



September 2025/ Clare Congregational Church News-

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Office Hours:
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:

2nd Tues. each month

Women's Meeting:

3rd Thurs. each month

Crafts: 2nd Thursday each month 1:00

Greetings From Pastor Connie

“Happy Labor Day”

Labor Day is always celebrated on the first Monday of September. The day was set aside to honor the American labor movement and recognize the contribution of workers. The first Labor Day occurred on September 5th, 1882 in New York city. Approximately 10,000 workers participated in a parade.

Labor Day declares the unofficial end of summer and is associated with friends and families gathering for various festivities. The day also serves as a reminder of the labor movements, struggles and fight for better working conditions, fair wages and the establishment of the eight hour work day.

President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Uniform Holiday Bill into law in 1968—an assurance Labor Day would always be on Monday, affording workers and their families a three day weekend to enjoy a little R & R.

I find it rather ironic for the president of the U.S. to recognize the importance of time for rest and relaxation. Appears God writing the 4th commandment with His finger on a tablet had little effect on learning about R & R. I believe He said, “Remember the Sabbath and Keep it Holy. I created the world in six days and rested on the seventh. Enjoy the long weekend. Prayerfully God fits in it somewhere.

God’s blessings,
Pastor Connie

Moderator's Report

Dr. John Allen

Fall fast approaching, coolness in the air! Relief from the heat we had this summer.

Our church continues to be very busy. Our Pig Roast/Auction was well attended and very successful. The food was excellent. Many thanks to Marcus Chinn for the pulled pork and I heard it thru the grapevine Jim Sutton had a lot to do with the Mac and Cheese. Our auctioneer did his normal great job. We made over \$3,000! I think the Women's Fellowship have a couple projects in mind. Stay tuned. Many thanks to Frank Bongard for all the organization relative to the Auction.

Our elevator has had some improvements thanks to Steve and Lynn Schumacher. They have added some new decals that will help with successful use of the elevator.

Many thanks to all who participated in the school supply procurement for the Newberry School. They were well received.

The remodel of the downstairs storage room is nearly complete.

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.

Sarah's School Supplies

Thanks to everyone who donated supplies to send to Newberry. The church driver, Jim Colville loaded up all the supplies and delivered them to the school. Sarah and teachers were waiting and were so surprised at all the items our congregation collected. Students will truly benefit due to your generosity. Thanks everyone who participated in the outreach. You can be proud of the difference you've made!

Coffee Hour

We need more people signing up for coffee hour and potluck. The sign up sheets are on the board next to the main office, or let Wanda know. Can you believe, I have recently posted the sign up sheets for October and November. Where has the year gone?

Bell Choir Practice

The bell choir will resume practicing on September 9th at 2:00. Frank hopes to play one Sunday each month and also on Christmas Eve. He's always looking for new additions to the choir. If you'd like to join or give it a try, contact Frank.

Building and Grounds Maintenance

Steve Schumacher is our new head of maintenance. And we seem to have a great team working on several areas. Thank you Steve, Frank, Bill, John and Jim. If you have any concerns or questions, please give Steve a call at 989 424-8737.

Women's Meeting

The group at our August meeting discussed the great success of the Auction/Pig Roast and have started spending some of the money. We voted to purchase a freezer from Wood's Household and it will replace the refrigerator downstairs. The women are also gearing up for our next event. The Holiday Bazaar.

Holiday Bazaar

The date for the Women's Holiday Bazaar this year will be November 1st, 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. We have received several nice donations for the bazaar, but there's always room for more. If you have Fall or Christmas items you'd like to donate please let us know. If you like to bake, we will be having the a bake sale for the Holiday Bazaar. Please contact Melinda Lard and let her know what you'd like to bake. We are collecting craft items to sell, so, let's get crafting. Contact Wanda if you have craft items to donate. To all the men and women, clear your calendars for this event. If you aren't working this event remember we need lots of people to also purchase to make this event successful. Thanks everyone!

Craft Day

Craft days are starting up again. Our first craft day will be September 11th in the fellowship hall at 1:00. I will have crafts to work on or you can bring your own to work on. Anything you'd like. We are hoping to have some crafts donated for our Holiday Bazaar, which will be November 1st from 9am—3pm.

Baby Pantry

Thank you Trudy Irwin for the beautiful baby quilts you made for the baby pantry. Angie Allen packs the newborn bags and always puts a baby quilt with it. How wonderful to have some given by a member of the congregation. Thank you for all donations. The baby pantry is always busy.



September Birthdays

Patty Wiseley	9/01
Meredith List	9/03
Terry Barlet	9/08
Don Jones	9/15
Connie Bongard	9/17

September Anniversaries

Steve & Kelly Strnad 9/06

Facts & Figures: Month of August

Date	Attendance	Offering
Aug 3	28	\$ 1135.00
10	32	1042.00
17	45	1863.00
24	33	1503.00

Serving Month of September

Officiating: Pastor Connie Bongard

Liturgist: Dr. Kurt Keppner

Ushers: Steve & Lynn Schumacher

Accompanist: LuAnne Humphrey

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Prayer List: Phyllis Carrigan, Patty (Humphrey) Hazen, Mike Humphrey, Jerry Forsberg, LuAnne Humphrey, Ivah Forsberg, and Felix Lyons



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