



Clare Congregational Church Newsletter November 2025

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10am-2pm Tues.-Wed.-Thur.

General Information

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 9:30 am

Sunday Morning Service: 10:30 am

Coffee Hour: Fellowship Hall
(after service)

Potluck: 2nd Sunday each month

Church Council Meeting for Nov.:
November 11, 2025

Women's Meeting:

3rd Thurs. each month @ 12:00

Greetings From Pastor Connie

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Can't wait . I love being together with friends and family. Also, the smells of all the traditional "turkey day" foods.

Sarah Young wrote these words, "Thankfulness is not some form of magic formula; it is the language of love, which enables you to communicate intimately with God. A thankful mind-set does not entail a denial of reality with its numerous problems. Instead, it rejoices in knowing Jesus in the midst of trials and tribulations. God says, "I am your refuge and strength, an ever present and well proved help in trouble."

Lets ALL plan to be thankful in November. Everyday we are able to get up, put our feet on the floor and voice an opinion, we are blessed. I am truly thankful for each of you. God loves you and so do I.

God's blessings,

Pastor Connie

Moderator's Report

Another month come and gone! They go far too fast, especially as one gets older. Weather certainly feels more like fall.

Our Church Thanksgiving is planned for November 9th which is our regular 2nd Sunday Potluck day. Turkey and gravy will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet on board by Wanda's office for members to bring side dishes. Please sign up!

Our annual Jay's bake sale will be on November 14th in the lobby at Jay's. Hours are 9-2. Baked goods may be brought to church the day before or just deliver to Jay's the morning of sale.

Steve Schumacher has arranged to have some roof maintenance done, hopefully in November.

Holiday Bazaar is November 1st. Be sure to plan to attend church on December 14th, Pastor Connie has a special service planned.

That's it for now.

John Allen

Church Moderator

Adult Sunday School

Each Sunday a group of adults meet around the parlor table to learn from one another and our text, the book of Galatians. We have many laughs and serious moments. Our class continues to grow. We always have room for one more! Come join the class at 9:30 every Sunday morning.

Bell Choir

The bell choir will be playing November 16th. Leann and Hannah Strouse will also be singing.. Looking forward to the special music.

Building and Grounds Maintenance

If you have any questions or concerns regarding building or maintenance, please call Steve Schumacher.

New Hope Girls

Frank and Pastor Connie continue to go to see the girls every week. Presently there are 6. Hopefully some of them will be attending worship. Staffing has been a problem. Please continue to pray for them.

Clare County Baby Pantry

The pantry continues to reach out. Over 100,000 diapers have been distributed. This year due to donations and grant money each patron will receive a new pair of shoes. Ointment, burb cloths, quilts for newborns, hats and mittens are needed.

Newberry Mission Trip

Thank you everyone who donated clothing items, cash or school related needs to 4 very thankful kids in Newberry . The word was put out there and you responded immediately. The superintendent of Newberry school was amazed at the generosity of the Clare Congregational people. God bless you!

Church Thanksgiving Dinner

November 9th will be the Thanksgiving/Potluck dinner after worship. Turkeys will be provided. Potatoes dressing, some salads and desserts have been signed up for. There is room for rolls, vegetables, extra dessert etc. The sign up list is outside Wanda's office. Please take a moment and sign up. Great time to fellowship with others and eat delicious food.

Advent

The Advent season begins November 30th and ends Christmas Eve, Wednesday December 24th. There are a lot of added “extras” to make each Sunday special. Looking forward to seeing you in worship.

Stone Soup

As the holidays approach the soup kitchen in Farwell will feed several extra people. Several people from the congregation donate their time to help prepare and serve food two days a week. 30 cans of Pet milk are needed to complete the ingredients for pumpkin pies. 10 cans have been donated. Also, turkey breasts are needed. If you’d like to donate, please see Pastor Connie.

Cookies Needed

The Clare Church of God offers a “Walk Through Bethlehem” and has over 1,000 people experience it. Each year they put out an appeal for cookies to give those participating. Last year Pastor Connie took 12 dozen. Cookies are needed for December 12th, 13th and 14th. If anyone is willing to donate a dozen or two, please let Pastor Connie know.

Women’s Meeting

The women met on October 16th at the church. Most of the meeting was discussion of the “Holiday Bazaar”, workers to set up, work the booths, and take down after. Barb Kunse asked for workers to help pack for “Feed The Staving Children”.

We also made sure we have workers for the Jay’s Bake Sale on November 14th at Jay’s Sporting Goods. Ruth Fretz and Teresa Mackie will be working from 9:00 am—12:00 pm and Carol Colville and Connie Johnson will be working from 12:00 noon— 3:00 pm.

If you have baked goods, please drop them off at the church the day before, the 13th from 10am—2 pm. or on the 14th at 8:30am. You are also welcome to deliver them out to Jay’s that morning. Please get out there and get your baked goods and help support our church. Thanks.

November Birthdays

Ivah Forsberg	11/03
Jerry Forsberg	11/07
Nancy Orr	11/08
James Colville	11/08
Tom Kunse	11/10
Carol Colville	11/12
Steven Schunk	11/12
Bill Franklin	11/17
Hadley Jones	11/25
Steve Strnad	11/27
David Forsberg	11/29
Charlotte Shaner	11/30



November Anniversaries

Jim & Melinda Lard 11/10

Facts & Figures: Month of October

Date	Attendance	Offering
Oct. 5	33	\$ 1111.00
12	52	2316.00
19	27	1195.00
26	35	890.00

Serving Month of November

Officiating: Pastor Connie Bongard

Liturgist: Dr. Kurt Keppner

Ushers: Barb & Ron Kunse

Accompanist: LuAnne Humphrey



REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Prayer List: Phyllis Carrigan, Patty (Humphrey) Hazen, Mike Humphrey, Jerry Forsberg, LuAnne Humphrey, Ruth Fretz, Ivah Forsberg, and Nancy Orr

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