

# CLARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWS AUGUST 1, 2025 OUR WORSHIP TIME IS 10 A.M.



**THE ABOVE PICTURE WAS PASTOR  
BRIAN'S 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY. WE CELEBRATED  
WITH A CAKE FOR  
PASTOR BRIAN, ELIZABETH & JONNY**

## *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!*

*Pastor Brian*

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**REVOLVING FUND GIVING FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2025**

**DAYCARE BUILDING: \$145 TECH SUPPORT: \$200**

**UMCOR/Disaster Relief : \$150 CAMP: \$100**

**COFFEE HOUR/HOSPITALITY: \$55**

**INSURANCE EMERGENCY FUND: \$100**

**GOOD SAMARITAN FUND(PASTOR'S DISC.): \$300**

**THRIFT STORE: \$110.50 YOUTH: \$21.65**

**FUNERAL DINNERS: \$200**

**GENERAL FUND FOR MAY**

**GIVING: \$13,910.40 EXPENSES: \$15,273.65**

**DO YOU HAVE CONCERNS?FEEL FREE TO EMAIL OUR**

**LEADERSHIP TEAM EMAILS: Larry Wyman Jr. : ldwyman@charter.net**

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**THRIFT STORE IS OPEN  
FRIDAY 10-4 AND SATURDAY  
10-4**

**Accepting 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**



***Grief Support***

***When Grief Ambushes us***

*No matter how long it's been since we've lost a loved one, there will be times when grief sneaks up on you. Maybe it's a photo or some other object that belonged to them. Special days like birthdays and*

*anniversaries or funerals may lead to being ambushed by grief. There's a song that held a special place in both of your hearts that will bring on the tears.*

*When that happens, I find it best to acknowledge the grief and not suppress it. Yes, it hurts, but we can choose to use it as a reminder to be thankful for the gift of that person in our life. I like to remember the ways my husband expressed his love for me as well as the times we spent together, from the quiet afternoons to the adventures we have in camping.*

*Most of all, remember that this is a normal part of the journey that Jesus shares with us. For those days, be gentle with yourself, and remember that it's okay to not be okay.*

*For those days, remember what Jesus has promised us.*

*"No, I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you." John 14:18.*

*There is a monthly Grief Support Group that meets at Mid-Michigan Health Center in Clare on the first Thursday of each month from 3:00-4:00 pm. Please contact Melissa Sweet, bereavement counselor, for more information and to register – (989) 633-1437.*

**Please Continue to Keep In Your Prayers :** *We lift up the leadership of our nation and the men and women serving the Armed Forces, as well as the leaders and people of other nations.*

**FAMILY & FRIENDS OF BARB MAHON(A LONG TIME MEMBER OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY)**

*Maezie Bauer diagnosed with Sturge Weber syndrome(niece of Scott Vanhooose)*

*Prayers for continued healing for Jan Brandon, Diane Ellsworth, Josh Enfield, Barb Mahon, Ron Lovell, Kathy Traywick .*

*Those with Parkinson's, Diabetes, Alzheimer's & Lupus and other chronic diseases. Those who have been diagnosed with Cancer: Linda Green(Elaine Green's daughter in-law), Patty (Humphrey)Hazen*

**OUR SHUT-INS.....**

**In Their Own Home:**

**Pioneer Golden Estates:**

*Barb Everts Brenda Longstreth*

*Marge Dickey Glenda Baker*

*Ruth Owens*

*Sue Neff (memory care)*

*Gayle White*

*Carol Beatty Ruth Jones*

*Lou & Rita Bryans*

*Green Acres, Mt. Pleasant*

*Bill & Barb Manderbach*

*Mickey Davis*

*Larry Wyman Sr.*

*The Brook, Gladwin:*

*Bob Musser Jean Blow,*

*Jean Burrows*

*Erma Johnson,*

**Americana Seniors of Clare**

*Jan Brandon(formerly prestige place)*

**THIS WEEKS CALENDAR**

**AUG 1: 10-6 RUMMAGE SALE**

**8:00 AA**

**2: 9 a.m. FOOD TRUCK IN HARRISON**

**10-1 RUMMAGE SALE**

**PACK UP RUMMAGE SALE AFTER 1 P.M.**

**12 NOON AA**

**3: 10:00 WORSHIP**

**4: 12 NOON AA**

**6:15 WEIGHTS**

**6:45 YOGA**

**5: 8:00 AA**

**6: 8:00 AA**

**6:15 WEIGHTS**

**6:45 YOGA**

**7: 1:00 AA**

**1:00 QUILTING**

**8: 8:00 AA**

**9: 12 NOON AA**

**10:10:00 WORSHIP**

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY, JULY 27: 66

EXTRA MILE GIVING FOR AUGUST IS  
FOR GOOD SAMARITAN 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 MORE FUNDS IN THIS  
ACCOUNT

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)



*"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".  
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**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<sup>th</sup>.  
Edie (989)463-3287 \* Ruth (9089)492-4199  
Or Lona (989) 387-4808  
or e-mail Lona at [lonahamilton@yahoo.com](mailto:lonahamilton@yahoo.com)**

**WE WANT TO WISH OUR CHURCH FAMILY MEMBERS WHO  
HAVE HAD OR ARE HAVING BIRTHDAY'S  
IN AUGUST  
“A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!”**

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



A Big Thank You To Our United Methodist Church Family  
For All The Thoughts And Prayers.

Mom Loved Her Church Family. The Mum Plant Is  
Beautiful!

A Special Thanks To All The Kind People Who Prepared The  
Luncheon After The Wonderful Service Given By Pastor Brian.  
*During A Time Like This We Realize How Much Our Friends And  
Relatives Really Mean To Us...*

*Your Expression Of Sympathy Will Always Be Remembered*

Thank You !!

The Family Of Barb Mahon



# Free Drive-Through Mobile Food Distribution

Greater Lansing Food Bank- Clare County



## Saturday - August 2, 2025

Registration: Starts at 9:00 a.m.

Distribution: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



## Clare County Fairgrounds

418 Fairlane St., Harrison MI 48625



### Please Note:

- Remember Line-up begins at 7:00 AM - NOT BEFORE!
- 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.

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For more information contact:

Clare County Food Facebook page or  
Greater Lansing Food Bank at:

[www.greaterlansingfoodbank.org](http://www.greaterlansingfoodbank.org),

GLFoodBank1 (on Facebook) or call 517/908-3680



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







# back to SCHOOL




## FUN DAY

**AUG  
17  
11:30**

**JOIN US FOR AN END OF  
SUMMER HOO-RAH!**

**HOT DOGS, SNOW CONES,  
BOUNCE HOUSE, FREE FUN!**

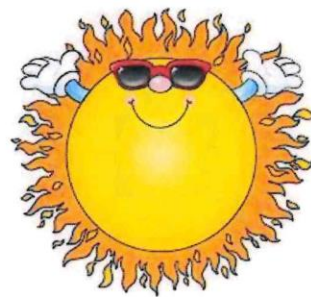
**CLARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
105 E. 7<sup>TH</sup> ST. CLARE, MI 48617**







**WE'RE BACK!!**  
**SATURDAY SOUP/**  
**COMMUNITY DINNER**



**AUGUST 30, 2025**



**FROM 4-5:30 PM**

**CLARE UNITED METHODIST**  
**CHURCH**

**105 E. 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

**CLARE**

**\*SOUPS \*SANDWICHES**

**AND MUCH MORE**



**989-386-2591 FOR QUESTIONS**

