

Our Christian Worship of God
June 7, 2026
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

The Prelude "Communion" -Dubois
The Chiming of the Hour
The Call to Worship "The Lord is Near to Those Who Call Upon Him"

The Welcome and Announcements
The Children's Sermon

*The Hymn UMH 121 "There's A Wideness in God's Mercy"

*The Invocation

Pastor: Come, let us worship the God who sees us in our ordinary moments and meets us with extraordinary grace.

People: We come with thankful hearts, trusting that Christ still calls disciples, heals the broken, and welcomes all who seek Him.

Pastor: When life is interrupted by sorrow, uncertainty, or unexpected change, God's grace is already at work among us.

People: When our plans are interrupted, God's mercy opens new possibilities and reminds us that we are never alone.

All: Gracious God, interrupt our routines, our fears, and our distractions with Your presence today. Open our hearts to hear the voice of Jesus, receive His healing touch, and follow where He leads. May we be transformed by Your grace and become instruments of that grace in the world. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

The Anthem "Teach Us to Pray" Chancel Choir

*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.

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*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 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" -Held

*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 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 Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26 see insert

Minister: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God. Amen

The Sermon "Interrupted By Grace" Rev. Scott Gilmer

Prayer of Christian Discipleship

The Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH 12-15

*The Hymn TFWS 2213 "Healer of Our Every Ill"

*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 "Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise" -Smith

*indicates worshippers are invited to stand if able

OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS June 5, 2026

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

Recent Concerns: Ted Bartee, Wade Shores, Gloria Baysinger, Jackie Brown, Tommy Crawford, Pat Bono, Melva Jones, Sandy King, Judy Hench & family, Renee Gallien, Jane Turpin, Our Homebound Angels

A Child is Born: A rosebud is on the altar today in honor of Scarlett Ruth Eller, born on May 13, 2026 to Katelyn and Jared Eller. Proud grandparents are Doc and Cathy Curtin.

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.

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.

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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 18:1-15, 21:1-7; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Romans 5: 1-8; Matthew 9: 35-10: 23.

Words of Wisdom: “Grace often arrives in the interruptions of life. The moments we did not plan, the people we did not expect, and the circumstances we would not have chosen can become holy opportunities for Christ to meet us, heal us, and redirect our hearts. When we are willing to pause and notice His presence, we discover that what feels like an interruption may actually be an invitation to experience God’s transforming grace.”

Missions

The Food Project continues to serve our neighbors in need thanks to your generosity! When you give, you are reflecting the heart of God and His love for us! Thank you for opening your hearts and partnering with us to BE the Hands and Feet of Christ.

This week’s suggested donations: spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, macaroni & cheese, and canned meat.

(These are just suggestions. ALL donations are appreciated!)

Nothing But Nurture

- **Nurture Bags:** The Nurture Bags will be on the table from June 7th to June 28th. Please help us fill these bags with non-perishable items to show our Homebound Angels how much they mean to our Church Family!
- **Let’s Do Lunch:** Our next lunch date will be on June 25th at The Clover Station after the Forever Young & Friends meeting. Mark your calendar and get ready for good food and even better fellowship!
- **Thank You:** Thank you to *everyone* who gives of themselves to make our Homebound Angels, and Friends of Nurture feel loved. Every month there are people who visit, send cards, bring food, help fill bags and pray! These small acts of kindness mean so much!

And a Special “THANK YOU” to Pastor Scott, Cathy Bell, Judy Falls and Charlotte Dowd! Thank you for all the time, love, and compassion you pour into every meal and every visit!

- **Nurture Team Meeting** – Our next Nurture Team Meeting will be on June 11th at both 11:00am and 7:00pm. *Everyone is welcome!*

Epworth Foster Care Ministry Information Meeting: Join us on Thursday, June 18th, at 6:30pm in the Missions and Fellowship Center (MFC) for an informational meeting about the Foster Care Program through Epworth Children’s Home. Rev. Cathy Joens will share how this vital ministry supports children and families in need and how you can become involved through fostering, volunteering, prayer, or support.

Worship Bulletin Submission Reminder: To help us prepare our weekly worship bulletin with care and accuracy, please submit all announcements and bulletin information to Shirley by **Thursday at Noon** each week. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us communicate effectively as we worship and serve together.

This Week

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| Budget Receipts | \$ 7,085.00 | Week | 23 |
| Other | \$ 105.00 | % of Budget receive ... | 44 |
| Total Budget for 2026... | \$ 484,517 | Church School | 27 |
| Amount needed weekly... | \$ 9,318 | Morning Worship..... | 80 |
| | | Youth..... | |

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| 1/1/26 Bank Balance | \$ 57,059.69 |
| Total giving to date | \$ 221,296.91 |
| Total spending to date | <u>\$ 232,372.01</u> |
| Current Bank Balance | \$ 45,984.59 |

6/5/26 Local Operating Balance \$ 44,641.00

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 **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.**



COME CELEBRATE LOUISE JACKSON’S 90TH BIRTHDAY!

Celebrate at a covered dish lunch on June 29, 2026 at 12:00 noon In the Fellowship Hall.

Forever Young & Friends

BLACK’S PEACHES FOR LUNCH & ICE CREAM ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026
 On Wednesday, June 17, please plan to join us as we travel to Black’s Peaches (1800 Blacks Hwy, York, SC 29745) to eat lunch and ice cream as well enjoy time with each other. Everyone is invited. The bus will leave the church at 11:00am. Be at the church by 10:50 if you plan to ride the bus. Please sign the sheet near the elevator or call the church office if you plan to go so we know how many people to expect.

SPRING YARD SALE BLESSINGS AS OF May 27, 2026

- Bibles -English & Spanish given out
- \$400.00 to Worship for black & white fabric and Candle Lighters
- \$250.00 to Rise from Hunger Cluster Mission project
- \$500.00 to the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund
- \$150.00 to help 3 people going to work at Salkehatchie with cost of trip.
- Suitcases for Mission Trip
- Clothes and other items for a lady who just had her leg amputated
- Coupons given at Food Project and with Blessing Bags used for needed items
- Things given for different programs/areas of the church
- Lunches provided for workers and others
- Donations to Larne Elementary School
- Coats and warm clothing for Coat Project
- Items to Tender Hearts and Goodwill

Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

⁹ And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.

¹⁰ And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples.

¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?

¹² But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.

¹³ But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

¹⁸ While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.

¹⁹ And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples.

²⁰ And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment:

²¹ For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.

²² But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

²³ And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise,

²⁴ He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn.

²⁵ But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose.

²⁶ And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.