

CLARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWS DECEMBER 12, 2025 OUR WORSHIP TIME IS 10 A.M.

THIS WEEKS CALENDER

14: 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS IN CLARE

10:00 WORSHIP 11 DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

2:00 YOUTH

6-8 WALK THROUGH BETHLEHEM

15:12 NOON AA

6:15 WEIGHTS

6:45 YOGA

16:6:00 PCCC EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS PARTY

8:00 AA

17: 8:00 AA

6:15 WEIGHTS

6:45 YOGA

18: 11-3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT STORE

1:00 AA / 1:00 QUILTING

19: 10-4 THRIFT STORE

7 P.M. BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

8:00 AA

20: 10-4 THRIFT STORE

12 NOON AA

21: 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 WORSHIP &

2:00 YOUTH

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY, DEC 7: 183

UP COMING EVENTS IN **DECEMBER**

Christmas In Downtown Clare On December 14th

The Theme Is Whoville See Flyer In This Email

6-8 Walk Through Bethlehem December 14th At 3557 Colonville Rd., Clare

Blue Christmas Service will be held here at Clare UMC on December 19th at 6 p.m.

Our Live Nativity this year will be held on Tuesday December 23 from 6-8 and Wednesday December 24 from 2:00 - 4:00 in front of Witbecks Family Foods. *We need volunteers to stand in the stable (it has walls on 3 sides and heated floors thanks to Lee Schunk). We also need helpers to get people into their costumes and volunteers to donate cookies. If you can help there will be a sign up sheet at the back of the church and/or contact Ellen Fuller (989)240-3777 efuller@reagan.com. Thanks for your help with this community ministry.*

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be December 24 at 7 p.m.

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**YOUTH GROUP WILL MEET ON SUNDAYS at 2pm.
We will meet at the in the Education Building, at church,
in the Youth Room.
Hope to see you all then!! Barb Tyler**

YOUTH CLASS IN THE SANCTUARY

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.



**In December we will be collecting: Printer paper
Post-it Notes, Envelopes, Tape (Scotch, mailing, duct,
masking etc.) Staples, Paper clips & binder clips, Pens,
Scissors (Children's & Adult sized)
Band-Aids, Batteries, Swifter Mop Pads, Febreze**

**OUR EXTRA MILE GIVING FOR DECEMBER WILL BE FOR SOCIETY
OF ST. ANDREW, WHO FREELY PROVIDES ADVENT BOOKLETS AND
LENTEN BOOKLETS FREE OF CHARGE TO US EVERY YEAR AND TO
REPLENISH OUR PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

REVOLVING FUND GIVING FOR THE MONTH OF NOV. 2025

**DAYCARE BUILDING: \$310 TECH SUPPORT: \$700 UMCOR/Disaster Relief
: \$170 CAMP: \$210 COFFEE HOUR/HOSPITALITY: \$213 INSURANCE
EMERGENCY FUND: \$100
PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND: \$85 THRIFT STORE: \$262 PCCC
OPER: \$2,270
SATURDAY SOUP: \$100.90 LOVE OFFERING: \$30 PRISON COFFEE: \$70
THANKSGIVING DINNER: \$215 FIC: \$40**

**DO YOU HAVE CONCERNS?FEEL FREE TO EMAIL OUR
LEADERSHIP TEAM EMAILS: Larry Wyman Jr. : ldwyman@charter.net
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Pastor Brian Comiskey : pastorbrianc@clareumc.org
Tracy Brooks: trbrooks8@yahoo.com
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Kay Moser: kaymoser2014@gmail.com
Macy Tyler: macytyler@rocketmail.com**

**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.

Joan Southwell and family on the loss of her husband, Bill Southwell

Rose Musser and family as they deal with the loss of her nephew

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

Prayers for continued healing for Diane Ellsworth, Josh Enfield, 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:

Bill & Barb Manderbach

Marge Dickey Glenda Baker

Sue Neff (memory care)

Carol Beatty Ruth Jones

Larry Wyman Sr.

In Their Own Home:

Barb Everts

Bob Musser Jean Blow

Brenda Longstreth

Gayle White Erma Johnson

Lou & Rita Bryans

The Brook, Gladwin:

Jean Burrows

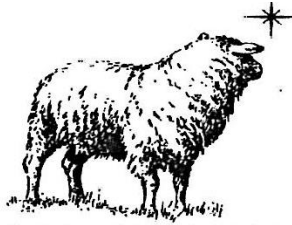
Americana Seniors of Clare

Jan Brandon(formerly prestige place)

Champion Gate Assisted Living in Florida

Ron & Marilyn Lovell

**UPDATE ON OUR
PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND/GOOD SAMARITAN FUND
WE HAVE ALREADY WENT THROUGH \$500 IN NOVEMBER
WE HAVE A LOT OF NEEDY PEOPLE IN OUR AREA.**



WALK THROUGH BETHLEHEM

2025

Drive Through Experience

**December 12, 13 & 14, 2025
Arrive between 6 and 8 pm**

**BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY AT THE CORNER OF
CLARE AVE AND REBAK WAY**

**TRAVEL TO BETHLEHEM 2,000 YEARS AGO TO PAY YOUR TAXES
AND BE COUNTED IN THE ROMAN CENSUS. HEAR THE ANGELS
ANNOUNCE THE BIRTH OF THE MESSIAH. LISTEN AS
SHEPHERDS, A PROPHET, AND WISE MEN TALK OF SIGNS AND
WONDERS. ENJOY THE CITY ALIVE WITH ACTIVITY BUT NO
ROOM AT THE INN. AVOID THE DANGER AND TAUNTING OF THE
ROMAN SOLDIERS AND TAX COLLECTORS. SEE A NEWBORN BABE
ASLEEP IN A MANGER.**

**EXPERIENCE ALL THIS AND MORE AS YOU...
WALK THROUGH BETHLEHEM**

**FOR INFORMATION, CONTACT:
CLARE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
3557 E COLONVILLE CLARE, MI 48617 (989)386-3232**

Live Nativity



**Clare United Methodist Church
will be having their Live Nativity
again this year.**

**It will be held on Tuesday December 23
from 6-8 and
Wednesday December 24
from 2:00 - 4:00
in front of Witbecks Family Foods.**



FREE



Saturday Soup Dinner

December 27

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 * Coffee**



*** Desserts**



***Music**



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



We would love for you to join us!

If you have any questions please contact

Clare United Methodist church office at 989-386-2591

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



December
BIRTHDAYS

- 1 *Katie David*
Corrine Seiter
- 2 *Ellen Fuller*
Pete Norlander
- 4 *Madeline Zastrow*
- 5 *Lynn Witbeck*
- 6 *Jackie Kelly*
Gayle White
- 9 *Sharon Curtis*
- 10 *Betty Eaton*
Debbi Kasper
Brenda Longstreth
- 11 *Jason Rodgers*
- 12 *Dave Bremer*
Scott Krell
Jason Goyt
- 13 *Greg Holbrook*
- 14 *Jim Morgan*
- 18 *Bob Seiter*
- 19 *Kindra Norlander*
- 20 *Jake Anderson*
Courtnie Mashue-Merillat
- 21 *Mary Lee*
- 22 *Rayna Kruskamp*
- 24 *Logan Romatz*
- 26 *Jay Warner*
- 28 *Kara(Bremer)Sutherlin*
- 30 *Natalee Kunse*
Tim Gallagher
- 31 *Ramona Blouin*





CHRISTMAS IN CLARE

DECEMBER 14TH, 2025



AT THE CLARE DEPOT - 201 W. 4TH ST.

12PM TO 5PM

❄️ Outdoor Holiday Market



❄️ Hot Dogs by Clare Area Kiwanis & Bubba-Q Mobile Food Truck

❄️ Dragon Martial Arts will be doing interactive demonstrations outside the Depot

❄️ Doughnut Holes, Hot Chocolate, & Coffee inside the Depot by Cops & Doughnuts

2PM TO 5PM

❄️ Visit Santa in his house



❄️ Town's End Clydesdale Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides
Sponsored by Stephenson Wyman Funeral Home, RB Harsh Construction,
& Mid Michigan College

❄️ Clare County Arts Council will have Make & Take Crafts in lower level of Depot,
White House Ornament silent auction,
& a free book (one per family while supplies last)

3PM

❄️ Christmas Dog Costume Contest
Sponsored by Family Farm and Home

5:30PM

❄️ Lighted Parade through Downtown Clare
Route: McEwan St. from State St. to 3rd St.

FOLLOWING PARADE

❄️ Tree Lighting - West side of Depot

6:30PM

❄️ Christmas Caroling - Depot

7PM

❄️ Tesla Light Show - Brookwood Athletic Complex





6PM TO 8PM

❄️ Walk Through Bethlehem

3557 E. Colonville, Clare

County-Wide Decorating Contest - Homes, Businesses, and Parade Floats
Theme - Whoville



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	2 AA 8-9:30 P.M.	3 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	411:00 -3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THRIFT STORE 1:00 AA	5 AA 8-9:30 P.M. AA 8-9:30 P.M. 10-4 THRIFT STORE	6 FOOD TRUCK IN HARRISON 9 AM 10-4 THRIFT STORE 12 NOON AA
7 CHILDREN'S CHRISMAS PROGRAM 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP CHURCH CONFERENCE FOLLOWING WORSHIP 2:00 YOUTH GROUP	8 11 A.M. D.A.R. AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	9AA 8-9:30 P.M. 12 PM LADIES ADVENT LUNCHEON AT THE DOHERTY 6 P.M. ADVENT SER- VICE AT FARWELL UMC	10 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	111:00 -3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THRIFT STORE 1:00 AA 7:30 GATEWAY BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT	12 10-4 THRIFT STORE AA 8-9:30 P.M.	13 10-4 THRIFT STORE 12 NOON AA 6-8 WALK THROUGH BETHLEHEM
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28 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 2:00 YOUTH GROUP	29 AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	30 AA 8-9:30 P.M.	31 	JANUARY 1, 2026 	JAN. 2 AA 8-9:30 P.M.	JAN 3 10-4 THRIFT STORE 12 NOON AA