

October 6, 2021

## CLAIR CONNECTION



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# Come Home to Clair October 10!

**Annual  
HARVEST**  
*Celebration Service*  
**You are invited.**  
Families are welcomed!

**CLAIR CHURCH**  
United Methodist  
2 SE 68th Rd., St. Joseph, MO 64507  
**SUNDAY OCTOBER 10, 2021 11:00 to 2:00**  
Praise - Fellowship - Special Music - Lunch  
Kids Games - Baked Goods Auction - Gift Basket Auction  
816-233-0042 [www.clairchurch.com](http://www.clairchurch.com)

Join us for Clair's annual Harvest Homecoming celebration October 10. There will be something for all members of your family! Pastor Cindy will bring the message on HOPE and we'll enjoy a special organ music presentation by Dixie Leslie!

Kids will enjoy games galore.

The Klein family will be smokin' that day. Literally. Enjoy a variety of smoked meats and luncheon fellowship with friends at Clair.

And don't miss the Live Auction! Baked goods and awesome gift baskets will be available to the highest bidder.

**We HOPE you can be there!**

## Annual Charge Conference Scheduled at Ebenezer

This annual business meeting of our congregation will begin at **6 pm Tuesday, October 12**, at Ebenezer UMC's Fellowship Hall. Rev. Melissa Dodd, our district superintendent, will convene this meeting via Zoom where 10 congregations will vote on their congregation's elected leaders, pastor compensation, and other reports. Everyone is welcome to attend. Official members of the congregation are eligible to vote.



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### Janet Polley Found a Home at Clair Church



Janet Polley grew up in Bethany, Missouri. She attended the First Methodist Church of Bethany. She married Ray Underwood in 1960 and was mainly a stay-at-home-mom with son Sam. Janet worked part time at the corner drug store – Templeman’s. She and her husband sold used cars in Bethany for 10 years. At that time, Janet also worked part time at Toot Toot’s Restaurant. They lost Sam at age 17 in a vehicle accident.

The couple divorced in 1988 and Janet began working at a local flower shop. But upon the restaurant’s request, started working full time at Toot Toot’s. She loved the work.

In 2003, Janet married Keith Polley.

They were married 10 years before Keith passed away. They lived in Texas for three years after Keith sold his local business. After the death of Keith, Janet’s family asked her to move back “home” and she moved to St. Joseph approximately 10 years ago.

Emma D. Grooms was a neighbor of Janet’s and asked her to visit Clair Church. It was Pastor Ben Mulford’s first Sunday at Clair. She remembers everyone who entered was greeted by Gary Klein and Scooter Hartenbower. Janet said, “I felt like myself and all the people at Clair were looking for the same kind of church. They were kind and gentle – a down-home flock of God.” She laughed as she recalled Luella Rinard and Lowella Nold giving her “instruction” as needed!

Due to COVID, Janet has made the decision to remain at home for now. She misses everyone at Clair but states, “I can still feel the kindness and love from all at Clair.” And Clair misses you too Janet.



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### MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Pastor Cindy Buhman



Tidbits to Share this week...

Joe and I really appreciated and enjoyed our week away from church responsibilities. We spent some days at two different lakes, hiked a state park trail, breathed in lots of fresh air, ate good food, read a couple of books, enjoyed great company, and took a few naps! Rest is a good thing! I highly recommend it!

I look forward to Clair's annual Harvest Home celebration on Oct. 10. Several special things are being planned thanks to a great group of organizers! In addition to a delicious meal, the basket auction, and fun and games and fellowship, you won't want to miss the special music Dixie Leslie is preparing for Sunday's worship service. Cobie Klein and Sam Klein will receive Bibles during the service, too. And... we'll conclude the worship series on HOPE. It has been a good series – it's always good to talk about hope!

I have been working on what comes next. And, believe it or not, ADVENT isn't too far away!

Blessings, Friends!

*Pastor Cindy*



**How many  
Clair men  
does it take  
to fix a  
drawer?**

**The answer  
seems to be  
three.**



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# Clair's Calendar

October 10	<u>HARVEST HOME CELEBRATION AND FELLOWSHIP DINNER</u>
October 11	Starlite
October 12	Charge Conference at Ebenezer 6 pm
October 16	Men's Group 8 am
October 24	Fall Hot Dog Roast 5-7 pm
November 9	Administrative Board Mtg. 6 pm

A poster for a Fall Fellowship Hot Dog Roast event. The background is a dark, fiery orange and yellow flame pattern. At the top, the text "Clair Church" is written in a white serif font, with "United Methodist" and "2 SE 68th Rd., St. Joseph, MO" in a smaller white sans-serif font below it. In the center, a white rounded rectangle contains the text "All are invited!" in a white sans-serif font, slanted upwards. Below this, the words "Fall Fellowship" and "HOT DOG ROAST" are written in large, bold, white sans-serif font. Underneath, "SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24TH" and "5:00 TO 7:00 P.M." are written in a smaller white sans-serif font. At the bottom of the rectangle, "Food & Drinks Provided" and "Bring Lawn Chairs" are written in a smaller white sans-serif font. At the very bottom of the poster, the text "WWW.CLAIRCHURCH.COM · LIKE US ON FACEBOOK @clairchurchstjoe" is written in a small white sans-serif font.

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### Enjoy Clair Church's Facebook Page and Streaming Services on YouTube

Please make sure you "like" Clair's Facebook page so you won't miss out on things happening at Clair! Our page is [facebook.com/clairchurchstjoe](https://facebook.com/clairchurchstjoe). Our FB page shows our Clair Church logo only. We are in the process of deleting our old page (which shows the exterior of the church).

ALSO, you must open a YouTube account of your own to be able to chat with Clair Church during the service, tell us how many are watching in your household and send us your prayer concerns, etc. The accounts are free.

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Personal Hygiene Kits  
collected for the  
Festival of Sharing  
were delivered to Inter-  
Serv in St. Joseph.  
Thanks to all who  
donated items!

# Thank You Food Kitchen Volunteers!



***300 Meals Prepared!***