

August 24, 2022



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“Whatever you do for the least of these, you do for me”



The Northwest Region of the Missouri Conference of the United Methodist Church will hold a Sharefest on Saturday, September 10, 2022, from 9:30 AM to 3 PM. The event will be held at the Inter Serv Community Building, 5400 King Hill Avenue, St. Joseph, Missouri. This event is part of the Festival of Sharing program which is held annually. You may volunteer for any part of the day – assisting in organizing and packaging various items to be given to those in need.

The Sharefest is also in need of food items to be donated to feed the volunteers that day.

Debbie Wells has a sign up sheet so we can assist in providing chips, hamburger buns, veg/fruit trays, desserts or side dishes.

If you are providing fresh food, please deliver your food to Inter Serv by 9:30 AM on September 10. If you are providing staples (non-perishable) please deliver to Clair by Sunday, September 4, 2022. Please contact Debbie Wells to sign up for food and/or volunteering your time. Thank you!

On September 16-17 at the Civic Arena in St. Joseph, there will be a meal packing event working with the organization Feed My Starving Children (<https://www.fmssc.org/>). Meal kits which will be assembled to be distributed in Ukraine. There is no cost involved. However, volunteers are asked to bring items for their local food pantries: canned corn, green beans, chips, cookies, plain macaroni, Ramen noodles, canned sliced peaches, kool aid, lemonade or olive oil cooking spray. And any monetary donations received will increase the number of meals distributed to families. All donations go directly to purchase food supplies. Currently, funds have been raised for 200,000 meals to be packed.



The website for the local event with links to FAQ's is found at <https://give.fmssc.org/campaign/2209-190sc-st-joseph-mo-helping-people-near-and-far/c410482>. Open registration will

begin on September 2nd on this website. The local event is being organized by Rev. David Stark of 1st Presbyterian in St Joseph (d.stark2@icloud.com). Debbie Wells has a sign up sheet for this event if you can volunteer your time. Donations can be made on the website for the event or made out to FMSC (Feed My Starving Children) and mailed to FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Attn: Meal Packing Event, 301 N. 7th Street, St. Joseph, MO 64501. Thank you!

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Pastor's Message



During Week 1 of the “Greater Things” sermon series we heard from Shelia Gilbert. Miss Shelia is one of the ordinary people through whom God chooses to do extraordinary “greater things” for children in mid-town St. Joseph. She and her husband Kenzie founded “Food for Kids” 15 years ago. The program continues to make a difference in many lives – both in the lives of those who are nourished by the program and in the lives of those who partner with Miss Shelia to serve the community.

Week 2 had us focusing on asking the question, “What are you looking for?” and the invitation to “Come and see.” Noticing the one who is searching, engaging that person in conversation and relationship, and then inviting that person to “Come and see!” is following Jesus’ model for calling his disciples in the Gospel of John. Opportunities for serving are often great ways for family, friends, neighbors, colleagues to encounter Jesus. Debbie Wells shared information about Festival of Sharing and Feed My Hungry Children – two ways to serve and to invite others to serve with you during September right here in St. Joseph!

During Week 3 (Aug. 28), we’ll talk about miracles – the miracles of Jesus’ ministry AND the miracles that happen in our lives. They may not be “turning water into wine” or “walking on water,” but nonetheless, miracles to us. Most often our everyday miracles are due to a trusting relationship that provides care during an important time in our lives. **This week I would like you to think of and about a relationship that has been a miracle in your life, and we’ll talk about it Sunday!**

We’ll wrap up the “Greater Things” series on Sept. 7 with “Believe.” More than anything, Jesus’ ministry in the Gospel of John is about belief – in God, in Jesus as God’s son, in God’s promises to send the Holy Spirit of truth to the disciples even after Jesus is gone. Belief isn’t always easy. But this week in worship, we will explore how the gift of the Holy Spirit helps us to believe in Jesus’ message.

I look forward to exploring these important topics with you! It is an honor to be your pastor!

Pastor Cindy

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Clair Church Family is “hooked” on Fellowship



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Followship Activity



YOU ARE INVITED!

Golf & Mini Golf

Plus Corn Hole and Batting Cages for all ages!

Saturday, September 17

@ 11:00 a.m.

Copper Hill Golf / Prestyn's
6480 SE, US-169, St Joseph, MO

Golfers:

Join us for a round of *Wolf or Skins* on this 9-hole golf course.

Duane Kimble will set up the friendly game!

Cost:

\$17 per round plus \$8 for a cart per person.

Non-Golfers:

Join us for a fun game of Mini-Golf, or a round in the Batting Cage or even a game of Corn Hole! All ages are welcome.

Cost:

\$5 for Mini-Golf. Batting Cage are \$2 token for 15 pitches. The Corn Hole is free.

Blessing From Kate Bowler.....

The year is tilting toward the start
of school again,
but truth be told, we're not ready.
We're still hanging on to summer,
to the promise it held
for long-awaited connections and
celebrations,
for refreshment for our bodies
and souls
in water and sky and color and
sunlight,

and all those little moments given
to us
where we could linger just a little
longer.

Now that it's almost over, we
don't want to let it go.

The beauty. The freedom. All
that was life giving.

God, could you help us stretch it,
extend it,
and maybe even blend it
into this coming school year?

Parents, students, teachers, all,
May your newly-structured days
breathe with creativity,
your new duties be infused with
delight.

As you write on those fresh new
calendars
May you trust that your plans are
a lot like magic ink.
Much may seem to disappear into
obscurity,
but whatever is done in love will
remain. -Amen-

CLAIR'S CALENDAR

Aug. 1, 10, 17, 24 & 31; Sept. 7 Daniel Plan 7 PM

August 25 VBS Wrap Up at Ebenezer 6:30 PM

August 29 Serve at Open Door Food Kitchen

September 6 Administrative Board 6 PM

September 10 Sharefest—Inter Serv 9:30 AM—3 PM

September 11 Fellowship Luncheon

September 12 Starlite Group 5:30 PM

September 16-17 Meal Packing at Civic Arena

September 17 Men's Group 8 AM

Golf Fellowship Event:

Copper Hill Golf 11 AM