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WELCOME!

Hello Clair Friends! And welcome to our first newsletter in a long time. We want you to know about all the great things happening here at Clair UMC so stay tuned and stay connected!

Pastor Cindy Buhman

New Adult Sunday School Class Begins Via Zoom March 7!

Rod Sander will lead his Sunday School class “Come Together” in a study of “Dream Big” by Bob Goff which will help us take steps to pursue our dreams and make life matter. Contact Rod at rdsander3@gmail.com if you would like to receive a Zoom invite for this compelling class!

SIGN UP FOR FLOCK NOTE!

Keep in touch with Clair via Text and Email.

Crusaders Study “Anxious for Nothing”

Join the Crusaders Class in person or via Zoom to hear Max Lucado explain God’s treatment plan for anxiety and leaving your concerns with God. Contact Debbie Wells at djrl5851@gmail.com if you prefer to attend via zoom.!

Text Clairchurch to 84576 OR visit Clairchurch.com to sign up!

March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Brd meeting	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Starlite Bible Study	9	10	11	12	13
14 PIE Sunday!	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Food Kitchen	30	31			

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Message from the Pastor

I first became interested in journalism during high school, taking a class, working on the school newspaper, editing the year book. I majored in broadcast journalism in college, worked for a couple of weekly newspapers, started an elementary newsletter when my boys were young. And throughout my years of ministry, there has been an outlet for sharing the news – not just the Good News of Jesus Christ, but also the news of ministry – the ways we are being the church, the body of Christ in our community.

So... I am very pleased to welcome you to our first Clair UMC newsletter in a long time. Debbie Wells has agreed to put her journalism degree to use as she gathers news to keep you updated and connected. The earliest iterations of my newsletters were literally cut and paste! The 21st century provides all the latest tools and gadgets to make our work easier and more easily accessible to you all. I am so grateful to Debbie for her commitment to this new adventure.

I continue to look forward each Sunday to our Lenten worship series called: “Holy Vessels – a Lenten Season of Recovery.” This past year has been a real challenge, hasn’t it? But I am encouraged about the direction we’re headed as far as COVID-19 is concerned. Many have had the vaccine, at least one dose, anyway. We are seeing numbers decline. While there are still many who are really sick, progress is being made. We still must be vigilant in our handwashing, and careful in our mask wearing and distancing, but many are feeling hopeful. I have been so grateful for the technology that allows us to livestream our worship each Sunday. It has become an important ministry tool for us, one we will continue to use even as our in person worship numbers increase.

Blessings to you all. I hope you are staying safe and well. I look forward to seeing you in person soon! Enjoy this week’s newsletter!

Pastor Cindy



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GENEROSITIES!

\$1100 collected for fire victims

\$210 collected for youth LEAP event blankets

Valentines shared with friends

Safe Gatherings training completed

Canned goods collected for InterServ & Starlight helped with house cleaning

To chat with Clair during broadcast of YouTube services, you must create your own YouTube account (FREE). You will then be able to see all chat during the service. You can tell us how many are watching, ask questions and list prayer concerns for the Pastor! Questions? Debbie Wells djrl5851@gmail.com



FROM THE DISTRICT

News was shared this week about plans for change in the number of districts in the Missouri Conference. Right now, there are nine districts. The proposal coming from the Missouri Conference Mission Council is to reduce the number of districts and district superintendents to five in an effort to respond to a decreased number of churches in the state and to better align budget and apportionment needs. You can read the proposal and watch a video presentation at the conference website: www.moumethodist.org, as well as see responses to Frequently Asked Questions.

On the website there are sign ups to attend virtual Town Hall presentations to hear more and to have questions answered. Those will be happening in early March. I hope you will take advantage of these opportunities to be informed. The proposal will be officially presented and a vote taken at Annual Conference coming up in June, 2021. Changes would take effect on July 1, 2022. Duane Kimble and I will represent Clair and Ebenezer at Annual Conference this year. – Pastor Cindy

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