THE CLARION

AUGUST 2025

CLARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Making Disciples of Jesus by Helping People Know God, Grow in Faith, and Share Christ's Love



In Loving Memory



Barbara Jane Mahon
Sept. 15, 1932 - July 19, 2025
Barb was a long time member of
Our church family and will be deeply
missed. She was our organist, pianist,
Chancel Choir Director, and
Bell Choir Director over the years.
All was very much appreciated
Our prayers go out to her family.



CLARE UMC STAFF AND SCHEDULE

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Jolie Miller

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Church Office phone: 989- 386-2591 10:00 - noon & 1-4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday

Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 9 a.m.

DO YOU HAVE CONCERNS?FEEL FREE TO EMAIL OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM EMAILS:

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From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings in Christ! First and foremost, I want to say a big thank you to everyone for the amazing way you've welcomed our family into the church and the community. From the warm greetings to the thoughtful touches around the church and in the parsonage, we've truly felt at home from day one. It's clear that a lot of love and effort went into getting everything ready for us, and we're so grateful. We're really excited to be here and can't wait to grow and serve together with all of you. I am also thankful to you for your grace and patience as

we begin this process of getting to know each other (and I learn the order of worship). My wife Elizabeth and I have talked about it several times, something we have felt since we've arrived here. This church has a special energy and strength about it. Of course, it is God and love in action. We can talk all day about loving God and loving our neighbor. It is a joy to see this church actually following through with it. I am so excited to serve you and the community. My hope is to help add to the education in spiritual growth, seek opportunities to serve, and continue to let people know that our church is a positive, welcoming, and uplifting place for anyone to come. It's true, there is much work to be done, but it will be a joy to do it with you all! And so let us keep in our minds and in our hearts the words of Psalm 90:17, "Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands..." Amen! Peace and blessings always!



HAPPY AUGUST!! FROM CHIPPY

I want to share today about the love I get from little children. I am very well-known at the Preschool Child Care Center. My mom & I go for a walk around the church and if the Children are outside. They holler from the top of their voices, "Chippy! Chippy! Come and see us!" (most of the time we will go over and see them for a couple minutes).

What if we turned to other people and shared that love and attention to them, like the children do at our Preschool Child Care Center to me?

I love those children and they love me© In the Bible it says to love like a child.

Ephesians 5:1&2 ¹ Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

3 Alexia Kruskamp Chloe Isaac Lisa Curtis Patsy Tickle

5 Jenny David

7 Robert Banard Jean Burrows

10 Zak Clement-Bremer Laurie Hilyard

11 Dana Mahon

12 Jennifer (Bailey)Stevens

13 Marie Johnson

14 Eric Isaac

16 Viola Curtis

17 Kenneth Teall

18 Liz Moore

21 Jacob Cassiday Mike Hilyard Taylor Seibt

22 Paul Atwood Nancy Nevill Abigal Zastrow

24 Sheri Brown Adalin Castillo

30 Cristian Kunse Cole Stark





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Free Drive-Through Mobile Food Distribution
Greater Lansing Food Bank- Clare County

Saturday - August 2, 2025
Registration: Starts at 9:00 a.m.





Clare County Fairgrounds
418 Fairlane St., Harrison MI 48625

Please Note:



- . LIMIT OF 6 FAMILIES PER VEHICLE
- Don't forget your registration tag!
- Anyone in need of food can attend a GLFB mobile distribution.
- You do not need to provide identification or proof of residency to receive food.
- If you are unable to attend a distribution, someone else may pick up food on your behalf.
- Drivers and passengers are required to stay in vehicles at all times.
- Food will be placed in your trunk or backseat.
- Volunteers are always appreciated.











The Greater Lansing Food Bank - Clare County Food is an equal opportunity provider



CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONNECTION



"Hearts and Herbs"

Thursday, August 14, 2025 11:45 – 1:45 p.m.

Special Feature: Growing and Using
Herbs with Mary Mast from
Rainbow Greenhouse,
Clare

Inspirational Speaker: Jean Pyper, from Lafayette, IN. You will not want to miss Jean's story of grit and giggles which will take you from her emotional shutdown to a heart of joy, in "Let's have a Heart to Heart".

All this plus lunch & beverage for \$ 21.00 at Cheers Neighborhood Grill 1700 W. High St. (W M20), Mt. Pleasant, MI

Reservations are due by July 10^{th.}
Edie (989)463-3287 * Ruth (9089)492-4199
Or Lona (989) 387-4808
or e-mail Lona at <u>lonahamilton@yahoo.com</u>



Welcoming All People into a Compassionate Relationship with a Loving God

3090 N. Clare Avenue Harrison Michigan 48625 (989) 539-1445

Facebook Page: The Gathering <u>UMC</u> https://www.facebook.com/TheGatheringUMC <u>Email Address: gatheringumc@amail.com</u>

July 2, 2025

Dear Clare United Methodist Church.

Your **Generous** commitment check to <u>The Gathering UMC</u> – in Harrison Michigan

is sincerely appreciated.



God is at Work!

Thank you for joining in our efforts to maintain and sustain our mission serving the people of Harrison and Clare County with the message of Jesus Christ's Love, Grace and Salvation!

"Faith is confidence in what we hope for and Assurance about what we do not see."

Hebrews 11:1

Sincerely sent in Christ's Words,

Pastor Ray McClintic



Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday & Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday

Proceeds will be used for local Community needs Sale is located in the **Education Building basement** at 105 E. Seventh Street, Clare. If you have questions, 989-386-2591



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HOT DOGS, SNOW CONES.

CLARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 105 E. 7TH ST. CLARE, MI 48617



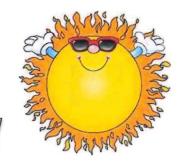
OUR CHURCH FAMILY HAVING FUN AT THE LOON'S GAME THURSDAY NIGHT



WE HOPE YOU CONSIDER JOINING US
NEXT YEAR!!



WE'RE BACK!! SATURDAY SOUP/



COMMUNITY DINNER



AUGUST 30, 2025

FROM 4-5:30 PM



CLARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

105 E. 7TH STREET

CLARE

*SOUPS *SANDWICHES



AND MUCH MORE

989-386-2591 FOR QUESTIONS



2nd STORY THRIFT STORE IS OPEN FRIDAYS 10-4 AND SATURDAYS 10-4

We accept donations on
Thursdays 11-3
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
VOLUNTEERING TO WORK IN
THE STORE CONTACT DIANE
BOUDREAU AT 989-387-9389
WE ACCEPT ITEMS FOR THE
STORE ON THURSDAYS

HELPING THOSE IN NEED

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EXTRA MILE GIVING FOR JULY

& AUGUST IS FOR THE GOOD

SAMARATIN FUND

FORMERLY PASTOR'S

DISCRETIONARY FUND

[OUR FUNDS ARE GETTING

VERY LOW.

WE HAVE HAD ANOTHER 9

PEOPLE COME
IN, SO FAR IN JULY.]
WE ARE IN GREAT NEED OF
REPLENISHING FUNDS IN THIS
ACCOUNT





New Directions

July 16, 2025

Clare United Methodist Church 105 East 7th Street Clare, MI 48617

July 9, 2025

The effects of your support:

- Your support opens doors for NDM to visit others in prison! Matthew 25:36...... was in prison and you came to visit me.'
- Your support allows NDM to purchase Bibles and ship Christian books and letters to people incarcerated in Michigan. Romans 10:17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.
- Your support allows ex-offenders to be discipled through our Re Entry Foundation Building Program. Storms will rise up and pass, Jesus will remain! Matthew 7:25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

Your support is changing lives and changing futures with Jesus. Turning captives into Christ followers! I pray you are living in God's blessing and thank you for your support.

Donated Christian books and Bibles are always needed within the ministry. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us today.

No service or goods were provided in exchange for or in connection with your donation. You can keep this letter as written proof of your donation for tax records.

God's best.

Justin Wiseman - Director

New Directions, Inc. 501C3 EIN 61-1569185

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CLARE THIS AUGUST

Music Festival - August 9th
Back to School Fun Day at Clare UMC
August 17th

Clare Schools start on August 18th
Old U.S 27 Motor Tour - August 21st
Clare Amish Market and Auction –
August 29th-30th
Saturday Soup/Community Dinner
AUGUST 30TH

MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD FOR AUGUST WE WILL BE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING FOR OUR PRESCHOOL/CHILD CARE CENTER IN AUGUST:

Construction paper, Children's Glue, Children's paint, Tissue paper Crayons, Markers, Colored Pencils, Play Sand (Clean)



August 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	NOOL BEGINS				1 9-6 RUMMAGE SALE AA 8-9:30 P.M.	2FOOD TRUCK IN HARRISON 9 AM 12 NOON AA 9-1 RUMMAGE SALE
3 10:00 WORSHIP	4 AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	5 AA 8-9:30 P.M.	6 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	7 11:00 -3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THRIFT STORE 1:00 AA 1:00 QUILTING	8 10-4 THRIFT STORE AA 8-9:30 P.M.	9 12 NOON AA 10-4 THRIFT STORE
10 10:00 WORSHIP	11 AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	12 600 leadership team aA 8-9:30 P.M.	13 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	14 11:00 -3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THRIFT STORE 1:00 AA 1:00 QUILTING	15 10-4 THRIFT STORE AA 8-9:30 P.M.	16 12 NOON AA 10-4 THRIFT STORE
17 10:00 Worship 11:30 BACK TO SCHOOL FUN DAY (AFTER WORSHIP)	18 AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	19 6:00 PCCC BOARD AA 8-9:30 P.M.	20 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	21 11:00 -3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THRIFT STORE 1:00 AA 1:00 QUILTING	22 10-4 THRIFT STORE AA 8-9:30 P.M.	23 12 NOON AA 10-4 THRIFT STORE
24 10:00 WORSHIP	25 AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	26 AA 8-9:30 P.M.	27 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	28 11:00 -3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THRIFT STORE 1:00 AA 1:00 QUILTING	29 10-4 THRIFT STORE AA 8-9:30 P.M.	30 12 NOON AA 10-4 THRIFT STORE 4-5:30 COMMUNITY DINNER(SAT SOUP)
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