

# THE CLARION SEPTEMBER 2025

## CLARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



### WELCOME TO THE WORLD, CALLA MARIE WYRICK!!



JT & Anna (Mater) Wyrick  
became very proud parents  
of a beautiful baby girl

8/27/25

her name is

Calla Marie Wyrick

she was born at 6:15 a.m.

and weighed 7# 2 oz. and is 20 inches long.

Congratulations to Karen Mater she is a very  
happy and proud grandma for the very first  
time, along with very proud aunties:

Laura & Kelsey Mater



In Loving Memory of

Micky I. Davis

February 12, 1942 – August 22, 2025

Micky was a part of our church family for many years,

She really had a heart for our funeral dinners.

Over the years she purchased silverware for our  
Church's kitchen, and it was very much appreciated

Prayers for Micky's family & friends.

### A SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS!!

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE THE RUMMAGE  
SALE A BIG SUCCESS (THOSE WHO WORKED  
PURCHASED AND DONATED) YOU ARE VERY  
MUCH APPRECIATED!! WE RAISED \$ 1,187.10  
THAT WENT INTO GENERAL FUND  
AND A SPECIAL THANKS TO ELLEN FULLER  
FOR ORGANIZING IT ☺**

### CLARE UMC STAFF AND SCHEDULE

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*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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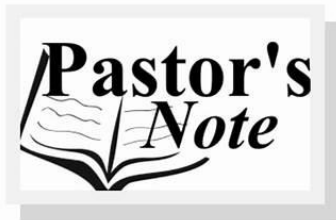
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*Greetings in Christ to all!*

*Many of you might know the Latin term "Tempus Fugit". Time flies. It becomes significant at the beginning of the year (I can't believe it's 2025!) or at the beginning of the month, (Can you believe it's September already?) It's all relative, of course. Albert Einstein supposedly described it this way. "Put your hand on a hot stove for a minute and it seems like an hour. Sit with a pretty girl for an hour, and it seems like a minute. That's relativity," In that regard, I can't believe my family and I are already into our third month here in Clare. We've had a wonderful and warm welcome and it has been a joy to begin to serve you. Thank you to everyone!*

*In addition to, where has the time gone, a better question for me is, where is my time going? I have had the pleasure of meeting everyone who is homebound and unable to come to church services. At least, I hope I have met everyone. If I have missed anybody, please let me know! One thing I have noticed on these visits is the regret that many folks have in not being able to make it to Sunday service. Some seem to worry that they are not fulfilling their spiritual duty to God. I always feel bad about that because I know that God understands, and that our salvation is not based on how faithful we are in going to Sunday church. But I think most of all, they miss being around their church family and having the fellowship that church provides.*

*In that spirit, I wanted to let everyone know that we have something called a Caring Friends group. I know many of us in the church want to visit some of our friends who are home bound, but perhaps don't know when to go or how to make contact. The Caring Friends group will be meeting in October to make sure everyone is aware of who needs visiting, when they can go, and any details that are needed. We will keep the congregation informed of the date of the October meeting. In the meantime, if you would like to visit any of our friends and need help with times and locations, let me know and I will help set it up with you. Thank you for your help in making sure that ALL of our church family members know that they are not alone, that they are remembered, and are loved. Thank you everyone!  
Peace always!*

Pastor Brian

Pastor Brian's Cell # Is 517-215-8637

Email: [pastorbrian@clareumc.org](mailto:pastorbrian@clareumc.org)

## **GRANTS FOR NEW MINISTRIES AVAILABLE**

**The Michigan conference has a new grant application window opening on September 2<sup>ND</sup>. Grants in a minimum of \$2500 are to be used to start brand new ministries in the community. Has there been a need in our community that's been on your heart? Please speak with Pastor Brian ASAP about your idea so we can explore the best ways to use this opportunity to serve our neighbors.**



**MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD FOR SEPTEMBER WE WILL BE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING FOR OUR PRESCHOOL/CHILD CARE CENTER IN SEPTEMBER: Baby Wipes (Unscented), Paper Towels, Liquid Hand soap, Dishwasher gel (Cascade), Facial Tissue, Bleach Lysol Spray, Clorox Wipes, All-Purpose Cleaner.**

**YOUTH CLASS TO BEGIN ON SUNDAY SEPT. 11 AT 9 A.M.  
IN THE SANCTUARY**

*Starting Sunday, September 7, youth (we use that term loosely. If you're interested in taking part, please come join us) are invited to join us in the sanctuary at 9am for something new. We will be looking at Pastor Brian's plans for future sermons, digging deep into a scripture or topic, and creating a fun way to share our thoughts on that topic with the congregation when the week arrives. If you like to draw or paint, act, sing, dance, write or recite poetry, edit videos, write scripts, build with Lego bricks, carve butter sculptures, make balloon animals... you get the idea. Bring your skills, interests, and most of all your questions. We can't wait to share your creative expressions with the congregation. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Brian or Elizabeth Comiskey.*

**NEW CLASS BEING OFFERED EVERY THURSDAY STARTING SEPT. 11  
(14 weeks) AT 7 P.M.**

*Clare United Methodist Church is offering a class on the life of Jesus – You will get to see the life of our Lord in way you may not have thought about! Class is based on the book “The Jesus I Never Knew” by Philip Yancey.*

*This class starts Sept. 11 every Thursday night @ 7:00 p.m. for approximately 14 weeks.*

*Facilitator – Gerry Scott*

*Place is to be determined*

*A Book is not required but, strongly suggested. Available on Amazon (contact Judy at the church office if you would like to order one, there has been donations to Education that would be able to cover the cost)*

**MEMBERSHIP CLASS HAS BEGUN  
WE ARE MEETING AT 10:30 A.M.**

*As was announced in worship on Sunday, we will soon be offering a Membership Class for those who are interested in learning more about The United Methodist Church and becoming members of our congregation.*

*The class will run for four weeks, with one session each week. During our time together, we'll explore what it means to be a member, the beliefs and practices of the UMC, and how you can grow and serve within our church community.*

*Please let the pastor or the office know if you are thinking of attending☺*

**OUR EXTRA MILE GIVING FOR SEPTEMBER  
WILL GO FOR OUR CHURCH MINISTRY SHARES**

*Church Ministry Shares are how our church helps make a difference beyond our own community. When we give, we're joining hands with United Methodists all over the world to support things like disaster relief, missionaries, schools, and hospitals. Our giving helps feed the hungry, care for people after storms, and share God's love in places we may never go ourselves. It's one way we live out our faith together—doing more as a church family than we could ever do alone.*



A Big Thank You To Our United Methodist Church Family  
For All The Thoughts And Prayers.  
Mom Loved Her Church Family. The Mum Plant Is Beautiful!  
A Special Thanks To All The Kind People Who Prepared The Luncheon After The  
Wonderful Service Given By Pastor Brian.

*During A Time Like This We Realize How Much Our Friends  
And Relatives Really Mean To Us...*

*Your Expression Of Sympathy Will Always Be Remembered*

Thank You !!

The Family Of Barb Mahon



## *In Loving Memory*

**Barb Mahon** has been remembered with memorials to our General fund from: Betty Mussell, Dale & Kay Moser, Judy Bailey, Gail Neff, Tom & Kim Kleinhardt, Roy & Lucy Monzo, LeAnn Benic, Darilyn Turner, Debra Knake, Lynn & Steve Schumacher, Goldie Rogers, Barb Everts, Joe & Rhonda McGuire, Bill Zinser, Dave & Mary Lee, Connie McGregor and Jane & John Seibt.

To Day Care Building: Shirley Miller,

To Music Ministry: Dr. Dave & Colleen Bremer.

To Pastor's Discretionary fund: Carol Pilon

**Larry Randle** has been remembered with a memorial to our Memorial Fund  
from Connie Berg

**Kathleen Patricia Hemp** (mother of Debbie(Hemp) Seiter) has been remembered with a memorial to  
our Memorial Fund from Connie Berg

*100th  
birthday*



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A TRULY MILESTONE CELEBRATION  
AND SHARE A CENTURY FULL OF  
WONDERFUL MEMORIES, LAUGHTER AND LOVE  
HONORING

*Ruth Jones*

SEPTEMBER 7th 2:00-4:00 PM  
Pioneer Golden Estates  
Gathering Room - West Entrance  
312 McGuirk | Clare, MI 48617

PLEASE NO GIFTS, FLOWERS, OR CARDS  
INSTEAD WE'LL HAVE A LARGE CARD  
AT THE PARTY TO SHARE YOUR WELL WISHES



**Free Drive-Through Mobile Food Distribution**  
**Saturday - September 6, 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!
- LIMIT OF 6 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.
- 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](http://www.greaterlansingfoodbank.org), or 517/908-3680  
Mid Michigan Community Action Agency at: [www.mmcaa.org](http://www.mmcaa.org) 989/386-3805x1203

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# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Staten, Jason  
 Stinson, Patricia  
 3 Johnson, Steve  
 Jones, Ruth "100"  
 Blow, Jean  
 4: Caren Chappell  
 5 Hopkins, Kathy  
 6 Tyler, Barb  
 8 Mussell, Kellie  
 Denton, Gabrial  
 9 Ducham, Deb  
 Freeborn(Kleinhardt),Kacie  
 Zinser, Ashtyn  
 10 Kingsbury, Allison  
 12 Curtis, Eleanor  
 13 Staten, Janet  
 ShurlowScott, Mary Ann  
 14 Sowle, Janet  
 15 Hunt, Chris  
 16 Anderson, Erma  
 McGregor, Jason  
 18 Newton, Chloe  
 21 Staten, Ken  
 Turner, Trista  
 Wood, Greg  
 22 Brown, Kendra  
 23 Lubs, Scott  
 Lickman, Megan  
 Ludwig(Lickman) Michelle  
 24 Packer, Matthew  
 Viers, Maya  
 25 Dickey, Marjorie  
 28 Gross, Sally  
 O'Day, Kelly  
 30 Arnie Krause



## A NOTE FROM CHIPPY

### Happy September and Happy Labor Day!!

What is all the excitement about Labor day?? What is it? My mom looked up the definition on the internet: *"Labor Day in the United States is observed on the first Monday of September and is a federal holiday that honors the American labor movement and the contributions of workers to the country's development and prosperity. It's a day for many to enjoy a long weekend with family and friends, often through picnics, barbecues, and other festivities, while also recognizing the historical significance of the holiday."* So

then I wondered what the Bible says about people that work /prosperity and fun. So then my mom found this:

**Colossians 3:23** "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." I guess that explains why my mom wants to work all of the time😊

# CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONNECTION



*"Words Teach;  
 Actions Speak!"*

**Thursday, September 11, 2025**

**11:45 – 1:45 p.m.**

**Special Feature:** Paper Artistry  
 with Holly Edsall, Midland

**Special Music:** Jamie Schlafley,  
 from Clare

**Inspirational Speaker: Janis**

**Price**, from Greencastle, IN, is a former high school English teacher who will focus on the punctuation marks of life in **"Punctuate Your Life!"**

**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 September 9th.  
 Edie (989)463-3287 \* Ruth (9089)492-4199  
 Or Lona (989) 387-4808  
 or e-mail Lona at [lonahamilton@yahoo.com](mailto:lonahamilton@yahoo.com)



**ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY**

**Once again we are looking for volunteers to assist with highway pick up.**

**Scheduled date is Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup> , with make-up date Sept. 27.**

**We are hoping 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](mailto:efuller@reagan.com). Thank you in advance for considering☺.**



## 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

# *Free Community Dinner*

Everyone in the community is invited to join us for a free dinner on Saturday, September 27 from 4-5:30 pm.

Soup \* Sandwiches \* More

Clare United Methodist Church  
105 E 7<sup>th</sup> St - In the Fellowship Hall-Basement of the Church

Contact us at  
[jbailey@clareumc.org](mailto:jbailey@clareumc.org)  
or 989-386-2591

[www.clareumc.org](http://www.clareumc.org)

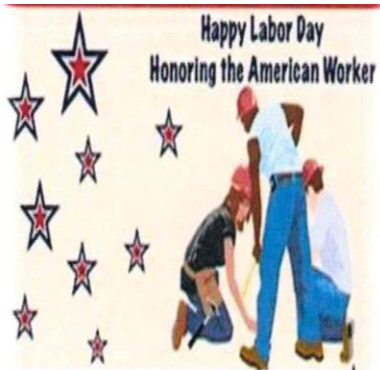


**WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR HELPERS AND DONATIONS OF SALADS AND DESSERTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY DINNER. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT, PASTOR BRIAN, JUDY BAILEY OR DEB GLOSS. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR CONSIDERING.**

Want to give online?




Scan with your phone camera to go to electronic giving!



# September 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> <b>LABOR DAY</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>AA 12-1:30</b>	<b>2</b> <b>AA 8-9:30 P.M.</b>	<b>3</b> <b>6:15 WEIGHTS</b> <b>6:45 YOGA</b> <b>8:00 AA</b>	<b>4</b> 10:30 MEMBERSHIP <b>CLASS</b> <b>11:00 -3 ACCEPT</b> <b>CLOTHING AT</b> <b>THRIFT STORE</b> <b>1:00 AA</b>	<b>5</b> <b>AA 8-9:30 P.M.</b> <b>10-4 THRIFT</b> <b>STORE</b>	<b>6</b> <b>FOOD TRUCK</b> <b>IN HARRISON</b> <b>9 AM</b> <b>10-4 THRIFT STORE</b> <b>12 NOON AA</b>
<b>7</b> <b>9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> <b>10:00 WORSHIP</b> <b>2-4 RUTH JONES 100TH</b> <b>BIRTHDAY PARTY</b>	<b>8</b> <b>AA 12-1:30</b> <b>6:15 WEIGHTS</b> <b>6:45 YOGA</b>	<b>9</b> <b>6:00 LEADERSHIP</b> <b>TEAM</b> <b>AA 8-9:30 P.M.</b>	<b>10</b> <b>6:15 WEIGHTS</b> <b>6:45 YOGA</b> <b>8:00 AA</b>	<b>11</b> 10:30 MEMBERSHIP <b>CLASS</b> <b>11:00 -3 ACCEPT CLOTH-</b> <b>ING AT THRIFT STORE</b> <b>1:00 AA</b> <b>7:00 BIBLE CLASS</b>	<b>12</b> <b>AA 8-9:30 P.M.</b> <b>10-4 THRIFT</b> <b>STORE</b>	<b>13</b> <b>10-4 THRIFT</b> <b>STORE</b> <b>12 NOON AA</b>
<b>14</b> <b>9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> <b>10:00 WORSHIP</b>	<b>15</b> <b>AA 12-1:30</b> <b>6:15 WEIGHTS</b> <b>6:45 YOGA</b>	<b>16</b> <b>6:00 PCCC BOARD</b> <b>AA 8-9:30 P.M.</b>	<b>17</b> <b>6:15 WEIGHTS</b> <b>6:45 YOGA</b> <b>8:00 AA</b>	<b>18</b> 10:30 MEMBERSHIP <b>CLASS</b> <b>11:00 -3 ACCEPT CLOTH-</b> <b>ING AT THRIFT STORE</b> <b>1:00 AA</b> <b>7:00 BIBLE CLASS</b>	<b>19</b> <b>AA 8-9:30 P.M.</b> <b>10-4 THRIFT</b> <b>STORE</b>	<b>20</b> <b>8 A.M. HIGHWAY</b> <b>PICKUP</b> <b>10-4 THRIFT</b> <b>STORE</b>
<b>21</b> <b>9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> <b>10:00 WORSHIP</b>	<b>22</b> <b>AA 12-1:30</b> <b>6:15 WEIGHTS</b> <b>6:45 YOGA</b>	<b>23</b> <b>12-3 CLERGY ZONE</b> <b>MEETING</b> <b>AA 8-9:30 P.M.</b>	<b>24</b> <b>6:15 WEIGHTS</b> <b>6:45 YOGA</b> <b>8:00 AA</b>	<b>25</b> <b>11:00 -3 ACCEPT</b> <b>CLOTHING AT</b> <b>THRIFT STORE</b> <b>1:00 AA</b> <b>7:00 BIBLE CLASS</b>	<b>26</b> <b>AA 8-9:30 P.M.</b> <b>10-4 THRIFT</b> <b>STORE</b>	<b>27</b> 10-4 THRIFT STORE <b>12 NOON AA</b> <b>2-4 DROOMER(FH)</b> <b>4-5:30</b> <b>SATURDAY SOUP</b>
<b>28</b> <b>9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> <b>10:00 WORSHIP</b>	<b>29</b> <b>AA 12-1:30</b> <b>6:15 WEIGHTS</b> <b>6:45 YOGA</b>	<b>30</b> <b>AA 8-9:30 P.M.</b>	<b>1</b> <b>OCTOBER</b> <b>6:15 WEIGHTS</b> <b>6:45 YOGA</b> <b>8:00 AA</b>	<b>2</b> <b>11:00 -3 ACCEPT</b> <b>CLOTHING AT</b> <b>THRIFT STORE</b> <b>1:00 AA</b> <b>7:00 BIBLE CLASS</b>	<b>3</b> <b>AA 8-9:30 P.M.</b> <b>10-4 THRIFT</b> <b>STORE</b>	<b>4</b> <b>FOOD TRUCK</b> <b>IN HARRISON</b> <b>9 AM</b> <b>10-4 THRIFT</b> <b>STORE</b> <b>12 NOON AA</b>