

THE CLARION

MARCH 2024

CLARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



MARK YOUR CALENDARS



MARCH 13-17 CLARE IRISH FESTIVAL

MARCH 16 BOY SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

7-11 A.M. CLARE UMC FELLOWSHIP HALL

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 A.M. CLARE UMC

THURSDAY, MARCH 28:

"JOURNEY TO THE CROSS," 6:30 PM, CLARE UMC
THIS SPECIAL CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE TAKES US TO
THE UPPER ROOM AND THE LAST SUPPER (MAUNDY
THURSDAY) TO GETHSEMANE AND THE
CRUCIFIXION (GOOD FRIDAY).

FRIDAY, MARCH 29:

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, NOON, CLARE
ASSEMBLY OF GOD; 3557 E COLONVILLE RD, CLARE
SATURDAY, MARCH 30: YOU ARE INVITED TO A
HOLY SATURDAY SERVICE, NOON, FARWELL UMC;
281 E OHIO ST, FARWELL, MI 48622

SATURDAY, MARCH 30: SATURDAY SOUP

SUNDAY, MARCH 31:

EASTER, 10 AM SERVICE, CLARE UMC

CLARE UMC STAFF AND SCHEDULE

Pastor: Lanette (Lane) S. Van

pastorlane@clareumc.org

Pastor Lane's cell: 319-651-9408

Leadership Team Chair:

Mary Ann Shurlow

Administrative Assistant:

Judy Bailey jbailey@clareumc.org

Pianist: Finnagan McKenzie

Choir Director: Tracy Lubs

**Clare UMC Preschool
and Child Care Center**

Director: Alex Gerow

alexg@clareumc.org

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

I've lived in small towns and large cities. In some places, they charged a delivery fee for orders under a certain amount or outside of their delivery range. On top of what you owe for the pizza, there's the tip for the person who brought it to my door. It doesn't come free. It's a lot different when GOD delivers.

GOD DELIVERS.

Even after 11:00 pm on weeknights and Sundays.

24/7; 365 days a year.

Everyday.

Rain or shine.

Heaven or hell.

GOD delivers.

And it's free with an infinite delivery range,
'Cause Jesus paid for it already.

For you. For me.

For the neighbor whose dog barks all night,
And the little kid who can't sit still in church,
And kicks the back of your pew every Sunday.

For the single parent working two jobs,
And the guy working at the convenience store
Whose first language isn't English.

For the meth heads and the mentally ill.

ALL of us.

GOD delivers.

No tip required.



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 at the Church (except for the third Friday of the month).

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



Partners in Prayer Changes

Starting March 1, Partners in Prayer will be meeting in the church sanctuary every Thursday at 2:30 pm. This is a more accessible space, and it will be open to anyone who is interested in praying for the church, its leadership and its pastor.

If anyone is interested in a monthly evening prayer group, please contact Pastor Lane at 319 651-9408.

Harley's "Mewsings"



Please do not do this to your cat!

Also, no chocolate and jelly beans, but tuna and cat treats are welcome at Easter.

Have a blessed Easter!

**From Pastor Lane,
Harley and Squirrel!**



MARCH SERMONS

**Sunday, March 3: "Improving Our Serve – Factory Standard Features,"
Holy Communion.**

**Sunday, March 10: "Improving Your Serve – Use Them or Lose Them!"
Daylight Savings Time begins! Remember to spring forward one hour.**

Sunday, March 17: "Improving Your Serve – "It Takes a Village"

Sunday, March 24: Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 28: "Journey to the Cross," 6:30 pm, Clare UMC

This special candle light service takes us to the upper room and the Last Supper (Maundy Thursday) to Gethsemane and the crucifixion (Good Friday).

**Friday, March 29: Community Good Friday Service, noon, Clare Assembly of God;
3557 E Colonville Rd, Clare, MI 48617**

**Saturday, March 30: You are invited to a Holy Saturday Service, noon, Farwell UMC;
281 E Ohio St, Farwell, MI 48622**

Sunday, March 31: Easter, 10 am service, Clare UMC

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.



Lenten Bible Study – Understanding Spiritual Gifts ALL ARE WELCOME

**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, Trinity Area,
Church**

**No homework! Join us for a great Bible Study and
lively discussions.**

EASTER PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

“Your Victory Is My Victory”

**Lord Jesus Christ, I rejoice and rejoice continually in Your
glorious and triumphant victory over death. For Your victory is
my victory. Help me to live by it, in it, and for it. I am grateful
to my depths—grateful forever. Amen.**

— Selwyn Hughes



**When: April 6 & 13, 2024
Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Where: Mt. Pleasant First United
Methodist Church 400 South Main
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858**

Facilitator: Pastor Lane Van

**Text for the class: *Lay Servant
Ministries/Basic Course*
by Sandy Jackson and Brian Jackson**

**Lay Servant Ministries, of Central Bay District, invites you to
attend a class that introduces you to Lay Speaking/Lay Servant
Ministry. God calls us all to a life of servanthood as disciples of
Jesus Christ. This class will give you an opportunity to explore all
the possibilities of ministry and service within the United
Methodist Church.**

**A lunch will be provided on site, and beverages will be available
all day**

Registration:

- 4. To reserve a spot in the class, email Janice Buckley with your name and
contact information at: buckley7878@charter.net**
- 5. Download the registration form from the Central Bay District website
and have it signed by the appropriate people.**
- 6. Email your signed form to Janice Buckley, or bring it with you April 6,
when you pay for the class.**

The deadline for registration is March 20, 2024.

**Please be on time, and bring a Bible, required text book, pen or pencil, a
notebook or paper to take notes, and an open mind.**



1: Abigail Monzo

- Tami Turner
 2: Nancy Curtis
 3: Connie McGregor
 Cheryl Haataja
 4: Mike Goin
 5: Lynn Chappell
 6: Linda Droomer
 Matthew Lane
 Peyton Hubel
 Kay Musser
 7: Lee Ann Benic
 Brianna (McGregor) Harris
 Paul McNeilly
 Joyce Swan
 9: Brooke Cassiday
 Anika Newton
 10: Andy McNeilly
 12: Konner McKinstry
 13: Heidi Gallagher
 Laurie Staten
 15: Nicole Taylor
 16: Jim Teall
 17: Kathryn Kruskamp
 Julie McNeilly
 18: Connie Miller
 19: Tony Taylor
 20: Adam McGregor
 22: Audrey Patterson
 Ryan Thayer
 25: Karen Mater
 26: Hazel Kruskamp
 27: Rose Musser
 Dee Musser
 28: Dawn Moline
 Char Smock
 Brian Staten
 29: Adrian Nevill
 30: Brenda Denton
 Katie(Marshall) Jenkins
 Kristi (Marshall) Murray
 Tom Schunk



CHRISTIAN WOMEN



"Spring to Life"

Thursday, March 14, 2023

11:45 – 1:30 p.m.

Special Music: Kevin Bendele
from Alma

Special Feature: Jake Borton
with Mid Michigan Recycling



Inspirational Speaker: Lee Doll, from **Morrow, OH** shares how her dream life became a nightmare. Finding herself at rock bottom, she experienced a miracle that turned the worst day into the best day of her life. **"My Worst Day on my Best Day"**

**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 March 12th.

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

Or Lona (989) 387-4808

or e-mail Lona at lonahamilton@yahoo.com

**Partners in Prayer – Every Thursday, 2:30 pm
 in the Church Sanctuary**

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

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

Visioning Team - Wednesday, March 6, 7:00 pm

Worship Design – Wednesday, March 13, 5:00 pm.



**AUDREY PATTERSON
WILL BE "96" ON
MARCH 22ND
LET'S SHOWER HER
WITH BIRTHDAY CARDS
155 Lakeview
Leesburg, FL 34788**



HIGHWAY PICK UP

Once again we are looking for volunteers to assist with highway pick up. Scheduled date is Saturday April 20, with rain date of April 27 make-up date. The Boy Scouts will be helping. We clean up trash on the shoulders of US 127 for the 2miles just north of the north Clare exit, along both the northbound and southbound lanes.

It takes about 4 hours (2 hours each side of the highway). That is depending on how much help we get. We typically clean up along the northbound lanes first, then stop for a snack and drink at Snowsnake, before coming back to clean up alongside the southbound lanes. Safety vests, gloves and vehicle identification placards are provided. Wearing sturdy shoes/boots and light colored clothing are recommended. Ages 12 and up can help. Please join us for this fun and active event. Contact Ellen Fuller if you will attend or for any questions. (989)240-3777 efuller@reagan.com. Thank you.

EASTER LILIES 2024 INFORMATION



CONGREGATION:

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.



A NOTE FROM WAYNE & AUDREY PATTERSON

We are doing fine☺

Wayne is 98 and I'll be 96 in March.

The people in our park are like family. There are times when we need them☺

We are still riding our bikes. Wayne has coffee with friends every morning, shoots pool.

Me, I volunteer at Bingo and Pan Cake Breakfast, crafts, busy, busy!!

From Wayne and Audrey Patterson



THANK YOU!

Dear Church Friends,

Thank you all for all you do!

The Thanksgiving Day dinner was absolutely wonderful and Poinsettia is a beautiful. Your thoughtfulness meant more than you could ever know☺

I'm wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Micky Davis



Thank you to Pastor Lane and

All the people who attend the Clare United Methodist Church;

To all those who attend the Clare United Methodist Church monthly last Saturday of the month suppers for your prayers and condolences for our mother(and thinking of you card).

In loving remembrance of Jean M. Winter in her passing

Away December 10, 2023. Yes, she will be greatly missed by you all and us;

Thank you for being her friend.

Always Jean's (sons)

Michael & Mark Sanger





**IN LOVING MEMORY
A VERY GENEROUS DONATION WAS MADE TO THE
CHURCH'S EMERGENCY INSURANCE
DEDUCTABLE FUND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
CAROLYN MUSSER, WHO DEEPLY LOVED HER CHURCH
AND ALL THE PERSONS WHO ATTENDED THEREIN.
GIVEN BY HER HUSBAND, BOB MUSSER.**



**EXTRA MILE GIVING FOR MARCH WILL BE
FOR THE CHURCH'S
GOOD SAMARITIN(PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY) FUND**

MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD

**IN MARCH WE WILL BE COLLECTING CLEANING SUPPLIES:
TOILET BOWL CLEANER, DISH DETERGENT, HE LAUNDRY
DETERGENT (UNSCENTED), FABRIC SOFTNER(UNSCENTED),
FABRIC SOFTENER SHEETS(UNSCENTED),
DISHWASHER GEL (CASCADE), FLOOR CLEANER, BLEACH,
ALL PURPOSE CLEANER**

**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!





FREE

Saturday Soup Dinner

MARCH 30



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

***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

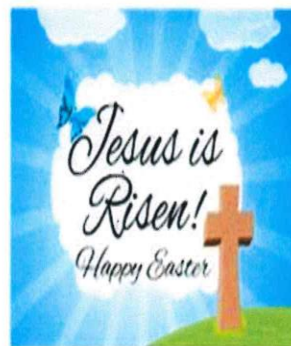
Rose 989-424-7405 or Laurie 989-506-1812



March 2024

SPRING BREAK FOR CLARE SCHOOLS

MARCH 22 - 31



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
St. Patrick's Day					1800 AA	2 AA 12-130 FOOD TRUCK IN HARRISON 930 A.M.
39:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 12:00 D.A.R.	4AA 12-130 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	5 AA 8-9:30 P.M.	6 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 7:00 VISION TEAM 8:00 AA	710:00 RESD 1:00 AA 2:30 PRAYER TEAM 3:30 G.S. 5:45 TOPS	8 8:00 AA	9 AA 12-130 TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR BE- FORE YOU GO TO BED
10 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 4:00 YOUTH	11 AA 12-130 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	12 AA 8-9:30 P.M. 6:30 LEAD TEAM	13 5:00 WORSHIP DESIGN 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	14 10:00 RESD 12 NOON CHRISTIAN WOMEN 1:00 AA 2:30 PRAYER TEAM 5:45 TOPS	15 8:00 AA	16 AA 12-130
17 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 4:00 YOUTH	18 AA 12-130 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	19 1ST DAY OF SPRING AA 8-9:30 P.M.	20 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	21 10:00 RESD 1:00 AA 2:30 PRAYER TEAM 3:30 G.S. 5:45 TOPS	22 8:00 AA	23 AA 12-130
24 PALM/PASSION SUNDAY 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP	25 AA 12-130 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	26 AA 8-9:30 P.M.	27 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	28 10:00 RESD 1:00 AA 2:30 PRAYER TEAM 6:30 MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE	29 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT CLARE CHRIST FELLOWSHIP NOON 8:00 AA	30 HOLY SATURDAY SERVICE AT FARWELL UMC 12 NOON 4:00 -5:30 SATURDAY SOUP
31 EASTER SUNDAY 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP	HOLY WEEK			HOLY WEEK MARCH 24-31		

