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Hot Dog Roasting is a Group Effort!



And Where Have
All the Hot Dogs
Gone?



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Ceressa Kent Is Part of the Clair Church Family



**"I HAVE 3
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I grew up in Chillicothe, MO which is a little over an hour east of here. I am an only child, whatever that entails. I attended the First Baptist Church in Chillicothe until I married. My husband was in the military so we attended the base chapel which could be any denomination.

I retired as an elementary teacher from Savannah, MO in 2009 after 26 years. I taught one year at John Glenn Elementary and spent the rest of the time at Amazonia Elementary. I had always wanted to be a teacher and enjoyed working with children. I also worked at Sylvan's, Penney's, and sold Avon all at the same time to help supplement my salary. Teaching was what I enjoyed but, needless to say, at that time, it was not the most lucrative.

I have three daughters I am very proud of: Melissa, Laurie, and Amanda, who have given me the privilege of being a Nana to nine wonderful grandchildren: Spencer 22, Bree 18, Charlie 15, Lucas 14, Grace 13, Duncan 12, Emma 11, Sam 9, and Nick 6.

I began attending Clair after Amanda and Travis were married. Amanda encouraged me to come and join when I was not enjoying the church I had previously attended. I was looking for a smaller church with members that knew each other and were friendly. Clair met that expectation. That was probably around 16 or 17 years ago.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Thank you to the folks who organized Sunday's Fall Celebration with the delicious dinner, roasted hot dogs, tasty s'mores, and entertainment! It was a fun day for our 2nd Sunday fellowship dinner.

During this season of abundance, we have talked about God's Abundant Love, Joy, and Hope. The Abundant worship series wraps up next Sunday with Abundant Faith. Nov. 21 is also Christ the King Sunday – the last Sunday of the Christian Year. On that day we recognize Jesus Christ as King – Lord of our lives – entrusting him with every aspect of our lives.

And then... with Nov. 28 comes the FIRST Sunday of the Christian Year – the first Sunday of the season of Advent – that time of preparation for the coming of Jesus into our lives in a new way as we prepare and focus on the birth of Jesus. I have chosen the worship series: The Inn – Housing the Holy for Advent this year. I'm excited about the possibilities for us as we prepare our lives as a home for the Holy one. Stay tuned for opportunities to participate during Advent.

Blessings to you, Friends, as we move into a very busy season. Please take care of yourselves as you care for others – that includes taking care of your spirit during the holy Advent season.

It is an honor to be your pastor!

Pastor Cindy



Clair will again adopt families for Christmas from the AFL-CIO. We will have items listed for donation on November 28.

We usually adopt one large family and three individuals (living at home or in a facility). We purchase an \$80 food voucher for the family and donate food items for the individuals. Prepare for the special season of Christ's birth by opening your hearts to those in need.



Clair's Maple by
Duane Kimble

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Some of my memories from Clair are seeing my grandchildren welcomed into the church as babies and being introduced to the church family. Wanda Klein told me many stories about things that had happened at the church and how much I would enjoy being around the ladies of the church. I was invited to participate in Starlight which helped me feel included with the church family. I remember attending church dinners when the auctions were held after dinner to raise money for the church and enjoying the time talking to various people.

I have a Westie by the name of Keegan (which is a good Irish name), who keeps me company. He was a rescue dog when I got him 12 years ago. The people at the rescue place said he liked kids. Obviously not—because in the first year or so, he managed to bite every one of my grandchildren. Finally everyone learned to not touch him when he was around food. He is very territorial around his food. As he has aged, he has mellowed and mostly naps now. I have always enjoyed having pets and we had several dogs and cats. I love to read almost any kind of book and enjoy cooking and trying new recipes. I usually have a few taste testers around, especially for cookies and desserts. I love spending time with my grandchildren and doing activities with my friends. Wednesday morning breakfast among teacher friends is a favorite.

Probably what I enjoy the most about Clair is the people and the fellowship in both church and Sunday School. I like that you know most of the members and feel included like it is a family.



Clair's Calendar

Nov. 3—Nov. 24	Sermon discussions—2 pm Mondays in person; 7 pm Wednesdays online
November 20	Men's Breakfast 8 am
Nov. 27-Dec. 19	Collect Adopted Family Items
November 28	Advent Begins
November 29	<u>Serve at Open Door Food Kitchen 9 am</u>
December 12	Fellowship Luncheon
December 13	Starlite 6 pm
December 14	Administrative Board 6 pm