

THE CLARION NOVEMBER 2025

CLARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



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.

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

Monday – Friday

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9 a.m.

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Greetings in Christ! Happy November everyone! Halloween is past and we had a fun and successful time passing out treats with a reminder to the kids that Jesus loves them. And so, Thanksgiving time is upon us! Let's talk about thankfulness and kindness for a moment.

In Mark 1:40 a leper asked, or rather, told Jesus that he could heal him if he would be willing. Jesus said, I am willing, and reached out and touched him, and he was healed. He reached out and *touched* the leper! This leper was near the gate of the city, because he was an outcast due to the contagiousness of his disease. He was unclean and untouchable. Many who would pass by the gate and perhaps offer help, but probably usually not. When Jesus and the disciples came to the city, he was certainly one of the many Rabbis and "religious elites" that would have passed near him coming and going. When he recognized Jesus as one of these "elites" and called out to him, we can imagine his expectations weren't too high that Jesus would help.

But of course, Jesus was different. He didn't see the man as a leper but a human being who was sick and needed help. His kindness went beyond social stereotypes.

Jesus calls us to do acts of kindness, no matter what they look like or act like. Even if it makes us uncomfortable, we should try to look at where they're coming from and understand their circumstances. Only then can we develop genuine compassion. In the words of Mother Teresa, "If you judge people, you have no time to love them". Let's make November a month of acts of kindness. Let's also gather together and share these stories of kind acts and support one another. These acts of kindness, either random or not, can be difficult. I can affirm this. One Thanksgiving, we were trying to spread some holiday cheer by giving away a \$20 gas cards at a gas station. It took several attempts because people were either confused, or they said "No thank you". I believe their thought was, what's the catch?! No catch, just trying to spread kindness. But we'll keep trying to continue to be kind and have a thankful heart as often as possible. Happy Thanksgiving everyone! Peace and blessings always! Pastor Brian.



**YOU ARE INVITED TO A COMMUNITY
ADVENT SERVICE ON DECEMBER 3RD
FARWELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WILL
BE HOSTING OUR COMMUNITY ADVENT
SERVICE ON DECEMBER 3RD AT 6 P.M.
Address is: 281 Ohio St Farwell, MI**



FAMILY NIGHT OUT was a big success on Tuesday evening with a huge turnout of youngsters and adults. We gave out over 124 pairs of gloves, 68 hats and 21 earmuffs, 15 gallons of lemonade, 3 cases of popcorn and lots of cross keychains. Thank you to our church family for all of your donations and a big thank you to all who volunteered their time. It was all greatly appreciated.





A NOTE FROM OUR PRESCHOOL/CHILD CARE CENTER

We are excited to welcome back Terri Banaszak as our director. She was our Director from March 2020-2023. We feel blessed to have her return and share her knowledge and passion for Christian Education and Childcare.

We continue to be at or near capacity and presently employ 14 staff members. The Center is open Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. It is a busy place with lots of activity.

This week the children will be painting pumpkins as well as having visitors from Medilodge(Nursing Home), who are coming to share treats with the children.

We are grateful to Pastor Brian who spends time with the children every Friday morning. Staff and children look forward to their time with him.

As food and utility costs have risen, so have our expenses. We strive to keep tuition as low as possible. Childcare is expensive and a hardship for many.

Thank you for your support. It is appreciated and vital for our Center.

Sincerely,

Mary Lee, PCCC Chair



**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**

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

Welcome new Member Keith Koch



On World Communion Sunday, October 2nd , Keith & Dixie Koch were Baptized here at Clare UMC and Keith also joined our church as a new member.

**We welcome Keith's family to our church family
(pictured above is Keith and his wife Evie & their daughter, Dixie.)**

CHRISTIAN WOMEN



November Birthdays

- 1 Benjamin Yats
Daniel Yats
Kayla Krause Bouchey
- 2 Zackery Tyler
- 3 Dixie Lynn Koch
Riley Hayer
- 4 Sandie Brewer
Kelly Staten
- 6 Barb Seiter
- 8 Ken Graham
Lesla Bentley
- 9 Kim Denton
Steven Kingsbury
- 10 Janette Curtis
Tom Kunse
- 12 Jeremy Pepin
- 14 Lacey (Brown) Badelt
- 15 Madison (Davis) Kelly
Tom VanHoose
- 16 Susan Atwood
- 21 Hayden Hubel
- 22 Jeff Brown
- 24 Tara (Grigg) Caswell
Kelly Corbett
- 25 Shannon Oleary
- 26 Cindy Krell
- 27 Ann Koehler
- 28 Elizabeth Comiskey
- 29 Kalyn Nevill
Lori Zinser



"A Taste of Home"

Thursday, November 13, 2025

11:45 – 1:45 p.m.

Bake Sale:

**Just in time for treats for Hunters
or stick into your freezer
for Thanksgiving!**

Inspirational Speaker: Sindy Nagel from Kalamazoo, MI. Sindy's Mom described her as an "accident". She struggled with feelings of not being wanted and not loved. Until one day...An Accident by Design.

**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 Nov. 11th
Edie (989)463-3287 * Ruth (989)492-4199
Or Lona (989) 387-4808
or e-mail Lona at lonahamilton@yahoo.com**

A NOTE FROM CHIPPY HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!

What are you thankful for? I'm thankful for every person that walks into the office and says "hi!" to me. Next time you see someone on the street remember how it makes you feel when they simply just say "hi!" We never know what anyone is going through and what a blessing we can be to others. We always have a lot of strangers walk into our office, mostly for help. We try our hardest to try to treat them like we would like to be treated. Show them the love of Christ. In the bible it tells us to love one

another. In John 13:34-35 it says:³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." We are all thankful for our church family and appreciate and love each and every one of you. THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF US! WE HOPE YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL AND JOYFUL THANKSGIVING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A



Community Thanksgiving Dinner

NOVEMBER 22 FROM 12-3PM

Clare United Methodist Church

105 E 7th St, Clare, MI

All Are Welcome!



YOU'RE INVITED
TO A

Free Community Dinner



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NOVEMBER

4:00-5:30PM

Clare United
Methodist
Church

105 E 7th St,
Clare, MI

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A BIG THANK YOU FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS!

Dear Church family,

**Thank you very much for the beautiful peace lily! Also, your prayers, love, and cards at this difficult time. Your kind and thoughtful expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged
Joan Southwell and family.**

ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

On Sunday, Nov. 2nd we will be remembering our loved ones that have left us in the last year, the list is as follows:

Leopold Baker(father of Merri Ann Baker-Radcliffe)

Ellyce Brinkerhuff (cousin of Barb Tyler)

Kay Anne Miller Corless (niece of Shirley

June Chaffee

Mikey Davis

Margie Gregory (sister of Velma Cross)

Janet Haring

April Hicks

Barb Mahon

Mark Huizinga

Francis O'Day

Wayne Patterson

Margaret Irene Turbin(sister of John Radcliffe)

Scott Willman (brother of Jeff Willman)

Kathy Miller

JoAnn Raymond

Robert Rex Shelander

William "Bill" Southwell





November 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
REMINDER SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR BEFORE YOU GO TO BED ON NOVEMBER 1 ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 2, A TIME TO REMEMBER OUR LOVED ONES WHO PASSED IN THE LAST YEAR						1 FOOD TRUCK IN HARRISON 9 AM 10-4 THRIFT STORE 12 NOON AA
2 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS/ ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 2:00 YOUTH GROUP	3 AA 12-1:30 1:00 D.A.R. 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	4 AA 8-9:30 P.M.	5 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	6 11:00 -3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THRIFT STORE 1:00 AA 7:00 BIBLE CLASS	7 AA 8-9:30 P.M. 10-4 THRIFT STORE	8 10-4 THRIFT STORE 12 NOON AA
9 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 2:00 YOUTH GROUP	10 AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	11 6:00 LEADERSHIP TEAM AA 8-9:30 P.M.	12 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	13 11:00 -3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THRIFT STORE 1:00 AA 7:00 BIBLE CLASS	14 AA 8-9:30 P.M. 10-4 THRIFT STORE	15 10-4 THRIFT STORE 12 NOON AA
16 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 2:00 YOUTH GROUP	17 AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	18 6:00 PCCC BOARD AA 8-9:30 P.M.	19 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 7:00 QUIETLY SOCIAL 8:00 AA	20 11:00 -3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THRIFT STORE 1:00 AA 7:00 BIBLE CLASS	21 PREPARING FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER AA 8-9:30 P.M. 10-4 THRIFT STORE	22 10-4 THRIFT STORE 12 NOON AA FREE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER Noon-3
23 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 2:00 YOUTH GROUP	24 AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	25 AA 8-9:30 P.M.	26 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	27	28 OFFICE CLOSED AA 8-9:30 P.M. 10-4 THRIFT STORE	29 10-4 THRIFT STORE 12 NOON AA 4-5:30 SATURDAY SOUP
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