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Who Embraces Holy Humor Sunday with a Smile? Clair Church—That's Who!



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Clair Church welcomes the Robertsons!



I grew up on a farm halfway between Maryville and Ravenwood, MO. I have four brothers, no sisters. My first church experience was with my grandma going to VBS many summers ago. My first husband and I moved to St. Joseph when we married in 1972, too young. Five years later, we had our daughter Kimberly and then 4 years later we had twin sons, Kristopher and Keith. Our marriage ended in 1985.

I met Fred at the Parents Without Partners Organization. We became great friends and worked together on many PWP projects for the kids. We married in November 1990.

My first job was cashiering for my grandfather at his strawberry fields. I rode my bicycle the mile to his house arriving by dawn when the customers would come to pick.

As I married at 18 years old, I worked at McDonalds and then I cleaned houses. At age nineteen, I started at Sherwood Medical where I worked assembly on third shift, then into the office doing inventory control on a Cardex system. When computers came to Sherwood, I became the System 36 computer operator. Then the flood of 1993 happened and I lost my job of 19+ years. SAD is an understatement! One thinks after that long you have your whole life planned. I've worked behind a computer most of my life. I'm blessed to have a very loving husband. He put up with me feeling sorry for myself during that time.

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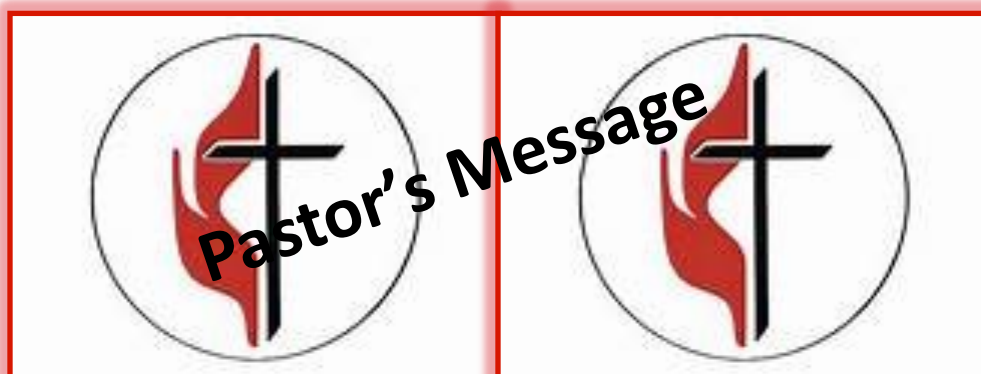
Everyone makes us feel welcome."

Then one day, he came home with the paper and said, "Here is a job I think you are qualified for." He was right. I applied and got the job programming for the SJSD school system. Three years later I was moved to Troester Media Center for SJSD and helped setup the new system and worked there for another 10 years.

In 2006, Fred had a heart attack. Since I knew the warning signs, we were already in the hospital.

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Pastor Cindy Buhman



Sunday's worship was so special for me! What a joy it was to baptize Kelsey Wynes and sons Brecken and Jaxson! Brecken had practiced standing on a stool at the baptismal font and talked about having water poured over his head (like in the bathtub)! He was such a big boy! And then when his family came forward for Communion, he really liked the grape juice and even asked for more! Of course, we adults thought he was precious! But his childlike reaction to the water of Baptism and the bread and juice of Communion were a reminder to me of the wonder of the sacraments. We must never take them for granted.

Even though we may have a theological understanding of the sacraments, what happens during Baptism and Communion is a mystery that our human minds can never fully comprehend. I am anxious to talk to Brecken about his special day to hear what he thought of it all. What he and Jaxson will need to be reminded of throughout their childhood is the promise that the congregation made on the day of their Baptism. It is a promise you all have made each time someone comes to the font to be welcomed into special relationship with God and our community of faith.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

Those are important words to be taken seriously. It means we will be there for Brecken and Jaxson with Sunday School opportunities and Vacation Bible School – that we will do the training required to make sure they are safe – that they have opportunities to learn and grow and serve and witness to the ways Jesus loves them. We have a responsibility to the Wynes family and to all the other families and couples and singles within our congregation as we journey the way of discipleship together.

I look forward to our next Baptism Sunday on June 5 when we will baptize more babies, welcome confirmands and other new members into our congregation!

Blessings, Friends! It is an honor to be your pastor!

Pastor Cindy

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Thus, he had little to no damage. The doctors suggested he needed less stress so we sold our rental properties, the house and the barber shop. We moved to the Mozingo Lake area. He started working in Maryville at a barber shop and I started working for the Northeast Nodaway school system as a secretary. The job was easy but the pay was poor so I searched out a new job and started working at the Maryville Treatment Center (prison) as Administrative Assistant - again on a computer. That is where I retired from in 2016.

My kids started moving back to St Joseph, sons from the Navy, and daughter from south of town. I wanted to return to Joe town to bond with my grandchildren. The eight of them range from 24 to 6 years old.

I used to enjoy remodeling houses and refinishing furniture but my joints don't allow that anymore. I love to read and have belonged to a book club since 2001. I enjoy family gatherings. Fred and I play Scrabble, card games and others almost nightly. I love to cook and create new dishes. Travel is one of my favorite things. My goal is to see every state before I kick the bucket!

We searched for a St. Joseph church to attend without any luck. Last fall, Roxyann invited us to join her at Clair. It felt like our church in Parnell, fairly small, friendly and United Methodist. Pastor Cindy is one of the best pastors I have ever met. Everyone makes us feel welcome. I had never heard of Holy Humor Sunday and truly enjoyed it greatly. I love Cindy's stories. That reminds us of our minister at Parnell who retired.

Clair's Calendar

Now through June 1 Membership classes—
6:30 pm each Wed.

May 5 VBS meeting at Ebenezer 6:30 pm

May 7 **FLOWER SALE! 9 am—2 pm**

May 9 Starlite 5:30 pm

May 10 Administrative Board 6:30 pm
Meal delivered to Sisters of Solace
5 pm

May 15 Fellowship Luncheon

May 21 Men's Group 8 am

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