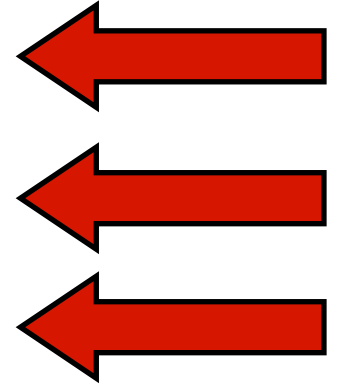


May 1, 2024

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

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



SHHHHH!

Family is having a surprise card shower for Dixie Leslie's 90th birthday on May 19!

695 College St.
Union Star, MO 64494



BACKPACKS NEEDED!

We are collecting backpacks for all ages for the Foster Care division of the Children's Division. Please put a comfort item in the backpacks - toy for younger kids or pens, toothbrush, etc. for teens.

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We talked about bearing fruit on Sunday in response to Jesus' words: *"I am the vine. You are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit."* That's our job as followers of Jesus Christ. I found Karoline Lewis' statement to be especially thought-provoking: *"While the branches cannot live without the vine, the vine doesn't have much to give without the branches. The mutual need between Jesus and his disciples is an over-overlooked component of discipleship in the Gospel of John."*

We definitely need Jesus. But Jesus needs us, too! Think about John 3:16 – *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."* How can God love the world without us? Jesus commissions his disciples in John 20:1 – *"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."* Who will Jesus send if not us? Who will be his voice, the hands, the feet of Jesus in the world if not us?

I challenged us on Sunday morning to be attentive to God's leading to bear fruit. If we ask God to show us what we are to do, then we must not be surprised when opportunities present themselves throughout the week! Here are some immediate needs here at Clair UMC for you to practice bearing fruit:

+ Children's Sunday School helper – Volunteer to be on a rotation of helpers for two different age groups on Sunday mornings. I promise you will be blessed as you are a blessing!

+ Lawn Care Team – Join the team that cares for the church lawn through mowing, weed-eating, weed control, picking up sticks, etc. Again, I promise you'll be blessed with stars in your crown!

Other opportunities include making phone calls, sending cards, visiting, sharing gifts of food, running errands, providing transportation, donating to the backpack project or the collection of hygiene items. We have hospice volunteers among our congregation, along with those who volunteer to work with school children. And there are always jobs, big and small, that need to be done around the church building.

Let me know what things you are doing to live out your discipleship. How are you bearing fruit?

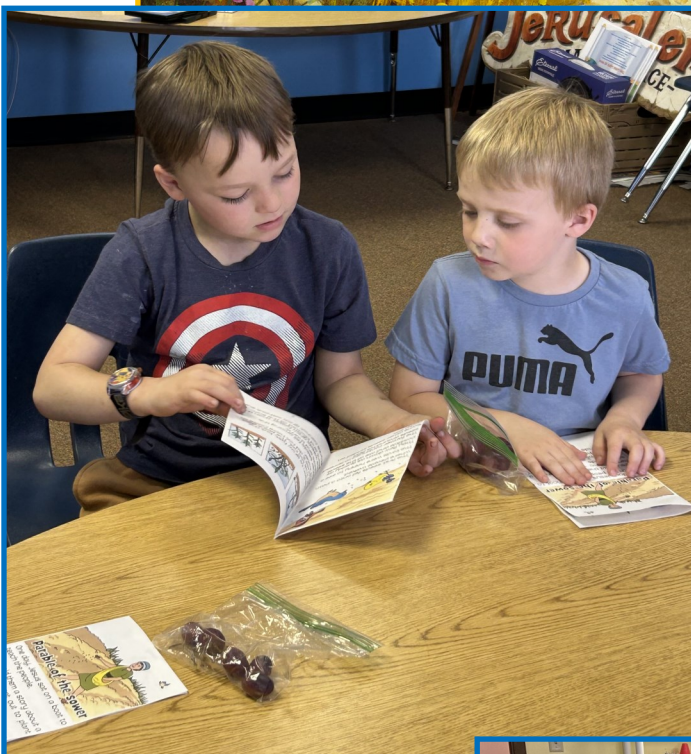
Membership Event – Sunday, June 2

Sunday, June 2 will be a great day for our congregation as we baptize and welcome into church membership several folks among us during worship. Let me know if you want to be included!

As always, Friends, it is an honor to be your pastor!

Cindy

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RUN
FOR THE PRIZE
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 16-18, 2024
DINNER 5 PM
BIBLE LESSONS AND CRAFTS
5:30-7:30 PM

Games **Fun**

CLAIR CHURCH
2 SE 68TH RD.
ST. JOSEPH, MO
QUESTIONS: 816-233-0042

Men's Group cautiously prepares for new construction!!



Now through May The Chosen Study Series 6:15 PM—Wednesdays at Clair

May 4 **FLOWER SALE 9 AM—2 PM**

May 6 **CONSTRUCTION BEGINS!!**

NO FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON ON MAY 12—MOTHER'S DAY!!

May 13 **Starlight Group 6 PM at Joy Sander's home**

May 14 **Administrative Council 6 PM**

May 18 **Men's Group 8 AM**

May 29 **Serve Open Door Food Kitchen 9 AM**

June 2 **MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY (Baptisms and new members welcomed)**

SAVE THE DATE: June 23 - Pastor Cindy's last sermon at Clair & Retirement Celebration

June 30 **Due date for backpacks collected for foster kids**

July 7 **Rev. Crystal Karr assumes the helm!**

SAVE THE DATE: July 16-18 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 5 PM-7:30 PM

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