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Window Colors Have Biblical Meaning

Even the coloring used in Clair's stained glass windows has meaning:

Red is representative of the blood of Christ and serves as a reminder of his suffering.

Blue is for the sky or heaven. This color is also associated with the Virgin Mary and the emotions of hope and sincerity.

Green is used to depict grass, nature, spring, and new beginnings.

Green is also used to represent faith and immortality.

White is commonly used to represent God, innocence and purity.

Black is a less commonly seen color in stained glass design as it represents death.

Purple is often used to depict royalty or God the Father.

Yellow is symbolic of the gates of heaven, divinity and power.

Clair's Calendar

July 14-August 26	Bible Study: (Wed. nights 6:30 pm Ebenezer & Thurs. 1:30 pm Clair)
July 22 Thurs.	Bible School Wrap Up 6:30 pm
Aug. 5 Monday	Administrative Council

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Say Hello to Board Member Pat Schneider!



“Clair has always been a close-knit country atmosphere community . . so this made me feel like I had a large family”



I was born and raised in St Joseph. I grew up in the North End and attended Lindbergh and Lafayette. I grew up attending Savannah Avenue Baptist Church.

I retired from SJSJ Food Services after 14 years as a lunchroom cashier. I also worked at Drippy Floral as the accounts person and secretary to the company vice president. I also worked at Thompson Brumm Knepper Clinic and in the office of an ear nose and throat specialist doing dictation transcriptions. I worked at Mothers’ Day Out at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

Ross and I have been married 41 years and have three children: Brianna, Laura and Patrick. I started attending Clair in 1979 when Ross and I got engaged.

My memories of Clair include helping with Bible School and the different dinners that were held here. I did try playing slow pitch soft ball on the church team and ended up as catcher. My favorite things to do are cook and work outside in the yard and garden.

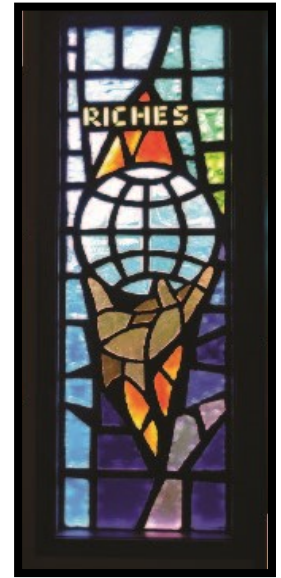
Clair has always been a small, close-knit country atmosphere community of people who grew up in this area - which is also why I agreed to serve on the board. I am an only child so this made me feel like I had a larger family.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



Broken and Blessed Bible Study

It isn't too late to join the *Broken and Blessed* Bible study – based upon Jessica LaGrone's book by the same name. The 6-week study begins THIS Wednesday, July 14, at 6:30-8 PM at Ebenezer or Thursday, July 15, at 1:30-3 PM at Clair. We'll see a video component, talk about the previous Sunday's sermon, and

explore scripture dealing with the Broken and Blessed families from Genesis and other books. Everyone is welcome. A virtual on-line option is available, too, if you aren't able to attend in person. Contact me with questions: 816-724-1174.

On another topic... as COVID cases, hospitalizations, and deaths increase in our area, please be careful and take good care of yourselves, especially as you travel this summer.

And... as you travel and are away from home, please remember that you can still "attend" worship with us via live stream! We miss you when you are away!

Summertime blessings...

Pastor Cindy :)

Thank you!

**To Meredith Robbins and Clair and Ebenezer volunteers
for making our joint 2021 Vacation Bible School a wonderful success!!**

SAVE THE DATE

Aug. 10—6-8 pm

Free ice cream cones

Culver's—corner of Frederick & Riverside

To celebrate

Missouri's 200th

Anniversary!



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

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

Think Beyond the Offering Plate



“Placing a financial contribution in the offering plate, we learn to place our lives in God’s hands and offer ourselves in God’s service”



I previously mentioned that Pastor Cindy, Michelle Clark and myself committed to a year-long stewardship cohort. Part of that curriculum was picking a book to read on the subject of stewardship as a group. We will then summarize the book for the rest of the stewardship team on one of our monthly Zoom meetings. Our group picked the book “Beyond the Offering Plate” by Adam Copeland. I thought the following excerpt regarding worship was thought provoking.

“Worship might also be understood as a school for the stewardship of spiritual gifts: gathering at the church’s sanctuary, we learn to be attentive to the presence of God in every place; confessing our sins and receiving the assurance of pardon, we learn to seek reconciliation in the world and forgive those who sin against us; hearing the Word read and proclaimed, we learn to recognize and listen for God’s voice at all times, standing to affirm our faith, we learn to stand up and speak out for what is right; placing a financial contribution in the offering plate, we learn to place our lives in God’s hands and offer ourselves in God’s service; receiving the bread and cup at Christ’s table, we learn to receive the grace of God as a gift and respond with great thanksgiving; going forth from the doors of the church, we learn to step out in faith and cross boundaries for the sake of the gospel; glorifying and enjoying God in worship, we learn the meaning and purpose of all life: to glorify and enjoy God forever.”

Debbie Wells

