

April 5, 2023

ClairChurch  
UNITED METHODIST

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April 6 - 6 PM; April 8 - 4 PM

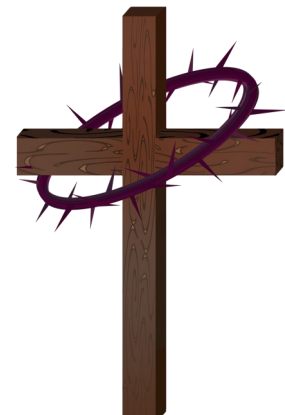
*Feel the palm leaves*

*Taste the bread*

*Cry the tears*

*See the cross*

*An empty tomb*





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### KC Men's Chorus Raises \$2,000 for Voices of Courage





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Holy Week 2023 has arrived! I pray the coming days will be a time of reflection for you as we consider the events of the week and what Jesus endured and accomplished upon our behalf. There are several special events happening this week. Much planning has gone into these events, so I hope you will make participating in the events a priority for you and your family. These special events are also a good opportunity to invite friends, relatives, acquaintances, and neighbors to join you.

During a Zoom meeting this morning with other pastors, our district superintendent told about talking to folks at the church where he preached this past Sunday. The young couple were first-time guests. They reported they had come to church because a friend had invited them. And they planned to come back next Sunday! Statistics show that between 75% and 90% of church goers started attending because someone invited them. Wow! It's important, Friends.

Please take note of the special Holy Week services as mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter. The Walk with Jesus event is geared toward families, so children are welcome and will enjoy the experience as will the adults who bring them. Don't miss it!

And... be gathering cute jokes and stories to share on Holy Humor Sunday. The Sunday after Easter is known as Bright Sunday – a day when we celebrate the joy of Easter when God played the biggest joke of all on Satan by defeating sin and death once and for all! That Sunday will also have us celebrating baptisms, professions of faith, and transfers of membership. Please let me know your desire to be a part of this special service.

I close with an excerpt from an Easter message by Dr. S. M. Lockridge preached in the 1970s. Thanks to Carol Ueligger for sharing it with me.

*It's Friday. Jesus is praying. Peter's a sleeping. Judas is betraying. But Sunday's comin'!*

*It's Friday. Pilate's struggling. The council is conspiring. The crowd is vilifying. They don't even know that Sunday's comin'!* **Please see Page 6—Pastor's Message**

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# You Are Invited!



*Welcome Miss Sydney Caroline Frank*

*Parents: Phillip & Shanna*

Miss Frank will be baptized on April 16, 2023, at Clair!

And her parents have invited the congregation to a luncheon immediately following the ceremony!

### CLAIR'S CALENDAR

- Feb. 22-April 5 "Seamless" Bible Study  
6:30 PM
- April 6 Walk With Jesus service 6 PM
- April 7 Good Friday Service Ebenezer 6:30 PM
- April 8 Walk With Jesus service & children's egg hunt 4 PM
- April 9 Easter Breakfast 9 AM  
Easter Egg Hunt 10:15 AM
- April 16 Holy Humor Sunday  
Sydney Frank Baptism and lunch!



*He is Risen Indeed!*

**WE CAN HELP  
FOSTER  
CHILDREN**

**DUE DATE FOR  
BACKPACKS:  
MAY 7**



NEW OR GENTLY USED BACKPACKS ARE NEEDED FOR AREA FOSTER KIDS. WHEN TAKEN FROM THEIR HOMES, THEY NEED SOMETHING TO HOLD ONTO THAT'S THEIRS.

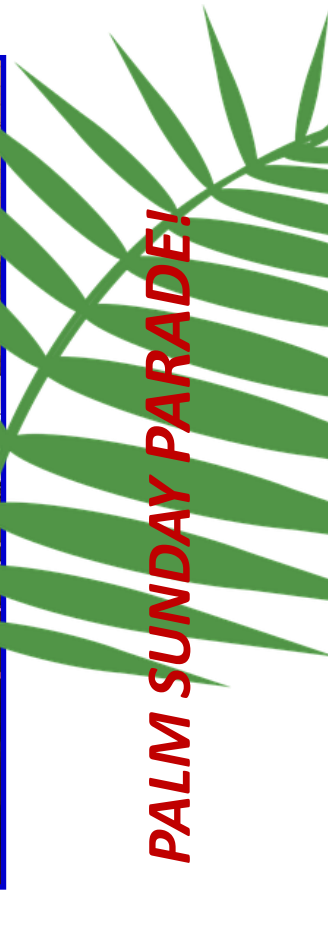
YOUNG CHILD BACKPACKS SHOULD CONTAIN A TOY. OLDER CHILD PACKS NEED HYGIENE ITEMS

THANK YOU!



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### Men's Group "Cements" a Fix for Front Walkway



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### Continued from Page 3—Pastor's Message

*It's Friday. The disciples are running like sheep without a shepherd. Mary's crying. Peter is denying. But they don't know that Sunday's a comin'!*

*The Romans beat my Jesus. They robe him in scarlet. They crown him with thorns. But they don't know that Sunday's comin'!*

*See Jesus walking to Calvary. His blood dripping, His body stumbling, and his spirit's burdened. But you see, it's only Friday. Sunday's comin'!*

*It's Friday. The world's winning. People are sinning. And evil's grinning.*

*It's Friday. The soldiers nail my Savior's hands to the cross. They nail my Savior's feet to the cross. And then they raise him up next to criminals.*

*It's Friday. But let me tell you something. Sunday's comin'!*

*It's Friday. The disciples are questioning what has happened to their King. And the Pharisees are celebrating that their scheming has been achieved. But they don't know it's only Friday. Sunday's comin'!*

*It's Friday. He's hanging on the cross feeling forsaken by his Father. Left alone and dying. Can nobody save him? Ooooh. It's Friday. But Sunday's comin'!*

*It's Friday. The earth trembles. The sky grows dark. My King yields his spirit.*

*It's Friday. Hope is lost. Death has won. Sin has conquered and Satan's just a laughin'.*

*It's Friday. Jesus is buried. A soldier stands guard and a rock is rolled into place... But it's Friday. It is only Friday. Sunday is a comin'!*

Sunday is coming, Friends. I hope to see you to celebrate our risen Lord! It is an honor to be your pastor!

*Pastor Cindy*



Kids—Join us for an egg hunt Sat.  
April 8 at 4 PM OR Easter Sunday at  
10:15 AM!