



July 12, 2026
9:30 am • Sanctuary & Online

CHURCH OFFICE

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Tuesday & Thursday 1-5 pm
The pastors are available by appointment

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WELCOME

Welcome to Clearview United Methodist Church. Every week, we look forward to this time to gather as a community. We are glad YOU are here today with us!

You can use this worship guide to help lead through worship and throughout the week. We truly hope you enjoy your time here this morning and hope you return soon.

Some logistics you may find helpful:

- Worship runs about an hour and fifteen minutes, sometimes a bit shorter & sometimes a bit longer.
- Grab a nametag from the table in the East Wing. If you are a guest, our Hospitality Team will happily make one for you.
- Childcare is available for non-school-aged children (infants through 4 years) in Room #10. Children in Grades K through 5 are invited to worship until after the Children's Moment, then go to Sunday School in Room #11.
 - Help us create the best learning environment we can by leaving toys at home. Snacks for younger children are ok but should not be brought for elementary-aged children.
 - Please encourage your child(ren) to use the restroom before church starts.
- Busy bags are available for children (or adults) who would like to keep their hands busy during the worship service.
- A restroom is in the Care & Share Room to the right of the front of the Sanctuary. Additional restrooms are outside in the courtyard.
- Prayer Cards are available in the pew in front of you and at all entrances. Please place your prayer card in the offering plate or a prayer box. It is our joy and privilege to be praying with and for you.
- We have several ways you can give financially to support Clearview's mission.
 1. Place cash/check in the offering plate/boxes or mail to the church.
 2. Text any amount to (727) 513-5557.
 3. Visit clearviewumc.org/give.
 4. Use your bank's bill payer system.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal • TFWS: The Faith We Sing

**Please stand as you are able*

WE GATHER

Church Bells & Time of Silence

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship*

Worship Music* | *He Who Began A Good Work In You*

WE PROCLAIM

Affirmation of Faith* | *Affirmation from Romans* – UMH 887

Gloria Patri* | *Glory Be To The Father* – UMH 70

Pastoral Prayer

Passing of the Peace*

Worship Music* | *Blessed Assurance* – UMH 369

Children's Moment – Children are then dismissed to Sunday School

Prayer For Illumination

Scripture Reading | *Judges 4* CEB

Message | *Unexpected Courage* – Rev. Erick Ashley

WE RESPOND

Zoe Empowers Video

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music | *Where He Leads Me*

Doxology* | *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* – UMH 95

Offertory Prayer*

WE GO OUT

Worship Music* | *Just Because*

Benediction*

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Celebrate July Birthdays & Anniversaries! – Stay after worship today as we celebrate everyone with a July birthday or anniversary. Join us for cake, fellowship, and a chance to share in the joy of these special milestones! It is also a quick chance to welcome and meet Pastor Sue.

Lynda Waite (5th), Elizabeth Holmes (9th), Donnie Morneault (16th), Judy Cowdrick (16th), David Waite (16th), Teresa Glick (17th), Jim Burdewick (18th), Brooklyn Ewen (24th), Rycky Hollimon (28th), Pastor Sue Garcia (29th), David Bennett (29th), Pastor Erick Ashley (30th).

Church Directory Photo Update – We're updating our church directory! Stay after worship to have your photo taken if you're new to the directory or would like to update your current picture. Photos will also be taken at Clearview on July 19 and July 26. Check in with Codee and Cindi Gilbert. Thank you for helping us keep our directory current!

Back-to-School Supply Drive – Help local students start the school year strong! Throughout July, we're collecting kid scissors, pencils, index cards, colored pencils, erasers, and markers for local children. Please place donations in the collection box by July 25. Monetary gifts are also welcome. Thank you for helping children head back to school ready to learn!

Beach Day at Church – Help us celebrate the finale of our *Beach Read Bible Stories* series with Beach Day at Church on Sunday, August 2! Wear your favorite beach attire—Hawaiian shirts, bright and colorful clothing, sun hats, sunglasses, flip-flops, and other beach-inspired outfits (appropriate for worship, of course!).

We'll enjoy a fun, festive morning with a few special surprises as we wrap up our summer series. Invite a friend, come dressed for the beach, and join us for a joyful day of worship and celebration!

Special Choir for Bishop Berlin's Visit - Join the special choir for our combined worship service with Bishop Tom Berlin on Sunday, August 16, at St. Luke's. Whether you're a regular choir member or simply love to sing, we'd love to have you! A few rehearsals will be held beforehand. Sign up today and watch for rehearsal details coming soon.

Shuffleboard Sticks Needed – Do you have old shuffleboard sticks collecting dust? Several of our South Pinellas Connection churches are looking for gently used shuffleboard sticks to repurpose as banner poles in our worship spaces. If you have any you're no longer using and would be willing to donate, we'd be grateful! Please bring them to the church office or speak with one of the pastors. Thank you for helping us creatively care for our shared ministry.

CLEARVIEW WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 12

- **Worship**, 9:30 am – Sanctuary
- **Nursery (Infants-PK4)**, 9:30 am – Room 10
- **Sunday School (Grades K-5)**, following Children's Moment – Room 11
- **2nd Sunday Birthday & Anniversaries Celebration**, 10:45 am – East Wing
- **Coffee & Conversation**, 10:45 am – Care & Share Room

MONDAY, JULY 13

- **Monday “BS” Bible Study with Pastor Erick**, 6:45 pm – Care & Share Room
- **Alcoholics Anonymous (Gratitude)**, 8 pm – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, JULY 14

- **Alcoholics Anonymous (Fe y Esperanza)**, 8 pm – Mod 31
- **Alcoholics Anonymous (Recovery Begins)**, 8 pm – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

- **Narcotics Anonymous (Her Story)**, 7 pm – Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, JULY 16

- **Alcoholics Anonymous (Serenity, Back to the 40s)**, 11 am – Mod 31
- **Alcoholics Anonymous (A Clear View to the Big Book)**, 7 pm – Mod 32

FRIDAY, JULY 17

- **Alcoholics Anonymous (Fe y Esperanza)**, 8 pm – Mod 31

SATURDAY, JULY 18

- **Adopt-A-Block Food Distribution**, 9 am – Pavilion

SUNDAY, JULY 19

- **Worship**, 9:30 am – Sanctuary
- **Nursery (Infants-PK4)**, 9:30 am – Room 10
- **Sunday School (Grades K-5)**, following Children's Moment – Room 11
- **Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Erick**, 10:45 am – Care & Share Room

SOUTH PINELLAS CONNECTION UPCOMING DATES

July 14	UWIF Friendship Circle & Bible Study Joy Room	10 am	SL
July 25	United Women in Faith Summer Picnic Sign up in the East Wing	12 pm	SL
Aug 16	Combined Worship at St. Luke's Bishop Tom Berlin Preaching	Time TBD	SL
Week of Aug 16	New <i>Jesus is Lord</i> Study Groups Begin (All Church Campuses & Online)	Time TBD	ALL

KEY

Clearview (CV)	First Gulfport (FG)	Lakewood (LW)	St. Luke's (SL)
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STEWARDSHIP OF PRESENCE & GIFTS

Week of July 5

Worship	58
Online Worship	21
Giving Received	\$1,432.43
Giving Needed	\$1,634.62
Surplus/Loss	-\$202.19

2026 Year To Date

Worship (avg)	56
Online (avg)	19
Giving Received	\$40,357.62
Giving Needed	\$44,134.74
Surplus/Loss	-\$3,777.12

PRAYER REQUESTS

COMPLETE A PRAYER CARD FROM THE PEW AND PLACE IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE

July 5: For the Harrington family who tragically lost their 16 year old son in an ATV accident and prayers for the other two teens who were involved in the accident (Arlene Tibbetts); Prayers for our son to find fulfilling employment. For peace during this time and all times for God’s continued blessings. That my dad “Bob” accepts Christ into his heart (Stacy R); Jim Burdewick, surgery planned this week on Wednesday for hip replacement.

June 28: Jim Overton, brother, going through cancer treatment (Vicki Quale); Gabby Knight & family for the loss of her mother, Renata. For Gabby’s husband, Bob who is in the Hospice unit at Bay Pines (Mary Jo Strid); Dave D, Parkinson’s disease (Jim B); For a really good friend’s father, Gordon, who is receiving radiation treatments for vocal cord cancer (Laurie Davis);

Praise: A five-time cancer survivor who is a patient at the Ostomy clinic shared how thankful he is that the church provided space for the clinic. It is a much-needed ministry that serves so many people in the community.

From the Community Dinner: Prayers that I can get the title for my car (Carl M.); That my friend Carlos finds a home church (Robert E.); Prayers for the state of our country, America’s 250th Anniversary, Clearview UMC and all those that make up the church, for me that he guides me successfully through all trials & tribulations (Norm).

Ongoing: Cassie Berg, Trevor Davis, Theresa Goude, John Goude, Kelly & Hilary, Kathy Davis, Pamela Arnold, Sabrina Mull, Logan Sullivan, Eileen Bennett, Carol Comerford, Crystal, Stephen Davis, Tim Deacon, Genevieve DeHoog, Amy Gordon, Mary Grauv, Ruth Hockersmith, DeeDee Hornby, Ian Kolaczyk, Nelson Kimber, Carolyn McGovern, Tim Patterson, Tammi Radcliff, George Roth, Sr., Charlotte Klotzbach, Scott Pierce, Marc Jones, Lydia

Military: Seth Crist & Family, Casey Linde-Powers

THIS WEEK’S “AT HOME” DEVOTIONAL

Left-Handed Deliverance: Judges 3:12-30

GATHERING

Light a candle to remind yourselves that God often works through the people and gifts the world least expects.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

God of surprises, thank you for creating each of us with unique gifts and abilities. When we feel overlooked, underestimated, or different, remind us that nothing about us is beyond your use. Give us the courage to trust you, the wisdom to use the gifts you have given us, and the faith to believe that you can accomplish extraordinary things through ordinary people. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION - *Take a few moments to check in with one another.*

Highs & Lows

- What is one thing that brought you joy this week?
- When have you felt overlooked or underestimated?

THINKING ABOUT THE UPCOMING WEEK’S SCRIPTURE

“The Israelites cried out to the Lord, and the Lord raised up for them a deliverer, Ehud son of Gera, the Benjaminite, a left-handed man.” — Judges 3:15 (NRSV)

In Ehud’s day, being left-handed would have made him unusual. Yet what seemed different became exactly what God used to accomplish an unexpected victory. God often works through the gifts, experiences, and people others overlook.

- What is something unique about you?
- Have you ever felt overlooked or underestimated?
- How has God used an unexpected person to make a difference in your life?
- What gifts has God given you that could bless someone else?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - *As you read this week, ask: **How does God work through ordinary and unexpected people?***

DAY	READING	THEME
Sunday	Judges 4	<i>Jael's Courage</i>
Monday	Exodus 4:10-17	<i>Moses' Weakness, God's Strength</i>
Tuesday	1 Samuel 16:1-13	<i>David is Chosen</i>
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 1:26-31	<i>God Chooses the Unexpected</i>
Thursday	2 Corinthians 12:7-10	<i>Strength in Weakness</i>
Friday	Ephesians 2:10	<i>Created for Good Works</i>
Saturday	Psalms 139:13-18	<i>Wonderfully Made</i>
Sunday	Judges 3:12-30	<i>Left-Handed Deliverance</i>

If your household includes children, feel free to use a children’s Bible or summarize the readings in simple language.

DEVOTIONAL

The world often measures people by appearance, popularity, talent, or success. God doesn't.

Ehud probably wasn't the person anyone expected to become Israel's deliverer. Scripture simply tells us he was left-handed—a detail that may seem insignificant to us but made him unusual in his own culture. Yet that very difference became part of God's plan to rescue God's people.

Throughout the Bible, God chooses people others overlook. A shepherd boy becomes a king. A widow provides for a prophet. Fishermen become apostles. Time and again, God reminds us that faithfulness matters more than impressiveness. Many of us have wondered whether we have anything special to offer. We compare ourselves to others or focus on what we lack. But God sees something different.

God sees gifts waiting to be used, compassion waiting to be shared, and opportunities waiting for someone willing to say yes.

The qualities you wish you could hide may become the very ways God works through you. God isn't looking for perfect people. God is looking for willing hearts.

PRAY TOGETHER

Invite each person to share one gift or strength they see in another person gathered with them. Then pray together:

Loving God, thank you for creating each of us with unique gifts. Help us stop comparing ourselves to others and instead celebrate the ways you have made us. Give us confidence to use our abilities in service to you and to our neighbors. Show us how you can work through our ordinary lives to accomplish extraordinary things. Amen.

MEALTIME PRAYER

God of creation, thank you for this meal and for the unique gifts you have given each of us. Nourish our bodies, strengthen our spirits, and help us serve others with joy. Amen.

SERVICE CHALLENGE - This is one way we share God's love with the world.

This week, use one gift, talent, or ability that you sometimes take for granted to serve someone else. Offer encouragement, lend a helping hand, teach a skill, create something beautiful, or simply be present for someone who needs a friend.

CLOSING & BLESSING

Extinguish your candle as a reminder that God's light shines through every willing heart.

With permission, make the sign of the cross on one another's hands or foreheads and say: **“Trust the gifts God has given you. Walk in faith. And remember that God can use you in unexpected ways.”**