

CLARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



HAPPY 95TH BIRTHDAY TO ERMA JOHNSON ON AUGUST 26

We are having a
Card Shower for her. Address:
409 Cottage, Clare, MI

Clare County Fair is August 3-8

Grand Stand Features

8/2 "Surrounded" Gospel Concert 6 p.m.(free)

8/3 Dads of Thunder 7 p.m.(free)

8/4 TNT Demo Derby Bump & Run 7:30 p.m.

8/5 Harness Racing noon

Demo Derby Figure 8

8/6 Harness Racing noon

Mud Mitten Race 7 p.m.

8/7 Super Kicker Rodeo 7 p.m.

8/8 Super Kicker Rodeo 7 p.m.



In Loving Memory:

The family of **Jean Blow** will be in our thoughts and prayers. There will be a celebration of life in our Clare UMC Fellowship Hall from 3-5 p.m. on Friday, September 25th.



The family of **Brent O'Neil** and Jennifer Lewis on the loss of her dear friend. A celebration of life will take place this

Saturday, August 1st at 11 a.m.

At the Lux Funeral Home in Mount Pleasant, MI

CLARE UMC STAFF AND SCHEDULE

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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
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Lay Servant Ministries Learning Session

August 4 from 12:00-2:00 pm via Zoom

FREE to attend!

All clergy, church admins, and laity are encouraged to attend to learn more about the Lay Servant Ministries program!



- What are the different types of certifications?
- How can Lay Servants help their pastors and congregations?
 - What types of classes are available?
 - When and where are classes being offered?
- Do I have to pursue "Certified" status if I take a class?
- How do I maintain my records (personal and by church) and renew each year?
- Q&A

Register no later than August 2! The Zoom link will be emailed to those registered on August 3.

Questions? Contact Melanie at (989) 793-8838 or mzalewski@michiganumc.org.

A Note From Pastor Brian....



Greetings in Christ!

As we welcome the month of August, it's hard to believe how quickly summer is going by. Before long, children will be heading back to school, vacations will come to an end, and many of us will begin settling into familiar routines. August can really feel like a bridge between seasons. It's a time to pause, reflect, and prepare for what lies ahead.

Pretty soon we are going to see more and more fruits and vegetables as we get closer to harvest time. It reminds me of Galatians 6:9: *"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."*

You may have heard the story of a gardener who, after months of watering, weeding, and patiently tending his garden, finally began to see the fruits of his labor. Someone asked him what the secret to a good harvest was. He smiled and simply replied, "Don't stop caring for the garden just because you can't see the vegetables yet."

I couldn't help but think how much our spiritual lives are like that. There are seasons when we don't immediately see the results of our prayers, our acts of kindness, or our faithfulness. Yet God is always at work, even when we cannot yet see what He is growing.

As we enter this new month, may we continue to trust the Lord with patient hearts, encourage one another in love, and remain faithful in the work He has given us. The seeds we plant today through prayer, worship, service, and compassion can produce a harvest that blesses others in ways we may never fully know.

May God bless you and your family throughout this month and may His peace and joy go with you wherever He leads.

Peace and blessings always,
Pastor Brian



A NOTE FROM CHIPPY!

I am noticing more every day, that I need to be close to my mom's side (and my new dad). I'm having more difficulty seeing and hearing. It makes it very difficult to be very far away from those I can depend on. I desire to be close and clingy. I'm growing more and more dependent on them. After we read the scripture Matthew 28:20 It reminds me of how humans feel when they feel lost and needy and want companionship. They need to feel God's presence. Which brings us back to this vary scripture: Before Jesus left this earth, he spoke the following words to his disciples, *"And behold, I am always with you, to the end of the age"* (Matthew 28:20). They must've felt some trepidation when he ascended into heaven. Jesus, who had walked by their side for three years, had vanished. Nevertheless, this promise shows that Jesus never left. God would still be with them through the role of the Holy Spirit. God never abandons us.

Happy 90th Party for Carol Pilon



I would like to thank all members of Clare UMC who helped me celebrate my 90th Birthday. It was great seeing so many friends from here in Clare. Pastor Brian, thank you also. The church and Clare is always in my heart and prayers. Thanks again, Carol Pilon



News from the Childcare Center

We have been busy so far this summer at the Childcare Center! We always enjoy more outdoor time during the warmer months, It has been fun watching our garden grow, exploring and experiencing the stages of a butterfly, cooling off with 'water days', and playing in our new sandbox.

Our childcare board voted not to renew our contract with the "Great Starts For Readiness Program" through the intermediate school district. We will now focus solely on childcare and will no longer run a preschool program for 4 year olds. This decision was made after a lot of discussion and for several reasons. Some of the main considerations were:

1. There are many other options (locations) locally for families to receive free 4 year old preschool.
2. The real need in our community appears to be for more infant/toddler care. (We have a waiting list for this age)
3. An increasing amount of staff time was required for record keeping/reporting.

Well over 50% of staff time was on GSRP programming

4. More requirements of programming and staff time
5. Inconsistency of funds. Not a consistent amount of money each month. Difficult to make a budget
6. Had to spend money in order to receive money
7. Complicated staffing/payroll (Different formula for staff hours worked with GSRP) children
8. Took away scheduling flexibility with staff and
9. Took away curriculum flexibility
10. A desire to get back to our "roots" as a Christian Childcare Center

We are excited for our changes and look forward to sharing more with you as our year unfolds

PHOTOS OF FAMILY FUN DAY!



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



THANK YOU!

Dear Gloss Scholarship Committee,
Thank you so much for paying for our Church Camp Funds. You made it so that I could go to church camp and have so much fun!! We learned how to give grace to people who don't deserve it. Thank you soooooo much for this experience. Sincerely, Isaac Baugh

THANK YOU!

Dear Secret Santa,
Thank you so much for paying my camp time. It was so much fun. I learned so much because I know that God will love you so much even if you messed up. You will get grace even if you messed up to do stuff that is not good. Thank you again for the experience that I got there. Elle Baugh

Christian Women's Connection



"What is your Purpose in Life?"

**Thursday, August 13, 2026
11:45 – 1:45 p.m.**

**Special Feature: Lori Smith
"Repurposed by Raine"**

Special Feature: Ted Orwig

Inspirational Speaker: Audrey Marie Hessler, from Island Lake, IL, tells stories of wisdom learned from the life of Grand-moms – those with a twinkle in their eyes – touching over decades of time. These are fun and sometimes amazing stories of life wisdom that ages well for all.

"Lessons from Grand Mom Sense."

All this plus lunch & beverage for \$21.00 at
Cheers Neighborhood Grill
1700 W. High St. (W M 20), Mt. Pleasant, MI

Reservations are due by August 11th
Edie (989) 463-3287 * Ruth (989) 492-4199
Lona (989) 387-4808 or email lona@lonahamilton@yahoo.com

EXTRA MILE GIVING FOR AUGUST WILL BE FOR CHURCH MINISTRY SHARES



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





FREE



Community Dinner August 29

Clare United Methodist Church

105 E. 7th Street Clare, Michigan 48617

4:00 – 5:30 pm

Food Service available until 5:30 pm
Last Saturday of every Month



***Soups * Sandwiches * Coffe**



*** Desserts**



*** Music**

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We would love for you to join us!

If you have any questions please contact

Our church office 989-386-2591



CLARE COUNTY FAIR CONTINUED



**STILL EXHIBIT AUCTION AUGUST 1
SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION AUGUST 7
LARGE ANIMAL AUCTION AUGUST 7**

**10 A.M.
2 P.M.
5 P.M.**

**JUDGING 4-H LARGE, SMALL AND MEDIUM, SIZE ANIMALS 9 A.M.
DURING THE WEEK FOR ANIMALS AND SHOWMANSHIP
COME OUT AND SUPPORT ALL OF OUR 4 H CHILDREN/YOUTH
SUNDAY AUGUST 1 DOG SHOW AT 4 P.M.**

8/1-8/8



August 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				RUMMAGE SALE 7/30-8/1		1 FOOD TRUCK 9 AM 10-1 RUMMAGE SALE 12 NOON AA
2 10:00 WORSHIP 6:00 GRAND STAND IN HARRISON/ SURROUNDED GOSPEL SING	3 AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	4 AA 8-9:30 P.M.	5 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	6	7	8 12 NOON AA
CLARE COUNTY FAIR ALL WEEK						
9 10:00 WORSHIP	10 AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	11 AA 8-9:30 P.M.	12 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	13 11:00 -3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THRIFT STORE 1:00 AA	14 10-4 THRIFT STORE AA 8-9:30 P.M.	15 10-4 THRIFT STORE 12 NOON AA
16 10:00 WORSHIP	17 AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	18 6:00 P.M. LEAD TEAM A 8-9:30 P.M.	19 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	20 11:00 -3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THRIFT STORE 1:00 AA	21 10-4 THRIFT STORE AA 8-9:30 P.M.	22 10-4 THRIFT STORE 12 NOON AA
23 10:00 WORSHIP	24 AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA CLARE SCHOOLS BEGIN	25 AA 8-9:30 P.M.	26 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	27 11:00 -3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THRIFT STORE 1:00 AA	28 10-4 THRIFT STORE AA 8-9:30 P.M.	29 10-4 THRIFT STORE 4-5:30 COMMUNITY DINNER 12 NOON AA
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