

CLARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWS AUGUST 29, 2025 OUR WORSHIP TIME IS 10 A.M.

100th
birthday

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A TRULY MILESTONE CELEBRATION
AND SHARE A CENTURY FULL OF
WONDERFUL MEMORIES, LAUGHTER AND LOVE
HONORING

Ruth Jones

SEPTEMBER 7th 2:00-4:00 PM
Pioneer Golden Estates
Gathering Room - West Entrance
312 McGuirk | Clare, MI 48617

PLEASE NO GIFTS, FLOWERS, OR CARDS
INSTEAD WE'LL HAVE A LARGE CARD
AT THE PARTY TO SHARE YOUR WELL WISHES



YOUTH CLASS TO BEGIN ON SUNDAY SEPT. 7 AT 9 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

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.

**NEW CLASS BEING OFFERED EVERY THURSDAY STARTING SEPT. 11
(14 weeks) AT 7 P.M.**

Clare United Methodist Church is offering a class on the life of Jesus – You will get to see the life of our Lord in way you may not have thought about! Class is based on the book “The Jesus I Never Knew” by Philip Yancey.

This class starts Sept. 11 every Thursday night @ 7:00 p.m. for approximately 14 weeks.

Facilitator – Gerry Scott

Place is to be determined

*A Book is not required but, strongly suggested. Available on Amazon
(contact Judy at the church office if you would like to order one, there has
been donations to Education that would be able to cover the cost)*

**MEMBERSHIP CLASS HAS BEGUN
WE ARE MEETING AT 10:30 A.M.**

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😊

Pastor Brian's Cell # 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

Want to give
online?



Scan with your phone
camera to go to electronic
giving!

**DO YOU HAVE CONCERNS?FEEL FREE TO EMAIL OUR
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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 recovers from heart surgery

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

Family & Friends of Barb Mahon

Family & Friends of Mickey Davis

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:

In Their Own Home:

Marge Dickey Glenda Baker

Ruth Owens

Sue Neff (memory care)

Gayle White

Carol Beatty Ruth Jones

Lou & Rita Bryans

Bill & Barb Manderbach

Larry Wyman Sr.

The Brook, Gladwin:

Bob Musser Jean Blow,

Americana Seniors of Clare

Erma Johnson,

Jan Brandon(formerly prestige place)



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

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

AUG. 30: 10-4 THRIFT STORE

12 NOON AA

4-5:30 COMMUNITY DINNER(SATURDAY SOUP)

31:10:00 WORSHIP

SEPT. 1: HAPPY LABOR DAY!!

OFFICE CLOSED

12 NOON AA

2: 8:00 AA

3: 8:00 AA

6:15 WEIGHTS

6:45 YOGA

4: 10:30 MEMBERSHIP CLASS

11-3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THE THRIFT STORE

1:00 AA

1:00 QUILTING

5:10-4 THRIFT STORE

8:00 AA

6: 10-4 THRIFT STORE

12 NOON AA

**7: 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
(YOUTH/AGAPE)**

10:00 WORSHIP

**2-4 RUTH JONES 100TH BIRTHDAY PARTY AT PIONEER GOLDEN
ESTATES**

ATTENDENCE LAST SUNDAY, AUGUST 24: 90

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

**OUR EXTRA MILE GIVING FOR SEPTEMBER
WILL GO FOR OUR CHURCH MINISTRY SHARES**

Church Ministry Shares are how our church helps make a difference beyond our own community. When we give, we're joining hands with United Methodists all over the world to support things like disaster relief, missionaries, schools, and hospitals. Our giving helps feed the hungry, care for people after storms, and share God's love in places we may never go ourselves. It's one way we live out our faith together—doing more as a church family than we could ever do alone.

**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)**

SEPTEMBER WILL BE: *Baby Wipes (Unscented), Paper Towels,
Liquid Hand soap, Dishwasher gel (Cascade), Facial Tissue, Bleach
Lysol Spray, Clorox Wipes, All-Purpose Cleaner.*

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

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

2 Staten, Jason
Stinson, Patricia
3 Johnson, Steve
Jones, Ruth “100”
Blow, Jean
4: Caren Chappell
5 Hopkins, Kathy
6 Tyler, Barb
8 Mussell, Kellie
Denton, Gabrial
9 Ducham, Deb
Freeborn(Kleinhardt),Kacie
Zinser, Ashtyn
10 Kingsbury, Allison
12 Curtis, Eleanor
13 Staten, Janet
ShurlowScott, Mary Ann
14 Sowle, Janet
15 Hunt, Chris
16 Anderson, Erma
McGregor, Jason
18 Newton, Chloe
21 Staten, Ken
Turner, Trista
Wood, Greg
22 Brown, Kendra
23 Lubs, Scott
Lickman, Megan
Ludwig(Lickman) Michelle
24 Packer, Matthew
Viers, Maya
25 Dickey, Marjorie
28 Gross, Sally
O'Day, Kelly
30 Arnie Krause

Free Community Dinner

Everyone in the community
is invited to join us for a free
dinner on Saturday, August 30
from 4-5:30 pm.

Soup * Sandwiches * More

**Clare United Methodist
Church
105 E 7th St - In the Fellowship
Hall-Basement of the Church**

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