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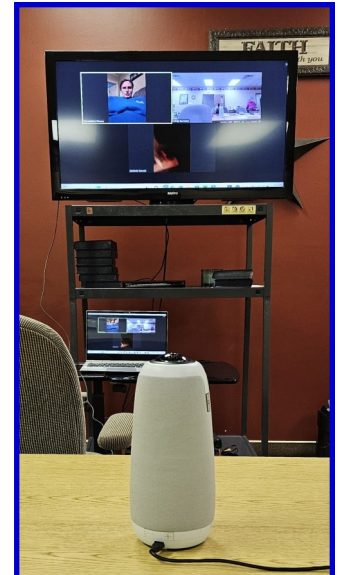
Capital Campaign Contractor Will Meet with Clair Board in February

**DON CLARK OF
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CONSTRUCTION
WILL ATTEND
THE FEBRUARY
BOARD
MEETING TO
DISCUSS
TIMELINE AND
WORK TO BE
COMPLETED
FOR THE
CAPITAL
CAMPAIGN**

**NEW NURSERY WINDOWS
IS ONE PROJECT ABOUT
TO BE COMPLETED.
EXCITING CHANGES
AHEAD!**



**Clair is flying high after receiving a grant
from the MO United Methodist Foundation
to purchase an OWL. If you attend a
meeting via Zoom, the OWL allows you to
see everyone at the meeting and hear them
too or you can just “wing” it. We
know the OWL was a wise choice for
us at Clair and is named Hootie!**



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Pastor Cindy Buhman

What a great Sunday! 70 in person for worship, another 12 watching online, 14 boys and girls for Children's Time! Woo Hoo! And then to see the Chiefs take care of business Sunday night. Another Woo Hoo! It's 30-something degrees as I write this article. Things are looking up!

We talked about Jonah during worship this week. There are so many important lessons for Jonah, for the Hebrew people of the day, for those on the outside, and for us today, of course. Whether you take the book of Jonah literally or figuratively, it is a powerful story of God's grace for ALL people, which leads to some difficult and powerful questions. I named a few during my sermon: How can justice be served in the face of such mercy? Where is the line when it comes to showing mercy? How many chances are we to give someone who has let us down before? Where is the line between empowering and enabling? What about accountability? How can we save people from themselves? Or is that even our job? How are we to feel when we just can't do it anymore? When is enough, enough?

I don't know that there are answers to these questions, but they sure make for interesting conversation!

I encourage you to read through the book of Jonah. There are only four chapters. Then consider the questions above and the two that follow.

How do you feel about giving second chances?

How have you benefited from a second chance?

Scholars tell us this word from God was to challenge the nation of Israel in their selfish attitude toward God. God's love, grace, mercy, etc., were not just for Israel. They were chosen people, that is true. But chosen to be the bearers of good news to all people, to all the nations.

I'd be interested to hear your thoughts. And, this is a good place to invite you to participate in our Wednesday evening small group. We talk about interesting stuff like this! 6:30 on Wednesday evenings at the church or you can join us online with a Zoom link that I issue during the day on Wednesday. (This week, Jan. 24, will have us **all** online as I will be out of town.)

Peace to you, Friends! Enjoy God's blessings in the week ahead. It is an honor to be your pastor!

Cindy

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Clair's Kids Are Awesome!



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“Souper Bowl” is February 11th

Help Our Community’s Hungry Score!



Please bring canned soup or other canned goods/staples to Clair by February 11th. Our Souper Bowl donations help feed the hungry in our community by stocking Inter-Serv's Food Pantry. We have participated in this worthy project for many years now. Don't let our familiarity with this mission dampen our enthusiasm to help. There are people in Buchanan and surrounding counties that do not have food for three meals a day. Or two. Or ?

Our help providing food is desperately needed. Believe that. Clair has always come through on mission projects – especially in our community. Your help is needed NOW.



CALENDAR

January 29	Serve Open Door Food Kitchen 9 AM
February 11	<u>Deadline for soup/canned goods for SOUPER BOWL</u>
	Fellowship Luncheon
February 12	Starlight meets 3:30 PM
February 13	Ad Council 6 PM
February 14	Ash Wednesday (details to come)
February 17	Men's Group 8 AM
February 29	Serve Open Door Food Kitchen 9 AM

