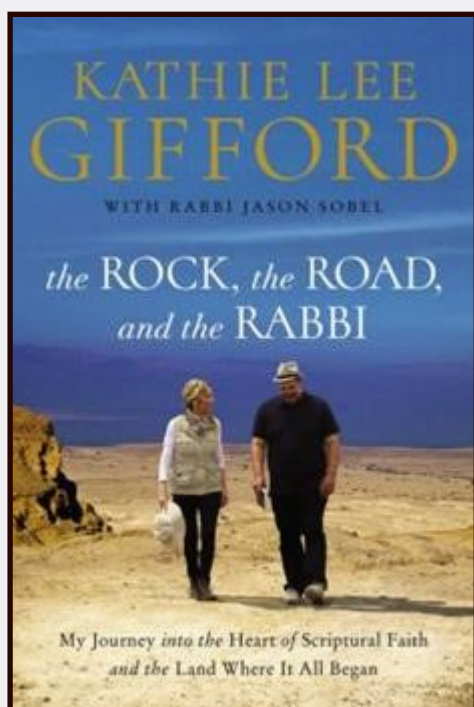


## CLAIR CONNECTION

NW District <http://www.northwest.moumethodist.org/>

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### STARLITE STUD- IES ORIGINAL BIBLICAL TEXTS AS TAUGHT IN “THE ROCK, THE ROAD AND THE RABBI”

Starlite meets the second Monday of each month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There is a business meeting followed by a book study. We meet in the Fellowship Hall socially distanced with masks. We are currently studying *The Rock, the Road and the Rabbi* book and video by Kathy Lee Gifford.

Gifford, with help from Rabbi Jason Sobel, studies Biblical texts in their original Hebrew and Greek. You can watch them actually hike the ancient paths of Israel where the events took place.

Everyone is invited to attend even if you haven't read the book chapter. We will be discussing

Chapter 11 on Monday, April 12. It is lively and interesting discussion when comparing the old language to translations today. Please join us! I am leading the study and would be glad to answer any questions! 816-294-8313 or [kvulga-mo@gmail.com](mailto:kvulga-mo@gmail.com)

Karen Vulgamott

## Supplies Needed

We need to save certain household items NOW that will be used to build props for Vacation Bible School at Clair – evenings, June 27-July 1. See listing below. And also plan to attend the Bible School planning meeting on April 14, at 6:30 p.m. Thanks a lot!

Please save: Empty toilet paper and paper towel rolls  
Empty thread spools; plastic straws & newspaper  
plastic waterproof wraps.

Meredith would like a large barrel—to be used for VBS scenery. Talk to her for more information !

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### **Meet Board Member Harlyn Fritzson**

I lived on a farm in very southern Marshall County, Kansas (about 35 miles north of Manhattan, KS) until I was 12 and my parents then sold the farm to a cousin and we moved to Manhattan. I graduated from Kansas State University in 1968. I am now retired but my career was accounting.

My family has attended Clair UMC since we moved to St. Joe in 1986. We bought our first house in Stonecrest and it was close by.

I have always been a member of the Methodist Church and wanted the atmosphere of country and city in a small church. Clair reminds me of the country church when on the farm with long time family relationships. I actually learned a few years ago, when I went to the funeral at the country church of a lady who was married to one of my mother's cousins, that she was from the Clair area and her dad was the minister at Clair for a few years.

I serve on the board at Clair because I feel it is my duty and I could not say no to Cindy!

My hobbies include yard work and gardening. It is my way of relaxing and forgetting the world's problems. I also enjoy keeping up with my grandkids and attending their games. I am a HUGE K-State fan and enjoy attending games there.

An exciting thing for me was when Sue and I went to Sweden for 10 days in 2000. The wife of a son of my grandmother's sister (Dad's side) took us all around southern Sweden and we met most of their children and grandchildren. My dad's parents came to the US in the 1890's as young adults and met each other, were married, and settled in two small Swedish communities north of Manhattan, KS. We were able to see and tour my grandmother's farm home. We were always considered Swedish when growing up.

My grandfather, Dad's side, came to the US from a small Danish island just off the southeast part of Sweden. I never knew until grown up that my mother was full German. My dad's parents were upset he married a German. That was in 1941 so understandable.

I am also a long time member of the Kiwanis service club organization.

# CLAIR CONNECTION

## Message from the Pastor

### Getting Ready for Holy Humor Sunday!

Knock Knock!

Who's there?

Noah!

Noah who?

I Noah guy if you need an Ark!

Groan!!!

For centuries in all Christian faith traditions, the week following Easter Sunday was observed by the faithful as “days of joy and laughter” with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus’ resurrection and the renewal of the spiritual life of the people. Even though we can’t know for sure, scholars suspect the inspiration for the tradition may have come from the famous Easter midnight sermon of John Chrysostom (344-407 A.D.), who described a vision of Christ confronting the devil and laughing at him.

How to prepare for Holy Humor Sunday...

Practice smiling a lot (try looking in the mirror).

Get those jokes and stories ready to tell.

Begin rejoicing in God now (no need to wait).

Try on a few good belly laughs.

Invite someone to worship who likes to laugh.

Invite someone to worship who needs to laugh.

Wear bright colors to worship.

Be ready to laugh as we celebrate!

**What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?** Absolutely ruthless

**What kind of car does Jesus typically drive?** A Christler.

**Who was the first tennis player in the Bible?** Joseph because he served in Pharaoh’s court

See you on Sunday!

*Pastor Cindy :)*



## **CLAIR CONNECTION**

# Clair's Calendar

Sunday April 11

**Holy Humor Sunday!**

Monday April 12 Starlite/Bible Study 6 p.m.

Wed. April 14 Bible School Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Wed April 28 Youth at Clair 6:30—8 p.m.

Thursday April 29 Serve at Food Kitchen

Monday May 3 Board Meeting

Saturday May 8 **FLOWER SALE** at Clair

June 27-July 1 **BIBLE SCHOOL**



***Join us for Children's Church  
immediately following  
Children's Time in Worship!***



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EASTER BLESSINGS!



# CLAIR CONNECTION

## EASTER BLESSINGS!



Thank you for your generosity in blessing the AFL-CIO during our Easter offering. Treasurer Michelle Clark reports \$780 has been received with more offerings arriving in the mail this week. Our gifts will be designated for utility assistance to help those needing help following the extremely cold February temperatures. Way to go!



The Clair/Ebenezer youth met Wednesday, Mar. 24 for a devotion, food, and fun. The group was introduced to a new dance, The Jerusalema, which got our hearts pumping and challenged our coordination! The students and adults present were reminded of the events of Holy Week and then recorded scripture to be included in the online Holy Week service. Any students grades 6-12 are welcome to join us for the next meeting on Wednesday, April 28 from 6:30 to 8 PM. We will meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month.