

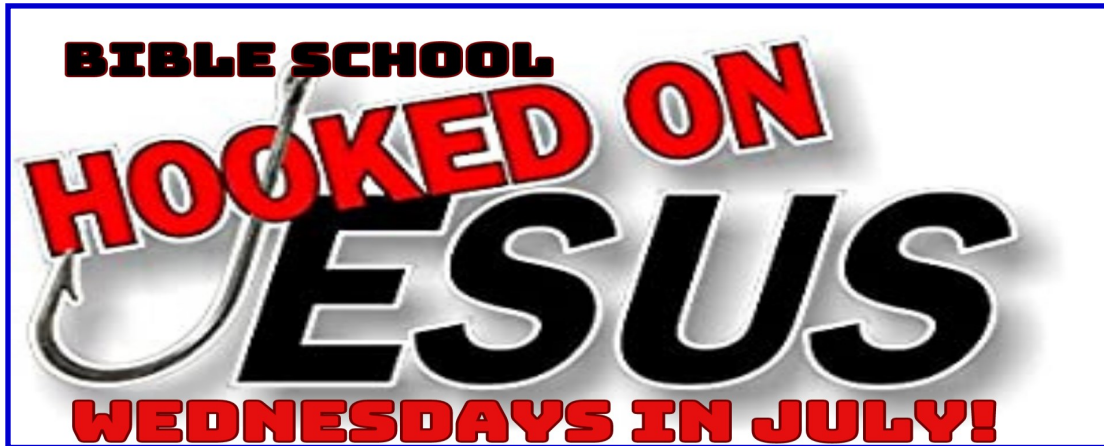
June 14, 2023

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NW District <http://www.northwest.moumethodist.org/>

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JOIN US AT CLAIR JULY 5, 12, 19 AND 26TH—5:30-7:30 PM!

July 5—Matthew 4:18-22

Calling the First Disciples

July 12 —Luke 5:1-11

Let Down Your Nets

July 19—Mark 6:30-44

Feeding the Five Thousand

July 26—John 21:1-12a

Breakfast on the Beach

MORE INFORMATION TO COME!

Food + Bible Story + Music + Crafts + Games

SUNDAYS IN JULY.....

Pastor Cindy will be preaching about the VBS fishing stories.
Attend worship every Sunday in July for an opportunity to have
your name included in a drawing for new fishing gear!

Children—Women—Men!

LET'S GET HOOKED ON JESUS!!



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It's good to be home from the 2023 Missouri Annual Conference and to have my reappointment to Clair and Ebenezer UMCs officially fixed! I am honored to be your pastor and look forward to possibilities for us in our ministry together in the year ahead.

Centennial (Kansas City)	Ma
Associate – Kim Randolph (PL) (1)	
Chilhowee – Tamera Mortenson (PL) (6)	Mc
Christ – Buck Cueni-Smith (FE) (2)	Mc
Associate – Freddy Miraglia (OE) (2)	Mr
Clair/Ebenezer – Cynthia M. (Cindy) Buhman (FE) (6)	Mr
Clinton – Monty Stratton (FL) (3)	Mc
Country Club – Angie Colina McNeil (FE) (4)	Mr

Christina Hockaday did a great job of representing you at Conference. She will offer a report of her impressions and takeaways in the days to come.

This was a difficult conference, in that 75 congregations from Missouri have chosen to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church. Most of those leaving have concerns about where they see the denomination headed regarding human sexuality issues and inclusiveness. No changes to the UMC's Book of Discipline can happen until General Conference meets in May, 2024, but congregations across the United States have chosen to leave prior to the 2024 conference. Think about the impact divorce has on families – sadness, grief, conflict, hurt feelings. The disaffiliations have led to the same kinds of feelings among pastors, laity, conference leadership, and especially, for our Bishop. He became quite emotional during the vote to approve the disaffiliations, which, in turn, gave the rest of us the opportunity to express our own sadness.

There are sure to be more changes in the months to come, but the conference ended on a very hopeful note. Nine pastors were commissioned for leadership and service within the conference. Commissioning means

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that they have completed their seminary education and will spend the next two years growing their leadership abilities, working toward ordination. Three individuals were ordained as deacons; eight as elders, welcomed into full conference membership. The ordination service is always powerful, with wonderful music and preaching. I had the honor of standing with Paul Klepees, a young man who grew up in Stewartville, as he was ordained. I have been his friend, colleague, superintendent, and now, sibling within the Order of Elder.

God continues to be at work among us, Friends. The Holy Spirit led tens of people to come forward to affirm God's calling in their lives and to enter into a time of discernment about where God is leading them. That goes for us as the Missouri Conference, too, still called to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We will spend the next year together planting seeds, growing our faith, being reminded of what it means to be Wesleyan, and focusing on serving and loving God and our neighbor in all that we do. It is an honor to be your pastor!

Pastor Cindy



Let's help the AFL-CIO provide shoes to children in need by donating shoes !

Toddler	Sizes 5-10
Youth	Sizes 11-6
Adult	All

Last Date for Donations: July 23!

PASTOR CINDY EXPLAINS THE HOLY SPIRIT



ZACCHAEUS WAS A FRIEND!



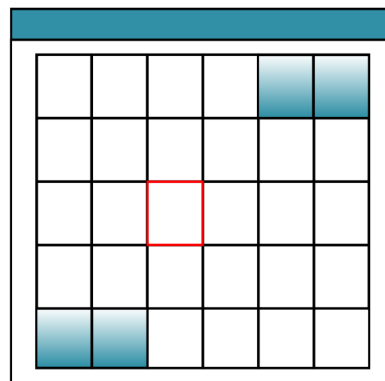
CLAIR KIDS MEET ZACCHAEUS AND TAXES!



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CLAIR'S CALENDAR

- June 17** Men's Group 8 AM
- June 22** Food Kitchen Volunteer Dinner at Knights of Columbus—5-7 PM. RSVP to pastor by June 15
- June 29** Serve at Open Door Food Kitchen 9 AM
- July 5, 12, 19 and 26—** 5:30-7:30 PM —Bible School!
- July 9** Fellowship Luncheon
- July 10** Starlite 3:30 PM
- July 11** Ad Council 6 PM
- July 15** Men's Group 8 AM
- July 23** Deadline for shoe donations—Soles for Christ



THANK YOU!!

The Clair Men's Group has once again gone above and beyond.

Many thanks for repairing the south side of the church!

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on Facebook & Instagram!



We  love
having you as part of our *flock*

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

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