

# **CLARE UNITED METHODIST**

# **CHURCH NEWS DECEMBER 28, 2025**

# **OUR WORSHIP TIME IS 10 A.M.**

## **THIS WEEKS CALENDAR**

28: 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL  
~~10:00 WORSHIP &~~  
2:00 YOUTH

29: 12 NOON AA

30: 8:00 AA

31: **NEW YEARS EVE**  
8:00 AA

**JANUARY 1, 2026**

OFFICE CLOSED

ATTENDENCE  
CHRISTMAS EVE,  
DEC 24: 121

  
2: 8:00 AA  
3: 10-4 THRIFT STORE  
12 NOON AA  
4: 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:00 WORSHIP W/ Lenny Wixson  
2:00 YOUTH

**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.

### **A NOTE FROM JEAN & JAMIE BLOW**

Hi-

Hope this finds you and your family well.

Mom is very weak but alert and knows what is going on. She spends most of her time in bed watching TV and napping. Maxine is still with her and one of us is with her from 11-6 every day so we can make sure she eats and is taken care of.

Gary flies down about every 4 months and spends 4-5 days with her. She really likes it when he is here. He did not retire this year but is talking about it in the summer.

I spent the last year getting used to being retired and working on my golf game. My golf swing is getting more consistent and when I am swinging well my long game is decent. I continue to work on swing consistency and am now working more on chipping a putting as that is a definite weakness.

I still have things to do around the house. I had sod put in last spring and planted some trees and shrubs. I am extending the sod in my backyard as I have decided it is easier to mow grass than fight weeds and keep adding pine straw. I will plant more perennials and shrubs that are pollinator friendly this spring. Trying to do a some and let things grow so I don't over plant. I also don't want a lot of shrubs that require trimming.

# THANK YOU!!

**Thank you so much for the beautiful poinsettia plant and Christmas cards. We also appreciate your prayers and sympathy card on the passing of my nephew David. Mike and I are blessed to have you all in our lives.**

**Thanks again,**

**Rose & Mike Musser**



**JANUARY WILL BE FOR Facial tissues, Toilet paper, Paper towels, Paper Napkins, Ziplock bags (1 qt. & 1 gal.), Aluminum foil, Baby Wipes (Unscented), Pull-Ups (Sizes 3T, 4T, 5T)**

**FOR OUR PRESCHOOL/CHILD CARE CENTER**

**OUR EXTRA MILE GIVING FOR JANUARY 2026 WILL BE FOR HELPING SPONSOR OUR BEAST FEAST (FREE WILD GAME DINNER)**

**REVOLVING FUND GIVING FOR THE MONTH OF DEC. 2025**

**DAYCARE BUILDING: \$95 TECH SUPPORT: \$100**

**UMCOR/Disaster Relief : \$50 CAMP: \$100**

**COFFEE HOUR/HOSPITALITY: \$57**

**INSURANCE EMERGENCY FUND: \$50**

**PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND: \$837 THRIFT STORE: \$201**

**PCCC OPER: \$1,143 SATURDAY SOUP: \$0**

**LOVE OFFERING: \$375 PRISON COFFEE: \$30**

**EAGLE SCOUTS: \$100 FINN VACA: \$100**

**SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW: \$57 CAMP: \$100**

**DO YOU HAVE CONCERNS? FEEL FREE TO EMAIL OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM EMAILS:** Larry Wyman Jr. : [ldwyman@charter.net](mailto:ldwyman@charter.net)  
MaryAnn Shurlow Scott: [maryannshurlow@gmail.com](mailto:maryannshurlow@gmail.com)  
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~~CLOSED~~ **THE GIFT STORE IS OPEN**  
**FRIDAY 10-4 AND SATURDAY**  
~~10-4~~ **UNtil JAN 2**

**Accepting donations on Thursdays 11-3**  
**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN**  
**VOLUNTEERING TO WORK IN THE STORE CONTACT DIANE**  
**BOUDREAU AT 989-387-9719**  
**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.**

**Pastor Brian and family as they travel to be with family for the holiday.**

**Deb & Troy Bongard and family on the loss of Deb's mother**

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

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

***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:**

***Marge Dickey Glenda Baker***

***Sue Neff (memory care)***

***Carol Beatty Ruth Jones***

***Larry Wyman Sr.***

**The Brook, Gladwin:**

***Jean Burrows***

**Americana Seniors of Clare**

***Jan Brandon(formerly prestige place)***

**Champion Gate Assisted Living in Florida**

***Ron & Marilyn Lovell***

**In Their Own Home:**

***Barb Everts***

***Brenda Longstreth***

***Gayle White***

***Lou & Rita Bryans***

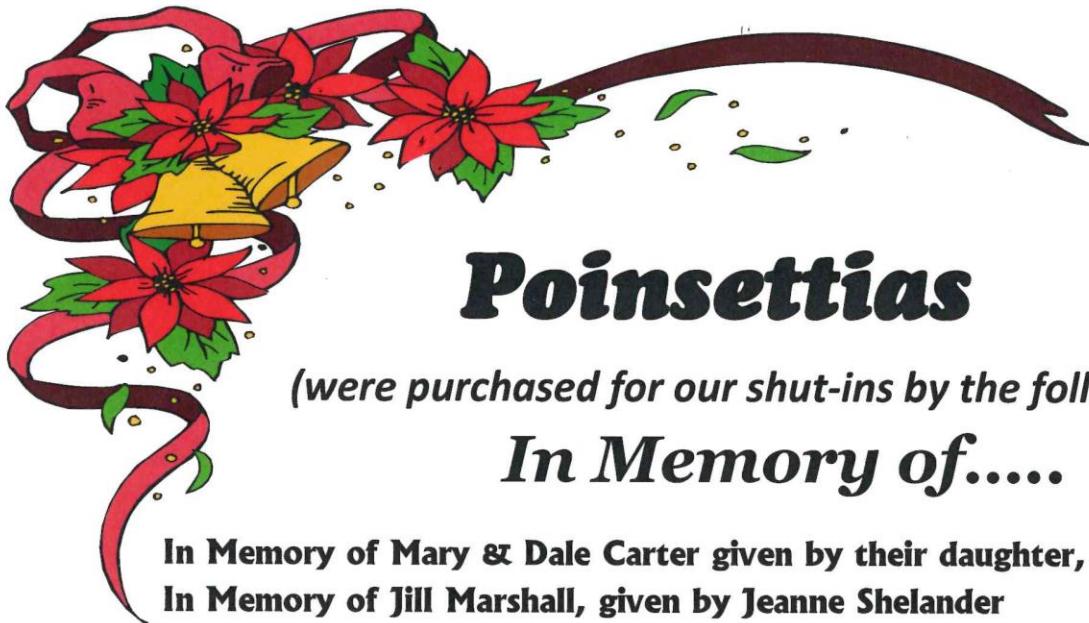
***Bill & Barb Manderbach***

***Bob Musser Jean Blow,***

***Erma Johnson***



**WE WOULD LIKE TO  
EXPRESS OUR  
DEEPEST SYMPATHY  
TO DEB & TROY  
BONGARD AND  
FAMILY ON THE LOSS  
OF DEB'S MOTHER,  
KATHRYN IRENE  
GEROW.**



## **Poinsettias**

*(were purchased for our shut-ins by the following)*

### ***In Memory of.....***

**In Memory of Mary & Dale Carter given by their daughter, Jeanne Shelander**  
**In Memory of Jill Marshall, given by Jeanne Shelander**  
**In Memory of Bob & Jackie Ackerman, given by Jeanne Shelander**  
**In Memory of Linda Bower, given by Jeanne Shelander**  
**In Memory of MaryAnn Sullivan, given by Jeanne Shelander**  
**In Memory of Ruth Owens, given by Jeanne Shelander**  
**In Memory of Helen Collier, given by Jeanne Shelander**  
**In Memory of David & Alma Seiter, given by their grand-daughter, Connie Berg**  
**In Memory of Jim Nielson, given by his son, Jamie Nielsen**  
**In Memory of Steve Nielson, given by his brother, Jamie Nielsen**  
**In Memory of Ken & Carrie Broughton, given by Connie McGregor & family**  
**In Memory of James & Frances Broughton, given by Connie McGregor & family**  
**In Memory of Emily Wyman, given by Kat Kruskamp**

### ***In Honor of.....***

**In Honor of Judy Bailey's family, given by Jeanne Shelander.**  
**In Honor of Dr. Dave & Colleen Bremer, given by Jeanne Shelander**  
**In Honor of Pastor Leanette Lane, given by Jeanne Shelander**  
**In Honor of Roy & Lucy Monzo, given by Jeanne Shelander**  
**In Honor of Don & Shelley Spachman, given by Jeanne Shelander**

**Those who just donated to poinsettias:**

**Ken & Betty Eaton**

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

1	<i>Kleinhardt, Kim</i> <i>Kleinhardt, Tom</i> <i>Norlander, Kayla</i>
2	<i>Cooper, Allen</i>
3	<i>Swan, Dick</i>
5	<i>Mater, Anna</i> <i>Bromley, Dennis</i>
8	<i>Franklin, Marsha</i>
9	<i>Bentley, Savannah</i>
10	<i>Thayer, Sue</i>
11	<i>Kingsbury, Melonie</i>
12	<i>Lane, Marjorie</i>
13	<i>Krell, Erin</i> <i>Teall, Don</i>
14	<i>Everts, Barb</i> <i>LeBoeuf, Joyce</i>
16	<i>David, Brian</i> <i>Wyman Sr., Larry</i>
17	<i>Bongard, Troy</i> <i>Shurlow-Phillips, Wilma</i> <i>Ellison, Debra</i> <i>Koch, Kelly</i>
18	<i>Bryans, Rita</i> <i>Schunk, Mike</i>
20	<i>Benic, Alaine</i> <i>Taylor, Anthony</i>
21	<i>Ward, Kim</i>
23	<i>Brecht, Michelle</i>
24	<i>Seibt, Bailey</i>
25	<i>Lubs, Kylie</i>
27	<i>Wagoner, Jan</i>
28	<i>Chilson, Ashlyn</i> <i>Yats, Amanda</i>
30	<i>Bryans, Louis</i>
31	<i>Miller, Caley</i>

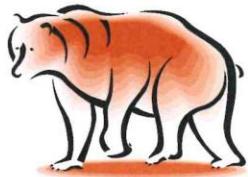


# **BEAST FEAST**

## **COMMUNITY WILD GAME DINNER(FREE)**

**January 17th**

**at 6 p.m.**



**in the Clare**

**United Methodist Church,  
105 E. Seventh Street,  
Fellowship Hall**

# CHRISTIAN WOMEN



*“Happy New Year”*

**Thursday, January 8, 2026**

**11:45 – 1:45 p.m.**

**Special Feature: Jeffrey Walton, R.Ph.**  
“Compounded Medications”  
Coleman Family Pharmacy

**Special Music:** Ruth Fretz  
*from Sears, MI*

**Inspirational Speaker: Lisa Saruga,**  
*from from Michigan, will share how healing  
is possible after after surviving a violent  
crime. She will share how to remove  
obstacles that stand in the way of hope,  
justice, and forgiveness to to have a  
closer walk with Jesus. “Demolition Day”*

**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 Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>.**  
Edie (989) 463-3287 \* Ruth (989) 492-4199  
Or Lona (989) 387-4808  
Or email Lona at [Lonahamilton@yahoo.com](mailto:Lonahamilton@yahoo.com)



# January 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>REMINDER, THAT OUR BEAST FEAST IS JAN 17 AT 6 P.M. WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF SALADS AND DESSERTS AND LOTS AND LOTS OF HELP!! SIGN UP SHEETS WILL BE IN THE CHURCH LOBBY</b>
4 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 2:00 YOUTH GROUP	5 AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	6 AA 8-9:30 P.M.	7 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	8 11:00 -3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THRIFT STORE 1:00 AA <b>ONLY 79 DAYS TILL SPRING</b>	2 10-4 THRIFT STORE AA 8-9:30 P.M.	3 FOOD TRUCK IN HARRISON 9 AM 10-4 THRIFT STORE 12 NOON AA
11 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 2:00 YOUTH GROUP	12 AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	13 6 P.M. LEADERSHIP TEAM AA 8-9:30 P.M.	14 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	15 11:00 -3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THRIFT STORE 1:00 AA	9 10-4 THRIFT STORE AA 8-9:30 P.M.	10 10-4 THRIFT STORE 12 NOON AA
18 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 2:00 YOUTH GROUP	19 AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	20 6PM PCCC BOARD MEETING AA 8-9:30 P.M.	21 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	22 11:00 -3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THRIFT STORE 1:00 AA	16 10-4 THRIFT STORE AA 8-9:30 P.M.	17 10-4 THRIFT STORE 12 NOON AA BEAST FEAST 6 P.M.
25 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 2:00 YOUTH GROUP	26 AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	27 AA 8-9:30 P.M.	28 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	29 11:00 -3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THRIFT STORE 1:00 AA	30 10-4 THRIFT STORE AA 8-9:30 P.M.	31 10-4 THRIFT STORE 12 NOON AA 4-5:30 COMMUNITY DINNER <b>ONLY 48 DAYS TILL SPRING</b>

