

Our Christian Worship of God  
May 24, 2026  
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

Day of Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Red

The Prelude "Sing When the Spirit Says Sing" -Shackley  
The Chiming of the Hour  
The Call to Worship "Surely the Presence of the Lord"  
The Welcome and Announcements

\*The Hymn UMH 539 "O Spirit of the Living God"

\*The Invocation

Pastor: On this Memorial Day weekend, we gather at First Clover United Methodist Church with grateful hearts, remembering those who gave their lives in service to others and to our nation.

**People: We give thanks for their sacrifice, and we pray for peace, healing, and hope throughout our world.**

Pastor: As followers of Jesus Christ, may we also remember our calling to serve with compassion, humility, courage, and love in our daily lives.

**People: Strengthen us, O God, to be faithful disciples who honor both You and our neighbors through lives of grace and mercy.**

**All: Loving God, unite us in worship, gratitude, and service this day. May our prayers, songs, and fellowship bring glory to You as we remember, give thanks, and seek to follow Christ together. Amen.**

The Anthem "Be Still" Chancel Choir  
Soloists: Judy Falls & Jim Hayes

\*The Affirmation of Christian Faith The Apostles' Creed  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.** \*universal

\*The Gloria Patri "Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen."

The Offering

Offertory "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" -Larson

\*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

\*Offertory Prayer

\*The Hymn UMH 404 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

The Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

\*The Scripture Lesson 1 Corinthians 12: 3-13 see insert

Minister: The Word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen**

The Sermon "Pentecost....Again" Rev. Scott Gilmer

Prayer of Christian Discipleship

\*The Hymn UMH 334 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

\*The Benediction

\*The Choral Response and Recessional

**May the road rise to meet you; May the wind blow at your back.**

**May the sun shine warmly on your face;**

**May the rain fall softly on your field,**

**And until we meet again, until we meet again,**

**May God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen**

\*The Chiming of the Trinity

\*The Postlude "Someone's Singing" -Behnke

\*indicates worshippers are invited to stand if able

**The flowers placed on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in celebrating Sharon and Dick James' 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary given by Stephen James and family, Patti Telford and family and Barb Burgmeier and family.**

## **OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS May 21, 2026**

**Note:** please contact Shirley Davis in the church office to add to the joys and prayer concerns. 222-3496 or [sdavis@cloverfumc.com](mailto:sdavis@cloverfumc.com).

**Recent Concerns:** Wade Shores, Gloria Baysinger, Marty Cronlund (Cathy Allen's dad), Jackie Brown, Tommy Crawford, Pat Bono, Melva Jones, Sandy King, Judy Hench & family, Renee Gallien, Jane Turpin, Our Homebound Angels

**A Child is born:** The rosebud is placed on the altar today welcoming David Elias Stanton. David was born in San Diego, CA on May 12, 2025, weighing in at 8 pounds 4 ounces. Proud parents are Jackson and Emily Stanton, Grandparents Mark and Shanna Stanton and Great-Grandparents Ralph and Judy Miller. "We are so blessed to have a new baby in our family."

**Military:** Major Virginia Stanton, USMC; Petty Officer Second Class William Shearer; Petty Officer Andrew Beaty; Lt. Col. Leeann Hidle Chavers, Air Force; Lieutenant Colonel Thad Wilson; Lt. Col. Nicholas S. Hare; Lt. Col. Blair Preston.

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**The AEDs, with an alarm system,** are located downstairs near the nursery and outside the sanctuary. A list of those who are CPR trained is also included in the boxes.

Reverend Scott Gilmer, Senior Pastor – [ssgilmer@bellsouth.net](mailto:ssgilmer@bellsouth.net)

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Hope Long, Nursery

Anna Livingston – Lay Leader

Renee Gallien, Jason King, Judy Falls

Lay Members to Annual Conference

**Reverend Scott Gilmer's telephone number is 864-554-8676. Feel free to call if you have need of him.**

**Invitation to New Worshipers:** Those desiring to unite with our congregation through Baptism, Profession of Faith or Transfer of Membership are encouraged to signify this on the attendance pad, on a visitor card and/or contact our Pastor. We are thankful to have new worshippers. Welcome to the First UMC family.

**Weekly Scripture Readings:** Genesis 1:1 - 2: 4; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13; Matthew 28: 16-20

**Words of Wisdom:** "On Pentecost, the Spirit did not come to keep the Church comfortable—it came to set hearts on fire with the love, hope, and transforming power of Jesus Christ. May we leave this place ready to breathe peace, share grace, and live boldly as God's people."

### **Nothing But Nurture**

- **Let's Do Lunch** – Our next lunch date is on May 28<sup>th</sup> after the Forever Young & Friends meeting. We will have lunch at El Preferido. So, grab your sombrero and get ready for a fiesta!
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- **Nurture Bags** will be on the table from June 7<sup>th</sup> to June 28<sup>th</sup>. Please help us fill these bags to show our Homebound Angels how special they are to us! (Nonperishable items only please)
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- **Nurture Meeting** – Our next Nurture Team Meeting will be on June 11<sup>th</sup> at both 11:00am and 7:00pm. Mark your calendar and join us! We are always looking for new people and new ideas!

### **Notes on Missions**

Thank you to everyone who supports the missions of our church – especially the food project. This week's suggested donations: peanut butter, dried beans, crackers, apple juice. (These are just suggestions. All donations are appreciated!)

**The Forever Young & Friends** will meet on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, in room 104 at 1030. Look forward to seeing you.

### **Please Save the Date to Celebrate Louise Jackson's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday!**

On June 29, 2026, at 12:00 noon in the fellowship center, there will be a covered dish lunch honoring Louise's special day. Please plan to join us.

## 1 Corinthians 12: 3-13

<sup>3</sup> Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. <sup>4</sup> Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. <sup>5</sup> And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. <sup>7</sup> But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. <sup>8</sup> For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; <sup>9</sup> To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; <sup>10</sup> To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: <sup>11</sup> But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. <sup>12</sup> For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. <sup>13</sup> For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

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### This Week

Budget Receipts .....	\$ 5,169.00	Week .....	21
Other .....	\$ 5,268.49	% of Budget receive .....	40
Total Budget for 2026... .	\$ 484,517	Church School .....	25
Amount needed weekly...\$	9,318	Morning Worship.....	81
		Youth.....	

1/1/26 Bank Balance	\$ 57,059.69
Total giving to date	\$ 207,141.91
Total spending to date	<u>\$ 206,937.57</u>
Current Bank Balance	\$ 57,264.03

5/21/26 Local Operating Balance \$ 45,499.68

**If you want your offering to go to the new Local Operating Fund, please be sure to mark your check clearly.**

### Stewardship ~ Ways to Give

Regular Tithes and Offerings through the Sunday Morning Offering.

**Giving On-Line:** Giving to FUMC is available online through our website: [www.firstumcclover.org](http://www.firstumcclover.org) **Thanks for your support of the mission and ministry of FUMC. If you decide to give electronically, please feel free to drop an "Electronic Giver" card in the offering plate on Sundays as an act of worship.**