Bathroom Attendants
- Buddy
- Flowers
- Food Helpers
- Registration
- Paparazzi
- Photobooth Helpers
- Set-Up/Tear-Down
- Limo Rides
- ...and so many more!



# Sing Praise to God!

A concert featuring the favorite anthems of  
**Music Director, Dan Holland.**

Presented in celebration of his 40 years of music ministry at First Methodist Church.

Sunday, March 22, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.  
*Reception to follow*

**First Methodist Church**  
208 Sampson St. Clinton, NC 28328

Please contact us by January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, if you are interested in singing with the choir for this wonderful event.  
[music@fmcnc.org](mailto:music@fmcnc.org) or (910) 548-2719

### Reminder

Thank you to Susan Sautter & Linda Andrews for playing our worship music today.



Hymn of Dedication	“Away in a Manger”	No. 197
Scripture	Isaiah 63:7-9; Hebrews 2:10-18	Pew Bible Pg. 642 & 1045
Anthem	“Once in Royal David’s City”	No. 175
Sermon	Thank You and Share	Rev. Matt Seals
Closing Hymn	“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”	No. 203
Benediction		Rev. Joel Wise
Benediction Response	“All Out of Darkness We Have Light”	arr. Joseph Flummerfelt
Chimes of the Trinity		
Postlude	“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” Linda Andrews, <i>piano</i>	No. 195

## Student Care Packages

Packing Date : Feb. 4

Items Needed

- Gum
- Popcorn
- Granola/Energy Bar
- Cookies (Homemade)
- Chips
- Pop Tarts
- School Supplies
- Hand written notes/ Letters
- Stress Balls
- Gift Cards
- Fidget Toys
- Card Games
- Silly/Fun Items

## Son-Up Service Resumes

Jan. 11, 2026  
9:00 am

## Selfish less

Less of Me.  
More Like Jesus

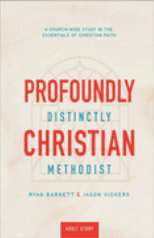
Series begins January 4th

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Beginning January 25th  
10:10 – 10:45 am  
10 Weeks

Only 8 seats will  
be available.  
Sign-Up in the  
office before all  
seats are filled!



Taught by Pastor Matt

## First Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30 Fellowship  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship

## WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP SPRING SCHEDULE

Begins January 7th

- 4:00 Dulcimers
- 4:45 Children’s Choir (K-5th)
- 5:30-5:45 Children’s Choir (3 and 4 yrs)
- 5:30 Children’s Programming, Handbells, Bible Study
- 6:25 Gather in Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 Donation Dinner
- 7:00 Adult Choir

**5:30 Bible Study Options**

- Ladies Study - Upstairs
- Acts Study - Sanctuary

**First Methodist Church of Clinton Staff**

Pastor: Rev. Matt Seals  
Associate/Youth Pastor: Rev. Joel Wise  
Children's Director: Abby Tomell  
Director of Music: Dan Holland  
Assistant Director of Music: Cameron Someliana-Lauer  
Organist: Marquita Someliana-Lauer  
Administrative Assistant: Victoria Bishop  
Sexton: Stewart Raynor

<u>By our Presence, Gifts and Service</u>	
Presence - December 21st	
Sunday School	80
11 AM Worship	166



<u>Gifts</u>	<u>2025</u>
Budget	\$523,801.00
Received Last Sunday	\$71,892.00
Online Giving	\$0

**Did you know you can give online?**  
Simply scan the QR code with your  
phone, and it will take you to the  
online giving site.

**Prayer List:**

Dr. Mac Herring, Ann Herring, Jimmie Hall, Marvin Mitchell, Frances Pearson, Wayne Boyette, Ethan Youngblood, Mary Margaret Hobbs, Homer Morris, Debra Morris, Jane Waters, Pam Griffin, Wayne Tew, Louetta Carr, Pat Warrick, Emery Walker, JoAnn Westbrook, Janet Johnson, Wes Keen, Zachery Johnson, Steve Baker, Mike & Myra Humphrey, Glenn Brewer, Bryson Capps, Ed Owen, Merry Wicke, Greg Moore, Jimmy Smith, Donald & Carolyn Wrench, Wayne Reynolds, Angie Hall, Danny Dyson, Violet White

**Those who are homebound:**

Ruth Godwin, Barbara Carr

**Those who are in long-term care:**

Loraine Butler, Margaret Oates, Anthony Balkcum, Pat Green, Frances Pearson, Gerry Krivoniak

**Reminder**

All 2025 pledges and gifts must be made ***no later than*** January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026.  
Contact the church office with any questions.

**Service**

**Altar Guild:** Mary Nell Darden & Lori Barwick  
**Church Greeters:** N.O.W Team  
**Meals on Wheels:**  
December 29<sup>th</sup>: Holly McMillen  
**Nursery:** Isabelle Tomell

**Chancel Flower Dedication**

The flowers are given today to the glory of  
God in honor of Hannah Baxter’s birthday,  
and in celebration of Everett & Louetta  
Carr’s wedding anniversary!

Love, Your Family

**2025 Flowers & Poinsettia Payments**

If you have signed up for flowers this year  
and have not paid, please do so ***no later than***  
December 28th. If you are unsure, please call  
or stop by the office before this deadline.

Thank you!

<u>Flowers</u>		
1/4	Dan & Ruth Holland	Dan & Ruth Holland
1/11	OPEN	OPEN
1/18	OPEN	OPEN

**This Week at FMC**

**Sunday, December 28th**  
10:00 am – Sunday School  
11:00 am – Combined Worship  
  
**Monday, December 29th**  
*No Intercessory Prayer*

**Tuesday, December 30th**  
*No Chat with M@*

**Wednesday, December 31st**  
**Office Closed**  
*New Year’s Eve!*

**Thursday, January 1st**  
**Office Closed**  
*Happy New Year!*

*Happy Birthday*

29<sup>th</sup> - Eva Barlowe  
29<sup>th</sup> - Hannah Baxter