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## CLAIR CONNECTION

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# Help United Methodist Committee on Relief



We all are distressed and saddened by the loss of life and destruction caused by tornadoes through midwestern states early morning December 10. You are invited to give to the UMCOR fund for tornado relief. UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee on Relief) is the relief agency of The United Methodist Church. Every penny you give will go directly to relief efforts. UMCOR is known for being the first on

the disaster scene and the last to leave. Indicate UMCOR on your gift and our treasurer will make sure it gets to the right place. I heard the mayor of Mayfield, Kentucky, say when asked what they needed, "In the long term, we need money. In the short term, we need prayers." We can do that! Dear God, may the people impacted by devastating tornadoes feel your presence during their grief and during the rebuilding process. Use us to help them have what they need today and into the future. Amen. *Pastor Cindy*

DAVE RAMSEY'S  
**FINANCIAL** *Peace*  
UNIVERSITY



The Financial Peace class begins on Wednesday, Jan. 12. From the Financial Peace website:

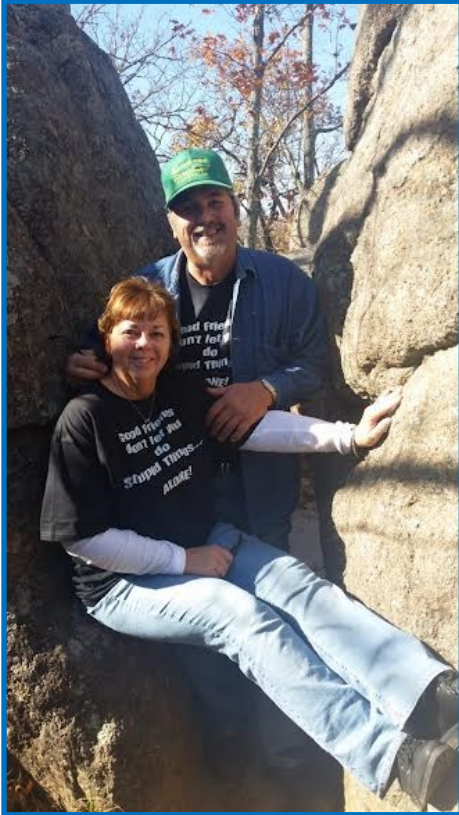
*Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is a nine lesson course that teaches you how to save for emergencies, pay off debt fast, spend wisely, and invest for your future. For over 25 years, Dave Ramsey's been teaching commonsense, biblical money principles that work. Every time.*

*Nearly 6,000,000 people have become debt free and are winning with money. In the first 90 days of working the Financial Peace plan, the average household pays off \$5300 in debt and saves \$2700 for emergencies.*

Classes will meet at Ebenezer UMC fellowship hall at 6:30 beginning on Wednesday, Jan. 12 through Mar. 9. Adam Vollstedt will be facilitating the class. Pastor Cindy Buhman can help answer questions you have – 816-724-1174. Sign up and order resources today through Ebenezer UMC's website: [www.ebenezerstjo.com](http://www.ebenezerstjo.com)

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### Welcome Roxyann Schreiber—She's Back!



I grew up in St. Joseph, MO in a family of 11 children. I am the middle child, the peacemaker of the family. And no, we are not Catholic (that's what most people ask us). As a small child, our family attended a Baptist church in St. Joseph and later in my teenage years, we attended the Seventh Day Adventist Church. As a young adult, I fell away from attending church, but continued to be a Believer.

Bill Schreiber and I married in 1990. That's when I became a country girl! We have two children: Daniel is 38 years old and lives in Merriam, KS with his wife Bridget. Laura is 30 years old and lives close to us in the country near Easton, MO with her husband Colby. Laura and Colby are expecting their first child in late June 2022. Halleluiah, I am going to be a grandma!

In 1995ish, I had the privilege to meet and work with Amy Grier. She would share how she loved her church and how great the congregation was. She invited me several times before I finally accepted her invitation and visited Clair United Methodist. I received such a warm welcome and felt so comfortable, that soon I became a member. I felt

blessed to have such wonderful people to worship and fellowship with. After a couple of years, my attendance became sporadic. It seemed other distractions in life were taking priority. I definitely am not proud of this and have many regrets for my time lost.

***“Karen Vulgamott would continually tell me that I was missed  
and would ask when I was coming back to church”***

I retired from the St. Joseph School District in 2012 after working as a school secretary for 28 years. I wasn't ready to work as a “full time” farm wife with my husband, so I thought I would try going into business for myself working part-time at something I enjoyed. My husband, Bill, and I enjoyed visiting Missouri wineries and became interested in the different varieties of wine. Since my son was already making wine as a home hobbyist, it seemed like a good fit to open a small family winery. After working 24/7 for 9 years taking care of a vineyard, making and bottling wine, selling wine, running a tasting room, and all the paperwork that goes along with that, I decided my “part-time” job was more than I wanted to do. I retired for a second time in 2020.

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### MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Cindy Buhman



Merry Christmas!

What a special Christmas Eve gathering we had! It was a gift to be able to spend Christmas Eve with you and your families. And I give thanks for the gift of technology which allowed even more friends to be part of our worship online.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you, for the generous monetary gift from the Clair congregation. Joe and I certainly appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity. We look forward to ministry with you in 2022.

On Dec. 26, I shared information from the book *If the World Were a Village: a Book about the World's People*. The book contains facts about the people of the world – nationality, language, age, religion, wealth, health, availability of electricity, clean water and air, etc. – by translating those facts from the 6.9 billion plus people who call Earth home to a village of 100 people. In this global village of 100: 21 speak a Chinese dialect (9 speak English); 10 earn less than two dollars a day; 14 cannot read or write; 45 have a television in their homes; 47 do not always have enough to eat.

During our Advent worship series, we focused on issues of compassion, justice, hospitality, making room for everyone. The book is thought provoking and convicting for us who live with first world problems. Check it out and share with your children and grandchildren.

And on Sunday I shared thoughts from Maya Angelou and our nephew's Christmas card. Maya Angelou has written:

*Do the best you can until you know better.  
When you know better, do better.*

And from Cory's card:

*Peace everywhere, for everyone, always.  
Happy, hopeful holidays to you.*

Friends.... It is an honor to be your pastor. Happy, hopeful holidays to you. *Pastor Cindy*

## Clair's 2022 Board

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Thank you, Jesus, for good friends and the church family. Several members stayed in contact with me and encouraged me to attend again. Karen Vulgamott would continually tell me I was missed and would ask when I was coming back to church. Being recently retired, and with a little help from the church family, God told me it was time to return. I rejoined the church this year, 2021. Every Sunday I attend, I feel very blessed to be a part of Clair UMC. Now my desire is to spread the word of Jesus and be a blessing to others.

A few of my favorite things about Clair are: sharing laughs with the ladies of Starlight, the smile and greeting every Sunday from Scooter, sharing the word of God in Sunday School class with the leadership of Patty and Deb, and the in-depth bible study class with Pastor Cindy.

I am touched and inspired every Sunday with the sermons of Pastor Cindy. Her love of God is contagious. After listening to her sermons, I leave with an uplifted heart and ready to tackle the rest of the week with Jesus in my heart.

Pastor Cindy asked me to serve on the church board for 2022. How can anyone say 'no' to her? I also think it is a great opportunity to serve God and hopefully put great ideas into action.

***"So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." Galatians 6:10***

I love to read. I have been a member of a book club with several friends for approximately 20 years. We read books of all different genres. I think this helps my mind to grow through continuous learning. I also have a love for music (even though I can't sing a lick). I collect vinyl records and enjoy live music.

Traveling is a passion. I have a need to check out new and different places. Traveling gives me a chance to disconnect, relax and enjoy.

## Clair's Calendar

January 9	Year In Review Sunday and Fellowship Luncheon
January 10	Starlite 6 pm
January 11	Administrative Board 6 pm
Jan. 12—March 9	Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University at Ebenezer 6:30 pm
January 16	Deadline for Bessie Ellison donations: underwear, socks, pants

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*Pastor Cindy and her helpers at the 2021 Christmas Eve Service*



*Please join us Sunday, January 9  
to celebrate our 2021 acts of  
generosity and mission work*