

**CLARE UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH NEWS OCTOBER 31, 2025
HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!
OUR WORSHIP TIME IS 10 A.M.**

ALL
SAINTS'
SUNDAY

ON NOVEMBER 2ND WE WILL BE REMEMBERING ALL OF THOSE WHO HAVE WENT BEFORE US IN THE LAST YEAR. JUDY WILL BE MAILING LETTERS OUT TO THOSE WHO'S SERVICES WE HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN. IF YOU HAVE SOMEONE YOU HAVE LOST IN THE LAST YEAR AND WOULD LIKE THEIR NAME AND PICTURE UP ON THE SCREEN FOR THAT SUNDAY. PLEASE CONTACT JUDY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

HERE IS THE LIST WE HAVE FOR THIS SUNDAY:

Leopold Baker(father of Merri Ann Baker-Radcliffe)

Ellyce Brinkerhuff (cousin of Barb Tyler)

Kay Anne Miller Corless (niece of Shirley Miller)

June Chaffee

Mikey Davis

Margie Gregory (sister of Velma Cross)

Janet Haring

April Hicks

Barb Mahon

Mark Huizinga

Francis O'Day

Wayne Patterson

Margaret Irene Turbin(sister of John Radcliffe)

Scott Willman(brother of Jeff Willman)

Kathy Miller

JoAnn Raymond

Robert Rex Shelander

William "Bill" Southwell





**YOU ARE INVITED TO A COMMUNITY
ADVENT SERVICE ON DECEMBER 3RD
FARWELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WILL
BE HOSTING OUR COMMUNITY ADVENT
SERVICE ON DECEMBER 3RD AT 6 P.M.
Address is: 281 Ohio St Farwell, MI**

**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.

"THE JESUS I NEVER KNEW" CLASS HAS STARTED THURSDAYS FOR 14 WEEKS AT 7 P.M.

Clare United Methodist Church is offering a class on the life of Jesus – You will get to see the life of our Lord in a way you may not have thought about! Class is based on the book "The Jesus I Never Knew" by Philip Yancey.

This class is every Thursday night @ 7:00 p.m. for approximately for 14 weeks.

Facilitator – Gerry Scott

Books are available free of charge



A NOTE FROM OUR PRESCHOOL/CHILD CARE CENTER
We are excited to welcome back Terri Banaszak as our director. She was our Director from March 2020-2023. We feel blessed to have her return and share her knowledge and passion for Christian Education and Childcare. We continue to be at or near capacity and presently

employ 14 staff members. The Center is open Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. It is a busy place with lots of activity.

This week the children will be painting pumpkins as well as having visitors from Medilodge(Nursing Home), who are coming to share treats with the children.

We are grateful to Pastor Brian who spends time with the children every Friday morning. Staff and children look forward to their time with him.

As food and utility costs have risen, so have our expenses. We strive to keep tuition as low as possible. Childcare is expensive and a hardship for many.

Thank you for your support. It is appreciated and vital for our Center.

Sincerely,

Mary Lee, PCCC Chair



In November we will be collecting: Paper Napkins, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Facial Tissue, Ziplock Bags (1qt & 1 gal), Silverware (Adult & Toddler), Dry Erase Markers, Pine-Sol Cleaner, Plastic Hamper with Lid
For our Preschool Child Care Center

OUR EXTRA MILE GIVING FOR NOVEMBER WILL GO FOR OUR FREE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

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
MaryAnn Shurlow Scott: maryannshurlow@gmail.com
Pastor Brian Comiskey : pastorbrianc@clareumc.org
Tracy Brooks: trbrooks8@yahoo.com
Deb Bongard: Bongard@live.com
Elvis Denton: elvis@toast.net
Connie McGregor: conniemcgregor3@gmail.com
Mary Lee: mary_lee10@hotmail.com
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Kay Moser: kaymoser2014@gmail.com
Macy Tyler: macytyler@rocketmail.com

A BIG THANK YOU FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS!

Dear Church family,

**Thank you very much for the beautiful peace lily! Also, your prayers, love, and cards at this difficult time. Your kind and thoughtful expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged
Joan Southwell and family.**

**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

Kelly & Karen O'Day on the loss of Kelly's father, Francis O'Day

Lynn Chappell & Carren as they recover at home

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.....

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

Ruth Owens

Gayle White

Lou & Rita Bryans

Bill & Barb Manderbach

Bob Musser Jean Blow,

Erma Johnson

MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD

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THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

NOV. 1: 9 A.M. FOOD TRUCK IN HARRISON

10-4 THRIFT STORE

12 NOON AA

2: **ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY**

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 WORSHIP

2:00 YOUTH

3:12 NOON AA **ID.A.R.**

6:15 WEIGHTS

6:45 YOGA

4: 8:00 AA

5: 8:00 AA

6:15 WEIGHTS

6:45 YOGA

6: 11-3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THE THRIFT STORE

1:00 AA / 1:00 QUILTING

7:00 Gerry's Group Study class

7:10-4 THRIFT STORE

8:00 AA

8:10-4 THRIFT STORE

12 NOON AA

9: 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 WORSHIP

2:00 YOUTH

**DON'T FORGET TO
TURN YOUR CLOCKS
BACK 1 HOUR BEFORE
YOU GO TO BED NEXT
SATURDAY NIGHT
(NOV. 1)**

**ATTENDANCE LAST
SUNDAY, OCT 26: 87**

**WE WANT TO WISH OUR CHURCH FAMILY MEMBERS WHO
HAVE HAD OR ARE HAVING BIRTHDAY'S
IN NOVEMBER
"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
Lesa 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



Free Drive-Through Mobile Food Distribution

Saturday - November 1, 2025

Registration: Starts at 9:00 a.m.

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

Clare County Transit Building

1473 Transportation Dr., Harrison MI 48625

Please Note:

- Remember Line-up begins at 7:00 AM - NOT BEFORE!
- **NEW: LIMIT OF 4 FAMILIES PER VEHICLE -**
Remember large families count double
- Don't forget your registration tag!
- Anyone in need of food can attend a 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.
- **NEW - No animals allowed - except licensed service animals**
- 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, or
517/908-3680

Mid Michigan Community Action Agency at:
www.mmcaa.org
989/386-3805x1203



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 **GIRL
SCOUTS!**
Games

Treats



Clare Count Service Unit 578

GIRL SCOUT RECRUITMENT TRUNK OR TREAT

Clare VFW is hosting their annual Trunk or Treat, and they invited the Girl Scouts!

- 
- Meet Local Troops
 - Get Information
 - Halloween Treats
 - Play Games
 - Bookmarks
 - Fun Patches



Where: Pettit Kapplinger
VFW Post #5738
145 Wilcox Pkwy
Clare, MI 48617
When: October 31st, 2025
6pm-8pm



Come
Celebrate
Juliette Gordon
Low's Birthday
with your local
troops!





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TO A

Free Community Dinner



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NOVEMBER

4:00-5:30PM

Clare United
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Church

105 E 7th St,
Clare, MI

WWW.CLAREUMC.ORG



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November 2025



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