

**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're  
Getting  
a New  
Pastor*

**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](mailto: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  
LEADERSHIP TEAM EMAILS: Larry Wyman Jr. : [ldwyman@charter.net](mailto:ldwyman@charter.net)**

**MaryAnn Shurlow Scott: [maryannshurlow@gmail.com](mailto:maryannshurlow@gmail.com)**

**Pastor Brian Comiskey : [pastorbrianc@clareumc.org](mailto:pastorbrianc@clareumc.org)**

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**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN OF FAITH  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS....**

**ARE AVAILABLE 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 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.*

*Barb Mahon in rehab at the Medilodge, Clare on hospice*

*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)

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 SAMARITAN 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 SERIES**

**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**

**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

Please join us to

# 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  
**JULY 20 | 2025**

Food, snow cones, bounce house, and  
fellowship!

Clare United Methodist Church; 105 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St.  
Clare, MI





# Summer Rummage Sale

*sponsored by the  
Clare United Methodist Church,  
will be held on*

**Thursday, Friday & Saturday  
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**



*Proceeds will be used for local Community needs*

**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



## Saturday - August 2, 2025

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.

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For more information contact:  
Clare County Food Facebook page or  
Greater Lansing Food Bank at:  
[www.greaterlansingfoodbank.org](http://www.greaterlansingfoodbank.org),  
GLFoodBank1 (on Facebook) or call 517/908-3680



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

