



First United Methodist Church Clover, SC

## The First Edition

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### Mission:

We, the congregation, in humble and selfless service to God, will go forth joyfully, empowered and enabled by the Holy Spirit, to seek out, welcome, accept, and nurture persons to become faithful and effective disciples for Jesus Christ.



## Pastor's Message

As we step into the joy and promise of the Easter season, we do so having walked together through the depth and reflection of Lent. This season invited us, both personally and as a church family, to rediscover what it truly means to follow Jesus Christ and to stand at the foot of the cross. Those days of prayer, reflection, and honest self-examination have prepared our hearts to receive the good news once again: Christ is risen!

But Easter is not meant to be contained within a single Sunday morning. It is a way of life. We are, as the Church has long proclaimed, an Easter people—a resurrection people—called to live in the light of that victory every day of the year. The question before us is not simply, “Do you believe in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ?” The deeper question is: *How are we living it?*

We live the resurrection when hope rises in us, even in difficult moments. We live it when love is extended where it is not expected. We live it when grace shapes our words, our actions, and our witness. My prayer is that here at First Clover UMC, we will continue to embody that resurrection life with passion, authenticity, and a deep love for one another and our community.

As part of that ongoing journey of discipleship, I am excited to invite you to our next Bible study, beginning **Tuesday, April 7th at 11:00 AM in the Steve Camp Room (Room 104)**. Together, we will explore *“A Faith That Lives: An Eight-Lesson Bible Study on the Epistle of James.”* The Book of James

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challenges us not only to hear the Word, but to live it—to put our faith into action in meaningful and practical ways. Like our previous studies, this will be a time of rich conversation, thoughtful reflection, and growing together in Christ.

I also want to share a couple of important resources from the South Carolina United Methodist Conference. You are encouraged to visit [www.umcsc.org/transition](http://www.umcsc.org/transition), which provides helpful, detailed information on the transition from 12 to 10 districts for the 2026–2027 appointment year. Additionally, you may follow updates and information about this year's Annual Conference at [www.umc.org/ac2026](http://www.umc.org/ac2026). The Annual Conference will take place June 7–10 in Greenville, South Carolina, and these resources will help you stay informed about the life and direction of our Conference.

As we move through this Easter season together, may you be continually reminded that the risen Christ walks with you—bringing hope where there is uncertainty, peace where there is worry, and new life where it is needed most. It is truly a joy to serve alongside you at First Clover UMC, and I give thanks to God for every one of you.

May God bless you richly this April, and may we continue to share in fruitful, life-giving ministry together.

God Bless, Pastor Scott

## FOREVER YOUNG & FRIENDS

Forever Young & Friends will meet on Thursday, April 30, 2026 in room 104 at 10:30.  
We will not meet on April 23.

## Happy Birthday to Our Homebound Angels

In April we celebrate the birthdays of Kirkie Gibson and Sarah Currence.





## Altar Flowers

The 2026 Flower Calendar is now in place on the bulletin board near the door to the Missions & Fellowship Center. This is a lovely way to remember or honor your loved one, or a special day, and is also a beautiful addition to our worship experience. If you would like to provide flowers, please place your name beside the date(s) you would like to reserve.

## Billy Gallien Memorial Scholarship

The Billy Gallien Memorial Scholarship is available for students graduating high school in the Class of 2026. To qualify students must be a member of FUMC Clover. Applications are available in the church office. The deadline to return the applications to the church office is April 17, 2026. Scholarship amounts will be based on the funding available. For questions please contact Renee Gallian 704-898-7602 / [rgbhist@bellsouth.net](mailto:rgbhist@bellsouth.net)

## Nothing But Nurture-

**Card Ministry-** We will resume the Card Ministry on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. Everyone is welcome to help us in this meaningful ministry! Please let Denise Bono know if there is someone we can add to our list.

**Nurture Meeting** – The next Nurture Team Meeting will be on April 9<sup>th</sup> at both 11:00am and 7:00pm. New ideas and new people are always welcome!

## Notes on Missions-

Matthew 25:40 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

We are called to be the hands and feet of Christ. As we approach each day, let us look for ways to impact others for the Kingdom of God. One way you can do that is by donating to the Food Project. Thank you to everyone who faithfully donated. Please help us continue to support our neighbors in a way that reflects Christ's compassion.

# Children Ministry Events

- Parent's Night Out - Friday, April 24 - more information to come
- Vacation Bible School - June 14 -17 with dinner



## After-School Tutor/Mentor Program

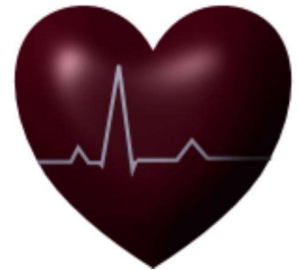
Our Wednesday after school tutoring program is growing and we really need 2 more volunteers. If you enjoy helping children and can spare a couple of hours, please contact Sherry Gibbs 910-269-7729.

## Blood Drive

Our next drive will be held on June 26 in the Mission and Fellowship Center.

Sign up today by logging on to:

[oneblood.org/donate-now](http://oneblood.org/donate-now) using Sponsor Code: 42679



## Message from Samaritan's Purse

We praise God that Samaritan's Purse collected 12,205,900 Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts in 2025. Thank you for your faithful partnership to help take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. We know these shoeboxes are a result of numerous hours of planning, packing, and prayer that required a lot of support. We are now 10 months away from National Collection Week.

The Evangelism and Mission Committee will be participating in Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes this year with our Christmas in July event. So start thinking about what you will want to purchase and hit those sales throughout the coming months.

# Nursery Schedule April 2025

Enclosed is the nursery schedule for the upcoming fall months. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and that these autumn months will be full of blessings for you and your families. If there is going to be a problem with a Sunday when you are scheduled, and you aren't able to find someone to swap with, just let me know, and I will be take care of getting it covered. As always, thank you all for your willingness to care for our babies. You are such a blessing to them and their parents - and to me!

## 8:45 Sunday School

04/05 Christine Payseur  
Hope Long  
04/12 Hope Long  
04/19 Charlotte Dowd  
Hope Long  
04/26 Sarah Dover  
Hope Long  
05/03 Christine Payseur  
Hope Long

## 10:00 Service

Jeannine Wyatt (803/810-2511)  
Ann Grindle (980/329-2984)  
April Suh  
Hope Long  
Bob Gibbs  
Courtney Rogers  
Lindee Dover  
Sarah Dover  
Chris Wilson  
Hope Long



## Note to My Special Church Family

Thank you for all the cards, phone calls and prayers. These meant so much to me. Please keep me in your prayers that I will receive some vision in my eye.

Thank you again. Love, Judy Bailes



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast 1:30pm - Tutoring -MFC 5:30pm - Dinner 6pm - Children's Choir 6pm - Hand Bells @ MFC 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	4pm - Evangelism Committee - 5:45pm - Volleyball - MFC 6pm - Maundy Thursday 6:30pm - Pack Leadership - Steve	6pm - Good Friday	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	6:30pm - Scouts	9:30am - Staff Meeting - Steve 11am - Bible Study - Steve Camp	6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast 1:30pm - Tutoring -MFC 5:30pm - Dinner 6pm - Children's Choir 6pm - Hand Bells @ MFC 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	4pm - Evangelism -Steve Camp		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	10am - Esther Circle - 104 6:30pm - Scouts	11am - Bible Study - Steve Camp	6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast 1:30pm - Tutoring -MFC 5:30pm - Dinner 6pm - Children's Choir 6pm - Hand Bells @ MFC 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	10:30am - Forever Young Steering 5:45pm - Volleyball - MFC 7pm - SPRC - Steve Camp	Food Distribution Preparation @	Youth Lock In 7:30am - Food Distribution
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
4pm - Youth - Kitchen/MFC/Gallien 5pm - UMM - MFC 6pm - Trustees - Steve Camp	6:30pm - Scouts	9:30am - Staff Meeting - Steve 11am - Bible Study - Steve Camp 3pm - Rebekah Circle - Church 5pm - Clover rotary Pancake	6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast 1:30pm - Tutoring -MFC 5:30pm - Dinner 6pm - Children's Choir 6pm - Hand Bells @ MFC 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	5:45pm - Volleyball - MFC	Parents Night Out - TBD	
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
4pm - Youth - Kitchen/MFC/Gallien 7pm - Admin Council	6:30pm - Scouts	11am - Bible Study - Steve Camp	6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast 1:30pm - Tutoring -MFC 5:30pm - Dinner 6pm - Children's Choir 6pm - Hand Bells @ MFC 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	10:30am - Forever Young Monthly 5:45pm - Volleyball - MFC		

# April Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Hunter Dann Jeannine Wyatt	2 Adam Allen	3 Jimmy McGilberry Flave Rogers	4 Doc Curtin Kirkie Gibson Madi Reese Payseur
5 Anniversaries: Robert and Kelly Nellums	6 Myra Drennan	7 Anniversaries: Judy and Ralph Miller	8 Micah Nellums Tom Robinson	9 MacKenzie Gallien Tammy Creech	10 Devon Wise	11 Joon Suh Anniversaries Jane and Alan Robinson
12 Mike Bono Anniversaries: Shelly and Daryl Pierzinski	13	14 Jim Hayes	15 Jerry Killian Sharon Young	16	17 Anniversaries Elizabeth and Bill Bartee Eric and Amber Hedderman	18 John Austin King Barb Millay
19	20	21 Sarah Claire Krogh	22 Anniversaries: Rob & Brene Hegler	23 Brooks Wofford Micah Sherwood	24 Amy Adams Lake Bartee Margaret McCarter	25
26	27 Jane Turpin	28 Leslee Lengyel	29 Randi Sullivan Karen Stallings Anniversaries: Maggie and Bill Amrhein	30 Anniversaries: Mike and Meg Riordan		