

**CLARE UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH NEWS SEPTEMBER 25, 2026  
OUR WORSHIP TIME IS 10 A.M.**



**FREE**



***Community Dinner***

***SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>***

**Clare United Methodist Church**

105 E. 7<sup>th</sup> 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!***

JOIN US AT  
CLARE UNITED METHODIST  
**PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST  
FUNDRAISER**



**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27  
9AM - 1 PM**

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR  
CHILDCARE CENTER**

PANCAKES~SAUSAGE~HASH BROWNS

Clare UMC 105 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St.

Questions: 989-386-2591

## **SEPT 27: 9-1 PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**(Preschool/Child Care Center fundraiser)**

9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 WORSHIP

28:12 NOON AA

29: 8:00 AA

30: 6:15 WEIGHTS

6:45 YOGA

8:00 AA

OCT. 1: 11-3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT STORE

1:00 AA

2: 8:00 AA

3: 10-4 THRIFT STORE

11:00 D.A.R. (Fellowship Hall)

12 NOON AA

4: 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 WORSHIP

**We are in need of salads/desserts for our Community Dinner tomorrow. We can also use some helpers if interested just show up or contact the church office.**

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

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

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

DAYCARE BUILDING: \$260 CAMP: \$300 CARING FRIENDS: \$20

COFFEE HOUR/HOSPITALITY: \$100 PCCC OPERATIONS: \$20

INSURANCE EMERGENCY FUND: \$150 MULTIMEDIA: \$450

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND: \$130 THRIFT STORE: \$153

COMMUNITY DINNER: \$40 RUMMAGE SALE: \$2,286.30

MINISTRY SHARES: \$301 HAITI GARDEN OF HOPE: \$50

UMCOR/DISASTER RELIEF: \$125



**Clare's Family Fun Day will be October 6<sup>th</sup> from 3-7 p.m.**

**We are asking all of our church family for  
donations of cases of water, hats & gloves.**

**And will need volunteers.**

**There will be sign up sheet in the lobby that will have  
2 hour shifts**



### **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.**

### **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

## **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.**

## **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 LEADERSHIP TEAM EMAILS:** Larry Wyman Jr. : [ldwyman@charter.net](mailto:ldwyman@charter.net)  
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**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

## **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)***

***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)***

**EXTRA MILE GIVING FOR SEPTEMBER WILL BE FOR**

**CHURCH INSURANCE EMERGENCY FUND**

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**MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD FOR SEPTEMBER: We are collecting:  
Baby Wipes (Unscented), Paper Towels, Liquid Hand soap, Dishwasher pods  
(Cascade),Facial Tissue, Lysol Spray, Clorox Wipes, All-Purpose Cleaner,  
Band-aids (any brand)  
for the Child Care Center**

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

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

2 Staten, Jason

Stinson, Patricia

3 Johnson, Steve

Jones, Ruth “101”

4 Caren Chappell

5 Hopkins, Kathy

6 Tyler, Barb

8 Mussell, Kellie

Denton, Gabriel

9 Ducham, Deb

Freeborn(Kleinhardt),Kacie

Zinser, Ashtyn

10 Kingsbury, Allison

12 Curtis, Eleanor

13 Staten, Janet

Shurlow Scott, Mary Ann

14 Sowle, Janet

15 Hunt, Chris

16 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