CLARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWS JULY 18, 2025 OUR WORSHIP TIME IS 10 A.M.

Our Church family will be attending the Loons game Thursday, July 24 at 7 PM. See Ellen Fuller (989-240-3777) if you want to go & want her to purchase your tickets for you. Cost is 12.50 per ticket, Ellen ordered 20 tickets and has already has purchased them. Section 103 rows 11 & 12. Please let her know as soon as possible if you want to go & pay her by Sunday JULY 20. She will pass out tickets then or leave in the church office for you.

Ellen 989-240-3777

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



WE WELCOME
PASTOR BRIAN,
ELIZABETH,
JONATHON &
MARY COMISKEY
TO OUR CHURCH
FAMILY WITH
OPEN ARMS©
Pastor Brian has

been in full-time



vocational ministry for four years at a multi-point parish that included churches Hudson, Camden, and Montgomery, Michigan. Prior to that, he served as Lay Servant and youth leader in Blissfield for several years. He has a passion for working ecumenically to take the love of Jesus outside the walls of church buildings and is always looking for new and unique ways to build relationships within the community. It's a bonus if those ways include music!

His wife, Elizabeth, is a full-time novelist. Additionally, she has recently started exploring a second career as a mortuary technician. Brian and Elizabeth have four children and a two-year-old grandchild. The oldest two children, Sadie and Jacob, live in Arizona. Mary Violet recently graduated from the University of Northwest Ohio with a degree in heavy diesel repair. She is working in Lima, Ohio. Jonathon will be starting his freshman year of high school in September. He loves music production, has extensive experience in theater and dance, and is hoping to play basketball as a Pioneer.

The family shares their home with a Great Dane and a very fluffy cat.

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

Email: pastorbrianc@clareumc.org

REVOLVING FUND GIVING FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2025

DAYCARE BUILDING: \$215 TECH SUPPORT: \$200

UMCOR/Disaster Relief: \$225 PCCC OPERATIONS: \$60

COFFEE HOUR/HOSPITALITY: \$78
INSURANCE EMERGENCY FUND: \$100

CAMP REGISTRATIONS: \$4,750

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND(PASTOR'S DISC.): \$45

CAMP: \$655 CAMP T-SHIRT: \$761

THRIFT STORE: \$362.50 PRISON MINISTRIES: \$50

PARSONAGE REPAIRS: \$50
GENERAL FUND FOR MAY

GIVING: \$13,910.40 EXPENSES: \$15,273.65

DO YOU HAVE CONCERNS?FEEL FREE TO EMAIL OUR

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN OF FAITH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS.... REAVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE, IF YOU ARE

INTERESTED
IN APPLYING FOR ONE THIS YEAR.
(SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE
AFTER 1ST SEMESTER IS COMPLETED)



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 surpress 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.

Barb Mahon in rehab at the Medilodge. Clare on hospice

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

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.....

<u>In Their Own Home:</u>

Pioneer Golden Estates:

Barb Everts Brenda Longstreth Ruth Owens

Marge Dickey Glenda Baker Sue Neff (memory care)

Gayle White Lou & Rita Bryans

Carol Beatty Ruth Jones

Bill & Barb Manderbach

<u>Green Acres, Mt. Pleasant</u> <u>Mickey Davis</u>

Larry Wyman Sr.

The Brook, Gladwin:

Bob Musser Jean Blow,

Jean Burrows

Erma Johnson,

Americana Seniors of Clare

Jan Brandon(formerly prestige place) Medilodge, Clare

Barb Mahon

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

JULY 19: 10-4 THRIFT STORE

12 noon AA

7 P.M. YOUTH GAME NIGHT AT SCOTT & TRACY LUBS'

20:10:00 WORSHIP

11:30 WELCOME POTLUCK FUN FOR PASTOR BRIAN & FAMILY

7:00 THE VANDERVEEN'S AT CLARE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS GRANDSTAND, HARRISON, MI

21: 12 NOON AA

6:15 WEIGHTS

6:45 YOGA

22: 8:00 AA

23: 8:00 AA

6:15 WEIGHTS

6:45 YOGA

24: 10-3 accepting clothing at Thrift Store

1:00 AA

1:00 QUILTING

7:00 LOONS GAME

25: 10-4 THRIFT STORE

8:00 AA

26: 10-4 THRIFT STORE

12 NOON AA

27:10:00 WORSHIP

4:00 P.M. THE HOPPERS AT NEW HOPE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH, MECOSTA, MI

ATTENDENCE LAST SUNDAY, JULY 13: 83

EXTRA MILE GIVING FOR JULY IS
FOR GOOD SAMARATIN FUND
FORMERLY PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND
[OUR FUNDS ARE GETTING VERY LOW.
WE HAVE HAD 8 PEOPLE COME IN SO FAR IN JUNE.
WE ARE DOWN TO LESS THAN \$30 AFTER THE
BILLS ARE PAID THAT THEY CHARGED AT WITBECKS]

MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD FOR JULY

Food Items:

- Brown Rice
- Pasta (whole wheat)
- Beef or chicken broth (low sodium)
- Cereal such as Cheerios, Mini Wheat, Rice Krispies, Chex, Kix, Corn flakes, Crispix, Life, Alpha-Bits (Less than 6 grams sugar per serving)

NEW HOPE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH 2025

CONCERT TICKETS ARE: \$20 IN ADVANCE \$24 THE DAY OF CONCERT DOORS OPEN AT 3 PM



SUNDAY, JULY 27TH @ 4 PM
THE HOPPERS

FOR TICKET INFORMATION
CALL GREG OR LAURA AT 231-972-7000

NOTICE: ALWAYS CALL TO CONFIRM DATES WHEN TRAVELING LONG DISTANCES. ALL TICKETS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. SEATING IS LIMITED 7296 9 MILE ROAD, MECOSTA, MI 49332 231-972-2838

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WE WANT TO WISH OUR CHURCH FAMILY MEMBERS WHO HAVE HAD OR ARE HAVING BIRTHDAY'S IN JULY

"A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!"

July Birthdays

- 3: Tonya Willman
- 4: Amanda Sexton
- 5: Joe Bentley Bob Mussell
- 6: Gabe Kruskamp Toni Thomson
- 7: Jeff Denton

Tina Colosky

9: Connie Denton

Joan Southwell

10:Jessica Smock

Gina Schlafley

Andy Southwell

Bill Zinser

- 12: Betty Mussell
- 14: Deb Bongard
- 15: Linda Grigg

Dave Kruskamp

- 17: Teri Pitchford
- 18: Calla Ringgenberg

Bill Stanley

- 19: Troy Staten
- 20: Jessica Hopkins
- 21: Walt Longstreth
- 22: Carol Beatty
- 23: Don Hopkins
- 24: Tom Moline
- 25: Kellie Cassiday

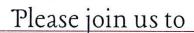
Mike Viers

26: Karen Brooks

Megan Brooks

30: Scott Moore

Adam Shaw



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WELCOME.

Pastor Brian, Elizabeth, and

Jonny

Please join us in welcoming Pastor Brian and his family with a potluck! Fellowship in Community (FIC) will be grilling hot dogs, please bring a dish to pass and spread the love!

AFTER CHURCH APROX. 11:30

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Food, snow cones, bounce house, and fellowship!

Clare United Methodist Church; 105 E. 7th St. Clare, MI



clare United Methodist Church, will be held on July 31, August 1 & 2

Hours are
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
on Thursday & Friday
9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday

Sale is located in the Education Building basement at 105 E. Seventh Street, Clare. If you have questions, 989-386-2591



Free Drive-Through Mobile Food Distribution

Greater Lansing Food Bank- Clare County



Registration: Starts at 9:00 a.m.

Distribution: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.





Clare County Fairgrounds

418 Fairlane St., Harrison MI 48625

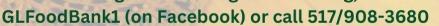
Please Note:

- Remember Line-up begins at 7:00 AM NOT BEFORE!
- LIMIT OF 6 FAMILIES PER VEHICLE
- Don't forget your registration tag!
- Anyone in need of food can attend a GLFB mobile distribution.
- You do not need to provide identification or proof of residency to receive food.
- If you are unable to attend a distribution, someone else may pick up food on your behalf.
- Drivers and passengers are required to stay in vehicles at all times.
- Food will be placed in your trunk or backseat.
- Volunteers are always appreciated.





For more information contact: Clare County Food Facebook page or **Greater Lansing Food Bank at:** www.greaterlansingfoodbank.org,







The Greater Lansing Food Bank - Clare County Food is an equal opportunity provider





