

June 15, 2022



# CLAIR CONNECTION

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## Joint Vacation Bible School Begins June 22 at Ebenezer!



**Wednesday June 22**

**Tues.-Thursday July 19-21**

**Wednesday, August 3**

**5:15 PM for dinner**

**Ends at 8 PM**

**Held at**

**Ebenezer UMC**

Clair is excited to partner with our sister church, Ebenezer UMC, to hold Food Truck Party VBS this year for five days in three separate months! It all begins Wednesday, June 22, at Ebenezer (7000 SE Hwy. 169, St. Joseph) at 5:15 PM. The kids will enjoy a “sample” of the food truck event - a light dinner followed by the opening assembly. Classes will run from 6-7:45 PM (15 minute sessions). At 7:45 PM, there will be the closing assembly with Top Chef and puppet Cupcake.

Then July 19-21, the kids will come together again for three nights of VBS. August 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the last night of VBS- the reunion for the kids!

Top Chef and puppet Cupcake are excited to bring the main course of “Give us this day – our daily bread” to the children along with fun crafts, music and, of course, a real food truck!

Please contact Pastor Cindy to register for the event. And if you cannot make all the dates, no problem! Just let the pastor know when your kids can attend! See you on the 22<sup>nd</sup>!



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### Clair Church—a Caring Family for Patty Hartenbower



I am a life-long resident of St. Joseph MO. I attended school at Bessie Ellison and Central High School. After high school, I attended Northwest Missouri State University - go Bearcats! I can say most of my most memorable times were in the ability to be active in sports. They have been an important part of my life as I enjoy watching all of my four grandchildren in volleyball, basketball, track and baseball. It's a learning experience for the spectators and participants, especially biased grandparents.

I taught and coached at Lafayette High School. I met Scooter at the time. He was coaching at Lafayette. We were married and had a daughter, Nicole. She has two daughters and twin boys which are a big part of what keeps us

busy. I then moved on to teach and coach at Missouri Western in the Physical Education Department. I was able to experience coaching at the college level which was a special part of my career.

Clair Church has been my basis for religion beginning as a young person growing up. I was very active in youth group, with stories to be told - but not in this article! Church camp and activities developed our group to be an important part of our church.

Clair has changed a great deal, all in a positive manner. Our church has always been for me "a caring family" who has always gone above and beyond to give aid to anyone and everyone.

There are several events at Clair which stand out. At Claire's Fair, we generated money to help Claire Weipert, Sherry's granddaughter, in an attempt to help them offset some expenses in her recovery of health issues. It was a total church effort. We also organized a softball tournament which, again, helped with medical expenses for Claire's family.

I can't imagine any other place than Clair Church and what we offer as a congregation of believers in God and his good works to any and all.

Pastor Cindy has made such a difference in her leadership and contagious and energetic direction in faith and what we can accomplish through team work.

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Pastor Cindy Buhman



I'm back from the 2022 Annual Conference excited and inspired! I spent a great, but long, three days in Branson hearing from great speakers and learning new things I am anxious to share with you. We worshiped several times as we celebrated those pastors retiring, those pastors being commissioned and ordained to lead us into the future, those pastors and spouses who have passed away during the last year. After two years of meeting virtually, it was so good to be together and to see old friends in person again.

Greater Things was the theme of this year's conference, based on John 14:11-16. <sup>11</sup> *Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.* <sup>12</sup> *Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.* <sup>13</sup> *And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.* <sup>14</sup> *You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.* <sup>15</sup> *If you love me, keep my commands.* <sup>16</sup> *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—*

The following words describe the theme that gave us focus throughout the weekend:

"John 14:11-16 presents us with a concept that at first glance seems impossible. Jesus not only calls us as disciples to do the work that he has done, but takes it to an entirely different level when declaring 'we will do even greater things.' One critical component separates success from failure as we strive to accomplish this calling. The key to accomplishing greater things is allowing the Holy Spirit to lead us as we discern innovative paths for the future of the ministries to which we are called."

Friends... it does sound impossible. But through the power of the Holy Spirit we trust and believe that all things are possible with God. I look forward to the year ahead with you as we invite the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us in our mission and ministry together. We have accomplished some great things in the past year. I trust and believe that even greater things are in our future. I hope you will join me in praying for and listening to the Spirit's lead. Blessings, Friends! It is an honor to be your pastor.

*Pastor Cindy*



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# Blessed



***Baptisms, Confirmations and New Members!***



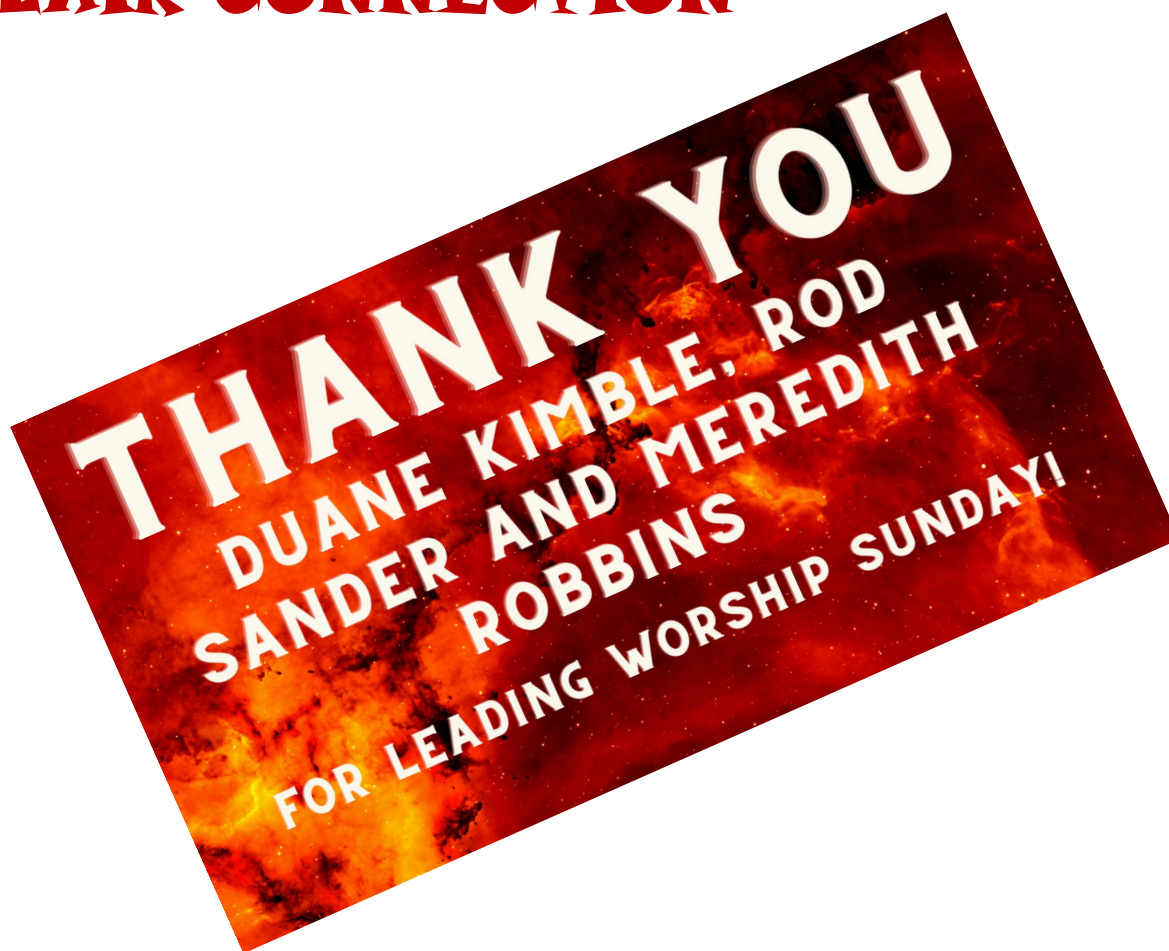


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# Pentecost Blessings



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# **Clair's Calendar**

June 18	Men's Group 8 AM
June 22	Vacation Bible School, 5:15 PM to 8 PM <u>at Ebenezer</u> (evening meal is served)
June 29	Open Door Food Kitchen
July 10	Fellowship Luncheon
July 11	Starlite—5:30 PM
July 12	Administrative Board—6 PM
July 16	Men's Group—8 AM
July 19-21	VBS at Ebenezer—5:15 PM

**Bible School will be split up into five evenings this year: June 22,  
July 19, 20 and 21; August 3!**