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### Here's the "Dirt" on the Clair Flower Sale!



**CLAIR UMC  
ANNUAL FLOWER SALE  
SAT. MAY 6  
9 AM-2 PM**

**LARGE ASSORTMENT  
OF ANNUALS,  
BASKETS & PLANTERS**

**1 MILE EAST OF COLONY HOUSE  
ON 6 HWY.**

 **SISTERS OF  
SOLACE  
SELLING CANDLES  
LOTIONS & GIFTS!**



The timing is fertile for a great flower sale!  
Drive or "petal"—to this annual sale Saturday.  
It's going to be bloomin' fun  
Spring into action but don't fall "flat"  
Everything's coming up roses—or maybe  
geraniums or petunias or .....



**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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We received a blessing and prayer as Pastor Cindy and Mike White anointed us with oil

On the road to Emmaus



The shepherd tends her flock



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Here is a story from the Rev. Nancy C. Townley that was published on [www.ministrymatters.com](http://www.ministrymatters.com). Sunday leftovers, if you will!

"Pastor Nancy, can you come over to our house this afternoon? I have something for you to see," the excited eight-year-old voice bubbled over the phone.

"I'll be there about two o'clock," I replied.

"Thanks, see you then," and with that she hung up.

What could make her so excited? The beautiful late June day was a wonderful day to visit the Windy Hill Farm. The earth was awash in spring green and flowering fruit trees. Dandelions dotted the side of the dirt road as my car made its way to visit a very excited young lady. Running from the doorway of the house, Brittany was the epitome of joy and fun.

"Come with me," she said as she grabbed my hand, pulling me to a large sheep pen on the side of the barn. You have to see this. Her older sisters watched in amusement as she dragged me forward. There in the pen were seven lambs. They were hers – her first herd – her first opportunity to work with these lovely creatures. Carefully unlocking the gate, we entered the pen.

"I have names for all of them and they each know their names," she boasted proudly reciting all seven names. "Watch this!" She crossed to the furthest corner of the pen and then turning toward the lambs she called each by name. As these lambs heard their names, they came running toward her, crowding around the legs of their beaming owner. All seven sheep responded individually.

"Now, watch this!" She extricated herself from the little herd and went toward the gate. "Come, Come. It's time to go." And they all came right to her.

I loved that scene. but what surprised me came next. Her older sister, who was also one who raised sheep, went to the far corner of the pen and she called to each of the lambs. Nothing happened. She called louder. Still there was no response from the lambs. Then she shouted the phrase, "Come. Come. It's time to go" and again nothing happened. Her oldest sister tried the same tactic, but this time added a special whistle to the commands, and she got no response from the lambs. Then Brittany went to another corner of the pen and called each by name and each one came.

"See, Pastor Nancy, they know their names and they know my voice. They won't go to anyone else. I love my lambs and they know it."

I have never forgotten that lesson about sheep and some other words of "sheep behavior information" given to me by this lovely eight-year-old.

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The Good Shepherd, Jesus, knows your name and calls to you. It is this same Good Shepherd who has stood by you through all the trials and tribulations of life. This is the one who will always be there for you. The 23rd Psalm is a song of joy and appreciation for God's constant love for us. You aren't alone. Even though you may have or are walking through what feels like a dark valley, filled with fearful things, remember that the Good Shepherd is always with you. And you will dwell in the presence of the eternal love of God all of your life and in the time to come.

*Pastor Cindy*

Blessings, Friends! It is an honor to be your pastor!

.....And Speaking of Sheep.....



It seems like a good time to invite Clair church folks to be a part of Flocknote! The "flock" currently has 40 people in it. But there is plenty of room for more! Flocknote is a program which allows for the pastor and the administrator to send messages with one click to everyone registered. Currently, I send the Flocknote messages out to two other text groups and three individuals each day. It would help me if more would sign up for the Flock. All you have to do is text ClairChurch to 84576. It's safe and secure. No one will try to sell you anything or ask for information other than your email and phone number so that you can receive messages. ----- Pastor Cindy (your shepherd!)



We  love  
having you as part of our *flock*

Keep in touch with us via text & email



- News & Updates
- Prayer requests
- Events
- Get updates from groups you're interested in
- Unsubscribe anytime
- No spam we promise

**Text ClairChurch to 84576**  
**or fill out form at Clairchurch.com**

Just go to our  
website:  
**Clairchurch.com** and  
scroll to the bottom  
of the first page—  
the Flocknote form  
is right there!

**Don't feel baaaaaa'd if you haven't signed up for Flocknote yet!**

**Just TEXT 84576 OR sign up online at Clairchurch.com!**



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### CLAIR'S CALENDAR

- May 6**      **FLOWER SALE 9-2 PM**
- May 7**      Deadline for foster care backpacks!
- May 8**      Starlite 3:30 PM
- May 9**      Administrative Council 6 PM
- May 14**     Mother's Day—NO FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON
- May 20**     Men's Group 8 AM
- May 29**     Memorial Day  
                Serve Open Door Food Kitchen 9 AM



*Collecting: deodorant;  
hair ties; toothbrushes/  
paste; floss; feminine  
products*

*Experience the Holy Land like never before! Join the  
Crusaders' Class in Max Lucado's study set by the Sea of  
Galilee. See and learn about the sites that Jesus visited –walk  
along side him. Join us Sundays at 9:30 AM.*

