

MEDITATION FOCUS

This Advent season, rejoice in the coming Messiah
who saves, abides, and fills us with everlasting joy.

PRELUDE "O Come All Ye Faithful" by Pentatonix

*OPENING PRAISE

HYMN "Angels We Have Heard on High" P. 238

HYMN "What Child is This?" P. 219

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Wilma Shurlow Phillips & Jack Johnson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Holy One is our salvation; let us lift our voices with joy.

People: We come rejoicing, for God has done glorious things.

Leader: As Christ abides in us, may our lives overflow with God's joy.

People: We open our hearts to remain in His love.

Leader: In this season of Advent, we wait with expectation and hope.

People: We trust the God who draws near and renews our strength.

Leader: Come, let us proclaim the greatness of the Lord.

People: We worship with gladness, for the Lord is our song and our salvation.

ADVENT SKIT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG "Hark the Herald Angel Sing" P. 240

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 12:1-6 & John 15:9-11

MESSAGE "Joy Flow" Pastor Brian Comiskey

MESSAGE SONG "Light of Christmas" by Owl City/Toby Mac

COMMUNION "Hallelujah" by Pentatonix

SONG "O Come All Ye Faithful" P. 234

BENEDICTION

SIGN UP TODAY TO BE IN OUR LIVE NATIVITY 12/23 & 12/24

REVOLVING FUND GIVING FOR THE MONTH OF NOV. 2025

DAYCARE BUILDING: \$310 TECH SUPPORT: \$700 UMCOR/Disaster Relief :

\$170 CAMP: \$210 COFFEE HOUR/HOSPITALITY: \$213 INSURANCE

EMERGENCY FUND: \$100 PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND: \$85

THRIFT STORE: \$262 PCCC OPER: \$2,270 SATURDAY SOUP: \$100.90

LOVE OFFERING: \$30 PRISON COFFEE: \$70

THANKSGIVING DINNER: \$215 FIC: \$40

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

14: 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 WORSHIP

2:00 YOUTH

CHRISTMAS IN CLARE

6-8 WALK THROUGH BETHLEHEM

15:12 NOON AA

6:15 WEIGHTS

6:45 YOGA

16:6:00 PCCC EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS PARTY

8:00 AA

17: 8:00 AA

6:15 WEIGHTS

6:45 YOGA

18: 11-3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT STORE

1:00 AA / 1:00 QUILTING

19: 10-4 THRIFT STORE

7 P.M. BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

8:00 AA

20: 10-4 THRIFT STORE

12 NOON AA

21: 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 WORSHIP &

2:00 YOUTH

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.

Joan Southwell and family on the loss of her husband, Bill Southwell

Rose Musser and family as they deal with the loss of her nephew

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

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

Marge Dickey Glenda Baker

Brenda Longstreth

Sue Neff (memory care)

Gayle White

Carol Beatty Ruth Jones

Lou & Rita Bryans

Larry Wyman Sr.

Bill & Barb Manderbach

The Brook, Gladwin:

Bob Musser Jean Blow,

Jean Burrows

Erma Johnson

Americana Seniors of Clare

Jan Brandon(formerly prestige place)

Champion Gate Assisted Living in Florida

Ron & Marilyn Lovell

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OUR EXTRA MILE GIVING FOR DECEMBER FOR SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW,
WHO FREELY PROVIDES ADVENT BOOKLETS AND LENTEN BOOKLETS
FREE OF CHARGE TO US EVERY YEAR AND TO REPLENISH OUR PASTOR'S
DISCRETIONARY FUND

MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD

*In December we will be collecting: Printer paper Post-it Notes, Envelopes, Tape,
Scotch, mailing, duct, masking etc.) Staples, Paper clips & binder clips, Pens,
Scissors (Children's & Adult sized) Band-Aids, Batteries, Swiffer Mop Pads,
Febreze, for our Preschool/Childcare Center*

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CLARE TODAY?

12-5 HOLIDAY MARKET AT THE DEPOT

2-5 VISIT SANTA'S HOUSE

CARRIAGE RIDES

3 p.m. DOG CHRISTMAS COSTUME PARTY

5:30 LIGHTED PARADE THROUGH TOWN

TREE LIGHTING WEST SIDE OF DEPOT (following parade)

6:30 CHRISTMAS CAROLING AT THE DEPOT

7P.M. TESLA LIGHT SHOW BROOKWOOD


DECEMBER 14TH
CHRISTMAS IN CLARE


**WALK THROUGH BETHELEHEM AT
3557 COLONVILLE RD FROM 6-8 P.M.**

**Blue Christmas Service will be held here
at Clare UMC on December 19th at 6 p.m.**

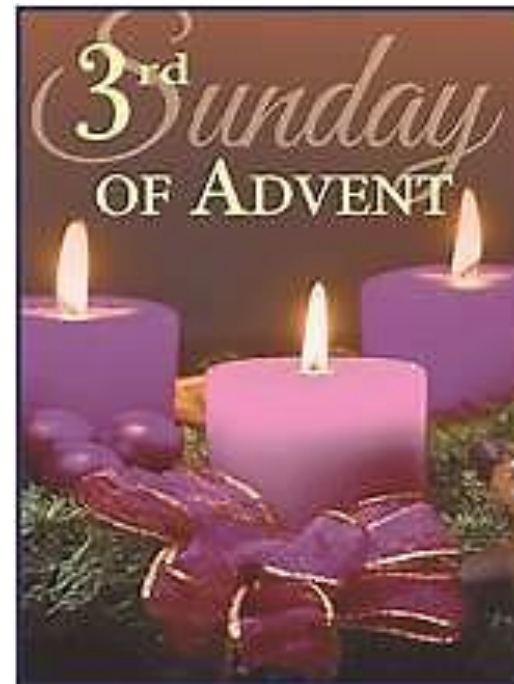
**Our Live Nativity this year will be held on
Tuesday December 23 from 6-8 and
Wednesday December 24 from 2:00 - 4:00
in front of Witbecks Family Foods. We**

*need volunteers to stand in the stable (it has walls
on 3 sides and heated floors thanks to Lee Schunk).
We also need helpers to get people into their
costumes and volunteers to donate cookies. If you
can help there will be a sign up sheet at the back of
the church and/or contact Ellen Fuller (989)240-3777
efuller@reagan.com. Thanks for your help with this
community ministry.*

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be
December 24 at 7 p.m.**


December 27 4-5:30 Community Dinner

Clare United Methodist Church
3rd Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025



CLARE UMC'S MISSION:
Making Disciples of Jesus
by Helping People Know God,
Grow in Faith, and Share Christ's Love.

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POINSETTIAS

If you would like to order a poinsettia as a donation to offset the purchasing cost for these plants which the "Caring Friends" will take to people from our church who can't get to church and for some elderly members of the church, then please fill out the insert in future bulletins & put it with your money in the offering plate or box by 12/20/25. The names of the loved ones along with the giver's name will be included in the 12/24 bulletin. Caring & Sharing Friends are delivering to shut-ins right now.

_____ **Number of Poinsettias**

I wish to
remember: _____

I wish to
honor: _____

Given
by _____