



Clare Congregational Church Newsletter

June 2026

Happy Father's Day

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General Information

Sunday Morning Bible Study:
9:30 am

Sunday Morning Service:
10:30 am (Nursery Available)

Coffee Hour: Fellowship Hall
(after service)

Potluck: 2nd Sunday in May

Council Meeting May 12th

Women's Meeting: May 21st

*Greetings From
Pastor Connie*



Summer is just around the corner. I'm looking forward to outdoor activities, warm weather and family reunions. This June would be my Grandparent's 100th wedding anniversary. Our family will gather from all over the United States to celebrate.

Needless to say I'm very excited. Some of my cousins who will be attending I haven't seen in 20 years. Being together will be amazing. However, the best thoughts are some day being united with all my friends who have already passed away.

This Memorial Day was the first one I spent without my Dad. He taught me about loving my country, being respectful and believing in God. After my Mother passed away his first question to me was, "Can you tell me how I can go to heaven." "I can't imagine eternity without your Mom."

Eternity is real. God has provided a perfect place for us to call home. Every time I officiate at a funeral, knowing God has given us the option of being with Him and those gone before us, provides great comfort and peace.

Anticipating summer is just around the corner causes me to think also about what else is in my future. However I do have this assurance, "God so loved the world that He gave His ONLY Son, that who ever believes in Him will not die but experience eternal life."

God's blessings,
Pastor Connie



Moderator's Report

Finally, Spring! I'm sure we are all glad for temperature moderation, and the grass and flowers.

Temperatures are rising, and so are expectations. We are on the verge of having air conditioning installed in the Fellowship Hall. The church would welcome any and all financial support from members who would like to contribute. Contact myself or Karen Jones with questions. The installation should be completed by the end of May. The total cost of this project will be \$10,010.00. (\$8,600.00 for 2 mini-split units installed and \$1410.00 for electrical upgrade.)

We heartily welcome all our new members who joined the church on Easter Sunday.

The annual meeting is to be held on June 14th. Please plan to attend. It is usually a short meeting, immediately after service. Please plan to attend. There will be a potluck in the Fellowship Hall after the annual meeting.

Bell Choir



Practices are on Thursdays at 1:30. Always looking for others who would like to try the bells. If you'd like to try or have played before, call Frank at (989) 506-4489.



Coffee Hour

There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board outside Wanda's office. Please sign up for a Sunday Coffee Hour. Potluck on the second Sunday of each month, you can sign up for that also. The fellowship is always great, come join us!

Baby Pantry

Angie Allen works at the baby pantry, and they are in need of onesies for boys and girls, size 0-3 months. Sleepers are also needed. Please help us out.



Adult Sunday School

Sunday mornings at 9:30 adults meet in the parlor. We have been studying Max Lucado's book "Traveling Light" We learn and laugh and enjoy, everyone is welcome to join us.

Air Conditioning

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This will be a blessing when summer really arrives. It should make for a great auction this year!

Birthday - Retirement Party

June 14th after Worship and Annual Meeting, there will be a celebration for LuAnne.

She will be turning 92 on June 17th. Also, she has retired from full time organist. However, she continues to sub for us and we greatly appreciate that. Please join us for this celebration. I'm sure cards and memories will certainly be welcome.

June 14th is also Potluck Sunday, so you are welcome to bring a dish to pass.



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Women's Meeting

The Women's meeting for June will be June 18th at 12:00.

Auction Items may be dropped off anytime at the church, the earlier the better.

The office is open 10:00–2:00 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, or bring it with you when you attend church on Sunday morning. We are also collecting Christmas items for donations. If you have items you no longer want or you happen to find some yard sales with Christmas items, ask if after their sale they might like to donate the Christmas stuff to the church. We can make arrangements to pick up your items. The date this year for the Holiday Bazaar will be November 7th. We will also be collecting crafts, baked goods, home canned items etc. to sell. We will also be collecting new or slightly used items such as women's coats, gloves, scarfs and jewelry for the Boutique, which was a great addition last year. Last year's turnout was fantastic.



Church Auction



Wanda Agle and Melinda Lard are co-chairing the auction this year. We will host the auction on Sunday afternoon August 30th. Please help us make this the best ever. We have air conditioning going in as I type this newsletter, so we won't be suffering with the heat this year.

We are ready to start collecting items now. If you have any new or slightly used items that we could sell, bless you. Please drop off at the church or call Wanda or Melinda, or leave a message at the church.

If you have a talent, please put it to use for our auction, baking, cleaning, driving, cooking, carpentry, landscaping etc. the list is endless.

Beyond talent, there are a lot of items that sell well....

Services:

Window Cleaning
Driver for a day
Painting
Yard work
Pontoon Rides
Power Washing
Car Detailing
Use of Time Shares
Dinner Party
Catering

Bake Goods:

Yeast Breads
Sweet Breads
Cookies
Pies
Cakes
Brownies
Sweet Rolls
Casseroles
Muffins
Meals

Canned Goods:

Jams
Jelly
Pie Fillings
Apple sauce
Pickles
Fruits



We even like gift cards for Stores, Restaurants, Theaters, Events Etc.

June Birthdays

Terry Tisdale	6/06
Jim Sutton	6/09
Lloyd Owens	6/11
Kara Forsberg	6/16
LuAnne Humphrey	6/17
Dave Vance	6/17
Wendy Lamb	6/23
Kelly Strnad	6/25
Marilyn Lawens	6/28



June Anniversaries

Mark & Kathryn Bicknell II	6/04
Terry & Gwen Tisdale	6/11
Ron & Monica Rouch	6/23

Serving Month of June

Officiating: Pastor Connie Bongard
 Liturgist: Dr. Kurt Keppner
 Ushers: Bob and Meredith List
 Accompanist: Johannes Durkin

Facts & Figures: Month of May

Date	Attendance	Offering
May 3	42	\$ 1,811.00
10	50	5,400.00
17	53	1,756.00
24	37	1,907.00



REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Prayer List: Phyllis Carrigan, Patty (Humphrey) Hazen, Mike Humphrey, Jerry Forsberg, LuAnne Humphrey, Ivah Forsberg, Nancy Orr, Teresa Mackie, Patty Wiseley, and Bill Newkirk.

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