

# THE CLARION

# JUNE 2026

## CLARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



**Michigan Annual Conference –  
Thursday, May 28-Sunday, May  
31, Grand Traverse Bay Resort**  
**Please keep this conference in  
your prayers**



**Our Laundry Ministry** is expanding.

We have received extra requests to use our washers and dryers in the basement of the education building. That is wonderful and it is a joy to be able to help people in this way. Since the requests are increasing, it is important that people let the church office know when someone wants to use the facility. Our Admin Assistant Judy has the calendar in place. Please let her know if someone else asks so there are no double bookings. Also, we've had some no shows as well so a cancellation would be helpful, too!  
Thank you for your time!  
Peace always! Pastor Brian

### 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  
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**NO COMMUNITY DINNER ON JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup>**  
**INSTEAD, MEET US DOWN AT SHAMROCK  
PARK FOR SUMMERFEST!! EVENTS ALL DAY**  
**FREE HOTDOGS AT 6 P.M.**

**(sponsored by Witbeck's family foods)**

**Gateway Community Band Concert at 8 P.M.**

**Fireworks at dusk**

### CLARE SUMMERFEST



City Wide Garage Sales  
June 25th, 26th & 27th  
8am - 4pm

Saturday, June 27th  
Celebrate in Shamrock Park!



Summerfest  
June 2026  
Clare Area Chamber of Commerce

### EVENTS ON JUNE 27TH

Scavenger Hunt  
Sponsored by Pere Marquette Library

Craft Show

Jay's Webber Center Interaction Table

Goat Cuddling  
Sponsored by Buccilli's Pizza

Pie Eating Contest

Burlap Race

Touch-a-Truck

Frog Jumping Contest  
Sponsored by Clare Kiwanis

Free Ice Cream  
Sponsored by The Dairy Phil

Free Book Give Away  
Sponsored by Isabelle Bank

Teddy Bear Races  
Sponsored by Maury Irwin State Farm

Witbeck's Free Family Hotdog Event

Watermelon Eating Contest

Bike Parade

Dessert Walk

Bobbing for Apples

Gateway Community Band  
Presented by City of Clare

Fireworks at Dusk

### MORE FUN!



Join us in Clare for a day  
of family fun!

Events will be happening  
throughout the day on  
the 27th. Times will be  
posted closer to the day  
of the event.



**JOIN US FOR FAMILY FUN DAY  
AT CAMP ALBRIGHT ON  
JUNE 17<sup>th</sup>. WE WILL HAVE  
A PIG ROAST AT 6 P.M.  
YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING  
A DISH TO PASS BUT,  
NOT REQUIRED**



# A Note From Pastor Brian....



Greetings in Christ!

This first couple days of June is our Michigan Annual Conference for the United Methodist Church. Your Clare UMC representatives will be Barb Tyler, Logan Romatz, Jonathon Comiskey, and Pastor Brian (me). We will be reporting back with highlights upon our return with what I am sure will be with some exciting info and updates.

Last year, the message that was woven throughout all of the sessions of the Conference was all about the Church continuing it's work: To be welcoming to ALL the people no matter who they are and to move forward with courage. When Jesus appeared to the fear-filled disciples, he spoke words of peace to them and sent them out into the world. As United Methodist, we are in a similar place.

In order for us to claim our calling to be servants to ALL the people, we must be clear-eyed about our situation, especially in a country which is so polarized. We need to set our eyes on the bigger picture, to hold a larger vision of loving and serving others the way Jesus loved and served. When Jesus came to the earth, he showed compassion to those who were oppressed, marginalized and cast aside. Let us continue the Lord's work with kindness and hope, as well as with a firmness in our faith and our trust in Almighty God. Rev Dr Ginger Gaines-Cirelli said, "We need to attend to our prayer life, to attend to our spiritual practices, to read scripture every day. We need one another. Our shared life through friendship, service, worship, study, and care will help us keep perspective." And to quote our Bishop, David Bard, "The words Do Not Fear and Do Not Be Afraid always arrive in fearful contexts in scripture. The words are spoken in times of exhile, in times of doubt, and when there is uncertainty of the future. But fearless, does not really mean you're never afraid, especially in legitimate circumstances. It isn't the absence of fear. Everyone has fear. Instead, we do not have to BE the fear we have. So let us lean forward in our service to humankind. Now, we are doing something new. This is only a beginning...and you ain't seen nothing yet!" See you all after the Conference!

Peace and blessings always!

Pastor Brian



## HELP NEEDED

I'm reaching out to all of you who have a chain saw or something that will help. I would like to organize some sort of tree cutting party for the parsonage. Due to the last ice storm, we have a bit of a mess in our backyard. Hopefully I can include a photo of it. The tree against our porch, the whole tree slowly bent over against it. Didn't cause damage but it needs to be cut.

More details to come but if anyone thinks they would like to be a part of helping out, please let me know.



## A NOTE FROM CHIPPY!

I would like to announce that my family has grown!! I now have a very kind and caring male figure in my life. His name is William Poe and he married my mom on May 16, 2026. We are taking many adventures together and am happy that I am treated so well. My mom & I both are thanking God for such a wonderful gift in our lives. So when I'm thinking of gifts that God gives us it makes me think of this scripture 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 NIV  
<sup>4</sup> There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. <sup>5</sup> There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. We thank God for working in our lives.

## A Great Big Thank You

for the people that helped with the Highway Clean up on May 2.

There were 14 volunteers and we picked up a total of 65 bags.

We were fortunate in that we had a beautiful sunny day.

*FYI - Lauri Hilyard will be taking over the coordination of this event.*

*The next Highway Pick Up is in the Fall.*

Again, thank you from Ellen Fuller

# June Birthdays

# Christian Women

- 1: Larry Wyman Jr.
- 2: Carolyn Bradley  
Braden Johnson
- 3: Robin Humphrey  
Kenna Colosky
- 4: John Miller  
Carol Romatz
- 5: Carey Wyman  
Macy Tyler
- 6: George Bradley  
Liam Gallagher
- 7: Bailey Hubel  
Eddie Hubel
- 8: Ty Turner
- 13: James Brown
- 14: Barb Dingwall  
Lyndsey Bauer  
Lucy Monzo
- 15: Bobbie Schunk  
Hannah McNeil  
Eleanor (Ellie) Brown  
Jeffrey Brown
- 16: Bill Droomer  
Mitchell Hilyard
- 18: John Koch  
Larry Seiter
- 19: Tricia Moore
- 20: Jennifer Krause  
Denny Tucker
- 22: Suzanne Bailey  
Ryan Willman
- 23: Lucas Bongard  
Riley Crawford  
Karen David
- 29: Kay Moser  
Deb Gloss



## **"The Cost of Freedom"**

**Thursday, June 11, 2026**

**11:45 – 1:45 p.m.**

*Special Music: Bethany Warner*

*Special Feature: Honor Flights*

*Navy Veteran Vicki Ellis*

### **Inspirational Speaker: Nguyne**

**(Gwen) Phi Hang**, from Peoria, IL, was born into a world of confusion and oppression in post-war Viet Nam. The family was considered enemies of the Communists and had no rights in their country. They were allowed to immigrate to America. Their new life began in freedom.

### **"An Immigrant's Story."**

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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 June 9th.

Edie (989)463-3287 \* Ruth (989)492-4199

Or Lona (989) 387-4808

or e-mail Lona at [lonahamilton@yahoo.com](mailto:lonahamilton@yahoo.com)



## *In Loving Memory*

*Our Prayers go out to  
Lenny & Wendy Wixson  
on the loss of his father,  
Leonard D. "Shorty" Wixson*

**"The Chosen" Season 2 will be  
shown on  
Tuesday's at 6 p.m. in the  
Sanctuary.. Snacks and popcorn  
will be provided. Questions may  
be directed to the  
church office,  
989-386-2591**

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NEW HOPE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

2026 CONCERT SERIES

**JUNE 20**  
**@ 4 PM**

**GREATER VISION**



**SUNDAY** **JULY 25**  
**DRIVE** **@ 4 PM**

**Aug 23**  
**@ 4 PM**

**GOLD CITY**



**All tickets \$20 in advance, \$24 day of concert**  
**Doors open at 3 PM.**  
**For tickets or information call/text 616-706-4170**  
**Always call to confirm dates when traveling long distances.**  
**All tickets are non-refundable. Seating is limited.**



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**LIFE LINE SCREENING**  
*The Power of Prevention*

**You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!**

**Where: Clare United Methodist Church**  
**105 East 7th Street, Clare**

**When: Tuesday, July 7th, 2026**

Life Line Screening is the nation's leader in **Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk** Screenings.

*Trusted by over 11 million customers.*

Screenings are simple and painless. Get peace of mind or early detection.

**Who should attend:**  
Anyone age of 40+

**Special Pricing for \$129**

- Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
- Peripheral Artery Disease Screening

**4 ways to book your appointment...**

Call 800-324-9458 and use promo code HABC001

Visit [LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC](https://www.llsa.social/habc)

Text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607

These tests cannot detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease. Those with abnormal results should discuss possible next steps with their family healthcare provider and ensure they understand the risk and benefits of any additional testing or procedures.

**MEMORIAL REMINDERS COMING UP THIS MONTH:**

**Ruth Owen's Memorial Service will be June 13 at 11 a.m. here at Clare UMC**

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**Jan (Carrow) Elliot Memorial Service will be June 14 2-5 p.m.**

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**UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH ANNOUNCING, "MISSION YOU" COMING SOON IN JULY**

This will take place July 16-18, 2026 (starts at 1 p.m. on the 16<sup>th</sup>)

At Mt. Pleasant 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church

Excellent speaker with a topic of "Experiencing Emmanuel"

(God is with us)

Adult early registration cost is \$80 (scholarships are available if needed contact the office) (Youth and Children are free) We will carpool back and forth.

If interested, please contact Jeanne Shelander at 989-386-2063

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**CLARE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH WERE PLEASED**

**TO ANNOUNCE ON GRADUATION SUNDAY**

**THE PRESENTATION OF OUR EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**TO SOPHIE LUBS.**

**WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE HER ON HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.**

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**COLLECTING CLARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HISTORY**

Now is the time you are searching for Rummage Sale items; if you

come across any history documents and/or pictures,

please consider sharing them with our church historians,

Jeanne Shelander & Lucy Monzo

are trying to keep updating church history.

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**PRAYER DRIVE THRU MINISTRY TO BEGIN:**

Pastor Brian is starting a "Prayer Drive Thru" every Friday has started from 11am until 1pm. This will not happen the week of Camp, which is June 19. The idea is to give people the opportunity to drive up to the front of our church and the pastor or someone else will come out and pray for them at their car. If anyone would like to offer their time to expand time slots, please email Judy Bailey

at [jbailey@clareumc.org](mailto:jbailey@clareumc.org)

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**RUMMAGE SALE**

**COMING SOON!! JULY 30, 31 & AUGUST 1**

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONTACT ELLEN FULLER**

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**THANK YOU TO ALL THAT ARE WORKING SO HARD TO**

**IMPROVE THE OUTSIDE LANDSCAPING AND LAWN OF OUR CHURCH, IT IS VERY MUCH**

**APPRECIATED!!!**

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**MEMORIALS**

**Shorty Wixson has been remembered with a memorial**

**gift to the Child Care Center Building from Gail Neff**



# June 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>June 21</b> <b>Happy FATHERS DAY</b> 1 AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	2 6:00 P.M. "THE CHOSEN" SEASON 2 AA 8-9:30 P.M.	3 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	4 11:00 -3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THRIFT STORE 1:00 AA	5 10-4 THRIFT STORE AA 8-9:30 P.M.	6 FOOD TRUCK 9 AM 10-4 THRIFT STORE 12 NOON AA	
7 10:00 WORSHIP	8 AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	9 6:00 P.M. "THE CHOSEN" SEASON 2 AA 8-9:30 P.M.	10 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	11 11:00 -3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THRIFT STORE 1:00 AA	12 10-4 THRIFT STORE AA 8-9:30 P.M.	13 11.A.M. RUTH OWEN'S MEMORIAL SERVICE 10-4 THRIFT STORE 12 NOON AA
14 JAN CARROW MEMORIAL 12 NOON 10:00 WORSHIP CHURCH CAMP BEGINS AT CAMP ALBRIGHT IN	15 AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	16 6 P.M. LEADERSHIP TEAM AA 8-9:30 P.M.	17 VISITOR'S DAY AT CAMP 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	18 11:00 -3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THRIFT STORE 1:00 AA	19 CAMP IS OVER 10-4 THRIFT STORE AA 8-9:30 P.M.	20 10-4 THRIFT STORE 12 NOON AA
<b>CAMP ALBRIGHT JUNE 14-19</b>						
21 FATHER'S DAY!! 10:00 WORSHIP	22 AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	23 6:00 P.M. "THE CHOSEN" SEASON 2 AA 8-9:30 P.M.	24 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	25 11:00 -3 ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THRIFT STORE 1:00 AA	26 10-4 THRIFT STORE AA 8-9:30 P.M.	27 CLARE SUMMERFEST 10-4 THRIFT STORE 12 NOON AA 6 P.M. HOT DOGS AT SHAMROCK PARK NO COMMUNITY DINNER SEE YOU AT SUMMERFEST GATEWAY BAND CONCERT AT 8 P.M.
28 10:00 WORSHIP	29 AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	30 6:00 P.M. "THE CHOSEN" SEASON 2 AA 8-9:30 P.M.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Date:</b> Saturday, June 27, 2026 CLARE SUMMERFEST</li> <li>• <b>Locations:</b> Shamrock Park, 404 Wilcox Parkway, Clare, MI &amp; the Lake Shamrock area</li> <li>• <b>Activities:</b> Craft and Vendor Market, Witbeck's Family Picnic and children's games. Fireworks at dusk over Lake Shamrock (Inclement weather date: Sunday, June 28)</li> </ul>			