

# **CLARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWS SEPTEMBER 19, 2025 OUR WORSHIP TIME IS 10 A.M.**

## **WE ARE GOING TO THE MOVIES THIS SUNDAY!!**

**This Sunday, Sept. 21 we are going to see the newest "Downton Abby" movie. (The Grand Finale" at the Ideal theatre in Clare(cost is \$5)**

**The movie starts at 3 p.m.**

**For those who would like to join us for lunch, we will be going to Ruckles for lunch right after worship service. Then we will head over to the theatre.**

**All are welcome, bring a friend!**

**For more information see Kindra or Diane. See you there😊**

## **It is that time again!**

**We get to come together to laugh, eat, and worship.**

**I'm very excited to be able to start our Youth Group again.**

**I would like to get together to schedule our times, activities, and potential fundraising.**

**I am proposing that we meet on September 21 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**

## **WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A CARING FRIEND?**

**There will be a meeting of the Caring Friends Ministry on October 9th at 1 p.m. in the Pastor's office**

**This group provides comfort and establishes friendships with our shut-ins through visits, along with Pastor Brian.**

**We do holiday plant deliveries, and an occasional meal.**

**This is a very rewarding ministry for all involved.**

**If you are interested in our shut-ins or**

**are in need of, or know someone needing a visit,  
please join us on October 9 at 1 p.m.  
see Pastor Brian, Ellen Fuller or Diane Boudreau with any questions.  
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED**

**QUIETLY SOCIAL (A CLUB FOR INTROVERTS)  
Will meet on Sept. 17th from 7-8:30  
On the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor in Ed. Bldg. Questions? Contact Elizabeth at  
elizabethacomiskey@gmail.com**

### **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*

### **MEMBERSHIP CLASS CONTINUES WE ARE MEETING AT 11 A.M.**

*As was announced in worship on Sunday, we will soon be offering a Membership Class for those who are interested in learning more about The United Methodist Church and becoming members of our congregation.*

*The class will run for four weeks, with one session each week. During our time together, we'll explore what it means to be a member, the beliefs and practices of the UMC, and how you can grow and serve within our church community.*

*Please let the pastor or the office know if you are thinking of attending☺*

*Pastor Brian's Cell # 517-215-8637*

*Email: [pastorbrianc@clareumc.org](mailto:pastorbrianc@clareumc.org)*

### **PRESCHOOL CHILD CARE CENTER NEWS**

**Because of some health issues and her desire to be a stay at home mom, Jolie Miller has resigned as our Preschool/Child Care Director.**

**We appreciate all she has done in leading this ministry. While we are sad to see her go, we are confident that we will continue to serve families and children in our community in a safe loving Christian environment. Special thanks to Karen Mater who has spent many extra hours keeping us on track.**

**From the Clare United Methodist Church's Preschool/Childcare Board**

### **REVOLVING FUND GIVING FOR THE MONTH OF AUG 2025**

**DAYCARE BUILDING: \$170 TECH SUPPORT: \$700**

**UMCOR/Disaster Relief : \$200 CAMP: \$200**

**COFFEE HOUR/HOSPITALITY: \$66.21**

**INSURANCE EMERGENCY FUND: \$170**

**GOOD SAMARITAN FUND(PASTOR'S DISC.): \$1,475**  
**THRIFT STORE: \$237.50    CAMP REGISTRATION: \$350**  
**FUNERAL DINNERS: \$300    MUSIC: \$50    PCCC OPER: \$157**  
**SATURDAY SOUP: \$30    MEMORIAL FUND: \$75**

**GENERAL FUND FOR JULY**

**GIVING: \$17,694.50    EXPENSES: \$21,011.48**



**DO YOU HAVE CONCERNS?FEEL FREE TO EMAIL OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM EMAILS:** Larry Wyman Jr. : [ldwyman@charter.net](mailto:ldwyman@charter.net)  
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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.*

*Bill Manderbach while in the hospital*

*Lynn Chappell as he recovers from heart surgery*

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

*Prayers for continued healing for Jan Brandon, Diane Ellsworth, Josh Enfield, 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.....**

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)

In Their Own Home:

Barb Everts Brenda Longstreth

Ruth Owens

Gayle White

Lou & Rita Bryans

Bill & Barb Manderbach

Bob Musser Jean Blow,

Erma Johnson

## **ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14: 107**

### **OUR EXTRA MILE GIVING FOR SEPTEMBER WILL GO FOR OUR CHURCH MINISTRY SHARES**

*Church Ministry Shares are how our church helps make a difference beyond our own community. When we give, we're joining hands with United Methodists all over the world to support things like disaster relief, missionaries, schools, and hospitals. Our giving helps feed the hungry, care for people after storms, and share God's love in places we may never go ourselves. It's one way we live out our faith together—doing more as a church family than we could ever do alone.*

### **THIS WEEKS CALENDAR**

**SEPT. 21: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 WORSHIP

22:12 NOON AA

6:15 WEIGHTS  
6:45 YOGA  
23: 12-2 CLERGY ZONE MEETING  
8:00 AA  
24: 8:00 AA  
6:15 WEIGHTS  
6:45 YOGA  
25: 11:00 MEMBERSHIP CLASS  
11-3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THE THRIFT STORE  
1:00 AA / 1:00 QUILTING  
7:00 Gerry's Group Study class  
26: 10-4 THRIFT STORE  
8:00 AA  
27: 8 a.m. RAIN DATE FOR HIGHWAY PICK-UP  
10-4 THRIFT STORE  
4-5:30 SATURDAY SOUP  
12 NOON AA  
28: 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:00 WORSHIP

**MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD FOR SEPTEMBER  
WE WILL BE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING FOR OUR  
PRESCHOOL/CHILD CARE CENTER**

*Baby Wipes (Unscented), Paper Towels,  
Liquid Hand soap, Dishwasher gel (Cascade), Facial Tissue, Bleach  
Lysol Spray, Clorox Wipes, All-Purpose Cleaner.*

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

2 Staten, Jason  
    Stinson, Patricia  
 3 Johnson, Steve  
    Jones, Ruth "100"  
    Blow, Jean  
 4: Caren Chappell  
 5 Hopkins, Kathy  
 6 Tyler, Barb  
 8 Mussell, Kellie  
    Denton, Gabrial  
 9 Ducham, Deb  
    Freeborn(Kleinhardt),Kacie  
    Zinser, Ashtyn  
 10 Kingsbury, Allison  
 12 Curtis, Eleanor  
 13 Staten, Janet  
    ShurlowScott, Mary Ann  
 14 Sowle, Janet  
 15 Hunt, Chris  
 16 Anderson, Erma  
    McGregor, Jason  
 18 Newton, Chloe  
 21 Staten, Ken  
    Turner, Trista  
    Wood, Greg  
 22 Brown, Kendra  
 23 Lubs, Scott  
    Lickman, Megan  
    Ludwig(Lickman) Michelle  
 24 Packer, Matthew  
    Viers, Maya  
 25 Dickey, Marjorie  
 28 Gross, Sally  
    O'Day, Kelly  
 30 Arnie Krause

## **ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY THIS SATURDAY**

**Once again we are looking for volunteers to assist with highway pick up.**

**Scheduled date is Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup> ,  
with make-up date Sept. 27.**



**ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY**



**We are hoping the Boy Scouts will be helping. We clean up trash on the shoulders of US 127 for the 2 miles just north of the north Clare exit, along both the northbound and southbound lanes.**

**It takes about 4 hours (2 hours each side of the highway).**

**That is depending on how much help we get. We typically clean up along the northbound lanes first, then stop for a snack and drink at Snowsnake, before coming back to clean up alongside the southbound lanes. Safety vests, gloves and vehicle identification placards are provided. Wearing sturdy shoes/boots and light colored clothing are recommended. Ages 12 and up can help. Please join us for this fun and active event. Contact Ellen Fuller if you will attend or for any questions.**

**(989)240-3777 [efuller@reagan.com](mailto:efuller@reagan.com). Thank you in advance for considering😊.**

# ***Free Community Dinner***

**Everyone in the community is invited to join us for a free dinner on Saturday, September 27 from 4-5:30 pm.**

**Soup \* Sandwiches \* More**

**Clare United Methodist Church  
105 E 7<sup>th</sup> St - In the Fellowship Hall-Basement of the Church**

**Contact us at  
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or 989-386-2591**

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# **VOLUNTEERS**

