

June 2, 2021

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Clair Plans 1st 2021 Potluck

Join us June 6 following worship!

Bring a dish or two to share! 😊

Grace House Needs Supplies

We will be collecting school supplies, back packs, children's underwear, socks and tooth-brushes for Grace House beginning June 6 through July 4! Grace House is at 2638 Lafayette and is a non-profit thrift store. Everything is free to those in need. Grace House screens all applicants before allowing them to "shop" and also limits items per family. They provide clothing and small household items. Last year, they assisted 1,192 students with school supplies. **Let's help them out!**



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Board Member Sharaon Hinderks Shares Her Story



“If I can bring a little light to their lives, I have served the Lord to the best of my ability.”

I was born in St. Joseph and then moved to Washington State for two years when I was four. My dad was a welder at the shipyards in Tacoma. We moved back here so my dad could farm. We rented a house from Patty Hartenbower’s grandmother and then my dad bought a farm at Avenue City. We started going to Clair Church when I was six years old. I have attended Clair for 76 years.

I was a telephone operator for five years right out of high school at Savannah. I then worked at Montgomery Wards when the mall opened. I went to work at the First Trust Bank after six months and stayed in banking for 41 years. I retired and then became a realtor for 10 years. I am now working at Freudenthal Home Health. I graduated from Missouri Western in 1991 after going to school at night for 20 years.

My children are Mark, wife Mary Ann – children Carson, Conner and Calla; daughter Kim, husband Chris – children Taylor, Danielle, twins Nicholas and Natalie and Andrew; daughter Stephanie and children Tim, Kaitlynn and Tom. I have 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The memories at Clair are great. I was sitting in the front pew with my friends, Karen Schindler and Janice Fankhauser, during a very important revival and we started giggling. My mother got up from her seat and came and got me. One year, Virginia Patton was my Sunday School teacher and gave us all Bibles with our names inscribed. I had just accepted Jesus and it met so much to me.

I love all the people here and I love our pastor. Also, it brings tears to my eyes when we sing and I remember all the people in the past who have attended - some of my relatives and some great examples to me when I was growing up.

I think everyone should serve on the board and do their part. It is also very educational.

My hobbies are traveling, flower gardening, shopping, playing Mahjong and reading. I love learning new things.

I love my job – taking care of older people or people who are ill. If I can bring a little light to their lives, I have served the Lord to the best of my ability.

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Let Our Light Shine Through the Darkness

Clair Church was excited to re-dedicate the stained glass windows in the sanctuary on Sunday, May 30. This re-dedication was due to the accomplishment of finally being able to have the seven beautiful windows lit at night. This was possible due to the love and generosity of memorial gifts made in honor of Lowella Nold, Luella Rinard and Virginia Patton. These women were so instrumental in the church life at Clair for many years. Clair cannot thank those who donated these gifts enough. Clair Church has been the “light on the hill” for over 100 years but now, the beauty of Clair will shine out into the night – giving comfort and peace.

The current church building was built in 1975-1976 and dedicated on July 4, 1976. Rev. E. L. Dierking presided over the capital campaign to build the “new” building. At the first meeting of the Building Committee March 13, 1975, it was suggested that there be 10 windows of chunky stained glass in the sanctuary and the expected cost would be \$250 each. By August, Rev. Dierking presented pictures of the windows to the committee – representing the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit – Power, Riches, Wisdom, Strength, Honour, Glory and Blessing. The cost would now be \$360 a window. Members of the congregation purchased the windows so those funds did not come out of the building budget. Among other members, John and Lois Anderson purchased a window. That window was Wisdom. Marge and Willard Sander purchased the Honour window. Both of these families have always sat in the row of pews corresponding with the window they purchased.

Dixie Leslie recalls that the following families were very involved in making the new building a reality: Ollie and Marge Schneider, Cliff and Evelyn Schindler, Jack and Dolly Schindler, Willard and Marge Sander, John and Virginia Patton and Fritz and Wanda Klein.

The building committee consisted of: Cecille Benson, Chairman; Teresa Klein, Secretary; Ralph Hogue, Rod Sander and Bill Gonder.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



In the last newsletter and during this past Sunday’s sermon, I suggested a key factor of Pentecost is the story of Jesus Christ being heard in a variety of languages. Translating that idea to the Church in 2021, it means we must find a way to tell the story – the same story of 2000 years ago – in a language our neighbors today can understand.

To figure out what that language is, we have to know our neighbors – to get to know them beyond just knowing who they are. We have to build relationships. And building anything requires work – being intentional – sitting down with someone to find out what makes them tick – using the 5 Ws from Journalism 101: who, what, where, when, why? – and being willing to share the same information about ourselves. Depending upon your introvert/extrovert level, those conversations may be challenging, if not downright intimidating! But like my exercise video leader says, “You just have to get started!”

We went to a family wedding on Saturday. Talk about feeling OLD! I sat down at a table with a handful of 15-20 somethings to hear about what they were doing in school and life. I asked some questions. But, mostly, I listened. Honestly, they were speaking a different language! I tried not to embarrass myself! I learned some things I didn’t know. But, most importantly, I hope the nieces and nephews at the table know I care enough about them to invest time in conversation.

I’m going to make a list of people I want to invite to have coffee with me. Your list may be who you will invite to next Sunday’s fellowship dinner or to Sunday School or to worship or to Vacation Bible School or to have a cup of coffee. I would love to hear how it goes!

Pastor Cindy :)

Clair's Calendar

Sunday	June 6	Potluck Luncheon!
June 6—July 4		Collect Grace House items
Monday	June 7	Board meeting
Wednesday	June 9	Bible School Mtg. 6:30
Monday	June 14	Starlite
June 27-July 1	evenings	BIBLE SCHOOL