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*JOIN US for
Harvest Home*

*Fellowship Luncheon
Silent and Live Auctions
Reconnect with Friends*

*October 15
Following 11 am worship*



Join us for worship on October 15 at 11 AM and then enjoy some good BBQ combined with delicious side dishes provided by the great cooks at Clair! Browse the huge variety of silent auction items and keep your name at the top of the list! Following lunch, the live auction will begin so practice hand raising NOW!



Wonderful baked goods, gift baskets, fresh local beef, and maybe a **Chiefs'** item or two will fill the tables for your viewing pleasure. The live auction will kick in for a few bigger items that you won't want to miss!

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Pledges Rolling in for Clair's Capital Campaign!



**EXCITING CHANGES ARE
ON THE WAY!**

Almost \$60,000 has been pledged to the campaign by the Building Committee, Ad Council, some congregation members and Pastor before the official kickoff on October 15! Please get your pledge cards turned in so an updated pledge amount can be announced at Harvest Home.

Needed improvements will include flooring, a remodeled entryway, ramp access to the chancel, kitchen facelift, new lighting, plus more!



Clair Kids learn about God's power in parting the Red Sea!

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Pastor Cindy

Fall is upon us! I am loving the cooler temperatures and the changing colors. I saw a sign the other day in a craft shop: "Fall is my favorite color!" Makes me smile!

By now you have heard information about Clair's Capital Campaign. With several projects completed in recent years, there are still a few to go. And it's time to get going!

- + Remodel the church entryway
- + Chancel lighting project plus outdoor lighting at the flag, cross, and church sign
- + Ramp to the chancel
- + Kitchen facelift
- + One more new door at the east entrance
- + New flooring and paint throughout the building, except the sanctuary
- + AED unit (defibrillator)

Ad Council members, Building Committee members, and Joe and I handed in our pledges at the end of August to give the pledge thermometer some color when the display went up. Members of the two adult Sunday school classes are making up the next wave of pledges with their totals added at the end of September. And then, the rest of the congregation will have an opportunity to add their pledges by Oct. 15 so that we can celebrate our congregation's commitment to making the project a reality during Harvest Homecoming.

Brendon Clark, Building Committee Chair, will talk about the project during worship on Sept. 24; Rod Sander on Oct. 1; and the Rev. Laura Murphy from the Missouri United Methodist Foundation will be our guest preacher on Oct. 8. We are looking forward to special worship on Oct. 15 with the announcement and celebration of the total amount pledged.

Please be in prayer about your gift to this capital project which will make our facility even more welcoming, inviting, and up-to-date. Your gift can be given over a three-year period, over two years, a one-time gift, a gift of stock, an RMD (required minimum distribution), weekly, monthly, quarterly, yearly! You name it! Just be mindful that this pledged amount is in addition to your usual giving that supports the ministries of Clair UMC. Blessings, Friends, as we step into this exciting time! As always, it is an honor to be your pastor!

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YWCA Program Presented to Starlight Group at Clair

Carol Guthals and Granddaughter

Lauren Stafford



Lauren Stafford, Bliss Transitional Housing Care Manager from the YWCA, gave an overview of available programs they offer to victims of domestic abuse in our community. These programs include: 1) Emergency Shelter; 2) Crisis Hotline (domestic violence, rape, child abuse); 3) Choices and Decisions for middle school kids; 4) Discovery Childcare; 5) Healthy Teen Parents/Healthy Babies; 6) GRIT Center for Growing Resilient Independent Teens; 7) Community Support Services which provides housing assistance and advocates for hospital, law enforcement and court; and 8) Bliss Manor transitional housing and permanent supportive housing for survivors.

We will collect the following items for Bliss Housing. Please bring them to church or Starlight Meeting on October 9:

laundry soap, feminine pads, toilet bowl cleaner, trash bags, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, full size sheet sets, queen size sheet sets, dishes sets, silverware, dish drainers, hand towels, bath towels, kitchen trash cans

Sept. 24 MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY—New church members are welcomed!

Sept. 29 Serve Open Door Food Kitchen 9 AM

Sept. 30 Festival of Sharing at Inter Serv

October 8 NO FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

October 9 Starlite Group 6 PM—bring YWCA items

October 10 Administrative Board 6 PM

OCTOBER 15 HARVEST HOME CELEBRATION AND LUNCHEON

October 21 Men's Group 8 AM

October 28 Trunk or Treat Contest at Clair 5 PM



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The annual Festival of Sharing for the NW District of the Missouri United Methodist Conference will be held Saturday, September 30, at InterServ, 5400 King Hill Ave., St. Joseph, MO. Donation drop off – 9:30-11:30 AM. You may volunteer to help sort and package donations that day. The Festival provides numerous agencies with needed food/first aid kits/personal care kits, etc. This year, there is a special need for Flood Buckets! Each kit includes:

- 1- 5 gallon bucket with resealable lid
- 1- 32-64 oz. bottle liquid laundry soap
- 1-16-40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner
- *No spray cleaners
- 1- 16-34 oz. bottle dish soap
- 1- 4-8 oz. pump spray air freshener
- 1- 6-14 oz. pump spray insect repellent -pack of 10-20 wipes acceptable too
- *Pump sprays must have protective covers1 scrub brush (with or without handle)
- 18 re-useable cleaning wipes
- *No terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels
- *Remove from packaging
- 5 scouring pads (no stainless steel pads w/ soap)
- *Remove from packaging
- 36-50 clothespins
- 1- 50-100 ft. clothesline (cotton or plastic)
- 24 roll of heavy-duty trash bags (33-45 gal.)
- *Remove from packaging
- 5 N95 dust masks (1-3mm thickness)
- 2 pairs kitchen gloves
- *Remove from packaging
- 1 pair work gloves (cotton w/leather palm or all leather)



*Join us for Worship
as We Welcome New Members*
SUNDAY SEPT. 24 - 11 AM

Ernie Couch & Revival
performed at Clair September 9!



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PREPARE YOUR TRUNKS!

You won't stand a ghost of a chance of winning this Trunk or Treat Contest IF you don't decide "witch" decorations to use!!!!

GHOUL LUCK!!