

**CLARE UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH NEWS OCTOBER 15, 2026  
OUR WORSHIP TIME IS 10 A.M.**

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**CHURCH CONFERENCE IS  
SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY  
OCTOBER. 25<sup>TH</sup> 6 P.M.  
AT COLEMAN UMC  
203 JEFFERSON ST. COLEMAN, MI**

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**NOTE OF CHANGE  
DAYS OF OFFICE OPERATION  
CHANGING TO  
TUESDAY -FRIDAY 10-4 P.M.**

OCT 18: 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:00 WORSHIP  
19: **OFFICE CLOSED**  
12 NOON AA  
20: **6:00 LEADERSHIP MEETING (ZOOM)**  
8:00 AA  
21: **11:00 Joy Walker Memorial**  
6:15 WEIGHTS  
6:45 YOGA  
8:00 AA  
22: 11-3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT STORE  
1:00 AA  
**6:00 GERRY'S CLASS**  
**7:00 CHOIR PRACTICE**  
23: 8:00 AA  
24: 10-4 THRIFT STORE  
12 NOON AA  
25: **PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY**  
9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:00 WORSHIP  
**6:00 CHURCH CONFERENCE AT COLEMAN UMC**  
26: **OFFICE CLOSED**  
12 NOON AA  
27: 8:00 AA

28: 6:15 WEIGHTS  
6:45 YOGA  
8:00 AA  
29: 11-3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT STORE  
1:00 AA  
**6:00 GERRY'S CLASS**  
**7:00 CHOIR**  
30: 8:00 AA  
**31: HAPPY HALLOWEEN**  
**10-4 THRIFT STORE**  
**2-4 TRUNK OR TREAT**  
**4-5:30 COMMUNITY DINNER**  
**12 NOON AA**  
**TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR**  
**BEFORE YOU GO TO BED**  
**NOV 1: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS**  
**ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY**  
9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:00 WORSHIP

**EXTRA MILE GIVING FOR OCTOBER WILL BE FOR ITEMS PURCHASED FOR FAMILY NIGHT  
OUT WHICH IS ALSO HOSPITALITY**

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**MOTHER HUBBARDS' CUPBOARD FOR OCTOBER**  
**WE WILL BE COLLECTING FOR THE CHILD CARE CENTER**

**Facial Tissue, Bags of fruit: apples, pears, Winter squash, Diapers – all sizes (1-6)**  
**Diaper wipes, Boys & girls pants, sizes 3T, 4T & 5T**

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## **REVOLVING FUND GIVING FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2026**

DAYCARE BUILDING: \$130 CAMP: \$205 MINISTRY SHARES: \$68  
COFFEE HOUR/HOSPITALITY: \$127 PCCC OPERATIONS: \$20  
INSURANCE EMERGENCY FUND: \$175 MULTIMEDIA: \$290  
PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND: \$50 THRIFT STORE: \$175  
COMMUNITY DINNER: \$15 UMCOR/DISASTER RELIEF: \$175



### **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



## ATTENTION CARING FRIENDS

**We will be having a meeting on**

**October 14<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. in Pastor's office**

**Please join us for updates on our shut-ins.**

**Thank you** to all who gave donations & participated in the Clare Fun Day. It was a beautiful day with lots of fun & fellowship.

**We served 300 cups of hot cocoa til we ran out. We went thru almost 2 boxes of popcorn. The snow cones were a big hit.**

### NEW CLASS INFORMATION



Hello everyone,

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

As we moved through August, we began to think about education and spiritual growth opportunities. We already have some wonderful classes set to begin in September including :

Karen Mater will be continuing a Bible Study Sunday morning on Revelation, and

Pastor Jim Young will be leading a Bible Basics 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. He's looking forward to seeing you starting the first Sunday of September. Any questions my number is 989-339-0166.

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!

On October 8<sup>th</sup> - December 10<sup>th</sup> Thursday evenings there will be a study from Lee Strobel's book "A Case For Christ" led by Gerry and Mary Ann Scott. Time to be announced.

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

## 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

# **CLARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH & COMMUNITY FAMILY FUN DAY! (105 E. 7<sup>TH</sup> St.) OCT. 31<sup>ST</sup> 2-4 P.M.**



**Free Supper 4-5:30 P.M. in  
the fellowship hall**



**In our thoughts and prayers:**

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

**The Family of Jean Blow**

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

**IN LOVING MEMORY**

**Tom VanHoose** has been remembered with memorial gifts to our general fund from: Betty Mussell, Bill & Judy Poe, Steve & Amy Stark, Patricia Cruden, Carol Beatty, Dennis Hacker, Ellen Fuller, Mari Pat Terpening and to the Child Care Center from Gail Neff.

**Jean Blow** has been remembered with a memorial gift to the General fund from Betty Mussell

**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 on hospice***

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

***Bill Manderbach Isabella County Medical care facility***

***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)***

***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)***

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

**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
- 15 Mary Comiskey
- 16 Lubs, Tracy
- Velma Cross
- 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

