

Clare Congregational Church Newsletter

June 2024

Comments from Pastor Connie

June has arrived. Looking at the church calendar I notice many activities. Our graduates will be honored the first Sunday of June. The second Sunday will be our annual meeting. After worship on Father's Day our potluck takes place. Father's will be honored during worship. On Sunday the "Newbies" have been invited to attend a dinner at 5:30 in the fellowship room to meet one another. I am preparing the meal with Wanda assisting.

New chairs have been purchased and unpackaged. Thank you Wanda for working on this project for over 2 years. Thank you Jim for unpacking them and setting them up.. Thanks to Barb Kunse and the Colvilles for allowing all the cardboard to be picked up with their recycling items.

Every time an event or something new is added to the church extra hands are needed to complete the tasks . If you would be willing to spare some time working at the church please let Wanda know. We are always grateful for volunteers.

Don't forget to mark your calendars on July 28th the church is having a pig roast and silent auction after worship. Tickets are available in the office. Tickets are \$8.00 if purchased in advance.

Looking at the congregation on Sunday mornings is encouraging. Snow-birds have returned. New faces continue to walk through the doors. God is Good All the Time. All the Time God is Good.

God's blessings,
Pastor Connie

Moderator— Karen Jones

Happy June!

Have a beautiful summer—God is good!

Thanks be to God!

Your Moderator, Karen Jones

Our council meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 12:15 and are open to everyone. Hope to see you there. June council meeting will be on Tuesday, June 4th.

Annual meeting is scheduled for June 9th.

The meeting will take place immediately after service on June 9th in the sanctuary. Annual packets are available at the ushers desk.

Our church honored LuAnne for her 90th Birthday.....

**On Sunday, May 26 during
Coffee Hour with Cake and cards for her!**

We Love your Music....

AND WE LOVE YOU LuAnne!



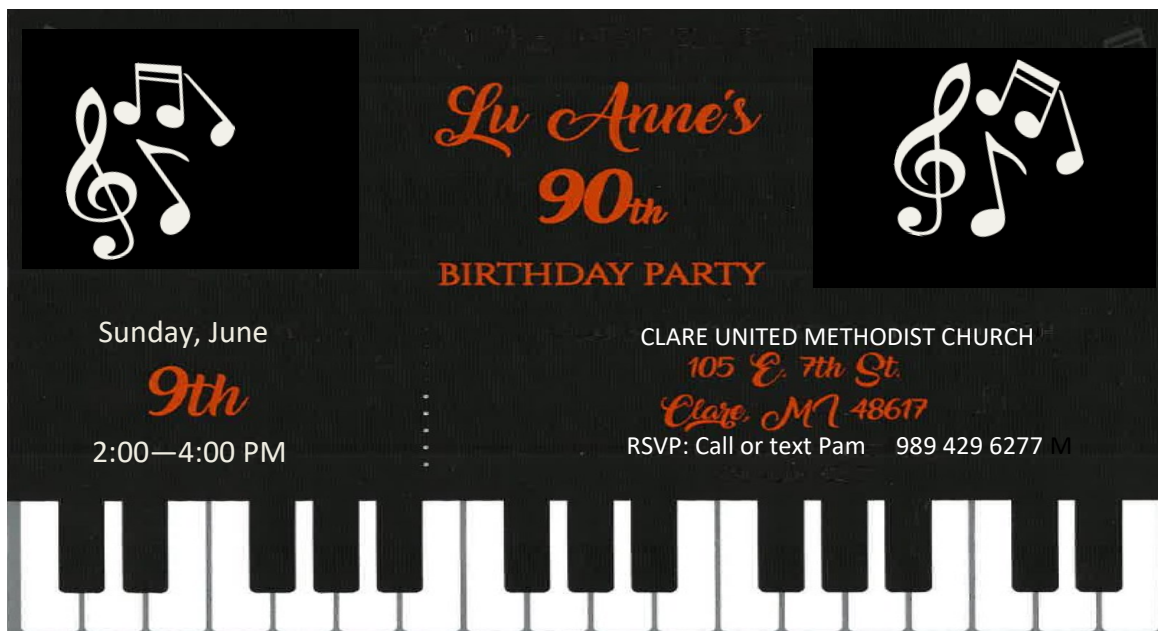
May you celebrate many more!

If you missed our celebration please RSVP to the invitation below.

Her family is looking forward to this special day!

A party is being planned at the Clare United Methodist Church for LuAnne's 90th birthday by her children, on June 9th from 2:00—4:00.

Please RSVP to Pam @ 989 429-6277



Pioneer High School Outreach

May 2024

On May 19, we had the pleasure of celebrating the end of their high school career for ten Pioneer High School seniors. The ceremony took place at the Brookwood Athletic Complex. These students had met the requirements necessary to receive their diplomas, and they were presented to them on a bright, sunny, warm May day. It was a very impressive ceremony for these ten young adults who had achieved this goal, and we were pleased to be able to join them in their celebration by providing cupcakes, punch, cookies, water, and graduation gifts at celebration after the ceremony!

On June 2, during our regular Sunday worship service, we will recognize the graduates who are affiliated with the Church. Please join us as we celebrate the success of these young people with gifts of books and sweet treats.

This will bring much of our Student Outreach Program to an end for the 2023-2024 school year. These programs are only made possible through your donations of time, money, food, and returnable bottles and cans. It would not be possible to give them welcome back packages, Halloween bags, Thanksgiving dinner, Christmas dinner and gifts, Valentines Day treat bags, Easter dinner and gifts, and a post-Graduation party without your support. We look forward for an exciting 2024-2025 school year working to help these young people become successful adults! Thank you!

Adult Sunday School

There is an adult Sunday School class offered Sunday morning from 9:30-10:15 in the parlor. We are about to start a new Max Lucado's book, "God Will Help You" as a guide. He always gives us a great message, and Pastor Connie always keeps the class interesting. Come and join others from the congregation. Everyone is welcome.

Member's Class

Anyone who would like to become a member of the church or learn more about the church, Please contact Pastor Connie.

Pig Roast

Tickets are available for purchase. The pig roast will be Sunday July 28th beginning at 11:30. Advance tickets are \$8.00 each. Tickets that day will be \$10.00, so get your tickets early. 100 Meals will be available. Marcus Chinn is preparing the pulled pork. The meal includes a pulled pork sandwich, beans, coleslaw, mac and cheese, ice tea and lemonade. See Wanda for tickets.

Auction

We are planning to have a silent Church Auction on July 28th, along with the pig roast. Auction sheets will be by the items starting at 10:00 am—last call is at 1:00. If you are not present to pick up your items, you will be notified, and items may be picked up during office hours, 10am—4 pm Tuesday July30, Wednesday July 31, or August 1. We are looking for lots of items to be auctioned off. Please donate, especially your talents. Everyone loves bidding on homemade goodies, boat trips, car detailing, window washing, horseback riding, trips, cabin rental, game tickets, craft items, plane rides, the possibilities are endless. Please help us make this years auction even bigger and better than last year. Proceeds this year, along with the "Pig Roast" will also go to help with church renovation projects. Certain projects may be announced later.

The sooner we have auction items, the sooner the advertising can go out. Please help us out! Currently we have some homemade wreaths, tickets to a 2024 Loon's game and 2 Mackinac sweat shirts, New pots and pans, and 2 sets of dishes, but we need lots more to have a successful event. Please donate.

New Faces

We are thankful to see all the new faces in worship. Please make certain you fill out a visitor's card, available at the ushers desk. We look forward to meeting each and everyone of you. Please come to the fellowship hall after service to provide us with that opportunity.

Ladies' Meeting — Wanda Agle

The ladies met on May 16th at Shamrock park. Pastor Connie opened our meeting with a prayer. We each brought our own lunch and a couple of gals brought us unexpected delicious deserts. It was a great meeting, lots of laughter and fellowship. It was also a very productive meeting. The women voted to purchase new chairs for the fellowship hall to replace the ones which were old, breaking and cutting into the floor. The new chairs have already arrived. Thanks Jim for unpacking them all. We also voted to buy new blinds for the fellowship hall. They are ordered and should arrive before you read this newsletter. We also voted to cancel the hot dog sales and concentrate on other projects. One of those other projects is our Christmas outreach sale. We need lots of Christmas items. Watch the garage sales, and some of them will donate the Christmas items to the church after their sale is over. I have cards you can hand out at sales you go to if you would like some. Please let me know. I will pick up items after the sales.

Nancy Orr and Pastor Connie are hosting a Christmas Tea on Thursday, December 12th, weather permitting. More information on this will follow in the near future. Mark your calendars. The next meeting will be Thursday June 13th at 12:00. We will be meeting at the church.

Game Day

Several people have commented about having a game day or evening. If anyone would like to oversee "game day" please contact Wanda or Pastor Connie. If not interested in hosting, please leave your name and day or evening preference if you'd be interested in attending a "Game Day". Also interested in knowing what type of games you like, Euchre, Uno or other card games, Board games, Dice games.

Sewing Ladies

Rebecca is looking forward to meeting with the sewing group when the weather improves. She will be teaching how to make a small tote bag. Cost is \$15.00 and that includes supplies. More info as to when it will be will be coming soon. If you are interested, please call Wanda or Pastor Connie

Toothbrushes

Thanks to everyone who donated to the toothbrush and paste drive for Clare County. Our congregation donated over 250 brushes and about 100 tubes of toothpaste. Good Job!

Ministerial Luncheon

Thanks to everyone who helped prepare or participate in serving the area ministers lunch or cleaning up afterwards. Many of the ministers commented on our beautiful facilities. Karen Jones and Pastor Connie gave tours.

Clare County Baby Pantry

The baby pantry continues to serve the county of Clare. Pastor Connie was given some beautiful quilts that need binding sewed on. If anyone would be willing to help finish the quilts, please talk with Pastor Connie.

Graduation Sunday

This Sunday, June 2nd we will be honoring our graduates in service and at our coffee hour in the fellowship hall. Please congratulate them.

Serenity (New Hope Grad)

Kara Forsberg Morgan Jones

Ryan Newkirk Tyler Newkirk

Father's Day

We will be honoring all the fathers in church on June 16th. We will be having a potluck after service to honor these men.

Church Picnic

Our church picnic is July 21st. Barb and Ron Kunse are hosting our picnic again this year. They are providing the drinks and sloppy joes, just bring a dish to pass. It will be a great time. Thanks Barb and Ron.

Salad Luncheon

The Farwell United Methodist Church sent us an invitation to their Salad Luncheon on June 13th at 6:00 in the evening. There is no charge but they are asking for donations for the Clare County Baby Pantry. They are requesting RSVP. If you are interested in attending, please let Pastor Connie know.

City Wide Garage Sales

Clare city wide garage sales are scheduled for June 20—22. That's a great time to pick up items for yourself and a great time to check on Christmas items to donate to the church. If you'd like some cards to ask for donations for the church Christmas sale, ask Wanda.



June Birthdays

Jim Sutton 06/09
 Kara Forsberg 06/16
 LuAnne Humphrey 06/17
 Mallorie Louch 06/24
 Marilyn Lawens 06/28

June Anniversaries

Terry and Gwen Tisdale 06/11
 Peg and Bill Riley 06/15
 Ron and Monica Rouech 06/ 23

Facts & Figures: Month of May

Date	Attendance	Offering
May 5	38	\$ 1423 .00
12	46	1687.00
19	31	1210.00
26	49	1355.00

Serving Month of June

Officiating: Pastor Connie Bongard
 Liturgist: Dr. Kurt Keppner
 Ushers: Barb and Ron Kunse
 Accompanist: LuAnne Humphrey

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Tom Johnson, Patty (Humphrey) Hazen, Mike Humphrey, Lee Agle, Phyllis Carrigan and Pam Gaffner, and LuAnne Humphrey, and Lynn Schumacher.

Please help keep the prayer list current; if you know of any changes, or additions, please call the office at 989 386-7582, leave a note for the secretary, or send an email to: office@clarecongregational.org



To contact church office:

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