# MEDITATION FOCUS

As we focus on peace, take time to breathe in God's presence and allow the peace of Christ to settle where your worries have been.

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

\*OPENING PRAISE

**DECORATING THE TREE WITH CHRISMONS** 

While we decorate, we will sing: "O Come Emmanuel" UMH #211

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE:** Tyler & Sarah Gillis family

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

Leader: In this season of Advent, we come seeking the peace that

only God can give.

People: We long for the Prince of Peace to guiet our hearts

and still our minds.

Leader: Into a season of noise and hurry, God whispers, "Be still."

People: Into our worry and weariness, Christ speaks, "My

peace I give to you."

Leader: Today, as we light the candle of Peace, remember that

Christ's peace is not the absence of trouble.

People: But the presence of God, steady and sure.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who calms the storms within

us.

People: We gather to welcome His peace, to rest in His

promise, and to prepare the way of the Lord.

All: Come, Prince of Peace. Dwell among us and within us.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

ADVENT SKIT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

**OFFERING** 

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

Isaiah 9:2-7 & John 14:25-30 SCRIPTURE

**MESSAGE** Pastor Brian Comiskey

"Finding Peace When the Wi-Fi Drops"

**MESSAGE SONG** "Hope In Front of Me" by Danny Gokey

SONG "O Come All Ye Faithful" P. 234

BENEDICTION

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### THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

7: 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP &

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 12:30 CHURCH CONFERENCE

2:00 YOUTH 8:11 A.M. D.A.R. 12 NOON AA 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA

9: 12 NOON LADIES ADVENT LUNCHEON AT THE DOHERTY HOTEL

**6PM ADVENT SERVICE FARWELL UMC** 

8:00 AA 10: 8:00 AA

6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA

11: 11-3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT STORE

12 NOON CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S **CONNECTION IN MT. PLEASANT** 

1:00 AA / 1:00 QUILTING 7:30 GATEWAY COMMUNITY BAND **CHRISTMAS CONCERT** 

12: 10-4 THRIFT STORE 8:00 AA

13: 10-4 THRIFT STORE 12 NOON AA

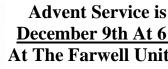
14: 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP & 2:00 YOUTH

**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

> **ATTENDENCE** LAST SUNDAY. NOV 30: 62



Advent Service is this Tuesday, December 9th At 6 P.M.

At The Farwell United Methodist Church 281 E. Ohio Street, Farwell, Mi We Sure Hope You Will Be Able To Join

Us. We could also use some extra singing voices in our choir, we will practice at 5:30 before our service:0)

### 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

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.....

<u>Pioneer Golden Estates:</u> 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



2025

# **Drive Through Experience**

December 12, 13 & 14, 2025 Arrive between 6 and 8 pm

BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY AT THE CORNER OF CLARE AVE AND REBAK WAY

Travel to Bethlehem 2,000 years ago to pay your taxes and be counted in the Roman Census. Hear the angels announce the birth of the Messiah. Listen as shepherds, a prophet, and wise men talk of signs and wonders. Enjoy the city alive with activity but no room at the inn. Avoid the danger and taunting of the Roman soldiers and tax collectors. See a newborn babe asleep in a manger.

EXPERIENCE ALL THIS AND MORE AS YOU... WALK THROUGH BETHLEHEM

FOR INFORMATION, CONTACT: CLARE ASSEMBLY OF GOD 3557 E COLONVILLE CLARE, MI 48617 (989)386-3232

# Clare United Methodist Church 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent December 7, 2025



# **CLARE UMC'S MISSION:**

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

## HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING SILENT AUCTION FOR PREDECORATED TREES TODAY! ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO PRESCHOOL/CHILDCARE OPERATIONS

Children's Christmas Program Will Be December 7<sup>th</sup> During Worship **Our Church Conference Will Be Held** Following Worship On December 7<sup>th</sup>. Women's Advent Luncheon Will Be Held At The Doherty Hotel On December 9th At 12 P.M. We Will Order Off The Menu At Our Expense. Advent Worship Service Will Be Held At Farwell United Methodist Church On December 9th At 6 P.M. **Gateway Community Band Christmas** Concert Will Be Held On December 11th 7:30 P.M. At Clare High School. 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.

### **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 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 shutins right now.

Number of Poinsettias	
I wish to remember:	
I wish to honor: Given by	_

**SAVE THIS DATE!!** All Of You Lovely Women of **Clare United Methodist Church** Join us this Tuesday, Dec. 9,2025 at the Doherty **Hotel for Lunch.** 

It is that Wonderful Time of the Year again..... The annual Clare United Methodist Women's ADVENT luncheon for all WONDERFUL WOMEN affiliated with the Clare United Methodist Church will be occurring on Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at the Doherty Hotel. Plan to arrive a little before 12:00 noon. Bring a white elephant gift, if you so choose to participate in the gift exchange. We each will be responsible for ordering individually from the menu.

ADVENT SEASON IS ABOUT: THE ARRIVAL THE CELEBRATION THE ANTICIPATION THE REFECTION AND HOPE PEACE LOVE JOY WILL BE OUR FOCUS! SO START HUMMING......I HAVE JOY, JOY, JOY, DOWN IN MY HEAT (WHERE?) DOWN IN....

Please confirm your attendance plan to Jeanne Shelander at 386-2063 or the Church Office.



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.

WE HAVE EXTRA POINSETTIAS IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ONE HOME YOU CAN MAKE A DONATION TO CARING FRIENDS TO HELP COVER THE COST OF THE **FLOWERS**