

April 6, 2022

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Join Clair on Palm Sunday and Easter!

Come wave your palm branch on Sunday, April 10, and relive Christ's entry into Jerusalem! We will hear a message about "You are a Group Project."

Scripture: Luke 19: 28-40

Following the service, we will enjoy a potluck fellowship luncheon!

Maundy Thursday services will be held at 7 PM at Ebenezer while Good Friday services will be at 7 PM at Clair.

Easter Sunday is always special at Clair! Ebenezer will have a Sunrise Service at 6:30 AM. Clair will prepare a delicious breakfast and begin serving at 9:30 AM. The children always enjoy the annual Easter egg hunt which will begin at 10:15 AM.

Pastor Cindy will bring the message of hope and resurrection at 11 AM.

Please join us in person or online via Facebook or clairchurch.com.



HELP UKRAINE

Go to <https://www.moumethodist.org/resourcedetail/resource-for-learning-about-and-supporting-ukraine-16379693>

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Robin Pierpoint found friends at Clair



I am from near Maryville, Mo. I attended the United Methodist Church at Wilcox, Mo. I grew up on a farm with six siblings: one sister and five younger brothers. My grandparents lived within a mile of us so we spent a lot of time running up and down the road.

I graduated from West Nodaway High School in 1973 and attended NWMSU for a year. I later graduated from Missouri Western.

Greg and I were married at the Wilcox United Methodist Church on August 5, 1973. I'm retired now but worked with my husband for 40 plus years in our State Farm Insurance agency. Before that, I was a battery inspector at Eveready in Maryville. I also detasseled corn for five summers while in high school. Our children are: Scott, Kent (married to Abby) and Blake. My grandkids are Christopher, Andrea, and Jackson. I love to read romances and cozy mysteries. I especially love to read books centered around quilting and some historical fiction. I am an avid quilter and focus mostly on traditional patterns. I have attended Clair since the fall of 2021. One thing that I really enjoy at Clair is the sense of a family. I was surprised to realize how many people I knew. Everyone is so friendly!

Voices of Courage will conduct training at Clair



All volunteers for the upcoming Bible School will be trained in child abuse detection and prevention on Saturday, April 23, from 10 AM to 12 noon at Clair. The Voices of Courage Child Advocacy Center will conduct this specialized training entitled, "Darkness to Light" and all volunteers who work with children in any capacity are encouraged to attend. Melissa Birdsell, Executive Director of Voices, conducts such

training at local churches, schools and for other groups that deal with children on a regular basis. The training is comprehensive and follows an approved program that is presented across the nation.

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Pastor Cindy Buhman



With only one Sunday to go between now and Easter, we are getting down to the nitty gritty of the season of Lent with our focus on tending to our spiritual lives as we tend to gardens and plants and flowers. Some have tilled their garden spaces. I'm sure there are some potatoes in the ground. And many of us are enjoying the spring flowers that have braved the wind and the cold to do what they do that brings smiles of wonder to our faces.

I am working this week to finalize Holy Week worship plans. I hope you will take the opportunity to tend your spiritual gardens in the days ahead. Ebenezer UMC will host Maundy Thursday worship at 7 PM on Thursday, April 14. This past Sunday's focus was Mary's extravagant act of worship in anointing Jesus' feet with expensive perfume. She demonstrated what it means to be a disciple, to be a servant. Then, in much the same way, Jesus washed his disciples' feet at their last meal together. So, during Thursday's service, you will have the opportunity to participate in foot washing. This is optional, of course, so please don't NOT come because you don't like anyone touching your feet! As we remember Jesus' final meal together with his friends before his arrest, we will share in Holy Communion before hearing scripture from the garden in the Mount of Olives and taking our leave.

On Good Friday, we will gather at Clair UMC at 7 PM to continue the story in a tradition of "tenebrae" or "darkness," descending with Jesus into the depths of our own stories of grief, disappointment, and betrayal. ***There are several reading parts as candles are extinguished. Let me know of your willingness to participate.*** We will leave the sanctuary in silence and in darkness, contemplating Jesus' sacrifice for those he loved, fulfilling his mission of Matthew 1:21 – "And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

You are invited to begin your Easter celebration with a Sunrise Service in Ebenezer UMC's parking lot at 6:30 AM. Clair will serve breakfast beginning at 9:30 AM followed by the annual Easter egg hunt at 10:15 AM. We will have our traditional Sunday morning celebration at 11 AM.

AND, I am looking forward to Holy Humor Sunday on Apr. 24! Blessings, Friends, as Lent 2022 draws near its close. It is an honor to be your pastor.

Pastor Cindy

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Items Needed for Edison Holiday Store in December



At the beginning of December, Edison School has a Holiday Store where students can go to purchase items for \$1 for their family Christmas presents. The PTA and teachers supply items for the store but they always need more. Last year, some friends and I purchased items for the store. I am again collecting things throughout the year to save until November when I take items to them.

They take new and gently used items. We sent games, socks, toiletries, perfumes, flashlights, soft blankets, coloring books, dish towels - just to name a few things. They take cooking items like pots and pans and gifts for fathers and grandfathers.

Everything was so appreciated. If anyone would like to contribute, I would be glad to store donated items until November! **KAREN VULGAMOTT**

Clair's Calendar

April 9	Trivia Night at Ebenezer
April 6-June 1	Membership Classes—6:30 PM each Wednesday
April 10	Palm Sunday and Fellowship Luncheon
April 11	Starlight 5:30 pm
April 12	Administrative Council 6 pm
April 17	EASTER - Sunrise Services 6:30 AM Ebenezer Breakfast 9:30 AM Clair—Easter Egg Hunt 10:15 AM
April 23	<u>Safe Gatherings Refresher for ALL VBS volunteers 10-12 noon at Clair</u>
April 24	Holy Humor Sunday!
April 29	Serve at Food Kitchen 9 am
May 7	FLOWER SALE!

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

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Membership Classes Offered

People interested in membership in Clair UMC are invited to be a part of a membership class which began at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, Mar. 30. The class is open to students 6^{to}-12th grade, to adults interested in church membership or transferring membership to Clair UMC, to any adults wanting to learn more about Christianity and The United Methodist Church, in particular.

The group meets from 6:30 to 8 PM on Wednesdays between Mar. 30 and our membership event on Pentecost Sunday, June 5. Please be sure to let Pastor Cindy know you plan to join the fun!

Don't Miss Clair's Annual Flower Sale! **It's Going to be Bloomin' Fun**



FLOWER SALE
Clair Church
Saturday May 7
9 am - 2 pm
6 Hwy. - 1 mile east of Colony House
Assorted flowers, vegetables and herbs!

**Candles and Lotions
for Sale**

