

**CLARE UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH NEWS NOVEMBER 28, 2025  
OUR WORSHIP TIME IS 10 A.M.**

**Don't forget our free community  
dinner tomorrow from 4-5:30  
We hope to see you there😊**

**COLLECTING COFFEE PACKETS FOR PRISONERS**

**Several churches in our area are collecting items for the prisoners. We chose to collect instant coffee packets. We will be collecting instant coffee packets for the prison ministries through November 30th . They can be purchased on Amazon or purchased at Dollar General or if you would like to donate towards it. Just make a note it's for Prison Ministries Christmas.**

**We need 150 boxes of (7).**

**SO FAR WE HAVE COLLECTED 90 BOXES  
SO 60 BOXES TO GO???? CAN YOU HELP?**

**ATTENTION CARING FRIENDS  
POINSETTIAS ARE READY TO DELIVER**

## THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

NOV. 30: 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:00 WORSHIP 1 P.M. FELLOWSHIP HALL IN USE (BAILEY)  
2:00 YOUTH

DEC. 1:12 NOON AA  
6:15 WEIGHTS  
6:45 YOGA

2: 8:00 AA  
3: 8:00 AA  
6:15 WEIGHTS  
6:45 YOGA

4: 11-3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT STORE  
1:00 AA / 1:00 QUILTING

5: 10-4 THRIFT STORE  
8:00 AA

**6: 9 A.M. FOOD TRUCK HARRISON**  
10-4 THRIFT STORE  
12 NOON AA

7: 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:00 WORSHIP &  
**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**  
**12:30 CHURCH CONFERENCE**  
2:00 YOUTH

ATTENDENCE LAST SUNDAY, NOV 23: 86
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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**

# **UP COMING EVENTS IN** **DECEMBER**

**Children's Christmas Program**  
**Will Be December 7<sup>th</sup> During Worship**

**Our Church Conference Will Be Held Following Worship On December 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**Women's Advent Luncheon Will Be Held At The Doherty Hotel On December 9<sup>th</sup> At 12 P.M. We Will Order Off The Menu At Our Expense.**

**Advent Worship Service Will Be Held At Farwell United Methodist Church On December 9<sup>th</sup> At 6 P.M.**

**Gateway Community Band Christmas Concert Will Be Held On December 11<sup>th</sup> 7:30 P.M. At Clare High School.**

**Christmas In Downtown Clare On December 14<sup>th</sup>**

**The Theme Is Whoville See Flyer In This Email**

**6-8 Walk Through Bethlehem December 14<sup>th</sup> At 3557 Colonville Rd., Clare**

**Blue Christmas Service will be held here at Clare UMC on December 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:efuller@reagan.com). *Thanks for your help with this community ministry.***

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



## **ADVENT AND PLANNING AHEAD**

**The Annual Women's Advent Luncheon at the Grand Doherty Hotel is being planned!!**

**The date will be Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2025 at 12 p.m.**

**You are invited to bring a friend.**

**We will be ordering off the menu (at our own expense)**

**Please let Jeanne Shelander or Judy Bailey know if you plan to come ASAP**



**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE  
YOU ARE INVITED TO A COMMUNITY  
ADVENT SERVICE ON DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>  
FARWELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WILL  
BE HOSTING OUR COMMUNITY ADVENT  
SERVICE ON DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> AT 6 P.M.  
Address is: 281 Ohio St Farwell, MI**

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#### **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 November 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 SEPT. 2025**

**DAYCARE BUILDING: \$120 TECH SUPPORT: \$100 UMCOR/Disaster Relief  
: \$210 CAMP: \$100 COFFEE HOUR/HOSPITALITY: \$71**

**INSURANCE EMERGENCY FUND: \$100**

**PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND: \$50**

**THRIFT STORE: \$140 FUNERAL DINNERS: \$540 PCCC OPER: \$120**

**SATURDAY SOUP: \$125 LOVE OFFERING: \$69**

**GENERAL FUND FOR SEPTEMBER**

**GIVING: \$14,955.42 EXPENSES: \$18,422.13**

**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)**

**Tracy Brooks: [trbrooks8@yahoo.com](mailto:trbrooks8@yahoo.com)**

**Deb Bongard: [Bongard@live.com](mailto:Bongard@live.com)**

**Elvis Denton: [elvis@toast.net](mailto:elvis@toast.net)**

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**Mary Lee: [mary\\_lee10@hotmail.com](mailto:mary_lee10@hotmail.com)**

**Kindra Norlander: [knorlander@michigannewspapers.com](mailto:knorlander@michigannewspapers.com)**

**Kay Moser: [kaymoser2014@gmail.com](mailto:kaymoser2014@gmail.com)**

**Macy Tyler: [macytyler@rocketmail.com](mailto: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*

*Deb Bongard as she recovers from surgery*

*Carren & Lynn Chappell as they recover*

*Velma Cross as she deals with the loss of her sister last Sunday (Margie Gregory)*

*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.....**

**In Their Own Home:**

**Pioneer Golden Estates:**

*Barb Everts*

*Marge Dickey Glenda Baker*

*Brenda Longstreth*

*Sue Neff (memory care)*

*Gayle White*

*Carol Beatty Ruth Jones*

*Lou & Rita Bryans*

*Larry Wyman Sr.*

*Bill & Barb Manderbach*

**The Brook, Gladwin:**

*Bob Musser Jean Blow,*

*Jean Burrows*

*Erma Johnson*

**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.**

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WE ARE PLANNING TO DO AN ANGEL TREE  
IF YOU KNOW OF A NEEDY FAMILY IN OUR AREA,  
PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH INFORMATION**



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

## November Birthdays

- 1 Benjamin Yats  
Daniel Yats  
Kayla Krause Bouchey
- 2 Zackery Tyler
- 3 Dixie Lynn Koch  
Riley Hayer
- 4 Sandie Brewer  
Kelly Staten
- 6 Barb Seiter
- 8 Ken Graham  
Lesla Bentley
- 9 Kim Denton  
Steven Kingsbury
- 10 Janette Curtis  
Tom Kunse
- 12 Jeremy Pepin
- 14 Lacey (Brown) Badelt
- 15 Madison (Davis) Kelly  
Tom VanHoose
- 16 Susan Atwood
- 21 Hayden Hubel
- 22 Jeff Brown
- 24 Tara (Grigg) Caswell  
Kelly Corbett
- 25 Shannon Oleary
- 26 Cindy Krell
- 27 Ann Koehler
- 28 Elizabeth Comiskey
- 29 Kalyn Nevill  
Lori Zinser



## 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  
Debby 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  
Courtne 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







YOU'RE INVITED  
TO A

# Free Community Dinner



**29**  
NOVEMBER  
4:00-5:30PM

Clare United  
Methodist  
Church

105 E 7th St,  
Clare, MI

[WWW.CLAREUMC.ORG](http://WWW.CLAREUMC.ORG)



# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



**GATEWAY BAND  
PRESENTS  
"A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS"  
DEC. 11<sup>TH</sup> 7:30  
CLARE HIGH SCHOOL**

*Band*  
*Presents*



A Joyful Christmas  
Clare High School  
Thursday,  
December 11, 2025  
7:30pm

FREE ADMISSION ALL AGES

~ PRIZE DRAWING. TICKETS AVAILABLE BY DONATION ONLY ~

Join us immediately following the concert for refreshment!

Facebook: *Gateway Community Band*  
Website: [www.gatewayband.org](http://www.gatewayband.org)





# November 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>REMINDER SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR BEFORE YOU GO TO BED ON NOVEMBER 1</b> <b>ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 2, A TIME TO REMEMBER</b> <b>OUR LOVED ONES WHO PASSED IN THE LAST YEAR</b>						<b>1 FOOD TRUCK</b> <b>IN HARRISON</b> <b>9 AM</b> <b>10-4 THRIFT STORE</b> <b>12 NOON AA</b>
<b>2 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME</b> <b>BEGINS/ ALL SAINT'S SUN-</b> <b>DAY</b> <b>9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> <b>10:00 WORSHIP</b> <b>2:00 YOUTH GROUP</b>	<b>3 AA 12-1:30</b> <b>1:00 D.A.R.</b> <b>6:15 WEIGHTS</b> <b>6:45 YOGA</b>	<b>4</b> <b>AA 8-9:30 P.M.</b>	<b>5</b> <b>6:15 WEIGHTS</b> <b>6:45 YOGA</b> <b>8:00 AA</b>	<b>6 11:00 -3 ACCEPT</b> <b>CLOTHING AT</b> <b>THRIFT STORE</b> <b>1:00 AA</b> <b>7:00 BIBLE CLASS</b>	<b>7</b> <b>AA 8-9:30 P.M.</b> <b>10-4 THRIFT</b> <b>STORE</b>	<b>8</b> <b>10-4 THRIFT</b> <b>STORE</b> <b>12 NOON AA</b>
<b>9</b> <b>9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> <b>10:00 WORSHIP</b> <b>2:00 YOUTH GROUP</b>	<b>10</b> <b>AA 12-1:30</b> <b>6:15 WEIGHTS</b> <b>6:45 YOGA</b>	<b>11</b> <b>6:00 LEADERSHIP</b> <b>TEAM</b> <b>AA 8-9:30 P.M.</b>	<b>12</b> <b>6:15 WEIGHTS</b> <b>6:45 YOGA</b> <b>8:00 AA</b>	<b>13 11:00 -3 ACCEPT</b> <b>CLOTHING AT</b> <b>THRIFT STORE</b> <b>1:00 AA</b> <b>7:00 BIBLE CLASS</b>	<b>14</b> <b>AA 8-9:30 P.M.</b> <b>10-4 THRIFT</b> <b>STORE</b>	<b>15</b> <b>10-4 THRIFT</b> <b>STORE</b> <b>12 NOON AA</b>
<b>16</b> <b>9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> <b>10:00 WORSHIP</b> <b>2:00 YOUTH GROUP</b>	<b>17</b> <b>AA 12-1:30</b> <b>6:15 WEIGHTS</b> <b>6:45 YOGA</b>	<b>18</b> <b>6:00 PCCC BOARD</b> <b>AA 8-9:30 P.M.</b>	<b>19 6:15 WEIGHTS</b> <b>6:45 YOGA</b> <b>7:00 QUIETLY SOCIAL</b> <b>8:00 AA</b>	<b>20 11:00 -3 ACCEPT</b> <b>CLOTHING AT</b> <b>THRIFT STORE</b> <b>1:00 AA</b> <b>7:00 BIBLE CLASS</b>	<b>21 PREPARING FOR</b> <b>THANKSGIVING DINNER</b> <b>AA 8-9:30 P.M.</b> <b>10-4 THRIFT</b> <b>STORE</b>	<b>22 10-4 THRIFT STORE</b> <b>12 NOON AA</b> <b>FREE COMMUNITY</b> <b>THANKSGIVING DINNER</b> <b>Noon-3</b>
<b>23</b> <b>9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> <b>10:00 WORSHIP</b> <b>2:00 YOUTH GROUP</b>	<b>24</b> <b>AA 12-1:30</b> <b>6:15 WEIGHTS</b> <b>6:45 YOGA</b>	<b>25</b> <b>AA 8-9:30 P.M.</b>	<b>26</b> <b>6:15 WEIGHTS</b> <b>6:45 YOGA</b> <b>8:00 AA</b>	<b>27</b> 	<b>28 OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>AA 8-9:30 P.M.</b> <b>10-4 THRIFT</b> <b>STORE</b>	<b>29 10-4 THRIFT</b> <b>STORE</b> <b>12 NOON AA</b> <b>4-5:30 SATURDAY</b> <b>SOUP</b>
<b>30 1ST SUNDAY OF</b> <b>ADVENT</b> <b>9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> <b>10:00 WORSHIP</b> <b>2:00 YOUTH GROUP</b>	<b>DEC. 1</b> <b>AA 12-1:30</b> <b>6:15 WEIGHTS</b> <b>6:45 YOGA</b>	<b>2</b> <b>AA 8-9:30 P.M.</b>	<b>3 6PM ADVENT SER-</b> <b>VICE/FARWELL UMC</b> <b>6:15 WEIGHTS</b> <b>6:45 YOGA</b> <b>8:00 AA</b>	<b>4 11:00 -3 ACCEPT</b> <b>CLOTHING AT</b> <b>THRIFT STORE</b> <b>1:00 AA</b> <b>7:00 BIBLE CLASS</b>	<b>5 AA 8-9:30 P.M.</b> <b>10-4 THRIFT</b> <b>STORE</b>	<b>6 FOOD TRUCK</b> <b>IN HARRISON</b> <b>9 AM</b> <b>10-4 THRIFT STORE</b> <b>12 NOON AA</b>