

CLARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



Church Town Hall Meeting

On Sunday, February 4, at 11:30 am,
after church, there will be a Church Hall
meeting in Fellowship Hall with lunch provided,
to discuss the results. We'll also discuss what
needs to happen for us to "Know God," and
"Grow in Faith," and what we can do to share
Christ's love with our community in new and
meaningful ways. Please mark your calendars
and plan to attend.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THIS MONTH

Improving Our Serve

- FEB. 2: "SERVING = WORSHIP" 10 AM
BOY SCOUT SUNDAY, HOLY COMMUNION.
- FEB 11: "SERVING = LIFE CHANGING" 10 AM
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY.
- FEB 14: ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 6:30 PM;
LENT BEGINS.
- FEB 18: "UNIQUELY YOURS" WORSHIP 10 AM
LENTEN BIBLE STUDY, 2:00 PM
- FEB 25: "AFTER MARKET UP-GRADES" WORSHIP 10 AM
LENTEN BIBLE STUDY, 2:00 PM.



**Lenten Bible Study –
Understanding Spiritual Gifts
What are spiritual gifts?**



Why are they important?

What are the different kinds of gifts?

**What does God expect you to do with your
spiritual gifts?**

Why does the church need your gift?

Sundays, Feb. 18-Mar. 24, 2:00 pm

**Understanding Spiritual Gifts by Kay Arthur,
David & BJ Lawson (first 15 people to register
will get their book for only FREE)**

CLARE UMC STAFF AND SCHEDULE

Pastor: Lanette (Lane) S. Van

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Mary Ann Shurlow

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Choir Director: Tracy Lubs

**Clare UMC Preschool
and Child Care Center**

Director: Alex Gerow

alexg@clareumc.org

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Church Office Hours

Church Office phone: 989- 386-2591

10:00 - noon & 1-4:00 p.m.

Monday – Friday

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9 a.m.



**DO YOU HAVE CONCERNS?
FEEL FREE TO EMAIL OUR
LEADERSHIP TEAM EMAILS:
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For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. John 3:16-17

How does God love us, let us count the ways ...

When I saw that that Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is on February 14, Valentine's Day, I smiled. After all, Lent, which takes us to Easter, the celebration of Christ's resurrection, is all about love. The cross is a symbol of the ultimate act of God's love for us.

How does God love us? Let's count the ways. I'll start, and you can finish the list. God, loves us mercifully, faithfully,



JOIN US ON VALENTINE'S DAY, FEBRUARY 14, AT 6:00 PM FOR OUR ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE WITH US.



Harley's "Mewsings"

When Pastor Lane adopted me, I was unwanted, unloved, and an inconvenience because my mother's humans didn't bother to spay her. I don't know what happened to my litter mates, but I was found wet and lost on a busy street in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Pastor Lane knew my story, but when she looked at me, she didn't see a feral kitten. She saw one of God's critters who was ready to be taken home to be loved and to love in return.

I was a feral cat, dirty and unwanted, but that's not who I am today. Isn't that the same with humans? Because of Jesus in your life, you're not the same person, no matter what your past was. And because you are loved and forgiven, you can accept people for who they are today.

Nomads On a Mission Active in Divine Service – NOMADS

People will lovingly and jokingly tell you that NOMADS stands for Nice Old Methodists (with RV's) Avoiding Deep Snow. Joking aside, what these people do on short-term mission projects is an act of love of God and love of neighbor. NOMADS volunteer their time and are committed to demonstrating God's love through their work and by listening to the people with whom they work. They do new construction, remodeling, and repairs for churches, children's homes, camps, colleges, outreach missions and disaster rebuilding. Team members do maintenance, cleaning, painting, electrical, drywall, sewing, and flooring. With God's help, NOMADS pretty much do it all.

Sounds interesting? Check them out at <https://www.methodistnomads.org/> or call Carla Kinsey at 866-466-6237.



Grief Support Group

There is a monthly Grief Support Group that meets at Mid-Michigan Health Center in Clare on the first Thursday of each month from 3:00-4:00 pm. Please contact Melissa Sweet, bereavement counselor, for more information and to register – (989) 633-1437.

**Please turn in all announcements into the office
by Wednesday of each week so they can be included in the Sunday
PowerPoint.**

Pastor's Schedule

Monday: Sacred Sabbath Day Off. In case of emergency, call or text me at (319) 651-9408. For all other situations, call (989) 386-2591 and leave a message. I will return your call during my regular office hours.

Tuesday through Friday, 10 am- 4pm – office hours, visits, meetings and appointments scheduled during the day.

Evening appointments and meetings as scheduled.

Wednesdays: Pastoral visits*

Thursdays, 10:00-11:30 am: SWAMP Lectionary Study Group. (Because attendance is digital, Pastor Lane attends at home where she has the technology to do so.)

Fridays, 11 am: Reading to the preschoolers, Church (except for the third Friday of the month).

First Thursday of the Month: Clare County Ministerial Assoc., noon

Last Tuesday of the month, 12:30 pm, X-Zone (local UMC pastors)

Third Friday of Every Month: Sacred Retreat Day. See Sacred Sabbath Day Off above.

**Unfortunately, I'm not clairvoyant. If you or someone in your family is in the hospital or need a pastoral call, please call me at 319 651-9408. Thank you.*



A HUGE THANK YOU!!

I want to thank everyone who supported the Live Nativity! It was a lot of fun, the weather was unseasonable warm and the community observers enjoyed it and even took pictures with us.

Special thanks go to Bobbie and Lee Schunk for providing and delivering the stable and to Heidi Schunk for providing and caring for the lambs and other necessary tasks. Barney, the donkey who has helped us for over 25 years, is retired now due to his age and health. But we continue to remember and thank him for his dedicated service to this

ministry. And this year we had a special treat! Jim Paetschow's Sound Productions provided the music gratis. Thanks Jim for the gift of your music at this busy time. It sounded great and we really enjoyed it!!

*This year the participants included: Tony, Carol and Charlotte Taylor, Scott Van Hoose, Jennifer Lewis, * Ellen Fuller, * Linda Dougherty, Kindra Norlander, Shelia Parker, Kim Howell, Jeannie, Shelander, * Deb Gloss, * Kim Ward, Karen and Kelsey Mater, Bill Droomer, Kathy Warner, Judy Hubel and Jackie Sykle, some of who worked extra shifts *. Carol Beatty and Linda Droomer assisted with costume dressing. Janice Buckley helped with unpacking and sorting the costumes. Homemade cookies were provided by Linda Droomer and Diane Boudreau. Also our Pastor Lane stood outside for the duration of the Live Nativity for both shifts on both nights to hand out church flyers and greet the observers. So thank you all for sharing in this ministry. Come join us next year!*

OUR EXTRA MILE GIVING FOR FEBRUARY WILL BE FOR OUR CHURCH'S EMERGENCY INSURANCE FUND

(This fund would cover our deductible if there is a need)

**If We Love one another, God Lives in us☺
and his love is perfected in us☺ 1 John 4:12**



**A BIG THANK YOU TO BILL DROOMER
FOR BEING SO THOUGHTFUL AND CARING FOR OUR CHURCH
FOR SO MANY YEARS, PLEASE KNOW YOU ARE SO MUCH
APPRECIATED BILL!!**



On January 21st we celebrated our appreciation for Bill Droomer with a cake and a Jay's Sporting Goods Gift Card.

We appreciate him so much, he will never know just how much.

Over the years he has saved a lot of money for this church with his talents and we appreciate if very, very, much!!☺



**DEAR CHURCH FAMILY,
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HONORING ME LAST SUNDAY,
FOR ALL THE YEARS I HAVE LOOKED AFTER THIS CHURCH.
IT HAS BEEN MY PLEASURE TO SERVE. I SURE WOULD
APPRECIATE OTHERS TO REACH OUT
AND HELP TOO☺
AND THANK YOU ALSO FOR THE VERY NICE
JAY'S SPORTING GOOD GIFT CARD, AND HONORING ME
WITH A DELICIOUS CAKE.**

WITH MUCH LOVE AND APPRECIATION, BILL DROOMER

*With Heartfelt
Sympathy*



**Our prayers go out to Jean and family
on the loss of her husband, long time
member of our church family
Ronald Preston Burrows**



**Our prayers go the family of
Kenneth H. Feneley, long time member of
our church family. A memorial is planned for
Ken in June 2024 here at Clare UMC.**



**Our prayers go out to Wanda (Stanley) Swarts
on the loss of her husband,
Gary Lee Swarts. A memorial will be at Gary's
Home, 11247 S. Grant Ave, Clare**

EASTER LILIES 2024



If you would like to donate towards the purchase of the Easter lilies that will be delivered to our shut-ins, in honor or in memory of a loved one, please leave your information and donation on the slip in the bulletin and place your slip in the offering box. You may also call (989-386-2591, mail (105 E. 7th St., Clare, MI 48617) or email the church at jbailey@clareumc.org by March 27, 2024, in order for your name and those you purchased a lily in honor or memory of, to be included in the Easter bulletin.

Would you like to help purchase a plant for our shut-ins in honor or memory of someone?

By donation

ORDER FORM Due by March 27, 2024

Name of person(s) to be honored :

Name of person(s) in memory of :

amount \$_____

Please leave form and check or cash in offering or church office.

Your name:_____

CARING FRIENDS:

Please kindly take a lily to your shut-in before Easter. The lilies will be delivered to the church office on Friday March 22, 2024. They will be in the library of the education building. When you pick up your lily, as in years past, please cross your shut-in's name off the list, so that we can verify that all have been delivered. If you have any questions, contact Marcia Wyman (989-386-3123) or Ellen Fuller (989-240-3777 or efuller@reagan.com). Thank you for your support of this ministry.



THERE WILL BE A WALK TO EMMAUS WEEKEND FOR MEN.....

starting on March 7th and running through March 10th. This weekend is for Men who are sure of their faith and want to not only know more about Jesus, but learn how your gifts can be used at Church. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Pastor Lane or myself who can direct you to someone who has already attended one.

You will need a sponsor, and anyone who has been on one can be a sponsor.

Karen Mater



Clare United Methodist Church Preschool & Child Care Center

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Share God's love*

203 E. 7th Street, Clare, MI 48617
989-386-4815



Thank you so much for all the donations you have given to the Daycare and Preschool Center. They are a blessing to all the children and staff. Your gifts, whether they are monetary to pay down our mortgage, food items, paper products such as paper towels, toilet paper and facial tissue; and toys and craft items are helpful for the staff and children!

**IN FEBRUARY WE WILL BE COLLECTING: Rice, Oatmeal, Barley, Flour and Corn meal, Split Peas and beans (Dry or canned)
Muffin mix or Bisquick mix, Cereal such as Cheerios, Frosted Mini Wheat, Rice Krispies, Chex, Kix, Corn flakes (less than 6 gm sugar/serving)**

HELP WANTED AT THE PRESCHOOL/CHILDCARE CENTER

We are looking for a substitute caregiver and/or substitute cook to join our team.

If you or someone you know are interested,

please contact Alex Gerow, alexg@clareumc.org Director, Clare United Methodist Church Preschool and Childcare Center

203 E. 7th Street, Clare MI 48617

pccc@clareumc.org

989-386-4815





**UPCOMING MEETINGS
YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT**



Church Hall Meeting
Sunday, February 4,
11:30 am, Fellowship Hall



FREE

Saturday Soup Dinner

FEBRUARY 24



Clare United Methodist Church

105 E. 7th Street Clare, Michigan 48617

4:00 – 5:30 pm

Food Service available until 5:30 pm

Last Saturday of every Month



**Leadership Development and
Nominations – Wednesday,**
February 7, 6:00 pm.



Leadership Team
Feb 13 At 6:30
In Pastor's Office



Ash Wednesday Service
February 14, 6:30 pm.,
Sanctuary



Partners in Prayer – Every
Thursday, 2:30 pm in the
Pastor's office.



Worship Team Practice –
Every Thursday, 7:00 pm,
Sanctuary.



Lenten Bible Study – Sundays, 2:00
pm, February 18-March 21

***Soups * Sandwiches * Coffee * Lemonade**



*** Desserts**



***Music**



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We would love for you to join us!

If you have any questions please contact

Rose 989-424-7405 or Laurie 989-506-1812



Celebrating FEBRUARY Birthdays

February 3: Alex Stark
 4: Gracie Davis
 5: Jo Raymond
 Amelia Kasper
 Bryan Cassidy
 7: Jeanne Shelander
 9: Karen O'Day
 Sarah Darnell
 11: Jeremy Goyt
 12: Mickey Davis
 13: Jane Seibt
 14: Rebecca Seibt
 15: Susan Neff
 Ashley Good
 16: Barb Roe
 Roger Hicks
 17: Jeff Goyt
 Joe Willman
 18: Phil Smock
 Sheila Parker
 19: Angela Isaac
 20: Todd Kleinhardt
 Abigail Denton
 24: David Lee
 25: Ken Brown
 Ryan Shelander
 26: Gabriel Kasper
 Ron Staten
 Bill Bailey
 27: Brian Atwood
 Nick Wyman
 28: Laura Mater

CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONNECTION



"Be Extraordinary"

Thursday, February 8, 2024

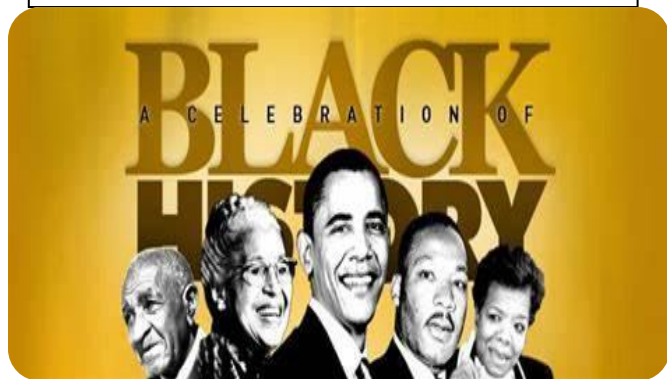
11:45 – 1:30 p.m.

Special Love Songs: Barb Miller

Special Feature: With Becky Granger

Inspirational Speaker: Laura Loveberry,
 from Quincy, MI. *God uses ordinary women to do extraordinary missions. Obstacles are opportunities to overcome and glorify God in the process. God can take mess and bless, turn pain into pearls, and twist trials into triumphs. This heartfelt presentation will inspire you to stay tight with God no matter how fallen away, frazzled, failing or fruitless your life can seem right now. We will be spurred on to never give up. "Ordinary to Extraordinary"*

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 February 6th
 Edie (989)463-3287 * Ruth (989)492-4199
 Or Lona (989) 387-4808
 or e-mail Lona at lonahamilton@yahoo.com



For God
 so loved the world,
 that he gave his
 only begotten
 Son,
 that whosoever
 believeth
 in him should not perish,
 but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

Information from
Ron & Marilyn Lovell,
Ron went to the hospital
Christmas morning. He had a
GERD attack and was coughing.
He needed oxygen. Also his feet
and legs were swollen. They look
normal now: and they are healed
up. He is try to get into rehab. He
was denied. He is now waiting for
his case worker to try again.
Please continue to pray for us,
thank you and God Bless you all!



THANK YOU!!

I would like to express my
gratitude for the beautiful
poinsettia that you delivered to me
it was also nice to have a great
conversation with Mary & Jane.

Thanks Again,
Sue Thayer



THANK YOU!!

Thank you to my church family for
all the prayers, cards, cookies and
visits by friends.

The Red Poinsettia was so pretty.
Very Thoughtful,
Thanks Again,
Patsy Tickle



THANK YOU!!

Thank you to all who sent
Birthday cards to me for my
"92nd" Birthday😊

I was overwhelmed by all the kind
and loving words. It is wonderful
having such a wonderful church
family like all of you it's truly a
blessing

JAN WAGONER😊

**A DONATION WAS MADE TO THE
CHILD CARE CENTER BUILDING
FUND BY GAIL NEFF**

****IN HONOR MARY LEE**

****IN MEMORY OF JIM
SHURLOW**

**A DONATION WAS MADE TO THE
HOSPITALITY/COFFE HOUR FUND
BY GAIL NEFF**

****IN MEMORY OF JEAN BRIGGS.**



IN LOVING MEMORY....

Ken Feneley has been remembered with
a memorial gift to the Church's music
department from:

Dr. Dave & Colleen Bremer
To General Fund from Judy Bailey



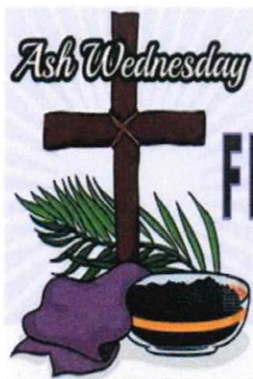
Ron Burrows has been remembered
with a memorial gift to the Church's
music department from:

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**A DONATION HAS BEEN MADE TO
GENERAL FUND
BY TRACEY BROOKS
IN LOVING MEMORY OF HER
PARENTS,
HAROLD AND DOROTHY BROOKS**







FEB 14 February 2024

Lent BEGINS FEB 14

Happy Valentine's Day

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
FEB. 14TH VALENTINES DAY AND ASH WEDNESDAY OUR SERVICE WILL BE AT 6:30 P.M.			ONLY 48 DAYS BEFORE SPRING 	1 10:00 RESD 1:00 AA 2:30 PRAYER TEAM 3:30 G.S. 5:45 TOPS 7 P.M. WORSHIP TEAM	2 8:00 AA	3 AA 12-1:30 BOY SCOUT PINEWOOD DERBY ED BLDG FELLOWSHIP HALL IN USE 3-6 LEWIS
4 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 11:30 TOWN HALL MEETING	5 AA 12-1:30 1:00 D.A.R. 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	6 9-11:30 MMI AA 8-9:30 P.M.	7 9:00 MMI 6:00 LEADER DEVELOP 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	8 10:00 RESD 1:00 AA 2:30 PRAYER TEAM 3:30 G.S. 5:45 TOPS 7 P.M. WORSHIP TEAM	9 11:30 MMI 8:00 AA	10 AA 12-1:30 FELLOWSHIP HALL IN USE NOON-6
11 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 4:00 YOUTH	12 AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	13 9-11:30 MMI AA 8-9:30 P.M. 6:00 LEAD TEAM 	14 9:00 MMI 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:30 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	15 10:00 RESD 1:00 AA 2:30 PRAYER TEAM 3:30 G.S. 5:45 TOPS 7 P.M. WORSHIP TEAM	16 8:00 AA	17 AA 12-1:30
18 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 2:00 LENTEN CLASS 4:00 YOUTH	19 AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	20 9-11:30 MMI AA 8-9:30 P.M. 6:00 PCCC BD	21 9:00 MMI 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	22 10:00 RESD 1:00 AA 2:30 PRAYER TEAM 3:30 G.S. 5:45 TOPS 7 P.M. WORSHIP TEAM	23 8:00 AA	24 AA 12-1:30 4-5:30 SATURDAY SOUP
25 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 2:00 LENTEN CLASS 4:00 YOUTH	26 AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	27 9-11:30 MMI AA 8-9:30 P.M.	28 9:00 MMI 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	29 10:00 RESD 1:00 AA 2:30 PRAYER TEAM 3:30 G.S. 5:45 TOPS 7 P.M. WORSHIP TEAM	ONLY 19 DAYS BEFORE SPRING 