

CLARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWS SEPTEMBER 4, 2026 OUR WORSHIP TIME IS 10 A.M.

SEPT 6: 9 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 WORSHIP

7:LABOR DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)

12 NOON AA

8: 4:30 SPARKS MEETING

8:00 AA

9: 6:15 WEIGHTS

6:45 YOGA

8:00 AA

10: 11-3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT STORE

1:00 AA

11: 10-4 THRIFT STORE

6:00 "THE CHOSEN"

8:00 AA

12: 10-4 THRIFT STORE

12 NOON AA

13: 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 WORSHIP

**HAVE A SAFE
LABOR DAY
WEEKEND**

Clare United Methodist
Church Giving Link



We are in need of lots of Cookies, Cupcakes, Fruit, Pastries, etc. for a "meet-n-greet" after Kerri Pomaroli's performance on Saturday, Sept. 19. If you are able , please let Diane know 989-387-9389

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

A woman with curly brown hair, wearing a teal short-sleeved shirt and black pants, stands on a wooden stage holding a microphone. Behind her is a red curtain and a large, illuminated sign with her name.

KERRI POMAROLLI

SEPTEMBER 19TH

7:00PM

LIVE AT CLARE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
105 E. 7TH STREET CLARE MI

ORDER TICKETS AT
CLAREUMC.ORG/KERRI

Cost \$15

Questions: 989-386-2591



AS SEEN ON: **FOX**

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NETWORKS



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We



Lifetime



TONIGHT
SHOW



prime video



nickmom



abc family



Clare's Family Fun Day will be October 6th 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 14th 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 8th - December 10th 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.**

**HAPPY 101ST
BIRTHDAY TO
RUTH JONES
ON SEPTEMBER 7**

We are having a
Card Shower for her. Address:
Pioneer Golden Estates
312 Mcguirk, Clare, MI

IN LOVING MEMORY

Tom VanHoose has been remembered with memorial gifts to our general fund from: 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.

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

DO YOU HAVE CONCERNS? FEEL FREE TO EMAIL OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM EMAILS:

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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

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

**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

CHRISTIAN WOMEN

CONNECTION



"Who is your Shelter?"

Thursday, September 10, 2026

11:45 – 1:45 p.m.

*Special Feature: Terry Foster
Isabella County Homeless Shelter*

Inspirational Speaker: Laura Loveberry, from Quincey, MI, will keep you laughing out loud with her over-the-top testimony of running from the thought of becoming a big Bible carrying Jesus Freak. Laura's upbeat sign language drama set to song adds to her message.

"The Winning Team!"

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 8th.
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