

CLARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWS SEPTEMBER 5, 2025 OUR WORSHIP TIME IS 10 A.M.

100th
birthday

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A TRULY MILESTONE CELEBRATION
AND SHARE A CENTURY FULL OF
WONDERFUL MEMORIES, LAUGHTER AND LOVE
HONORING

Ruth Jones

SEPTEMBER 7th 2:00-4:00 PM
Pioneer Golden Estates
Gathering Room - West Entrance
312 McGuirk | Clare, MI 48617

PLEASE NO GIFTS, FLOWERS, OR CARDS
INSTEAD WE'LL HAVE A LARGE CARD
AT THE PARTY TO SHARE YOUR WELL WISHES



YOUTH CLASS TO BEGIN ON SUNDAY SEPT. 7 AT 9 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

Starting Sunday, September 7, 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.

**NEW CLASS BEING OFFERED EVERY THURSDAY STARTING SEPT. 11
(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 way you may not have thought about! Class is based on the book “The Jesus I Never Knew” by Philip Yancey.

This class starts Sept. 11 every Thursday night @ 7:00 p.m. for approximately 14 weeks.

Facilitator – Gerry Scott

Place is to be determined

*A Book is not required bur, strongly suggested. Available on Amazon
(contact Judy at the church office if you would like to order one, there has
been donations to Education that would be able to cover the cost)*

**MEMBERSHIP CLASS CONTINUES
WE ARE MEETING AT 10:30 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

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

Want to give
online?



Scan with your phone
camera to go to electronic

**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
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Kay Moser: kaymoser2014@gmail.com
Macy Tyler: 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

Family & Friends Of Leopold Baker(father of Merri Ann Baker-Radcliffe)

Family & Friends Of Barb Mahon

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

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

SEPT 6 : 9 A.M. FOOD TRUCK IN HARRISON

10-4 THRIFT STORE

12 NOON AA

7: 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN

10:00 WORSHIP

2-4 100TH BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR RUTH JONES at Pioneer

8:12 NOON AA

6:15 WEIGHTS

6:45 YOGA

9: 6:00 LEADERSHIP TEAM

8:00 AA

10: 8:00 AA

6:15 WEIGHTS

6:45 YOGA

11: 10:30 MEMBERSHIP CLASS

11-3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THE THRIFT STORE

1:00 AA

1:00 QUILTING

7:00 Gerry's Group Study class

12:10-4 THRIFT STORE

8:00 AA

13: 10-4 THRIFT STORE

12 NOON AA

14:9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

10:00 WORSHIP

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY, AUGUST 31: 53

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.

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

GREATER LANSING
foodbank



AMERICA



clares.food@gmail.com



mid michigan
COMMUNITY
Action

"Helping People, Changing Lives."

Free Drive-Through Mobile Food Distribution

Saturday - September 6, 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 -
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.
- 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



CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONNECTION



*Words Teach;
Actions Speak!"*

**Thursday, September 11, 2025
11:45 – 1:45 p.m.**

**Special Feature: Paper Artistry
with Holly Edsall, Midland**

**Special Music: Jamie Schlafley,
from Clare**

Inspirational Speaker: Janis

Price, from Greencastle, IN, is a former high school English teacher who will focus on the punctuation marks of life in **"Punctuate Your Life!"**

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All this plus lunch & beverage for \$21.00**

at Cheers Neighborhood Grill

1700 W. High St. (W M20), Mt. Pleasant, MI

Reservations are due by September 9th.

Edie (989)463-3287 * Ruth (9089)492-4199

Or Lona (989) 387-4808

or e-mail Lona at lonahamilton@yahoo.com



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

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

Scheduled date is Saturday September 20th ,
with make-up date Sept. 27.

We are hoping the Boy Scouts will be helping. We clean up trash on the shoulders of US 127 for the 2miles 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. Thank you in advance for considering😊.





QUIETLY SOCIAL

A CLUB FOR
INTROVERTS


3RD WEDNESDAYS
(SEPT. 17. OCT. 15, NOV.19)
7-8:30PM

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THINK OF IT AS "PARALLEL PLAY"
FOR ADULTS

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CLARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
105 E. 7TH ST., CLARE, MI
IN THE EDUCATION BUILDING,
FOLLOW THE SIGNS
EMAIL ELIZABETH FOR MORE INFO
ELIZABETHACOMISKEY@GMAIL.COM



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

CLARE UMC WILL BE HELPING WITH HIGHWAY
CLEAN-UP THEN ENJOYING A SNACK
TOGETHER.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED.
VOLUNTEERS MUST BE AT LEAST 12 YEARS
OLD.

PLEASE EMAIL ELLEN FULLER AT
EFULLER[AT]REAGAN.COM
WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR TO SIGN UP.
WE'D BE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HELP!

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 20

8AM-NOON(ISH)

WE'LL MEET AT
THE CHURCH
AND GO FROM
THERE.

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[AT]CLAREUMC.COM



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

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