

CLARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWS AUGUST 21, 2026 OUR WORSHIP TIME IS 10 A.M.

AUG 23:10:00 WORSHIP

1 p.m. Gloss(Fellowship Hall)

24:12 NOON AA

25: ~~6:00 "THE CHOSEN" Season 2 POSPONED UNTIL SEPT~~

8:00 AA

26: 6:15 WEIGHTS

6:45 YOGA

8:00 AA

27: 11-3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT STORE

1:00 AA

28: 8:00 AA

29: 10-4 THRIFT STORE

12 NOON AA

30:10:00 WORSHIP

Clare United Methodist
Church Giving Link



Sent from Roy & Lucy Monzo:

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT??

Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if we used it when we traveled?

What if we used it in case of an emergency?

This is something to make you go....hmm....where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing....

Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill.

And no dropped calls.

Makes you stop and think 'where are my priorities?

Hello everyone,

Greetings in Christ! I hope you all are doing well. This summer is moving along quickly, isn't it?

As we move through August, we are beginning to think about education and spiritual growth opportunities. We already have some wonderful classes set to begin in September including a study based on Lee Strobel's book *A Case For Christ* led by Gerry and Mary Ann Scott. Karen Mater will be continuing a Bible Study Sunday morning on Revelation, and Pastor Jim Young will be leading a Bible study program with details to be announced. Also, we will be continuing into Season 3 of The Chosen Series on the big screen at church. These are wonderful opportunities for our church and our community to work on our spiritual growth, and...we need to continue!

Therefore, we are excited to announce the formation of a new ministry group dedicated to expanding educational opportunities within our church for people of all ages and stages of their faith journey. It is called *Education Spark*. Our goal is to explore new ways to help our congregation grow in God's Word, strengthen our spiritual lives, and share the message of Christ with our community.

This group will meet on a fairly regular basis to pray, brainstorm, and develop ideas for educational programs, Bible studies, and other opportunities that encourage spiritual growth and make learning about Christ more accessible to everyone.

Whether you're passionate about teaching, have creative ideas to share, or simply want to help others grow in their faith, we would love for you to join us as we seek God's guidance in this important ministry.

If someone has talked to you about this group, we are looking to meet very soon. Please let us know when you are available and we can try to accommodate. As you know, it can be difficult to get everyone's schedules to match, but we'll do the best we can.

If you haven't heard about this group yet, no worries. We just started getting the word out! Please let us know if you want us to contact you to talk about it and get more information.

Thank you everyone!

Peace and blessings always!

Pastor Brian

Bible Basics Class Coming Soon: It will be at 9am to 9:47. Please bring a Bible and something to write with. We will be meeting in the fellowship room in a corner. I'm looking forward to seeing you starting the first Sunday of September.

Thank you for the opportunity to share. Pastor Jim Young

Any questions my number is 989-339-0166.

DID YOU KNOW WHAT GENERAL FUND IS USED FOR?

Common Uses of our General Fund

1. Payroll for Staff

- Salaries and benefits for pastors, clergy, and support staff Basic Church Administration.
- Compensation for ministry leader

2. Building and Facility Maintenance

- repairs, upgrades, and upkeep of church buildings.
- Maintenance of buildings

3. Operating Costs

- Utilities for buildings,(including parsonage),office supplies, and administrative expenses.
- Insurance, cleaning, and security.
- Advertising and event promotion Basic Church Administration.

4. Apportionments and Conference Giving

- Funds allocated to other churches or ministries for conferences, training, or special events Basic Church Administration.

5. Christian Education

- Sunday School program costs
- Vacation Bible School

In our thoughts and prayers:

**Margaret VanHoose & family on
the loss of her loving husband,
Tom VanHoose**

**The Family of Jean Blow
Celebration of life here at Clare
UMC on Sept. 25 3-5 Fellowship Hall**

**Rita Bryan's and family
On the loss of her loving husband
Lou Bryan's.**

Jennifer Lewis, Friends and Family Of Brent O'Neil



**HAPPY 95TH
BIRTHDAY TO
ERMA JOHNSON
ON AUGUST 26**

We are having a
Card Shower for her. Address:
409 Cottage, Clare, MI

**“The Chosen” Season 2 is postponed until
September**

IN LOVING MEMORY

Tom VanHoose has been remembered with memorial gifts to our general fund from: Carol Beatty, Dennis Hacker, Ellen Fuller, Mari Pat Terpening and to the Child Care Center from Gail Neff.

REVOLVING FUND GIVING FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2026

DAYCARE BUILDING: \$180 CAMP: \$295 CAMP T-SHIRTS: \$75
COFFEE HOUR/HOSPITALITY: \$361 CARING FRIENDS: \$20
PCCC OPERATIONS: \$20 INSURANCE EMERGENCY FUND: \$100
PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND: \$375 THRIFT STORE: \$300
COMMUNITY DINNER: \$100 MULTIMEDIA: \$300 RUMMAGE SALE: \$3
HAITI GARDEN OF HOPE: \$150 CARING FRIENDS: \$20

DO YOU HAVE CONCERNS? FEEL FREE TO EMAIL OUR

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OUR PRAYER LIST:

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.

Wilma Shurlow- Phillips is in Pioneer Golden Estates

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

Prayers for the Friends, Rita & family of Lou Bryans

Prayers for the Friends, Margaret & family Tom VanHoose

Prayers for the family of Jean Blow(celebration of life on 9/25 3-5 p.m. here)

Prayers for the family of Brent O'Neil

Continued Prayers for Barb Tyler

Continued Prayers for Brenda Longstreth

Continued prayers for Carey Wyman

Continued Prayers for Lynn & Caren Chappel (now at home)

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 Rose Holland

Marge Dickey Glenda Baker

Brenda Longstreth

Sue Neff (Memory Care)

Gayle White

Carol Beatty Ruth Jones

Margaret VanHoose

Larry Wyman Sr.

Erma Johnson

Wilma Shurlow Phillips

Audrey Patterson

Bill & Barb Manderbach

Bob Musser

The Brook, Gladwin:

Rita Bryans

Jean Burrows

Americana Seniors of Clare

Jan Brandon(formerly prestige place)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you have any spare time, our Education Building outside is in desperate need of weeding.

We are also looking for helpers/desserts/salads for our upcoming community dinner on August 29th. If you would like to donate items, please let Deb Gloss or Judy(Bailey) Poe know as soon as possible. We are also hoping to see you the evening of the event to socialize with these friends and neighbors that like to come and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship.



Our Laundry Ministry is expanding.

We have received extra requests to use our washers and dryers in the basement of the education building. That is wonderful and it is a joy to be able to help people in this way.

Since the requests are increasing, it is important that people let the church office know when someone wants to use the facility.

Our Admin Assistant Judy has the calendar in place. Please let her know if someone else asks so there are no double bookings. Also, we've had some no shows as well so a cancellation would be helpful, too!

Thank you for your time!

Peace always! Pastor Brian

**EXTRA MILE GIVING FOR AUGUST WILL BE FOR CHURCH MINISTRY
SHARES**

MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD FOR AUGUST

WE WILL BE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING FOR OUR
PRESCHOOL/CHILD CARE CENTER IN AUGUST: Construction paper,
Children's Glue, Children's paint, Tissue paper
Crayons, Markers, Colored Pencils



FREE



Community Dinner

August 29

Clare United Methodist Church

105 E. 7th Street Clare, Michigan 48617



4:00 – 5:30 pm

Food Service available until 5:30 pm

Last Saturday of every Month



***Soups * Sandwiches * Coffee**



*** Desserts**



***Music**



**Making Disciples of Jesus by
Helping People Know God,
Grow in Faith, and Share God's Love**

We would love for you to join us!

If you have any questions please contact

Our church office 989-386-2591

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NEW HOPE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

2026 CONCERT SERIES

**Aug 23
@ 4 PM**

**GOLD
CITY**



All tickets \$20 in advance, \$24 day of concert

Doors open at 3 PM.

For tickets or information call/text 616-706-4170

Always call to confirm dates when traveling long distances.

All tickets are non-refundable. Seating is limited.



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ICE CREAM PARTY

Ice cream with all the fixings and a
bounce house! Come celebrate a
great summer!

AUGUST 30, 2026 | 11:00

Clare United Methodist
Church



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

August BIRTHDAYS

*3 Alexia Kruskamp
Chloe Isaac
Lisa Curtis
Patsy Tickle
5 Jenny David
7 Robert Banard
Jean Burrows
10 Zak Clement-Bremer
Laurie Hilyard
11 Dana Mahon
12 Jennifer (Bailey) Stevens
13 Marie Johnson
14 Eric Isaac
16 Viola Curtis
17 Kenneth Teall
18 Liz Moore
21 Jacob Cassiday
Mike Hilyard
Taylor Seibt
22 Paul Atwood
Nancy Nevill
Abigal Zastrow
24 Sheri Brown
Adalin Castillo
30 Cristian Kunse
Cole Stark*