

## MEDITATION FOCUS

*As we give thanks, we remember that every blessing points us back to the God who provides, guides, and prepares the way for us.*

**PRELUDE** "If the Lord Builds the House" by Hope Darst

### \*OPENING PRAISE

**SONG** "My Life is in You Lord" FWS #2032

**SONG** "Shout to the Lord" FWS #2074

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE:** Alicyn & Maya Johnson

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: Let not your hearts be troubled.*

**People: We believe in God; we believe also in Christ.**

*Leader: In our Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would Christ have told us that he goes to prepare a place for us?*

**People: We wait in hope for the One who will come again and take us to himself.**

*Leader: And if he goes and prepares a place for us, he will come again and will take us to himself, that where he is we may be also.*

**People: We long for the day when we shall dwell with him forever.**

*Leader: In this season of Advent, we remember: Christ has come, Christ will come again.*

**People: Lord, we do not always know the way.**

*Leader: Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life."*

**People: No one comes to the Father except through him.**

*Leader: Come, let us worship the One who is the Way.*

**People: Come, let us adore the One who makes a way for us.**

**All: In hope and expectation, we prepare our hearts for the coming of our King. Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### LORD'S PRAYER

### ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

*Children, their parents, grandparents and other adults are welcome to join us at the front of the sanctuary.*

### OFFERING

**OFFERING SONG** "Sanctuary" P. 2164

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 23:1-4 & John 14:1-6

**MESSAGE** Pastor Don Spachman

"The Way, the Truth, and the Life"

**MESSAGE SONG** "Noel" by Lauren Daigle

## SONG

"When Christmas Morn is Dawning"

UMH #232

## BENEDICTION

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## THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

NOV. 30: 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 WORSHIP 1 P.M. FELLOWSHIP HALL IN USE (BAILEY)

2:00 YOUTH

DEC. 1:12 NOON AA

6:15 WEIGHTS

6:45 YOGA

2: 8:00 AA

3: 8:00 AA

6:15 WEIGHTS

6:45 YOGA

4: 11-3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT STORE

1:00 AA / 1:00 QUILTING

5: 10-4 THRIFT STORE

8:00 AA

6: 9 A.M. FOOD TRUCK HARRISON

10-4 THRIFT STORE

12 NOON AA

7: 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 WORSHIP &

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

**12:30 CHURCH CONFERENCE**

2:00 YOUTH

### MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD

*In November we will be collecting:  
Paper Napkins, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Facial Tissue, Ziplock Bags (1qt & 1 gal), Silverware (Adult & Toddler), Dry Erase Markers, Pine-Sol Cleaner, Plastic Hamper with Lid For our Preschool Child Care Center*

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**OUR EXTRA MILE GIVING FOR NOVEMBER WILL GO FOR OUR FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER**

**ATTENDANCE  
LAST SUNDAY,  
NOV 23: 86**

### REVOLVING FUND GIVING FOR THE MONTH OF SEPT. 2025

DAYCARE BUILDING: \$120 TECH SUPPORT: \$100 UMCOR/Disaster Relief : \$210 CAMP: \$100  
COFFEE HOUR/HOSPITALITY: \$71

INSURANCE EMERGENCY FUND: \$100 PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND: \$50

THRIFT STORE: \$140 FUNERAL DINNERS: \$540 PCCC OPER: \$120

SATURDAY SOUP: \$125 LOVE OFFERING: \$69

GENERAL FUND FOR SEPTEMBER GIVING: \$14,955.42 EXPENSES: \$18,422.13

**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](mailto:efuller@reagan.com). Thanks for your help with this community ministry.

**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*  
*Deb Bongard as she recovers from surgery*  
*Carren & Lynn Chappell as they recover*  
*Velma Cross as she deals with the loss of her sister last Sunday (Margie Gregory)*  
*Maezie Bauer diagnosed with Sturge Weber syndrome(niece of Scott Vanhooose)*  
*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.....**

**Pioneer Golden Estates:**

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

**Special Notice!!**

**Our Advent Service Had To Change For  
 Unforeseen Circumstances  
 Advent Service Will Now Be On  
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 :0)**

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**ADVENT AND PLANNING AHEAD**

*The Annual Women's Advent Luncheon at the  
 Grand Doherty Hotel is being planned.*

*The date will be*

*Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2025 at 12 p.m.*

*More information in the December Newsletter*

*Or Judy at the office. Please let Jeanne*

*Shelander or Judy Bailey know*

*If you plan to come.*

# *Clare United Methodist Church*

## *1<sup>ST</sup> Sunday of Advent*

### *November 30, 2025*



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## **CLARE UMC'S MISSION:**

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



**ATTENTION CARING FRIENDS  
 POINSETTIAS ARE READY TO DELIVER**