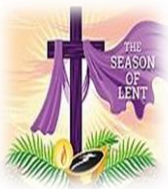
THE CLARION MARCH 2026

CLARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS MARCH 8TH

Set your clocks Ahead 1 hour before you go to bed March 7th

Lenten Service March 11th at 6 p.m.

Palm Sunday March 29

CLARE UMC STAFF AND SCHEDULE

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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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MEMBERSHIP CLASS BEING OFFERED

OUR 1ST MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD AT 4:30 P.M. IN PASTOR BRIAN'S OFFICE.

March is here, and we are well into the Lenten season. I pray you find a meaningful way to observe this time, perhaps through fasting or by adding a new way to serve others. If you are adding, my hope is that you may draw inspiration from Matthew 25:40, "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Jesus reminds us that in serving the marginalized, the struggling, and the forgotten, we are serving Him. Whether providing food, clothing, or simply a listening ear, even the smallest acts of kindness can make a lasting difference.

For example, one semester, a seminary professor set up his preaching class in an unusual way. He scheduled his students to preach on the Parable of the Good Samaritan and on the day of the class, he choreographed his experiment so that each student would go, one at a time, from one classroom to another where he or she would preach a sermon. The professor gave some students ten minutes to go from one room to the other; to others he allowed less time, forcing them to rush in order to meet the schedule. Each student, one at a time, had to walk down a certain corridor and pass by a homeless person, who was deliberately planted there, obviously in need of some sort of aid.

The results were surprising and offered a powerful lesson to them. The percentage of those good men and women who stopped to help was extremely low, especially for those who were under the pressure of a shorter time period. The tighter the schedule, the fewer were those who stopped to help the indigent man. When the professor revealed his experiment, you can imagine the impact on that class of future spiritual leaders. Rushing to preach a sermon on the Good Samaritan they had walked past the beggar at the heart of the parable.

This Lenten season let us strive to be people who see, hear, and serve selflessly and love unconditionally, whether through small gestures or large acts of service. In doing so, we are serving Jesus. Let us reflect his love, grace, and compassion to a world that so desperately needs it.

Peace and blessings always! Pastor Brian

A Heartfelt Thank you!

Dear Church family,
I would like to thank all of you for your cards,
lovely flowers, support, and especially all the
prayers for us during John's illness and death.
Thank you so much! It is deeply appreciated☺
Merri Ann Radcliffe

In Loving Memory

We are Praying for:

Merri-Ann Baker-Radcliffe and family on the loss of her husband, John Radcliffe

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Sharon Doxtader and family on the loss of her husband, Duffy Doxtader.

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Velma Cross and family on the loss of her cousin Margaret Hemenway

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1: Abigail Monzo
Tami Turner
2: Nancy Curtis
Jason Kelly
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

CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONNECTION

"Dressing for Laughter"

Thursday, March 12, 2026
11:45 – 1:45 p.m.

Special Feature: Scarf Tying
Marilyn Garapolo

Inspirational Speaker: Marilyn Garapolo, from Plainfield, IL, *will share her story of childhood dreams of traveling the world to real life. Then, how her life of fashion and retail led her to having her own business. She asks 'When was the last time you had a good laugh?' Because* **"Laughter is a Medicine!"**

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 10th.
Edie (989)463-3287 * Ruth (989)492-4199
Or Lona (989) 387-4808
or e-mail Lona at lonahamilton@yahoo.com

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

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!! FROM CHIPPY
JUST A NOTE TO TALK ABOUT ST PATRICK'S DAY: My mom & I looked up St. Patrick's Day and it told us it is the feast day of the patron Saint of Ireland, St. Patrick. In the bible it states that he was a great Bible quoting preacher of the Gospel. In fact, it was said of him that he was a "man of one book" Romans 1:7, 1 Corinthians 1:2;2 Corinthians 1:2, Ephesians 1:1 etc. just a little tid bit and wishing you a safe and Happy st. patrick's day and enjoy feasting and share lot of god's love.

EASTER LILIES FOR OUR SHUT-INS

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 April 3, 2026, in order for your name and those you purchased a lily in honor or memory of, to be included in the Easter bulletin.

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 20, 2026. 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 Ellen Fuller (989-240-3777 or efuller@reagan.com). Thank you kindly in Jesus name for your support of this ministry.

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

By donation ORDER FORM Due by APRIL 3, 2026

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:_____

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIAM

CLARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HAS RECEIVED A DONATION TO OUR HOSPITALITY ACCOUNT IN HONOR OF SUE NEFF. GIVEN BY GAIL NEFF

PRESCHOOL CHILD CARE CENTER RECEIVED A DONATION IN MEMORY OF DUFFY DOXTADER GIVEN BY GAIL NEFF

GENERAL FUND RECEIVED A DONATION IN MEMORY OF JOHN RADCLIFFE

GIVEN BY JUDY BAILEY

GENERAL FUND RECEIVED A DONATION IN MEMORY OF DUFFY DOXTADER GIVEN BY DR. DAVE & COLLEEN BREMER AND DON & RUTH VOLTZ

THANK YOU!!

I WANT TO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE THOUGHTFUL VALENTINE GIFT. I LOVED IT!

GOD BLESS! KATHY TRAYWICK

FREE

Community Dinner

Hope to see you then!

MARCH 28

4-5:30 p.m.

At Clare United Methodist Church, 105 E. 7th Street, Clare

Last Saturday of every month

SOUP SANDWICHES

SALADS & DESSERTS

MILK

COFFEE & TEA

come join the fun & fellowship!

If you have questions call

989-386-2591

51ST ANNUAL CLARE IRISH FESTIVAL

SHOPPING SPECIALS & ENTERTAINMENT

Clare Area Chamber of Commerce

Monday, March 9th

Spirit Week - Funky Socks - Pull out some Irish socks to kick off the week!

Tuesday, March 10th

Spirit Week - Pot O' Gold - Dress in a dazzling combination of Black & Gold

Wednesday, March 11th

Spirit Week - Irish Heritage - Celebrate with tradition! Wear your Kilt, Shirt, Hat, or Green, White, & Orange to match the flag of Ireland

9am-5:30pm Stitches for Britches & Almost Up North - 25% -50% off select Irish Shirts

10am-5pm Red Door Thrift Store - 30% off Store Wide

6pm Four Leaf Brewing - Irish Pub Trivia

Thursday, March 12th

Spirit Week - Lucky Charms - Dress as the cereal character, or maybe other lucky themed outfits

9am-5:30pm Stitches for Britches & Almost Up North - 25% -50% off select Irish Shirts

10am-5pm Red Door Thrift Store - 30% off Store Wide

12pm-8pm Clare/Farwell American Legion - Live Music by Pickers 4pm-7pm

4pm-9pm Four Leaf Brewing - Locals Night Featuring Live Music by *Generations & Harmonies* 6pm-9pm. Stein Holding Contest at 7pm

5:30pm-7pm Paisley Sage - Free Hair Tinsel, Face Painting, Temporary Tattoos, & Mini Manicures for Kids Only

6pm-9pm Timeout Tavern - Live Music with J.R. Jenkins

7pm The Evening Post - Irish Trivia

7pm-9pm The Trap Door - Live Music by *Izzy Joy*

Friday, March 13th

Spirit Week - Shamrockin' Style - Add Shamrocks to your shirt, coat, hat, lips, or wherever

9am-5:30pm Stitches for Britches & Almost Up North - 25% -50% off select Irish Shirts

Friday, March 13th Continued

10am-5pm Red Door Thrift Store - 30% off Store Wide

12pm-10pm Four Leaf Brewing - Beer Barrel Racing at 6pm. "Pot O Gold" Karaoke at 7pm

5:30pm-8:30pm Clare Farwell American Legion - Live Music by The Real Blues Band

6pm-2am The Venue - Doors open at 6pm. Live Music by Jedi Mind Trip 8pm-12am. DJ & Dancing 12am-2am

6:30pm Clare Moose Lodge - Trivia with Stacia (St. Patty's Day edition)

Doherty Hotel - Leprechaun Lounge - *Two - U Duo* at 4pm and *Kevin Chamberlain* at 8pm

Ballroom - Irish Comedy Tour 7pm. Sound Productions 8:30pm

7pm-2am The Evening Post - DJ

7pm-10pmTimeout Tavern - Live Music with Double Jack

9pm-Close Ruckle's Pier - Sound Productions DJ

Saturday, March 14th

Spirit Week - Luck of the Irish - ALL GREEN! The more green the better

10am-2pm Stitches for Britches & Almost Up North - 25% -50% off select Irish Shirts

11am-2am Hammerin' Hank's - Live Music. *BlueSky Riley* 2pm-4pm. *Justin Judge* 4pm-6pm

12pm-Close Ruckle's Pier - Sound Productions DJ

12pm-8pm Clare Moose Lodge - *Clown Band* plays after the parade 2-4pm. Live Music by *Mike Odett 4-7pm* & *Jasper Creek* at 7-10pm

12pm-10pm Four Leaf Brewing - Beer Barrel Racing at 3pm. Live Music by *SmallTown Band* at 4pm & *Ryan Ambs* at 6pm

12pm-9pm Clare Farwell American Legion - Live Music by *Ryan Ambs Music* 1pm-4:30pm & *Woodman Unplugged* 5:30pm-8:30pm

Doherty Hotel - Leprechaun Lounge - *Kevin Chamberlain* at 12pm, *Two - U Duo* at 3pm, and *Kevin Chamberlain* at 8pm

Ballroom - *Night Shift* at 8pm

12pm-2am The Venue - Irish Hoedown featuring: Mechanical Bull 12-4pm, *Derek Winter* 4-6:30pm, St. Paddy's Blackout Party with DJ & Dancing 6:30pm-2am

2pm-4pm Arby's - Photo Op with a Leprechaun

2pm-12am The Evening Post - DJ

3pm-6pm Timeout Tavern - Live Music with Double Jack

5:30pm-8:30pm Clare United Methodist Church - Irish Festival Dance Party

Sunday, March 15th

Spirit Week - Irish Goodbye - Represent your favorite small town by wearing a Clare shirt!

EVENT INFORMATION
WWW.CLAREIRISHFESTIVAL.COM
989-386-2442

Hoerauf & Nevill Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law
RENEWAL by ANDERSEN
HERRICK HOUSE & The McEvery Grill
Mercantile Bank of Michigan
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Clare Tire Co.
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MID MICHIGAN COLLEGE
Benchley's Chiropractic Clinic

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JAY'S SPORTING GOODS
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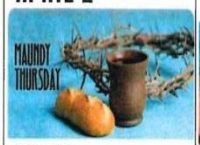
the MOOSE New Country 94.5
Clare Print & Pulp
Kiwanis Clare Area Club
CFX 95.3 TODAY'S HITS
SUNNY 98.5

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 19 DAYS UNTIL SPRING!! 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 2:00 YOUTH GROUP	2 AA 12-1:30 D.A.R. 12:30-3 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	3 *6 P.M.* *"THE CHOSEN"* *AA 8-9:30 P.M.*	4 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	5 11:00 -3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THRIFT STORE 1:00 AA 7:00 "12 ORDINARY MEN CLASS"	6 *10-4 THRIFT STORE* *AA 8-9:30 P.M.*	7 ***SPRING AHEAD 1 HOUR BEFORE BED-*** ***FOOD TRUCK 9 AM*** ***10-4 THRIFT STORE*** ***12 NOON AA*** ***F.H. IN USE***
8 **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS** 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP NOON-5 D.A.R. (FH) 2:00 YOUTH GROUP	9 AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	10 *6 P.M.* *"THE CHOSEN"* *AA 8-9:30 P.M.*	11 6 P.M. LENTEN SERVICE 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	12 11:00 -3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THRIFT STORE NOON CHRISTIAN WOMEN 1:00 AA 7:00 "12 ORDINARY MEN CLASS" 7:30 GATEWAY BAND	13 *10-4 THRIFT STORE* *AA 8-9:30 P.M.*	14 ***10-4 THRIFT STORE*** ***12 NOON AA***
15 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 2:00 YOUTH GROUP	16 AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	17 *6 P.M. LEADERSHIP TEAM 6 P.M.* *"THE CHOSEN"* *AA 8-9:30 P.M.*	18 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	19 11:00 -3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THRIFT STORE 1:00 AA 7:00 "12 ORDINARY MEN CLASS"	20 *10-4 THRIFT STORE* *AA 8-9:30 P.M.*	21 ***10-4 THRIFT STORE*** ***12 NOON AA***
22 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 2:00 YOUTH GROUP 11-1 SPAGHETTI LUNCH	23 AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	24 *AA 8-9:30 P.M.* *6 P.M.* *"THE CHOSEN"*	25 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	26 11:00 -3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THRIFT STORE 1:00 AA 7:00 "12 ORDINARY MEN CLASS"	27 *10-4 THRIFT STORE* *AA 8-9:30 P.M.*	28 ***10-4 THRIFT STORE*** ***12 NOON AA*** ***4:00 COMMUNITY DINNER***
29 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 2:00 YOUTH GROUP 	30 AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	31 *AA 8-9:30 P.M.* *6 P.M.* *"THE CHOSEN"*	APRIL 1 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	APRIL 2  1:00 AA	APRIL 3 8 PM AA	APRIL 4 ***10-4 THRIFT STORE*** ***12 NOON AA***

CLARE'S IRISH FESTIVAL 11-14

SPRING BREAK FOR CLARE SCHOOLS MARCH 29-APRIL 5

Clare United Methodist Church

Preschool and Child Care Center

Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser

Join us March 22, 2026 for lunch and a Silent Auction

11 am -1 pm @ Clare United Methodist Church

Cost: $10 per person 13 and older

$7 per person 12 and under

Donations also accepted

Donations can be made in person, or

on the website below or using the QR code

Preschool & Child Care - Clare United Methodist Church, Clare MI website:

www.clareumc.org/preschool-child-care