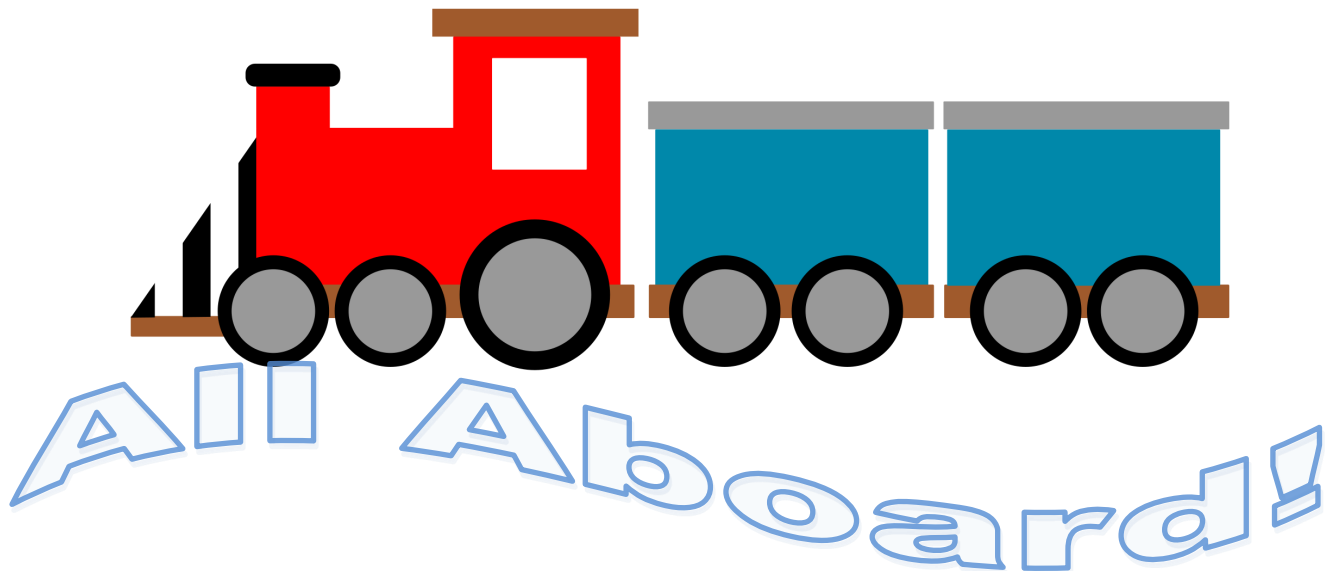


May 5, 2021

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

Missouri United Methodist Conference <http://www.moumethodist.org/>



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 May 12, 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.



***Book Drive Wraps up This Sunday!***

The collection of new and gently loved children's books is growing here at Clair UMC! The book drive ends THIS Sunday, May 9, and the books will be donated next week to United Way for the United Way Take a Book Tuesday and United Way Reading Adventure programs. Those who attended last week's youth meeting spent part of the evening sorting through books in Clair's children's library to donate to the United Way programs. Some even took home books to read! Be sure to check out the shelves of children's books in the room across from the Crusader's classroom in the south hallway of the church.

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**KAREN AND MONTE VULGAMOTT**

I grew up in the Cosby area on a dairy farm. I attended Cosby Zion United Methodist Church. I remember going to youth sunrise services at Clair Church when I was a teenager. Clair, Zion and Hope Church would take turns each year hosting a sunrise service for the three churches.

I attended Northwest Missouri State University and received a BS in Music Education grades 1-12. I also have graduate hours in music and other subjects. I taught grades 6-12 Vocal Music at East Buchanan for 10 years before staying home with our two boys. While at home, I taught music at three preschools and gave voice and piano lessons. When I went back to teaching full time, I was a traveling music teacher with Savannah and Avenue City Schools for 21 years. I loved being a music teacher and seeing how much fun and joy my creative students found in music. We put on musicals and wrote lots of songs and percussion music. They loved learning golden oldie songs and were amazed their grandparents or parents knew them.

I have been married to my husband, Monte, for 41 years. We have two sons. Brent and wife Jessy live in Columbia, Missouri, with their four children: Quinn, 8, Chase 6, Sloane 3, Miles, 1. Craig and Amanda live in St. Joseph with their two boys: Owen 5, and Lucas 2.

We have attended Clair Church for around 30 years. We were attending Cosby Zion for a while but wanted to belong to a church where our boys' classmates attended. We had a blast at Clair when we took the youth on float trips and Colorado skiing trips that Amy Grier organized.

It really touched my heart was when ladies from Clair brought food to my house when my father died. My father wasn't a member at Clair. He was a member at Cosby Zion. It made me feel like they were all giving me hugs and that I was part of a group.

I decided to serve on the Board because I finally felt like I had the time. I wanted to know more about my church so what better way than to get in on the inner workings. In this trying Covid time, I want to help Clair reach out to members and people in need. I was inspired by our minister to serve. Pastor Cindy has so much heart and gives of herself in so many ways. I am hoping to learn much from her.

I love to paint. I paint canvas, rocks, window screens and wood. I sew and quilt wall hangings. I love to walk and ride my bike. You can usually find me reading or listening to a book on tape. My husband and I love to travel and hope to do a lot more of it now that areas are opening back up from the threat of the virus. I love history so I like to read about areas before we go to see what we might like to visit. But best of all is being with my grandchildren and playing with them. They make me smile and laugh. Of course, I think they are the cutest and smartest grandchildren around. 😊

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Clair's Ad Council members watched a webinar at May's regular meeting called "Being the Church in a Post-Pandemic World." The presentation by Kay Kotan, a long-time leader and coach of pastors and churches in the Missouri Conference and beyond, focused on the opportunities congregations now have to do church differently as we move into the post-pandemic world.

*RE-launch* is key to Kotan's coaching – *RE-launch* as opposed to *RE-open* when it comes to getting back to doing church and being the church in the months ahead. "Re-open" indicates that we hit the pause button on our way out the doors in March 2020, and now we are ready to un-pause and pick up where we left off. But, if we remember correctly, the church wasn't in a particularly strong place back then, so why would we want to pick up where we left off?

"Re-launch" allows us to begin again with a clean slate, letting go of things that weren't particularly helpful or successful – things we were doing just because we had always done them. *Re-launch* indicates more of a church planter's mindset with a focus on the community around us. What is our mission? Who is our mission field? How can we be in RELATIONSHIP with those around us who do not already have a relationship with Jesus or with the church? The church's online presence is important to consider, too. We aren't limited to those who physically live close to the church. People can gather virtually from virtually anywhere in the world!

Discussion following the webinar led to conversation about getting people together again, growing relationships, inviting our neighbors and relatives and friends to events, etc. With that in mind, **mark your calendar for a potluck dinner following worship on Sunday, June 6.** We are HUNGRY to get together again!

Here is the link to the webinar if you would like to watch: <https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/ZUPeYI83YIGDOAvVwAJsGVJ2sqXFLS7kQqrg9IDLOQV6UWxqgp6cnxGH4SYz0M-G.K7izshZdfcJ2XLH1>

Blessings as we live into the future!

*Pastor Cindy*

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## Clair's Calendar

Saturday	May 8	FLOWER SALE AT CLAIR
Monday	May 10	Starlite
Wednesday	May 12	Bible School Mtg. 6:30
Wednesday	May 26	Youth at Clair 6:30
Sunday	June 6	Potluck Luncheon!
June 27-July 1 evenings		BIBLE SCHOOL



### Prayer Quilt Tied for Emma D. Grooms 4-25-21



Emma D.'s church family tied this quilt to remind her we are still praying for her