

July 24, 2024

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Clair VBS Brings Home the Gold!



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These last three weeks have been wonderful and busy. Since I have been serving as your pastor, I have had an onboarding meeting with the leadership in both churches. I listened and am implementing many ideas that have been presented and am excited about our future together.

We had our Vacation Bible School and 25 children participated. I want to thank Michelle Clark for leading VBS and all the hard work from the volunteers who helped with the children. The children donated 182 food items for people in need in our community.

We are currently putting together a church directory and will be taking pictures after church the first two weeks in September. Please check the contact information for you we have on file to make sure it is correct. If you have any questions about the directory, please contact Roxyann Schreiber.

We have been praying over the pews on a weekly basis. If you or a group would be willing to pray over pews, please sign-up on the calendar in the sanctuary.

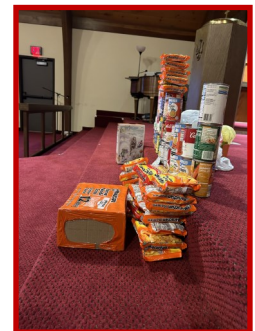
We are starting a youth group, which will have their first meeting on September 1st at 6 pm. They will be at Clair UMC for the first month and will be switching with Ebenezer every other month afterwards. The group will consist of 6th through 12th grade, and we will have youth from both Clair and Ebenezer together. They will be focused on volunteering in our community and beyond. It will give a firm foundation for our youth as they grow beyond our church doors. Our long-term goal is to have a mission trip for the summer of 2025.

As we continue to grow and thrive the following scripture comes to mind, *"I can do all things through Him who strengthens and empowers me."* Philippians 4:13 (AMP) It is an honor to be your pastor at Clair United Methodist Church.

Blessings upon you all, **Rev. Crystal Karr**



Danny Good Deeds loved counting all the 182 items donated to the Salvation Army's Food Pantry by VBS kids!!



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Olympic-Themed VBS was a winner for Clair!



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We will collect New Tennis Shoes only July 1-28 at Clair. These shoes will be given to children August 12-13 by the AFL-CIO. Sizes: Toddler: 5-10; Youth 11-6 and all adult sizes. Monetary donations are also appreciated!



WHAT'S HAPPENING

July 1-28	Collect <u>new tennis shoes</u> for Soles for Christ
July 27	Eric Dale competes in state Special Olympics
July 29	Serve Open Door Food Kitchen 9 AM
August 4	Holy Communion at 11 AM worship
August 11	Fellowship Luncheon
August 12	Starlight 6 PM
August 13	Administrative Council 6 PM
August 17	Men's Group at Clair 8 AM
August 29	Serve Open Door Food Kitchen 9 AM