

CLARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWS AUGUST 22, 2025 OUR WORSHIP TIME IS 10 A.M.

**MEMBERSHIP CLASS BEGINS
AUGUST 28TH AT 1 P.M.**

WE WILL BE MEETING IN PASTOR'S OFFICE

As was announced in worship on Sunday, we will soon be offering a Membership Class for those who are interested in learning more about The United Methodist Church and becoming members of our congregation.

The class will run for four weeks, with one session each week. During our time together, we'll explore what it means to be a member, the beliefs and practices of the UMC, and how you can grow and serve within our church community.

Please let the pastor or the office know if you are thinking of attending😊

**YOUTH CLASS TO BEGIN ON SUNDAY' STARTING SEPT. 7
IN THE SANCTUARY 9 A.M.**

Starting Sunday, September 7, youth (we use that term loosely. If you're interested in taking part, please come join us) are invited to join us in the sanctuary at 9am for something new. We will be looking at Pastor Brian's plans for future sermons, digging deep into a scripture or topic, and creating a fun way to share our thoughts on that topic with the congregation when the week arrives. If you like to draw or paint, act, sing, dance, write or recite poetry, edit videos, write scripts, build with Lego bricks, carve butter sculptures, make balloon animals... you get the idea. Bring your skills, interests, and most of all your questions. We can't wait to share your creative expressions with the congregation. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Brian or Elizabeth Comiskey.

PASTOR BRIAN'S CELL # IS 517-215-8637

Email: pastorbrianc@clareumc.org

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

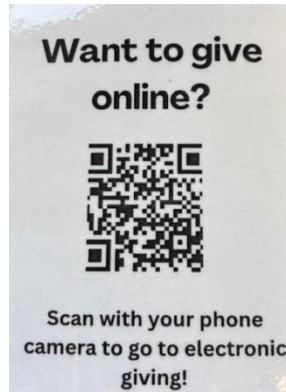
INSURANCE EMERGENCY FUND: \$100

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

THRIFT STORE: \$110.50 YOUTH: \$21.65

FUNERAL DINNERS: \$200

GENERAL FUND FOR JULY
GIVING: \$17,694.50 EXPENSES: \$21,011.48



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.*

Bill Manderbach while in the hospital

Lynn Chappell as he prepares for heart surgery

Family & Friends Of Leopold Baker (father of Merri Ann Baker-Radcliffe)

Family & Friends Of Barb Mahon

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

Prayers for continued healing for Jan Brandon, Diane Ellsworth, Josh Enfield, 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.....

Pioneer Golden Estates:

Marge Dickey Glenda Baker

Sue Neff (memory care)

Carol Beatty Ruth Jones

Mickey Davis

The Brook, Gladwin:

Jean Burrows

Americana Seniors of Clare

Jan Brandon (formerly prestige place)

In Their Own Home:

Barb Everts Brenda Longstreth

Ruth Owens

Gayle White

Lou & Rita Bryans

Bill & Barb Manderbach

Larry Wyman Sr.

Bob Musser Jean Blow,

Erma Johnson,

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

AUG 24:10:00 WORSHIP

25:12 NOON AA

6:15 WEIGHTS

6:45 YOGA

26: 8:00 AA

27: 8:00 AA

6:15 WEIGHTS

6:45 YOGA

28: 11-3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THE THRIFT STORE

1:00 AA

1:00 MEMBERSHIP CLASS

1:00 QUILTING

29:10-4 THRIFT STORE

8:00 AA

30: 10-4 THRIFT STORE

12 NOON AA

4-5:30 COMMUNITY DINNER/SATURDAY SOUP

31:10:00 WORSHIP

SEPT. 1: LABOR DAY

OFFICE CLOSED

12 NOON AA

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY, AUGUST 17: 93



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

**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 12 PEOPLE COME
IN, SO FAR IN AUGUST.]
WE ARE IN GREAT NEED OF MORE FUNDS IN THIS
ACCOUNT**

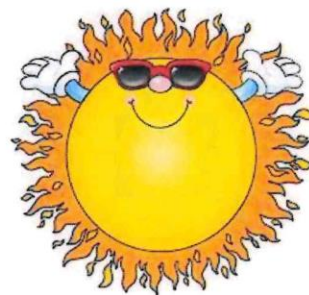
**MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD FOR AUGUST
WE WILL BE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING FOR OUR
PRESCHOOL/CHILD CARE CENTER IN AUGUST:
Construction paper, Children's Glue, Children's paint, Tissue paper
Crayons, Markers, Colored Pencils, Play Sand (Clean)**

**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*



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