

MEDITATION FOCUS

Rest in the love of Jesus who watches over you, abides with you, and calls you to love one another as a living reflection of His presence among us.

PRELUDE "O Come All Ye Faithful" by Pentatonix
***OPENING PRAISE**

HYMN "Angels From the Realms of Glory" UMH #220
HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem" UMH #230

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Lee & Bobby Schunk & family

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is in our midst, the mighty one who saves, rejoicing over us with love.

People: We come to worship the God whose love quiets our fears and restores our joy.

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God.

People: We gather as those born of God, learning to love because God first loved us.

Leader: God's love was revealed among us when He sent His Son into the world.

People: We worship with grateful hearts, embracing the love made visible in Christ.

Leader: As God abides in us, His love is perfected among us.

People: We offer our lives in praise, committing ourselves to live and love as God's people.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ADVENT SKIT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

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

SCRIPTURE Zephaniah 3:17-20 & 1 John 4:7-12

MESSAGE "God's Love Perfected In Us" Pastor Brian Comiskey

MESSAGE SONG "Mary Did You Know" by Pentatonix

SONG "Love Came Down at Christmas" UMH P. 242

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

21: 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 WORSHIP
2:00 YOUTH
22:12 NOON AA
6:15 WEIGHTS
6:45 YOGA

23:6-8 LIVE NATIVITY AT WITBECK'S

8:00 AA

24: CHRISTMAS EVE

2-4 LIVE NATIVITY AT WITBECK'S

7:00 CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

25: MERRY CHRISTMAS

26: OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 AA

27: 10-4 THRIFT STORE

12 NOON AA

4-5:30 COMMUNITY DINNER

28: 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. Deb & Troy Bongard and family on the loss of Deb's mother

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.....

Pioneer Golden Estates:

Marge Dickey Glenda Baker

Sue Neff (memory care)

Carol Beatty Ruth Jones

Larry Wyman Sr.

The Brook, Gladwin:

Jean Burrows

Americana Seniors of Clare

Jan Brandon(formerly prestige place)

Champion Gate Assisted Living in Florida

Ron & Marilyn Lovell

In Their Own Home:

Barb Everts

Brenda Longstreth

Gayle White

Lou & Rita Bryans

Bill & Barb Manderbach

Bob Musser Jean Blow,

Erma Johnson

Minister: Pastor Brian Comiskey **Pianist:** Finnagan McKenzie
pastorbrianc@clareumc.org Cell#517-215-8637

Liturgist: Lenny Wixson **Music:** Tracy Lubs

Leadership Team Chair: MaryAnn Shurlow Scott
maryannshurlow@gmail.com

Admin. Assist. Judy M. Bailey ibailey@clareumc.org

Office Hours: 10:00-Noon & 1-4:00 p.m. M-F (989-386-2591)

Dir. of Youth: Barb Tyler barbandjohntyler@gmail.com

Day Care Phone: 989-386-4815

PCCC Director: Terri Banasak: terrib@clareumc.org

PCCC Admin. Asst.: Karen Mater: kmater@clareumc.org

**ATTENDENCE
LAST SUNDAY,
DEC 14: 85**

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, Swifter Mop Pads, Febreze, for our Preschool/Childcare Center

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
4th Sunday of Advent
December 21, 2025*



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

Live Nativity



**Clare United Methodist Church
will be having their Live Nativity
again this year.**

**It 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.**

Last chance



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 12/21/25. 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 _____