

February 7, 2024

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Help Our Community's Hungry Win!



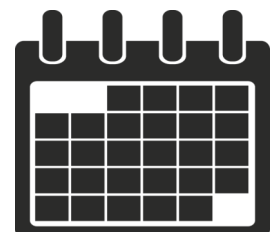
Please bring canned soup or other canned goods/staples to Clair February 11th. Our Souper Bowl donations help feed the hungry in our community by stocking Inter-Serv's Food Pantry. We have participated in this worthy project for many years now. Don't let our familiarity with this mission dampen our enthusiasm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

Our help providing food is desperately needed. Clair has always come through on mission projects – especially in our local community. THANK YOU!



CALENDAR

February 8	Special Olympics Valentine Party (using Clair's Fellowship Hall)
February 11	<u>Deadline for soup/canned goods for SOUPER BOWL</u>
	Fellowship Luncheon
February 12	Starlight meets 3:30 PM
February 13	Charge Conference at Clair 10 AM
	Ad Council 6 PM
February 14	Ashes and the movie "UP", 6 PM
February 17	Men's Group 8 AM
February 29	Serve Open Door Food Kitchen 9 AM



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The season of Lent, 2024, begins with Ash Wednesday on Feb. 14. We usually focus on giving something up for Lent so that we can make space and time for something else that is more productive and/or that allows us to make more room for working on our relationship with Jesus Christ.

This year, rather than thinking about what to give up, we are going to focus on getting up to something for the sake of the Kingdom. Our worship series from Worship Design Studio is called “what r u up 2?”

Rather than just “giving up” in Lent, the scriptures ask us to consider all that Jesus is “up to” and all that he asks us to be up to in his name. Instead of bemoaning what we can’t do, or used to do, in a culture where “measuring up” to external standards seems impossible, this Lent we will celebrate the small things that we can do right now to respond to God’s call in our place, for our time.

We will begin the season with Ash Wednesday, which also happens to be Valentine’s Day, Feb. 14! Join me for the movie “UP” at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall at Clair. UP is a PIXAR movie from 2009 and will be the backdrop for Children’s Time each Sunday during Lent. This will be a refresher for those who saw the movie years ago, while being a new movie for many of our little ones. There will be popcorn, of course! And we will begin the evening with scripture and the imposition of ashes. I look forward to doing Lent 2024 with you. Let’s see what we can B Up 2! As always, it is an honor to be your pastor!

Cindy

CHARGE CONFERENCE NOTICE

A brief charge conference will begin at 10 AM, Tuesday, Feb. 13 at Clair UMC to approve Pastor Cindy Buhman’s compensation for 2024. Rev. Doug Walter will preside at the Charge Conference. All full members of the congregation are eligible to vote.

The NW District Laity Newsletter prepared by district lay leaders is available electronically. You can check out the latest edition at Homepage (northwest.moumethodist.org) and subscribe to receive the emailed newsletter. Articles about upcoming events, opportunities, programs, etc., can be found there. Check it out!

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Administrative Council 2024

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Roxyann Schreiber; Christina
Hockaday; Brendon Clark; Tyson
Klein; Duane Kimble &
Debbie Wells



Robbins Family Suffers Catastrophic House Fire on February 2nd

Meredith and Conda Robbins lost their home and most household items to fire. They did not have insurance. Clair is taking donations to help this couple rent a place to live (their house was paid for). You may send a check made out to Clair UMC to #2 SE 68th Rd., St. Joseph, MO 64507 ("Rent" on memo line) or bring check or cash to Clair on February 11. Thank you!



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Happy Valentine's Day



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