

## CLAIR CONNECTION

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### Sherry Weipert Finds “Family” at Clair Church



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Wayne and I have lived in the Easton area for a long time. Our home is on Wayne’s father and grandfather’s farm. Our three children: Jennifer (Adam), Nathan (Sarah), Brett (Laura), have homes in Lenexa, Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, and Liberty, Missouri. Thank goodness they are not so far to prevent visits, sleepovers, ball-games, and special events together. Clair (14), Beckett (12), and Lyda (5) cannot be more involved with school and sports. Wade (10 months) will surely keep us all running, as he already has done.

When we first came to Clair, I had taught middle school life science for 16 years. I was ready for a change so I attended MWSU to receive my Bachelor of Science Nursing degree. Then, I worked as a surgical RN for 21 years. Wayne worked nights and evenings at Johnson Controls for 39 years. But he always found time to be around his favorite farm passion - cows. Now that he has retired, we will still find him attending his beef cows and calves. His pets! I have kept busy attending to my grandchildren. Until they reach the school-age, they spend a few days/nights a week at Yaya’s and Papa’s. I hope to continue this with Wade.

Wayne has been a lifelong Catholic, and I grew up attending a small Baptist church. Around the late 1980s, we decided our children needed more involvement in church. Clair was an easy first try as our children had many school friends attending there. Also, Wayne had friendships from elementary school and baseball teams at Clair. The community, friendships, and services sealed the deal, and we have attended since that first visit.

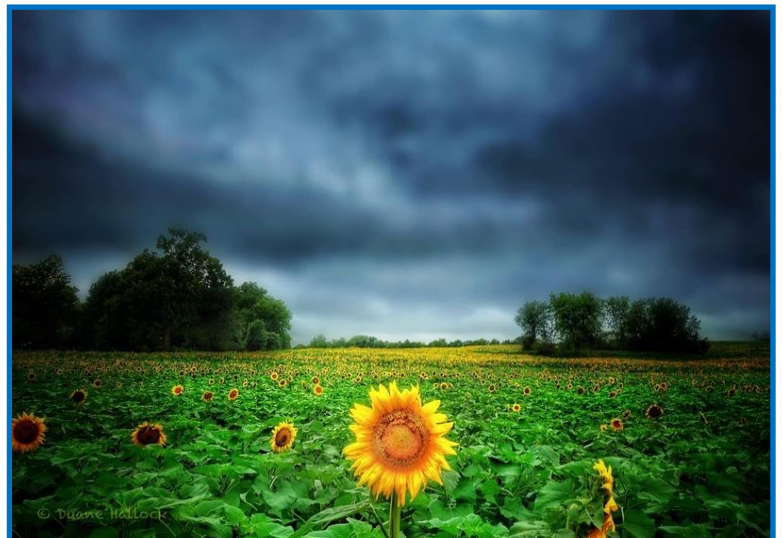
An early memory for me was: one Sunday, after church, I was cooking dinner and noticed a strange car in the driveway. The door opened and out popped Brett. Wayne and I had driven to Clair in separate cars. We came

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# Pray for Ukraine



The Missouri Conference has created a resource page for United Methodists who feel called to support the people of Ukraine, which includes a prayer, scripture, information and ways to give. Go to <https://www.moumethodist.org/resourcedetail/resource-for-learning-about-and-supporting-ukraine->





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PASTOR CINDY BUHMAN



During our Ash Wednesday service, we talked about the importance of community and how special it is to connect with people – how we love to get mail (real mail :), have conversations on the phone or in person, maybe even share a cup of coffee or a meal together. I shared that my mother sends several cards each week to friends celebrating birthdays or anniversaries, friends who could use an encouraging word, or friends the Holy Spirit has brought to mind. I am confident those cards are meaningful to those who receive them. And I know they are meaningful to my mother as she writes them.

I challenged folks on Ash Wednesday to take up the discipline of connecting with others throughout the Lenten season – and even handed out a calendar to keep track of calls and cards and visits. Having a tangible tool for recording those contacts has a way of keeping us accountable to the plan. I have figured out that when someone crosses my mind, that's when I need to make the call or write a note. Otherwise, the moment passes, and I move on to something else. I hope you will consider joining in the connection movement!

I'm excited about our Lenten series which has us taking stock of where we are in our faith journey. However, rather than feeling guilty about what we haven't accomplished in our lives and in our faith, we are going to spend time pondering how our culture's obsession with achievement and perfection actually keeps us from the true depths of life and faith. In these next weeks we will take some time to turn ladder-climbing into garden-tending, nurturing our souls and embracing our lives right where we are.

I'm excited, too, about our new online church directory! Complete an information form and plan to have your picture taken on Mar. 13 or 20 (or submit a picture you already have).

Gather some friends for a fun night of trivia at Ebenezer UMC at 6:30 on Saturday, April 9. Teams of 10. \$10 per team member. Proceeds go to Ebenezer's building fund for an addition to Fellowship Hall.

Blessings as the season of Lent unfolds. It is an honor to be your pastor!

*Pastor Cindy*

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home, each assuming the other had this boy. We had not missed him! The Clair good guys delivered him safely, and Brett was happy with his adventure.

Wayne and I will always be grateful for the huge support Clair gave our family as Claire battled cancer. She was diagnosed at six months of age and continued rounds of chemo until two years of age. At that time, she had surgery to remove the tumor. Clair Church had a Claire Fair, featuring picnic, barbecue, music, auctions, and fireworks for the event. It was very well attended! Then years of benefit ball tournaments followed. Our Claire Weipert has grown to become a lovely young lady - smart, clever, and involved in all sports and fine arts. I know Clair Church's prayers and support were vital for our family at that time.

I also remember the ski trip Wayne and I attended with the Clair youth to Colorado. I fell so many times! After my last fall, I couldn't get out of the snow drift. It was a lovely ride down the mountain lying flat on my back on a sled to the clinic. It was a much harder ride home to Missouri. I have a not-so-lovely scar on my knee to repair the ACL tear to remind me I am not so young anymore.

I love the congregation at Clair. They are like un-related family. I grew up going to family dinners most Sundays. It's important to me to have the Second Sunday dinner just for an informal time to visit and reconnect with friends.

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I appreciate the service we provide at Food Kitchen. It can be work— but most often it becomes fun! Our group is so organized and loud and friendly and adaptable! We welcome more to come help. Serving 150–350 folks can be challenging, but we get it done.

I look forward to the sisterhood we have at Starlight meetings. What a great bunch of gals! We share, inform, and entertain. We work hard to earn money for the church and then spend it. The big Mother's Day flower sale is in prep stage now. Our last meeting included Sisters of Solace director, Stacy Kerns, who was really an inspiration.

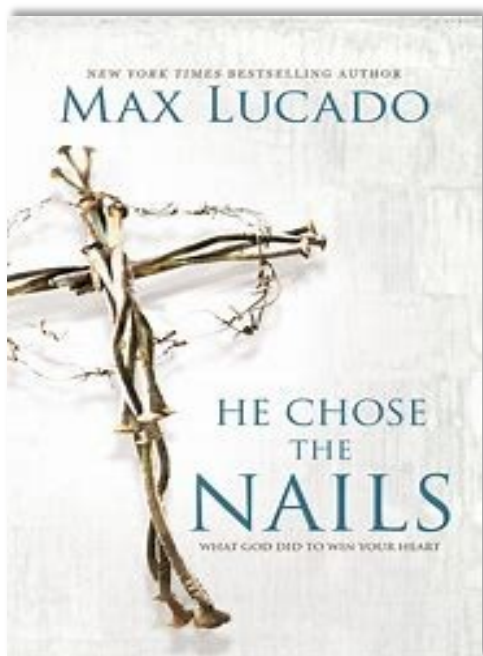
I do appreciate Pastor Cindy. She is so good to us. God must love her a lot to give her so many talents. Her attitude and optimism raise me to a higher level of self-expectation. I feel so lucky to be a part of God's work as she leads us.

I want Clair Church to continue providing for our community and those outside our community by sharing God's love and compassion. I have been blessed in this church, and intend to pay forward His blessings.



**The New Restrooms  
Are Here!**

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### *Lucado Lenten Study Offered*

Join the Crusaders' Class as they study Max Lucado's video series: *He Chose the Nails*. This five-week course discusses: 1) He Chose to Be One of Us; 2) He Chose to Forgive Us; 3) He Chose to Invite Us into His Presence; 4) He Chose to Love Us Forever; and 5) He Chose to Give Us Victory.

The Class meets at 9:30 am every Sunday.

**JOIN US!**



## Clair's Calendar

March 13	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME—Fellowship Luncheon—Directory Photos
March 14	Starlite 11:30 am
March 19	Men's Group 8 am
March 20	Directory Photos (final)
March 29	Serve Food Kitchen 9 am
April 9	Trivia Night at Ebenezer
April 10	Palm Sunday and Fellowship Luncheon
April 17	<b>EASTER</b>
April 23	Safe Sanctuary Refresher for <u>ALL</u> VBS volunteers 10-12 noon at Clair
May 7	<b>FLOWER SALE!</b>

**SAVE THE DATE—VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: JUNE 22; JULY 19-21; AUGUST 3—EVENINGS!**





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Please have Church Directory Information Sheets filled out by March 20! If you have not filled one out, please contact

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If you cannot have your directory picture taken March 13 or 20, you may provide a picture instead!



*Join us Sunday  
March 13 for  
lunch! Bring  
your favorite  
dish and enjoy  
getting to know  
us at Clair!*

