

THE CLARION

OCTOBER 2025

CLARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH😊

THANK YOU TO
PASTOR BRIAN & ELIZABETH
FOR ALL THEY DO!

MAY GOD BLESS ALL YOU IN YOUR
MINISTRY AND KNOW YOU ARE
BOTH VERY MUCH APPRECIATED



October 7TH is Family Night Out!!
We will be needing volunteers to work from 3-7 p.m.😊 and we are collecting mittens, hats and gloves to hand out. We will also be handing out bottles of water, if you would like to donate a case or two? Can we count on you?
SIGN UP SHEET IS IN THE LOBBY OR YOU CAN CONTACT JUDY AT THE CHURCH OFFICE

CLARE UMC STAFF AND SCHEDULE

Pastor:

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Tracy Lubs

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and Child Care Center

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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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! TRUNK OR
TREAT AND SATURDAY SOUP OCTOBER
25 (SEE FLYER INSIDE THIS NEWSLETTER**



From the Pastor's Desk October 2025

Greetings in Christ! It's October and that means we are approaching the day when many people celebrate Halloween. In our family's case, we celebrate the holiday the whole month. Why? Because it's fun! Although I don't like gory things. My preference is the vintage stuff. As my wife Elizabeth puts it, I would decorate like my grandparents did in 1955 if I could. Hinged skeleton decorations on the front door. Old cutouts of witches and mummies in the window. A candle glowing in a carved pumpkin.

I have noticed over the years that there are many Christians who don't agree with celebrating Halloween, even though it is traditionally connected with All Saint's Day on November 1st. As a Christian, I've never had a problem with celebrating Halloween, and now as a pastor, I have embraced the holiday in a new way. What a great chance to reach out to our community to remind them that the church can be a positive place. We even have fun sometimes. That is why we do a Trunk or Treat in our parking lot! It will be a fun time so I hope to see you all come out and join in!

I did have someone recently tell me that they did not like Halloween. I get it. I know Halloween can seem to promote...evil, I guess? But in general, I believe it is a great opportunity to have the community come together, get out into the town away from phones and TV's, and spend time in fellowship.

I will leave you with a question. If you had to pick one scripture that would be the most fitting for Halloween, what would it be? I have always thought Ezekiel 37:1-8 was very Halloween-esque.

"The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them."

Man! What a sight that must have been! It gives me the shivers!

Peace and blessings to you all! And Happy Halloween!

Pastor Brian.

ALL
SAINTS'
SUNDAY

ON NOVEMBER 2ND WE WILL BE REMEMBERING ALL OF THOSE WHO HAVE WENT BEFORE US IN THE LAST YEAR. JUDY WILL BE MAILING LETTERS OUT TO THOSE WHO'S SERVICES WE HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN. IF YOU HAVE SOMEONE YOU HAVE LOST IN THE LAST YEAR AND WOULD LIKE THEIR NAME AND PICTURE UP ON THE SCREEN FOR THAT SUNDAY. PLEASE CONTACT JUDY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Denton, Elvis
- 2 Newton, Lee
- 3 Schunk, Lee
Good, Grant
- 5 Robison, Jessica
Baker-Radcliffe Merri Ann
- 6 Murphy, Kelly
Musser, Mike
Brooks, Tracey
- 7 Staten, Pam
Staten, Jenna
- 9 Evie Koch
- 12 Brown, Stephanie
Stark, Amy
- 13 Southwell, Bill
- 14 Lubs, Tracy
Velma Cross
- 15 Mary Comiskey
- 17 Nevill, Jenna
Dougherty, Linda
- 19 Seiter, Randy
- 23 Zinser, Pat
- 24 Wood, Kathy
Bowers, Shannon
- 26 Jerred, Kathy
- 27 Brown, Jacob
- 30 Dana, Evan
- 31 Monzo, Roy
Stanley, Robyn



CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONNECTION



"Balm for the Soul"

Thursday, October 9, 2025
11:45 – 1:45 p.m.

Special Feature: "The Fairy Garden"
Wendy Austin Smith

Special Music: Mini Concert
Judy Dagraedt

Inspirational Speaker: **Judy Dagraedt**, from Ottawa, IL. is a former T.V. host, writes music, sings, plays various musical instruments, recorded 12 albums, and sang the National Anthem for the White Sox. **"Peace in the Midst of Turmoil"**

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 Oct. 7th.
Edie (989)463-3287 * Ruth (989)492-4199
Or Lona (989) 387-4808
or e-mail Lona at lonahamilton@yahoo.com

THANK YOU

Thank you UMC family & friends,
During a time like this we learn
how much our friends and
relatives really mean to us..
Your expression of sympathy will
always be remembered.
Thank you so much for everything
your love and kindness means a
great deal.
The family of Micky Davis

Ruth Jone's 100th Birthday party

**I had the pleasure of joining Ruth
For her 100th Birthday Party and
thought I would share a couple photos.
She very much appreciated all who
Joined her on her special day😊**



**Clare United Methodist
Church Youth
We met for the first time
on Sept 21. We discussed
the future of the ministry
as a whole. We will be
meeting on Sunday
afternoons at 2pm.
We also discussed funding.
We are working on some
fundraisers and will share
more once they are
organized. But our number
one fundraiser is Pop cans.
If you have pop cans that
you are looking to get rid
of they can be dropped off
at the third floor youth
office, or contact Barb
Tyler to arrange a pick up
date and time.
We reaffirmed our
commitment to the
Microwave Food Ministry,
helping those who are in
hotels and only have access
to a microwave. Funds will
be allocated to keep this
important ministry alive.
Contact Barb Tyler for
more information or ways
you can help the youth
group.**



**RUTH SCOTT JONES
SEPTEMBER 3, 1925**

Ruth was born in her parents' home in Grand Rivers, Kentucky, and moved to Michigan with her family when she was three years old. She graduated from Western High School in Detroit in 1943 and went on to work for Michigan Bell. In 1950, Ruth married Robert Jones, and they purchased their first home in Allen Park. In 1958, they settled in Livonia where they raised their three daughters. In 1974, they moved north and made Clare their new home. Throughout her life, Ruth has always been a woman of faith. She loves her family and cared for many pets over the years. She has enjoyed square dancing, traveling, gardening and bowling—once scoring a high game of 258! Her secret to a long life is simple: take a nap every single day!

Trunk or Treat

2-4 P.M. (TIME FOR TRUNK OR TREAT)



FREE SUPPER 4-5:30 P.M.
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL



Questions?
Contact Amy Stark @
(989) 386-5456





Greater Lansing Food Bank
 www.greaterlansingfoodbank.org
 517/908-3680

Clare County Food
 clarecofood@gmail.com

Mid Michigan Community Action
 www.mmcaa.org
 989/386-3805x1203

Helping People, Changing Lives.

Free Drive-Through Mobile Food Distribution

Saturday - October 4, 2025

Registration: Starts at 9:00 a.m.

Distribution: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Clare County Fairgrounds

418 Fairlane St., Harrison MI 48625

Please Note:

- Remember Line-up begins at 7:00 AM - NOT BEFORE!
- NEW: LIMIT OF 4 FAMILIES PER VEHICLE -**
Remember large families count double
- Don't forget your registration tag!
- Anyone in need of food can attend a mobile distribution.
- You do not need to provide identification or proof of residency to receive food.
- If you are unable to attend a distribution, someone else may pick up food on your behalf.
- Drivers and passengers are required to stay in vehicles at all times.
- NEW - No animals allowed - except licensed service animals**
- Food will be placed in your trunk or backseat.
- Volunteers are always appreciated.

For more information contact: Clare County Food Facebook page or

Greater Lansing Food Bank at:
 www.greaterlansingfoodbank.org, or
 517/908-3680

Mid Michigan Community Action Agency at:
 www.mmcaa.org
 989/386-3805x1203

This institution is an equal opportunity provider



A NOTE FROM CHIPPY

Happy October and Happy Halloween!!

My mom & I decided to dig into the scripture that would be most fitting for Halloween happiness☺ We decided this scripture would be very fitting for all of the children and adults out there having fun Trick or Treating and dressing up for fun.

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” – Galatians 5:22-23

Halloween can be a time for showing the fruits of the Spirit. We can share joy and kindness through costumes, treats, and interactions, reminding ourselves that our actions should reflect the love we find in Christ rather than fear or negativity.

I HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL ON OCTOBER 25TH FOR TRUNK OR TREATING, IF YOU HEAR A BARKING DOG THAT IS EXCITED TO SEE CHILDREN, IT'S PROBABLY ME, BECAUSE I LOVE THEM ALL☺



QUIETLY SOCIAL

A CLUB FOR INTROVERTS

3RD WEDNESDAYS
OCT. 15, NOV. 19
7-8:30PM

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THINK OF IT AS “PARALLEL PLAY”
FOR ADULTS

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CLARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
105 E. 7TH ST., CLARE, MI
IN THE EDUCATION BUILDING,
FOLLOW THE SIGNS
EMAIL ELIZABETH FOR MORE INFO
ELIZABETHACOMISKEY@GMAIL.COM





Drive Through BBQ Pulled Pork Dinner

Proceeds to benefit Rocket Football and Community Center
Fall Sports of Flag Football and Cheerleading
Saturday, October 4, 2025 4pm to 6pm
\$12 per meal
Parking lot of Faith United Methodist Church
203 Jefferson Street, Coleman

Menu

Pulled BBQ Pork
Baked Potato
Coleslaw
Roll
Dessert



Questions contact Amy Hovey 989-289-3286
Shawn MacPhee 989-313-6576
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A Project of the Coleman United Women In Faith



HELP WANTED FOR FAMILY NIGHT OUT
Remember We Are Collecting Cases Of Water, Hats And Gloves To Hand Out At Family Night Out, Next Week. There Is Also A Sign Up Sheet If You Are Interested In Helping The Evening Of Oct 7, 3-7P.M. Any Help Will Be Appreciated

PRESCHOOL CHILD CARE CENTER NEWS

Because of some health issues and her desire to be a stay at home mom, Jolie Miller has resigned as our Preschool/Child Care Director.

We appreciate all she has done in leading this ministry. While we are sad to see her go, we are confident that we will continue to serve families and children in our community in a safe loving Christian environment. Special thanks to Karen Mater who has spent many extra hours keeping us on track.

From the Clare United Methodist Church's Preschool/Childcare Board

MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD FOR OCTOBER WE WILL BE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING FOR OUR PRESCHOOL/CHILD CARE

CENTER: Facial Tissue, Bags of fall fruit; apples, pears, etc., Bags of potatoes & Onions, Winter squash, Diapers- all sizes (1-6), Pull-ups (sizes 3T, 4T, 5T), Diaper Wipes (Unscented) & Bibs

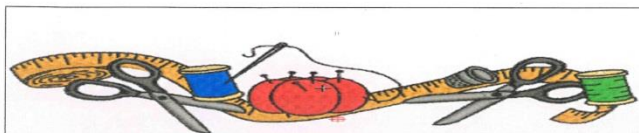
OUR EXTRA MILE GIVING WILL GO FOR THE PRESCHOOL/CHILD CARE CENTER OPERATIONS

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A CARING FRIEND?

There will be a meeting of the Caring Friends Ministry on October 9th at 1 p.m. in the Pastor's office. This group provides comfort and establishes friendships with our shut-ins through visits, along with Pastor Brian. We do holiday plant deliveries, and an occasional meal.

This is a very rewarding ministry for all involved. If you are interested in our shut-ins or are in need of, or know someone needing a visit, please join us on October 9 at 1 p.m. see Pastor Brian, Ellen Fuller or Diane Boudreau with any questions.

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED



Rosebush United Methodist Church 18TH Annual Craft & Vendor Show

**Saturday, November 15, 2025
9:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**LUNCHEON SERVED
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

*A variety of Handcrafted items,
Homemade treats, Cookie Walk
...and enjoy a Delicious Lunch!*

Rosebush United Methodist Church
3805 School Road, P.O. Box 187
Rosebush, MI 48878
(behind the Rosebush Elementary)

For more information or to rent table space please contact Lori
Thompson at 989-433-2957



New Dawn Shelter

GLADWIN, MI



BE A PART OF OUR TEAM

What makes New Dawn Special?

In small communities like ours, it is hard to see homelessness. Many people end up living in the woods, storage units, vehicles, or just couch surfing. New Dawn Shelter opened in January of 2015 as a faith-based, non-profit organization to help meet this need. With an emphasis on intense case management, we help guests address the causes of their homelessness and connect with necessary community resources. New Dawn Shelter is a privately run facility and does not receive any state or federal funding; we rely solely on the generosity of local individuals, churches and businesses.

HOW TO JOIN US

- ✓ Help with a Fundraiser
- ✓ Do Office Tasks
- ✓ Deliver Furniture
- ✓ Donate Household Items
- ✓ Teach Guests Life Skills or Just Be a Friend

OUR VISION

Through God's power,
we will help people heal
and dream anew.

www.newdawnshelter.org 989-709-6089



OCT. 25TH

October 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	2 11:00 -3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THRIFT STORE 1:00 AA 7:00 BIBLE CLASS	3 AA 8-9:30 P.M. 10-4 THRIFT STORE	4 FOOD TRUCK IN HARRISON 9 AM 10-4 THRIFT STORE 12 NOON AA
5 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 2:00 YOUTH GROUP	6 AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	7 FAMILY NIGHT OUT 3-7 P.M. AA 8-9:30 P.M.	8 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	9 11:00 -3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THRIFT STORE 12 NOON CHRISTIAN WOMEN 1:00 CARING FRIENDS 1:00 AA 7:00 BIBLE CLASS	10 AA 8-9:30 P.M. 10-4 THRIFT STORE	11 10-4 THRIFT STORE 12 NOON AA
12 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 2:00 YOUTH GROUP	13 AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	14 6:00 LEADERSHIP TEAM AA 8-9:30 P.M.	15 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 7:00 QUIETLY SOCIAL 8:00 AA	16 11:00 -3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THRIFT STORE 1:00 AA 7:00 BIBLE CLASS	17 AA 8-9:30 P.M. 10-4 THRIFT STORE	18 10-4 THRIFT STORE 12 NOON AA
19 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 2:00 YOUTH GROUP	20 AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	21 6:00 PCCC BOARD AA 8-9:30 P.M.	22 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	23 11:00 -3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THRIFT STORE 1:00 AA 7:00 BIBLE CLASS	24 AA 8-9:30 P.M. 10-4 THRIFT STORE	25 10-4 THRIFT STORE 12 NOON AA 2-4 TRUNK OR TREAT 4-5:30 SATURDAY SOUP
26 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 2:00 YOUTH GROUP	27 AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	28 AA 8-9:30 P.M.	29 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	30 11:00 -3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THRIFT STORE 1:00 AA 7:00 BIBLE CLASS	31 AA 8-9:30 P.M. 10-4 THRIFT STORE	11/1 10-4 THRIFT STORE 12 NOON AA TOMORROW IS ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY