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Books collected will be given to
kids across our community to help
build home libraries.

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Coach Duane Kimble Joins Clair's "Team"



*"Spending time
with others on
Clair service
projects is
fulfilling"*

My dad was a Navy jet fighter pilot, so I grew up in various places throughout the United States. When my dad was transferred, he took the family with him, always taking routes to historic sites, national monuments, and national parks where we would often camp. Some of the locations that I grew up in were Independence MO, Chicago IL, Jacksonville FL, Norfolk VA, New Orleans LA, Monterey, San Francisco and San Diego CA. The bulk of the years were spent in San Francisco, San Diego, and Independence. We always tried to attend a United Methodist Church at our transfer location. We would often find a church to attend when we went camping.

I earned my B.S. Degree in Secondary Education from NWMSU in 1974 and earned my M.S. degree in Secondary Ed. from there in 1981. My certification in Secondary Ed. was in driver education, health, and P.E. I went back to school at Missouri Western State University in 1984/85 to earn my science certification in secondary education.

I taught and coached in secondary education for 34 years. I taught driver education, health, and P.E. for six years at Bishop LeBlond H.S. from 1976 to 1982. I was the assistant cross country Coach and assistant Track Coach my first year and Head Coach of both sports the following five. LeBlond's 1979 track team is the only boys track team in school history to win a Conference Championship. I taught at Spring Garden Middle School and coached at Benton H.S. for 28 years from 1986 to 2014. I taught 7th and 8th grade science at Spring Garden during that time. I was nominated several times for St. Joseph School District Teacher of the year. I was head Cross Country Coach at Benton and both Assistant and Head Track Coach during those years. Benton qualified 19 cross country teams to the state championships from 1986 to 2014 including

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nine top 10 finishes and one state championship. I was fortunate to be named Missouri Cross Country Coach of the Year in 1989 and St. Joseph Sports, Inc. Coach of The Year in 2011.

My wife's name is Jane. I fell in love with her immediately and we were married in the summer of 1972. This August, we will celebrate our 49th year of marriage. My children are Erin and Jacob. Erin, her husband Marcus, and my two grandsons, Dawson and Brecken, live in Shawnee, Kansas. Jacob, his wife Katie, our two grandsons Connor and Reid and one granddaughter Collins, live in St. Joseph. Jane and I started going to Clair in 1977 and have now been attending here for 44 years.

Some memories I have from Clair include that there were a couple of years in the early 1980's that we had a haunted barn and hayride at the Cornelius Farm. We used a real coffin and strobe light along with the normal array of masks and makeup to challenge all who dared to enter. We had a lot of fun taking the youth group to South Missouri in the early 80's for an overnight camping and float trip. Both of our children were baptized with water from the River Jordan that my mother brought from her trip to the Holy Land. Our daughter was also married at Clair in 2001.

The willingness to help others in need and extend a helping hand all while having fun are memories that I will always carry with me when I recall memories at Clair. I have served in various capacities at Clair during my time here but never on the board. When Cindy asked me to serve, I felt pretty nervous about the decision. I knew it was something that I should and could do. I felt that at this time I needed to be more involved in the life of the church.

At this point in my life, my favorite things to do are spending time with all of my grandkids or running around the countryside watching them play sports. I enjoy spending time golfing with a group of men at Fairview Golf Course. I also enjoy following the Royals and the Chiefs.

I enjoy my time at Clair. Spending time with my Sunday School Class, time worshiping during service, or spending time with others on service projects are all fulfilling and help keep me focused on what direction God wants me to keep moving in.



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TO THOSE LAWN MOWING
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**JOE BUHMAN AND
WAYNE WEIPERT**

WE APPRECIATE YOU

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

I **LOVE** Pentecost! I love the red, the flames, the excitement of the arrival of the Holy Spirit! Last Sunday we heard Jesus instruct the disciples to stay in Jerusalem to wait for the Holy Spirit. They followed his instructions, watching and waiting, until the Spirit arrived. You can read the account in Acts 2:1-41.

A big take away for me from the Pentecost story has to do with languages. Faithful folks from near and far had come to Jerusalem to observe the Festival of Pentecost, so the city was full of people speaking different languages. Imagine their confusion and amazement when they heard their own languages coming from the Upper Room: “And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!”¹² They stood there amazed and perplexed. “What can this mean?” they asked each other.

Well... we understand it to mean that “the wonderful things God has done” through Jesus Christ were accomplished for **EVERYONE** – not just a few. Remember, God shows no partiality.

If we think about “languages” as the way we understand best, we can translate “languages” to mean our worship language, whether we understand best in traditional worship or a more modern style; whether we like to hear the organ or prefer piano or guitar; the King James translation of the Bible or The Message. You get the idea. The “language” I prefer is different from what my mother likes which is different from what my sons and my grandchildren need to hear about the wonderful things God has done.

There is no **ONE** right way to do church! I guess that is why there are so many different options to choose from! I hope we can be open to speaking other worship languages, especially when it comes to meeting the needs of our younger friends and their friends. The important thing is that we continue to share the message. The message is the same as it has always been – just heard in a different language.

May you be inspired and empowered by the Holy Spirit!

Pastor Cindy :)

Congrats to our Open Door Food Kitchen Crew! They were featured in the latest Volunteer Spotlight!

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Clair's Calendar

Wednesday	May 26	Youth at Clair 6:30
Sunday	June 6	Potluck Luncheon!
Monday	June 7	Board meeting
Monday	June 14	Starlite
June 27-July 1	evenings	BIBLE SCHOOL



Clair kids learn about Jesus “passing the baton” during Ascension Sunday

