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What was the first domesticated animal in the US??



Join us November 19 at 6:30 PM for a night of fun at Clair! **Trivia Night** has always been a great night full of laughs, friendly competition, snacking and fellowship! Grab friends and/or family for your team of 10 people or less. The cost is \$10 per person. Ice cold water and pop will be available and also mulligans. Each team can purchase up to 3 mulligans (free answers) at \$5 each. There will be 5 rounds of questions – 10 questions to a round. Each of

the 5 rounds will be on a different topic – so your chance of knowing answers has just gone UP! Feel free to attend without a formal team and you will be placed on a team needing more members that will be lucky to have you! The winning team will be awarded bragging rights AND MORE! Hope to see you on November 19! For any questions, please message Clair on their Facebook page or contact Debbie Huit Lovejoy Wells on Facebook Messenger or at djrl5851@gmail.com!



Save the date for a fun family activity on Saturday, Dec. 17, (come and go) between 4-6 PM. Experience Clair UMC's version of the little town of Bethlehem on the Starry Night Jesus was born. Register at the city gate. Pay your tax (with coins we supply!) Visit the village shops. Make a souvenir to take home. Enjoy a sweet treat. And most importantly, visit Mary, Joseph, and the Christ Child. Invite your family and friends to join us for this extra special event!

GOT MILK??

Help by donating empty milk cartons for use in Clair's Children's Christmas program!

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Mike White and Family are Welcomed at Clair



I did not grow up in this area but my wife Linda Ann (Blair) White did. She attended many churches in St. Joseph. I have been a United Methodist Pastor since 1968 and served many churches in Missouri, other states and in a foreign country. I was a United States Navy Chaplain for 22 years (CDR Michael K. White, CHC, USN (Ret.)). We served all over the world on ships and stations. I was a Chaplain in the Marines for four years.

We have two children: Bethany Michele Ogle and Paula Marie Anderson. My wife Linda is a

quilter, reader and “fun time” grandma. She enjoys being a homemaker and music maker. I enjoy exercise and am a marathon runner. I enjoy water sports, fishing, motorcycling, evangelism, music, storytelling, yard work, travel, Bible Study and teaching.

We have attended Clair for two months. I enjoy visiting with Scooter Hartenbower. And one of my good friends is Rev. Harold Gold, a former pastor at Clair. We enjoy seeing our grandson Toby with the other kids at Clair and watching Pastor Cindy enjoy sharing Jesus with us.

Linda and I believe it’s “all about Jesus!”



As of Oct. 31, \$2,795 had been received toward the Door Project, exceeding the \$2,500 goal, which is a little less than half the bid. Gifts will be dedicated on Sunday, Nov. 20, so there is still time to add your gift to the total!

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I really enjoyed our worship together last Sunday – talking about prayer, singing about prayer, and actually praying throughout the service. Here's a reminder of the prayer tricks we highlighted.

Use the word ACTS to help with a well-rounded prayer. A = Adoration. Tell God how awesome God is! C = Confession. Tell God about your sins. Say you are sorry and ask for forgiveness and help in moving forward. T = Thanksgiving. Say "thank you!" S = Supplication. Pray for others in their needs.

The 5 Finger Prayer: Pinkie finger reminds us of the "least of these among us." Ring finger – pray for those closest to us – our nearest and dearest. Middle finger is the tallest. Pray for our elected leaders, government leaders, emergency personnel, military personnel. Index finger points the way. Pray for those who point the way for you – teachers, coaches, supervisors, mentors, pastors. Your thumb is the finger closest to you. Pray for yourself.

We also prayed a Litany of Reconciliation from the Protestant chapel at the memorial at Dachau, Germany. Out of the ruins of the bombed cathedral in Coventry, England, came a call for forgiveness, not just for those who bombed the church, but for all humanity. For, as scripture reminds us, all of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. In response to a request for the litany, I invite you to include this in your prayers from time to time.

The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class;

Father, forgive.

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own;

Father, forgive.

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth;

Father, forgive.

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others;

Father, forgive.

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee;

Father, forgive.

The lust which dishonors the bodies of men, women, and children;

Father, forgive;

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God;

Father, forgive.

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another,
as God in Christ forgave you. (Ephesians 4:32)

Keep praying, Friends. Prayer changes things. It is an honor to be your pastor. *Pastor Cindy*

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“Angelic” Advent Series Planned at Clair



I'm excited to begin the season of Advent on Nov. 27. Our worship series is called "Angels Among Us" and focuses on the angels of the birth narrative and their messages to Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds. Angels begin their messages with the words "Do not be afraid." During a time when many people in our world have reason to be afraid, we are called to be messengers this season – to offer words of hope, peace, joy, and love.

OPPORTUNITY for you! The scripture each Sunday morning will be presented by several voices telling the story. If you are willing to help with one Sunday or two or more, please raise your hand. I promise it will be FUN!

A 4-week study will be offered to go along with the series. The Crusaders Sunday School class will work through the series, beginning on Nov. 27. I will lead a Wednesday evening class beginning at 6:30 on Nov. 30.

There will also be an afternoon option and an online option, so be watching for details.

Angels will be abundant during the season. You are invited to bring a special angel(s) to display on Sunday, Dec. 11. And, we are working on painted angel wings displays for photo ops. This promises to be an Advent season to remember!

Pastor Cindy

Adopted Family Program Begins November 27

Clair's congregation adopts two large families and 2-3 singles (may be elderly, mentally handicapped, nursing home residents through the AFL-CIO's Christmas Program. Items listed for each member of the families will be available for selection beginning November 27. Deadline to have the gifts back to Clair is December 18. The congregation takes tags which tell them the name of the recipient, the family identifying number, the item and size (if clothing) they need. A gift is purchased and wrapped. The name of the recipient and the family identifying number must be on the new package tag. We take money donations for food vouchers to give to the families and sometimes to an individual - depending on the situation. Food vouchers are in the amounts of \$60 or \$80 each. This allows the families to obtain certain food items from a local grocery store. Clair divides the delivery duties up and delivers to the families' homes the week of Christmas. Please see Debbie Wells for any questions. And thank you for your generosity in advance!



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CLAIR'S CALENDAR

November 19 **Men's Group 8 AM**

TRIVIA NIGHT AT CLAIR 6:30 PM

November 20 **Deadline for Clair door donations**

Deadline for Edison School items

November 27 **Decorate church after worship**

First Sunday for Adopted Family Program

November 29 **Serve Open Door Food Kitchen**

November 30-Dec. 21 Advent Bible Study

6:30 PM—Wednesdays

NO AD COUNCIL MEETING IN DECEMBER

December 12 **Starlight Meeting 3:30 PM**

December 17 **ONE STARRY NIGHT 4-6 PM (Come & Go)**

December 18 **DEADLINE FOR ADOPTED FAMILY GIFTS**

December 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 4 PM**



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

**Text ClairChurch to 84576
or fill out the form below to sign up!**



Hygiene Items Needed

for Bode Middle School
Feminine Products
Hair Brushes
Elastic Hair Ties

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Celebrating All Saints' Sunday



Ridge Scott Shelkop

