

March 20, 2024

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## CLAIR CONNECTION

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A big **THANK YOU** to those who have increased their giving to the General Fund! It takes a little by a few to make a real difference. You can still help make that difference! **KEEP IT UP!**



*ACC General  
Contracting will  
begin work on Phase  
1 of the capital  
improvements  
May 6!*

**Don't miss The Chosen!**  
**Wednesday evenings during  
Lent at Clair—6:15 PM**  
**Watch an episode and review  
it to learn about Jesus'**



The Crusaders' Class will conclude the Passion and discussion this Sunday, March 24, 9:30 AM. Come join us for the powerful conclusion!

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The season of Lent has flown by! And here we are preparing for Palm Sunday next Sunday and Holy Week and Easter right behind. I hope you have enjoyed the “what R U up 2?” worship series. Palm Sunday will focus on “sit up” – Jesus sitting on a donkey to ride into Jerusalem. The Jewish religious leaders AND the Roman political leaders sat up and took notice of Jesus and made plans to deal with him in the next days. How are we called to sit up and take notice of Jesus’ actions and respond faithfully to the world around us?

I look forward each year to Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. This year, Ebenezer UMC will host the Maundy Thursday service at 6:30 on Mar. 28. A Good Friday Tenebrae service will take place at Clair at 6:30 on Mar. 29. I plan for us to gather in the Memorial Room here at Clair, visualizing what it might have been like for the disciples to gather in the Upper Room following Jesus’ crucifixion.

Of course, Easter morning is always such a blessing! I look forward to beginning the morning with a Sunrise Service at Ebenezer at 7:00. Then there will be food and fellowship at Clair at 9:30, followed by an egg hunt at 10:15 and worship at 11:00. Invite your family and friends to celebrate Easter with us!

Each year we have the opportunity to give a special Easter offering. This year, Ad Council has chosen to divide the offering between AFL-CIO for utility assistance and our Clair Building Fund.

Speaking of the building project... demolition work will begin in the entryway in early May! So exciting! We will need to use a different door to enter the church building during the construction, but I am so excited we are nearly set to begin this part of the project! It has been a number of years coming. You all have talked about remodeling the entrance for a very long time. I am proud of you for making it happen!

In February, Karen Jones, Ad Council Chair, shared a heartfelt letter in a newsletter and then spoke briefly after worship about the need for us to take a “step UP” in our financial support of the general budget of the church. I am pleased to report that your response has been “Uplifting!” Joe and I put our extra offering for March in the basket this past Sunday. If you haven’t done so yet, here’s a little reminder! Your support for the daily expenses of operating Clair UMC is much appreciated.

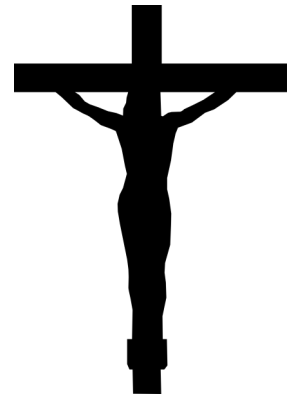
Blessings on your day! And, as always, it is an honor to be your pastor!

**Cindy**



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### Clair's Men's Group Prepares Grounds for Easter!



**NOTICE**  
**STARLIGHT MEETS AT 6 PM STARTING IN**  
**APRIL!**



Wednesday night  
study group  
enjoys  
The Chosen



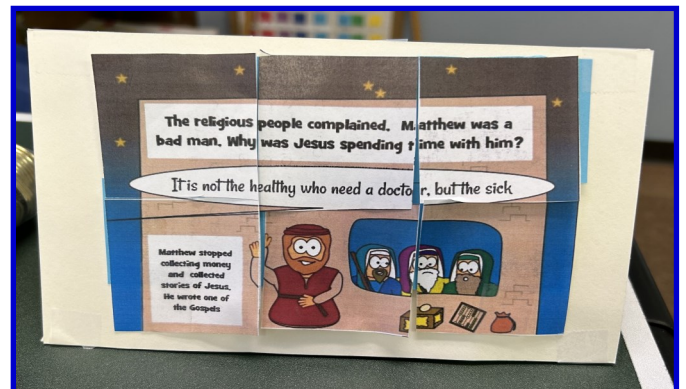
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GET UP TO SOMETHING  
GOOD DURING THE  
LENTEN SEASON!



Clair kids learn about  
Matthew the tax  
collector!



March 20  
March 24  
March 28  
March 29  
March 31

The Chosen Lenten Study Series 6:15 PM—Wednesdays at Clair  
Palm Sunday  
Maundy Thursday Service—Ebenezer—6:30 PM  
Serve at Open Door Food Kitchen 9 AM  
Good Friday Tenebrae Service—Clair—6:30 PM  
Sunrise Services at Ebenezer 7 AM

**EASTER SUNDAY**—Breakfast 9:30 AM; Egg Hunt 10:15 AM  
Join us for worship at 11 AM!

April 7

HOLY Humor Sunday

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**FLOWER SALE** – May 4!

# Calendar



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## Clair Church Finds Treasure on St. Patrick's Day!



Thanks to Beth Schreck for accompanying the choir!