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## CLAIR CONNECTION

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### UMCOR Collects Donations for Disaster in Haiti



United Methodists are working with longtime partners in Haiti to respond after a 7.2-magnitude earthquake and storms. Church members helped rebuilding efforts after the 2010 earthquake that claimed the lives of hundreds of thousands people, including United Methodist workers.

The **United Methodist Committee on Relief** is collecting donations and working on next

steps to help the impoverished country, which also faces political unrest, gang violence and COVID-19. United Methodists are reaching out with their prayers and pocketbooks as Haiti faces a devastating earthquake and storm damage.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief is collecting financial donations through its **International Disaster Response and Recovery Advance fund**: <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/999895/>.

The relief arm, part of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries, also is in conversation with partners on the ground about next steps.

"In the aftermath of Saturday's earthquake, we grieve alongside the people of Haiti as the staggering loss of life and level of devastation becomes clear," said Roland Fernandes, the top executive of Global Ministries and UMCOR.



Millions of people are ready to Come Back to Church!

**HOPE  
IS  
HERE!**

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### Festival of Sharing Needs Hygiene Items

The annual Festival of Sharing is scheduled for October 2, 2021, at Cameron UMC. This festival was formerly held in Columbia but there are now multiple locations around the state to drop off donated items. The North-west Region's drop off location (Sharefest) is Cameron.

The Broken and Blessed Bible study group at Clair has been bringing items for the Personal Hygiene Packs. We are asking you to join in! Just bringing individual items is great. We will then assemble complete kits using the individual items. The contents of these packs are (note the requested sizes):

1 bottle skin lotion (10-16 oz.); 1 fluoride toothpaste (6 oz. or more); 1 toothbrush (in original package); 1 bath-size bar of soap (in package); 1 bottle shampoo (12-16 oz.); 1 deodorant; 1 washcloth; 2 razors (disposable); 1 comb or brush; 1 hand towel



## Sew, You Want a Quilt?



The Festival of Sharing hosts an annual quilt auction to raise funds for the Church World Service Blankets Program ([www.cwsblankets.org](http://www.cwsblankets.org)) which helps people rebuild their lives after disasters. The 2020 auction was held online only and folks from around the U.S. had the opportunity to bid on 92 beautifully quilted items. Proceeds for CWS totaled \$10,322.12; that represents 1,032 blankets of hope and comfort!

**2021 Quilt Auction:** Please Join us Sunday, November 7th through Saturday, November 13th, 2021 for an online auction. Quilt photos, details, and bidding directions will be accessible from our quilt auction webpage one month prior to bidding going live at [www.festivalofsharing.org/quilts](http://www.festivalofsharing.org/quilts).

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### MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

I love back to school time! Granted... my boys have long finished their first day of school pictures, and my trips to school for the first day drop off were completed longer ago than I want to remember! BUT... I relive the excitement, anticipation, and, maybe, some apprehension through my grandsons as they head out for new adventures.

And it is an adventure full of possibilities. That's what I love about getting back to school – new classrooms, new teachers, a new group of fellow students, new friends, new skills to learn, a chance to start fresh, leaving the old behind.

I look at this time in the church in the same way. It's a chance to start fresh, a re-launching in a way. I have really enjoyed these last several weeks of the *Broken and Blessed* sermon series and Bible study. The weekly small groups reminded me how much I love those gatherings and have missed the in-depth study. I look forward to another study soon.

We have an opportunity to really step up this fall with the Back to Church Sunday campaign. The big day is Sunday, Sept. 19 with a focus on HOPE IS HERE. Be thinking about who you can invite to join us – either in person or online for a 4-week series on HOPE – Hope for the Weary, Hope for the Broken, Hope for the Underdog, Hope for the Doubter. I will be leading small groups much like the recent Broken and Blessed Bible study, both in person and online. Be watching for the sign-ups for those groups.

Mark your calendars and SAVE the DATE: Sunday, September 19 for BACK to CHURCH!



Pastor Cindy Buhman

## Clair's Calendar

July 14-August 26	Bible Study (Wed. nights 6:30 pm Ebenezer & Thurs. 1:30 pm Clair)
September 8	Administrative Council Mtg
September 12	Fellowship Dinner
September 13	Starlite
SAVE THE DATE:	SEPTEMBER 19 - Back to Church Sunday!



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### Clair Serves Up Ice Cream to Celebrate Missouri

