

**CLARE UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH NEWS AUGUST 8, 2025
OUR WORSHIP TIME IS 10 A.M.**



**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. 7TH ST. CLARE, MI 48617**



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



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

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

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

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**Want to give
online?**



**Scan with your phone
camera to go to electronic
giving!**

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**

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 8: 8:00 AA

9: 12 NOON AA

10: 10:00 WORSHIP

11: 12 NOON AA

6:15 WEIGHTS

6:45 YOGA

12: 6:00 LEADERSHIP TEAM

8:00 AA

13: 8:00 AA

6:15 WEIGHTS

6:45 YOGA

14: 11-3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THE THRIFT STORE

12 NOON CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONNECTION

1:00 AA

(at Cheers in Mt. PL)

1:00 QUILTING

15:10-4 THRIFT STORE

8:00 AA

16: 12 NOON AA

17:10:00 WORSHIP

11:30 BACK TO SCHOOL FUN DAY!

(bounce house, hot dogs, snow cones)

FREE FUN!!

ATTENDENCE LAST SUNDAY, AUGUST 3: 97

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)**



**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 10th.
Edie (989)463-3287 * Ruth (9089)492-4199
Or Lona (989) 387-4808
or e-mail Lona at 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...*

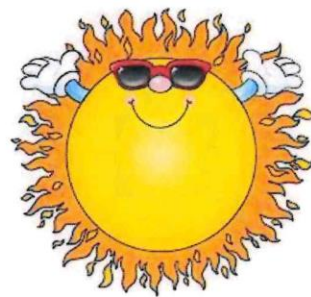
Your Expression Of Sympathy Will Always Be Remembered

Thank You !!

The Family Of Barb Mahon



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

