

**CLARE UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH NEWS SEPTEMBER 25, 2025
OUR WORSHIP TIME IS 10 A.M.**

***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 7th St - In the Fellowship
Hall-Basement of the Church**

**Contact us at
jbailey@clareumc.org
or 989-386-2591**

www.clareumc.org



HELP WANTED FOR FAMILY NIGHT OUT

**Remember We Are Collecting Cases
Of Water, Hats And Gloves To Hand
Out At Family Night Out,
Next Week. There Is Also A Sign Up
Sheet If You Are Interested In
Helping The Evening Of
Oct 7, 3-7P.M.
Any Help Will Be Appreciated**

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



Clare Area Mobile Pack

Wednesday November 5, 6-8 pm or
Thursday November 6, 6-8 pm

Scan the QR code below to register.
Pre-registration is required.



Questions?
Contact Amy Stark @
(989) 386-5456

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A 100TH BIRTHDAY PARTY
FOR CHICK EBERHART
AT THE CLARE VFW
FROM 1-4 THIS SATURDAY, SEPT. 27TH**

**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

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

**OUR EXTRA MILE GIVING WILL GO FOR
PRESCHOOL/CHILDCARE OPERATIONS
IN OCTOBER**

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

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**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.*

Gerry Scott as he recovers

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

**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.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21: 82

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

SEPT. 27:10-4 THRIFT STORE

4-5:30 SATURDAY SOUP

12 NOON AA

28: 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 WORSHIP

29:12 NOON AA

6:15 WEIGHTS

6:45 YOGA

30: 8:00 AA

OCT. 1: 8:00 AA

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6:45 YOGA

2: 11-3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THE THRIFT STORE

1:00 AA / 1:00 QUILTING

7:00 Gerry's Group Study class

3:10-4 THRIFT STORE

8:00 AA

4:10-4 THRIFT STORE

12 NOON AA

5: WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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 & OCTOBER
"A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!"**

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Denton, Elvis
 2 Newton, Lee
 3 Schunk, Lee
 Good, Grant
 5 Robison, Jessica
 Baker-Radcliffe Merri Ann
 6 Murphy, Kelly
 Musser, Mike
 Brooks, Tracey
 7 Staten, Pam
 Staten, Jenna
 9 Evie Koch
 12 Brown, Stephanie
 Stark, Amy
 13 Southwell, Bill
 14 Lubs, Tracy
 Velma Cross
 15 Mary Comiskey
 17 Nevill, Jenna
 Dougherty, Linda
 19 Seiter, Randy
 23 Zinser, Pat
 24 Wood, Kathy
 Bowers, Shannon
 26 Jerred, Kathy
 27 Brown, Jacob
 30 Dana, Evan
 31 Monzo, Roy
 Stanley, Robyn

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

OUR NEXT FREE COMMUNITY DINNER WILL BE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 FROM 4-5:30PM
IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP WITH SET UP, SERVING, OR
CLEAN UP, PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL JUDY IN THE CHURCH
OFFICE. (989) 386-2591 JBAILEY@CLAREUMC.COM

