

# THE CLARION

# JANUARY 2024

## CLARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



### **BEAST FEAST SATURDAY, JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> at 6 p.m.**



**In the Fellowship Hall. Donations of quality wild game are welcome and may be dropped off at the church office. Sign-up sheets are in the lobby for help of set up, clean up, desserts, salads etc. Get in touch with Scott VanHoose 386-8090, Larry Wyman Jr. 386-3545 if you have something to donate or want to help in any way.**

**Human Relations Day Sunday celebration is January 14, 2024. This offering is collected the Sunday before the observance of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and supports Community Developers, United Methodist Voluntary Service and Youth Offender Rehabilitation programs.**

**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.**  
**Michelle Cilibrise**  
**Director, Clare United Methodist Church**  
**Preschool and Childcare Center**  
**203 E. 7th Street, Clare MI 48617**  
[\*\*pccc@clareumc.org\*\*](mailto:pccc@clareumc.org)

### **CLARE UMC STAFF AND SCHEDULE**

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**Choir Director: Tracy Lubs**

**Clare UMC Preschool**

**and Child Care Center**

**Director: Alex Gerow**

**phone: 989-386-4815**

**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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### From Pastor Lane's Desk

**Thank you** – for your cards, goodies, affirmations and the lovely bouquet from the congregation.  
Thank you so much for your support of my ministry.

### A Prayer for Thankfulness

God of Love,

You are with us in every transition and change.

As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety,  
we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love.

We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us.

We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment.

We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work.

Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.

We ask this in your Holy Name.

—Joseph P. Shadle

***\*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.***

## 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.

### Harley's "Mewsings"

I sit at the closed bathroom door and sing the sad song of my people:

"Let me in, NOW-OW-MEOW!!" I honestly can't understand her obsession with getting  
soaking wet every morning!

I know that the door will eventually open when Pastor Lane is through getting ready for  
the day. She keeps the door closed so the room stays toasty warm on cold winter  
mornings. When she's done, I'm free to enter. This is done on her time, not mine.

Answers to prayers can be like that. Ecclesiastes 3:15 says, "That which is, already has  
been; that which to be already is ..." I think that means that when God says, "yes," it's a  
done deal in God's time, but not in ours. God may be working behind the scenes, getting  
everything ready, and then when the time is right, God brings God's promised "yes" to fruition.

In the meantime, God doesn't shut the door on us (like some humans I know). In the waiting time, God  
walks beside us and sustains us through God's grace and the presence of Christ with us through the Holy  
Spirit. In the time between "Dear God" and the fulfillment of God's "yes," don't give up.

God hasn't given up on you.





### 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.**



### Prayer Request forms are back in the pews.

If you have a joy to share or a concern, please have the form filled out and ready to be picked up during our first song. All prayer requests will also be put on the prayer chain. Please clearly print your requests.



### QUESTIONNAIRES – PLEASE BE SURE TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY JANUARY 3, 2024

In November, the visioning team sent out a 12 question, multiple choice questionnaires to help us get to know our congregation better. We'd like to have them back before January 3, 2024.

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 discussing 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.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- |                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Kleinhardt, Kim       | 28 Chilson, Ashlyn |
| Kleinhardt, Tom         | Yats, Amanda       |
| Norlander, Kayla        | 30 Louis Bryans    |
| 5 Anna Mater            | 31 Miller, Caley   |
| 8 Franklin, Marsha      |                    |
| 9 Bentley, Savannah     |                    |
| 10 Thayer, Sue          |                    |
| 11 Kingsbury, Melonie   |                    |
| 12 Lane, Marjorie       |                    |
| 13 Krell, Erin          |                    |
| Teall, Don              |                    |
| 14 Barb Everts          |                    |
| Joyce LeBoeuf           |                    |
| 16 Brian David          |                    |
| Wyman Sr., Larry        |                    |
| 17 Bongard, Troy        |                    |
| Shurlow-Phillips, Wilma |                    |
| Koch, Kelly             |                    |
| 18 Bryans, Rita         |                    |
| Schunk, Mike            |                    |
| 20 Alaine Benic         |                    |
| Taylor, Anthony         |                    |
| 21 Ward, Kim            |                    |



## CHRISTIAN WOMEN



*Winter 'Wonder' ful*

**Thursday, January 11, 2024**

**11:45 – 1:30 p.m.**

### Special Feature:

**Diane Pol**

from Weidman, MI

**Inspirational Speaker: LeeAnn Terry,** from Peru, IL, communicates how to dream big and persevere, even when life is challenging. You will be renewed, as she shares how to upcycle your outlook on life. She believes variety, change, and creativity are the spices of life in "Upcycled and Restored".

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**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 January 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**Edie (989)463-3287 \* Ruth (989)492-4199**

**Or Lona (989) 387-4808**

**or e-mail Lona at [lona.hamilton@yahoo.com](mailto:lona.hamilton@yahoo.com)**





Greetings,

2023 was a very busy year. Construction on my new home was completed. I sold my house in Frederick, and I moved myself, mom, and the 2 cats to North Carolina. As you can imagine, this was a complex effort to get everything planned and then execute the plan. I am happy to say that it all worked out with only a few minor hiccups. Mother has now settled into her new assisted living home in Penick Village and is doing well. She got a motorized wheelchair as it is a way to and from the dining room.

The cats and I have both gotten settled into the new house. They have their own room above the garage but of course they consider the entire house to be theirs. I like the new area and am getting more familiar all the time. I do know people down here so that helps and I am trying to play golf when I can.

I am still working remotely in the same job I had in Frederick. I will retire by the end of September 2024 and look to work on my golf game and find other things to do.

My new address is:

13 Eagle Drive

Foxfire Village, NC 28271

I hope everyone has a Happy Holidays.

*Remembering you warmly  
this holiday season  
and wishing you  
all the merriest.*

*Thank you for all your  
cards. Mom does enjoy  
hearing from home.*

*Almie*

## THANK YOU!!

Dear Church family,

We want to thank our church family for the lovely cards and the beautiful poinsettia that Larry Wyman Sr. brought to us from the church. We also appreciate all the prayers during Lou's surgery and his fall. He is still doing therapy and is progressing well.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Lou & Rita Bryans



## THANK YOU!!

Dear Church family,

I want to thank you all so much for the wonderful Christmas gift and for giving us this lovely poinsettia plant, it is very thoughtful of all of you to think of Mike and I 😊

Merry Christmas and Happy 2024!!

Mike & Rose Musser



## THANK YOU!!

Dear Church family,

Thank you so much for the wonderful thanksgiving meal you delivered to me. The food was absolutely wonderful!!!

Thank you so much for thinking of me 😊

LuAnne Humphrey



## THANK YOU!!

Dear Church family,

I would like to thank you all for the gorgeous poinsettia that was brought to me from all of you. You are a wonderful church family and I appreciate all of you 😊

Shirley Miller

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR CONGREGATION

Dear Church Family,

I Want To Thank My Church Family For All The Christmas Goodies That Have Been Brought Into The Office And The Very Special Gift From The Church And All That You Have Brought In For Christmas, Wow! You Are Wonderful And Uplifting!! You Are All A Blessing And Make Me Feel Loved And Appreciated. May God Bless You All During This Christmas Season And Throughout The New Year "2024" 😊

I sure do appreciate all of your support. And I'm Back!! Praise God! I've worked full days for over a month now YES!! 😊

Thanks again for everything!

I'm very proud to be a part of this church family 😊

Judy Bailey



## THANK YOU!!

Dear Church family,

Another year, another Christmas, another lovely bright red poinsettia. How fortunate we are.

We can look at it and remember the blessings of having our caring church family.

Thank you.

Lucy and Roy Monzo

**A DONATION WAS MADE BY  
ANN ALVARADO**

**\*\*IN HONOR OF HER MOTHER,  
SHIRLEY MILLER THE  
ULTIMATE CARE TAKER ☺**

**\*\*AND IN HONOR OF HER  
HUSBAND, HERBERTH  
ALVARADO ON HIS 54<sup>TH</sup>  
BIRTHDAY.**

**\*\*AND IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF ART & FRED A DULL**

**+++++**

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

**A DONATION WAS MADE TO OUR  
GENERAL FUND IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF DENISE BOUCHEY GIVEN BY  
TOM AND MARGARET VANHOOSE**

**A Donation was made  
to the Memorial Fund  
In loving memory of  
Linda Campbell.  
Given by Elvis & Connie Denton**

**A VERY GENEROUS DONATION HAS  
BEEN MADE TO THE  
PRESCHOOL/CHILD CARE CENTER IN  
LOVING MEMORY OF CAROLYN  
MUSSEY. GIVEN WITH LOVE FROM  
HER HUSBAND BOB, AND  
DAUGHTERS. DIANE & LISA.**

**A WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT!!  
Congratulations to Wanda Stanley and Gary Swartz  
on their marriage December 20, 2023  
We Wish You the very Best!!**



**COMMUNITY WILD GAME DINNER(FREE)**

**January 20th**

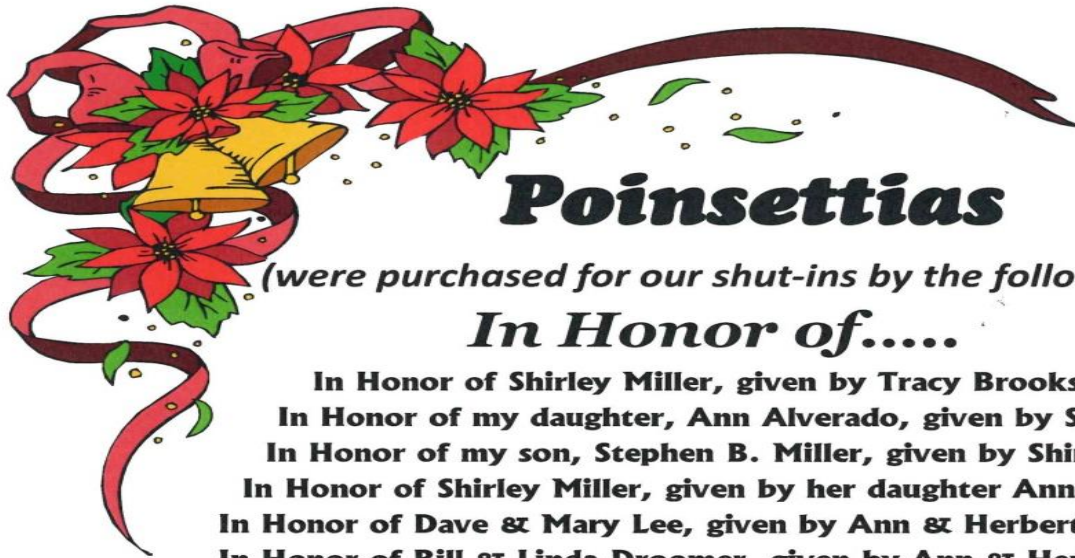
**at 6 p.m.**

**in the Clare**

**United Methodist Church,  
105 E. Seventh Street,  
Fellowship Hall**





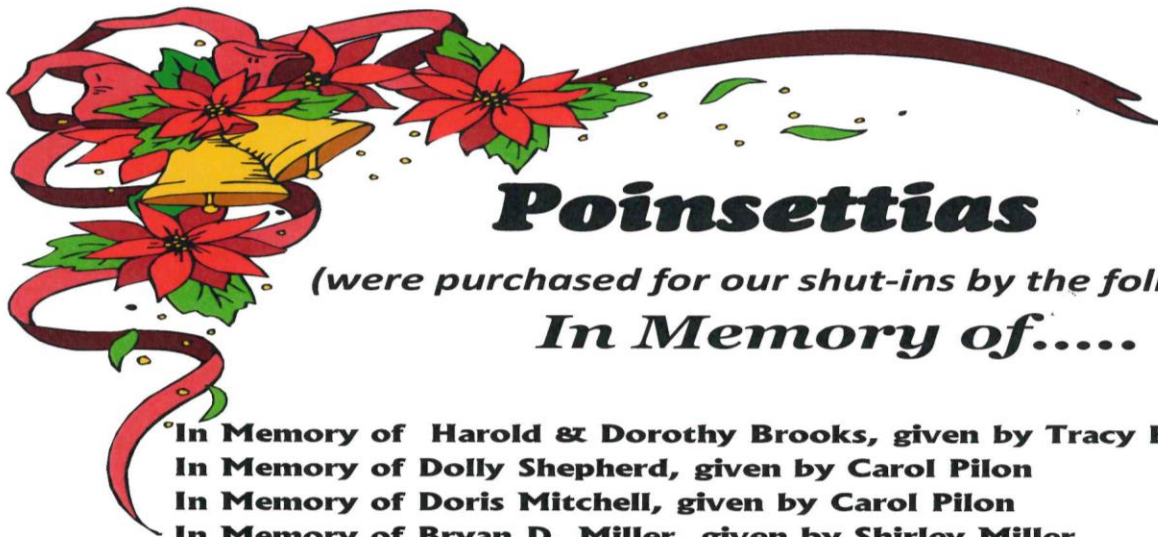


## **Poinsettias**

*(were purchased for our shut-ins by the following)*

### ***In Honor of.....***

- In Honor of Shirley Miller, given by Tracy Brooks**
- In Honor of my daughter, Ann Alverado, given by Shirley Miller**
- In Honor of my son, Stephen B. Miller, given by Shirley Miller**
- In Honor of Shirley Miller, given by her daughter Ann & Herberth Alverado**
- In Honor of Dave & Mary Lee, given by Ann & Herberth Alverado**
- In Honor of Bill & Linda Droomer, given by Ann & Herberth Alverado**
- In Honor of Wilma Shurlow-Phillips, given by Ann & Herberth Alverado**
- In Honor of Judy Bailey, given by Ann & Herberth Alverado**
- In Honor of the Adult Agape Sunday School Class, given by Jeanne Shelander**
- In Honor of the Friends Bible Study Class, given by Jeanne Shelander**



## **Poinsettias**

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### ***In Memory of.....***

- In Memory of Harold & Dorothy Brooks, given by Tracy Brooks**
- In Memory of Dolly Shepherd, given by Carol Pilon**
- In Memory of Doris Mitchell, given by Carol Pilon**
- In Memory of Bryan D. Miller, given by Shirley Miller**
- In Memory of Bryan D. Miller, given by his daughter, Ann & Herberth Alverado**
- In Memory of Rilla & Duane Seibt, given by Ann & Herberth Alverado**
- In Memory of Adam Miller, given by Shirley Miller**
- In Memory of Ron & Darlene Schunk, given by Ann & Herberth Alverado**
- In Memory of Bus & Mid Bell, given by Ann & Herberth Alverado**
- In Memory of Dr. & Mrs. Neil Stirling, given by Ann & Herberth Alverado**
- In Memory of my wife, Carolyn Musser, given by Bob Musser**
- In Memory of Frank Davis, given by his wife, Micky Davis & family**
- In Memory of Frances Broughton, given by Connie McGregor & family**
- In Memory of Ken & Carrie Broughton, given by Connie McGregor & family**
- In Memory of Mary Baller, given by Ellen Fuller**
- In Memory of Rhea Shoemaker, given by Ellen Fuller**
- In Memory of Clay Shoemaker, given by Ellen Fuller**
- In Memory of Carol Shoemaker, given by Ellen Fuller**
- In Memory of Kristine Zeleznik, given by Ellen Fuller**
- In Memory of Emily Wyman, given by Kat Kruskamp**
- In Memory of Dorsey Mussell, given by his wife Betty Mussell**
- In Memory of Mary & Dale Carter, given by their daughter, Jeanne Shelander**



## Clare United Methodist Church Preschool & Child Care Center

*Making disciples of Jesus by helping people know God, grow in faith, and  
Share God's love*

203 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Clare, MI 48617  
989-386-4815

### A NOTE FROM THE PRESCHOOL/CHILD CARE CENTER

The Noah's Ark Teddy Bear Workshop fundraiser was a fan favorite and we sold 50 stuffed animal kits. This fundraiser is something we hope to continue in years to come. The Preschool Christmas Program was a huge success. We would like to thank everyone for being in attendance and allowing the preschool children to come sing and dance. We recently helped with a cookie decorating and gingerbread house decorating event for students and their families, and we had a fantastic turnout. During this event Santa made a surprise appearance and gave out gifts to the children.

I am excited to announce that Alex will be stepping up as Interim Director starting in January. She will also still be the Lead Preschool Teacher for the rest of the school year. I am confident of her abilities and will fully support her going forward. I have been presented with a new career opportunity that I cannot pass up.

It was a very difficult decision for me. I love the center, the staff, all the families and children. I cannot completely walk away and will stay on as a consultant and possible volunteer when I am able. My last day at the center is December 29th.

We truly appreciate those that volunteer, provide donations and monetary support. We are always so grateful for those that help to make our school a wonderful experience for the families and the kids.

Thank you so much for your support!

Michelle Cilibrise

Director, Clare United Methodist Church Preschool and Childcare Center

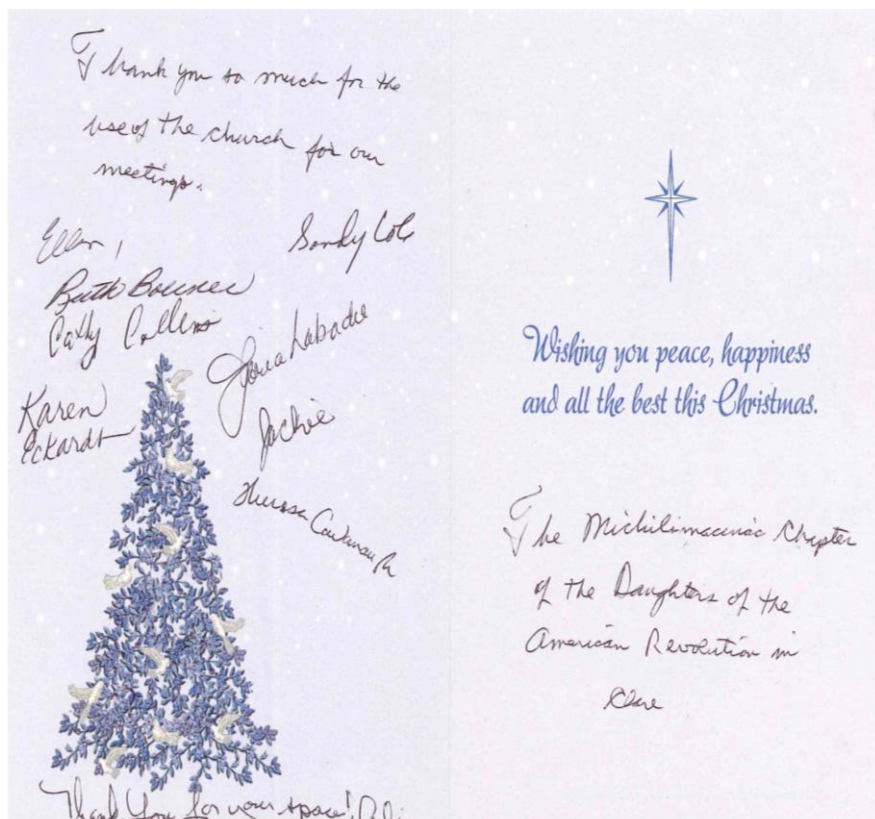
203 E. 7th Street, Clare MI 48617

[pccc@clareumc.org](mailto:pccc@clareumc.org)

989-386-4815



Dear church family,  
Thank you to all my Clare UMC family for all the cards and good wishes I have received. I am now settled in an Independent Living Apartment in Louisville, KY. I miss all of you, pray for you and appreciate your kindness. My Address is:  
12523 Taylorsville Rd. Apt. 3032  
Louisville, KY 40299  
God loves you and so do I ☺  
Carol Pilon







# **FREE**

## **Saturday Soup Dinner**

### **January 27**



## **Clare United Methodist Church**

105 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street Clare, Michigan 48617

### **4:00 - 6:00 pm**

Food Service available until 5:30 pm

Last Saturday of every Month

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



**\* Desserts**



**\*Music**



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Helping People Know God,  
Grow in Faith, and Share God's Love**

***We would love for you to join us!***

***If you have any questions please contact***

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



# LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Even though they may not:

**Look like you.**  
**Think like you.**  
**Love like you.**  
**Speak like you.**  
**Pray like you.**  
**Vote like you.**

# LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

No exceptions.

inspire   
kindness

Clare County Right to Life  
4446 S. Bailey Lake Ave.  
Clare, Mi. 48617

December 16, 2023

Dear Clare United Methodist Church,

We would like to thank you so much for your participation in the 2023 Baby Bottle Project.

There were 21 churches that participated in the project this year. The total amount collected was \$8,353., and your church very generously gave \$188. We would appreciate it if you would share our deep gratitude with your congregation who were so wonderful to take home a baby bottle and/or gave a donation to support God's precious gift of life.

The funds have been given to the Clare County Baby Pantry, Joshua's House a Place of Hope, and His Helping Hands, who are organizations that are dedicated to ministering to the spiritual and physical needs of mothers and families in Clare County.

We are very thankful for you for sharing this Baby Bottle Project with your church family to help prevent abortions and help families. We thank you and praise our Savior and King.

Sincerely,  
Clare County Right to Life

II Corinthians 9: 10-11



*Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.*

*You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.*

Happy  
New Year

January 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>ONLY 79 DAYS BEFORE SPRING</b> 	<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b> 9-11:30 MMI AA 8-9:30 P.M.	<b>3</b> 9:00 MMI 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 7:00 VISION TEAM 8:00 AA	<b>4</b> 10:00 RESD 1:00 AA 2:30 PRAYER TEAM 3:30 G.S. 5:45 TOPS 7 P.M. WORSHIP TEAM	<b>5</b> 8:00 AA	<b>6</b> AA 12-1:30
<b>7</b> 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 4:00 YOUTH/	<b>8</b> AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	<b>9</b> 9-11:30 MMI AA 8-9:30 P.M. 6:00 LEAD TEAM	<b>10</b> 9:00 MMI 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	<b>11</b> 10:00 RESD 1:00 AA 2:30 PRAYER TEAM 3:30 G.S. 5:45 TOPS 7 P.M. WORSHIP TEAM	<b>12</b> 8:00 AA	<b>13</b> <i>KEN FENELEY MEMORIAL SERVICE</i> <i>1 PM</i> AA 12-1:30 <i>PRISON MINISTRY</i>
<b>14</b> 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 4:00 YOUTH/	<b>15</b> AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	<b>16</b> 9-11:30 MMI AA 8-9:30 P.M.	<b>17</b> 9:00 MMI 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	<b>18</b> 10:00 RESD 1:00 AA 2:30 PRAYER TEAM 3:30 G.S. 5:45 TOPS 7 P.M. WORSHIP TEAM	<b>19</b> 8:00 AA	<b>20</b> AA 12-1:30 6:00 BEAST FEAST (WILD GAME DINNER FREE)
<b>21</b> 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 4:00 YOUTH/	<b>22</b> AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	<b>23</b> 9-11:30 MMI AA 8-9:30 P.M.	<b>24</b> 9:00 MMI 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	<b>25</b> 10:00 RESD 1:00 AA 2:30 PRAYER TEAM 3:30 G.S. 5:45 TOPS 7 P.M. WORSHIP TEAM	<b>26</b> 8:00 AA	<b>27</b> AA 12-1:30 4-6 SATURDAY SOUP
<b>28</b> 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 4:00 YOUTH ED BLDG IN USE	<b>29</b> AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	<b>30</b> 9-11:30 MMI AA 8-9:30 P.M.	<b>31</b> 9:00 MMI 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	<b>ONLY 48 DAYS BEFORE SPRING</b> 