THE CLARION NOVEMBER 2026

CLARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



We recognized our Pastor Brian on Sunday, Oct. 25 for Pastor Appreciation. Pastor Brian also recognized the other pastor's in our congregation. He made up special certificates for:

Pastor Lynn Chappell Pastor Don Spachman
Pastor William Poe Pastor Jim Young

We appreciate all of you and are happy that you worship with us.:0)





FREE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

CLARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
105 E. SEVENTH STREET, Clare

SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 21st
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
12:00- 3:00 P.M.

Everyone is invited!

We will need pies donated and workers for our Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

Watch for sign up sheets or contact the church office if you would like to donate a pie. Also, our Extra Mile Giving for November will go towards the Free Thanksgiving Dinner

CLARE UMC STAFF AND SCHEDULE

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10:00 - noon & 1-4:00 p.m.
***Tuesday* – Friday**
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9 a.m.

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Pastor's Message

Grace and peace unto you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! With the arrival of the month of November, the one matter that comes first and foremost in my mind is thankfulness. Yes, once again, it is time to prepare for Thanksgiving. And as we prepare, it is good to remember that it is not just a day of parades and overabundance of food (although I love those as well), nor is it a day of football. It is not about families coming together, getting into arguments, and agreeing to disagree about social issues. However, believe it or not, that last one is closest to the original reason for establishing Thanksgiving as a national holiday.

You see, Thanksgiving is usually traced back to 1621, when English colonists in Plymouth, Massachusetts, shared a harvest feast with members of the Wampanoag people, who had helped the colonists survive in their new home. Of course, it was not originally called Thanksgiving. Over time, days of thanksgiving were celebrated in different colonies. Then, in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving as a national holiday. Someone might think that it was established because everything was going great in our country. Hey, all is well, we should give thanks! Not even close. The president made the proclamation during one of the darkest and most difficult periods of the American Civil War.

The war had been raging for more than two years, dividing the nation and causing enormous loss of life. In September 1862, the bloody Battle of Antietam had taken place, and in July 1863, the Union and Confederacy fought the devastating Battle of Gettysburg. Families were grieving loved ones, and the future of the country remained uncertain.

Lincoln hoped that establishing a National Day of Thanksgiving would help unite Americans and remind them of the blessings that remained despite the suffering. In his proclamation, he specifically asked people to remember widows, orphans, and others suffering because of the war, and he prayed for peace and the healing of the nation. It is deeply meaningful that a holiday centered on gratitude and togetherness became a national tradition during a time of such division and grief.

My hope is that during this month of November, when we not only recognize the saints that have gone into glory ahead of us, and as we prepare to vote during the elections, that we can remember to give thanks. Or as President Lincoln put it…To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God.

In keeping with this theme, I have asked our administrative assistant, Judy, to include the proclamation on the next page. I am thankful for all of you! Blessings! Pastor Brian

Happy November from Chippy!! I just got back from a vacation with my Mom & Dad.





We went to a lot of interesting places. But, the one thing that stood out the most on our trip was the Fields of the Wood in Murphy, North Carolina. It was totally awesome!! We went up a bunch of steps and they read a whole bunch of scriptures to me. We got to the top of the mountain and we prayed for all of you and for our Pastor. On the other side of the mountain is a huge 10 Commandments made of stone. 1. You shall have no other gods before Me. 2. You shall not make idols or carved images. 3. You shall not take the name of the Lord in vain.4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 5.Honor your father and your mother. 6. You shall not murder. 7.You shall not commit adultery. 8. You shall not steal. 9. You shall not bear false witness. 10. You shall not covet. What a Blessing! I am so thankful for the life God has given me. I Hope and pray that you all have a Happy Thanksgiving!!



PROCLAMATION



Washington, D.C. October 3, 1863

By the President of the United States of America.

A Proclamation.

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defence, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom. No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquillity and Union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this Third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty-eighth.

By the President: Abraham Lincoln

William H. Seward,
Secretary of State



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
Lesa Bentley
9 Kim Denton
Steven Kingsbury
10 Janette Curtis
Tom Kunse
12 Jeremy Pepin
14 Lacey (Brown) Badelt
15 Madison (Davis) Ranquist
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



Christian Women's Connection



"Yummy 4 Your Tummy!"

Thursday, Nov. 12, 2026
11:45 – 1:45 p.m.

Special Feature:
Harvest Bounty
Bake Sale

Inspirational Speaker:

Patti Brown, from Lebanon, OH will share her testimony of life and purpose in **"Love Finds a Way."**

Please welcome our new speaker.

All this plus lunch & beverage for $21.00 at
Cheers Neighborhood Grill
1700 w. High St. (W M 20), Mt. Pleasant, MI

Reservations are due by Nov. 10th
Edie (989) 463-3287 * Ruth (989)492-4199
Lona (989)387-4808 or email lona at
lonahamilton@yahoo.com

POINSETTIAS

If you would like to order a poinsettia as a donation to offset the purchasing cost for these plants which the "Caring Friends" will take to people from our church who can't get to church and for some elderly members of the church, then please fill out the insert in future bulletins & put it with your money in the offering box. The names of the loved ones along with the giver's name will be included in the 12/24 bulletin. Caring & Sharing Friends will be delivering to shut-ins on/after 12/15

_____ Number of Poinsettias

I wish to remember:_____

I wish to honor:_____

Given by_____



Free Drive-Through Mobile Food Distribution

Saturday - November 7, 2026

Registration: Starts at 9:00 a.m.

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

LOCATION CHANGE

Harrison Community High School

700 S. Fifth St., Harrison MI 48625

Please Note:

REMEMBER LINE-UP BEGINS AT 7:00 AM - NOT BEFORE!

LIMIT OF 4 FAMILIES PER VEHICLE -

Remember large families count double

Anyone in need of food can attend a mobile distribution.

No proof of identification or residency needed to receive food.

If you are unable to attend, someone else may pick up food for you.

Drivers and passengers are required to stay in vehicles at all times.

NO ANIMALS ALLOWED - EXCEPT SERVICE ANIMALS

Food will be placed in your trunk or backseat. Please make room.

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

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

FREE

Community Dinner

NOVEMBER 28TH

Clare United Methodist Church

105 E. 7th Street Clare, Michigan 48617

4:00 – 5:30 pm

Food Service available until 5:30 pm

Last Saturday of every Month

*Soups * Sandwiches * Coffee

* Desserts *Music

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We would love for you to join us!

If you have any questions please contact Our church office 989-386-2591

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Thank you to all who gave donations & participated in the Clare Family Night Out. It was a beautiful afternoon with lots of fun & fellowship. We served 300 cups of hot cocoa til we ran out. We went thru almost 2 boxes of popcorn. The snow cones were a big hit.

Below is a few photos that were taken:



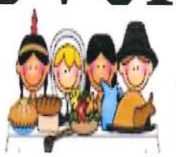








November 2026







Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP	*2* OFFICE CLOSED AA 12-1:30 12:30 D.A.R. 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	*3* AA 8-9:30 P.M.	*4* 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	*5* 1:00 AA 3:30 GIRL SCOUTS 6:00 GERRY'S CLASS 7:00 CHOIR PRACTICE	*6* 10-4 THRIFT STORE AA 8-9:30 P.M.	*7* 10-4 THRIFT STORE 12 NOON AA
8 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP	*9* OFFICE CLOSED AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	*10* AA 8-9:30 P.M.	*11* 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	*12* 1:00 AA 3:30 GIRL SCOUTS 6:00 GERRY'S CLASS 7:00 CHOIR PRACTICE	*13* 10-4 THRIFT STORE AA 8-9:30 P.M.	*14* 10-4 THRIFT STORE 12 NOON AA
15 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP	*16* OFFICE CLOSED AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	*17* 6 P.M. LEADERSHIP TEAM AA 8-9:30 P.M.	*18* 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	*19* 1:00 AA 3:30 GIRL SCOUTS 6:00 GERRY'S CLASS 7:00 CHOIR PRACTICE	*20* 10-4 THRIFT STORE AA 8-9:30 P.M.	*21* 12 -3 COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER 10-4 THRIFT STORE 12 NOON AA
22 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP	*23* OFFICE CLOSED AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	*24* AA 8-9:30 P.M.	*25* 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA 8:00 AA	*26* NO SCHOOL 	*27* NO SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED 10-4 THRIFT STORE AA 8-9:30 P.M.	*28* 10-4 THRIFT STORE 12 NOON AA 4-5:30 COMMUNITY DINNER
29 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP	*30* OFFICE-CLOSED 1/2 DAY OF SCHOOL AA 12-1:30 6:15 WEIGHTS 6:45 YOGA	COMING IN DECEMBER DEC. 5: CHRISTMAS IN CLARE 11-13: WALK THROUGH BETHLEHEM 6-8 P.M. 13: CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 10 A.M. 22 & 23: LIVE NATIVITY 24: CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE ADVENT SERVICE TO BE ANNOUNCED				

