

Our Christian Worship of God
July 5, 2026
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

6th Sunday after Pentecost Liturgical Color: Green

The Prelude “Moment By Moment” -Moody
The Chiming of the Hour
The Call to Worship “Sanctuary” Congregation

The Welcome and Announcements

The Children’s Sermon “When Life Gets Heavy”

*The Hymn UMH 133 “Leaning On The Everlasting Arms”

*The Invocation
Pastor: Gracious and gentle Savior, You invite all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens to come to You. We gather today trusting that Your presence is enough, Your mercy is near, and Your rest is real.
People: **Lord Jesus, we come with open hearts. Some of us are tired in body, some are weary in spirit, and some are carrying burdens we have not spoken aloud. Meet us here with Your grace.**
Pastor: Teach us, O Christ, to take Your yoke upon us and learn from You. Quiet our striving, soften our hearts, and help us receive the rest that only You can give.
People: **We lay before You our worries, our wounds, our fears, and our unfinished struggles. Renew us by Your Spirit and draw us closer to Your heart.**
All: **Gentle and humble Lord, welcome us into Your presence. Give rest to our weary souls, hope to our burdened hearts, and strength for the journey ahead. May our worship honor You, our lives reflect You, and our hearts find peace in You. Amen.**

Special Music: “Chariots Coming” Jay Oden & Cheri King

*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 “Ivory Palaces” -Barraclough
*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 11:25-30 see insert
Minister: The Word of God for the people of God
People: **Thanks be to God. Amen**

The Sermon “Rest For the Weary Soul” Rev. Scott Gilmer
Prayer of Christian Discipleship
The Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH 12-15
*The Hymn 472 “Near To The Heart of God”
*The Benediction
*The Choral Response and Recessional
**May the road rise to meet you; May the wind blow at your back.
May the sunshine 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 “Pentecostal Power” -Gabriel

*indicates worshippers are invited to stand if able

OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS June 29, 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

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.

- Reverend Scott Gilmer, Senior Pastor – ssgilmer@bellsouth.net
- Reverend J. Richard Gibson, Pastor Emeritus
- Cheri King, Director of Music Ministries – cking@cloverfumc.com
- Jay Oden, Organist – jay.oden@gmail.com
- Christine Payseur, Church Business / Technical Coordinator – cpayseur@cloverfumc.com
- Shirley M. Davis, Admin. Asst. / Financial Sec. – sdavis@cloverfumc.com
- Tracie Kite, Sexton – kitetracie@hotmail.com
- 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 25: 19-34; Psalm 65: 1-13; Romans 8: 1-11; Matthew 13: 1-9. 18-23

Words of Wisdom: “In Matthew 11:25-30, Jesus speaks tenderly to all who are weary, burdened, and worn down by the weight of life. He does not shame our exhaustion or dismiss our struggles; He invites us to come closer. In Christ, we find more than a pause from our busyness—we find rest for the weary soul, grace for the heavy heart, and peace that carries us when our strength is gone.”

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, canned meat (These are just suggestions. ALL donations are appreciated!)

Nothing But Nurture

Our next Nurture Team meeting will be held on July 9th at 6pm. This is a different time than usual. This is a planning meeting. We will be planning all of our opportunities for congregational nurture, and all our details for homebound nurture. Everyone is welcome to come and share their ideas!!!

Let's do lunch - our next Lunch Date will be on July 23rd after the FYF meeting. Place- TBD

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

Budget Receipts	\$ 10,024.00	Week	27
Other	\$ 340.00	% of Budget receive ...	49
Total Budget for 2026...	\$ 484,517	Church School	29
Amount needed weekly...	\$ 9,318	Morning Worship.....	86
		Youth.....	

1/1/26 Bank Balance	\$ 57,059.69
Total giving to date	\$ 241,280.36
Total spending to date	<u>\$ 244,131.05</u>
Current Bank Balance	\$ 54,209.00

6/11/26 Local Operating Balance \$ 53,427.64

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.**

Forever Young & Friends

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

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for hosting my 90th birthday party. Clover FUMC holds a special place in my heart, and I am so grateful I got to spend my birthday celebration with so many family and friends.

Louise Jackson

Philadelphia United Methodist Church, 2260 Chester Hwy, York

Is having a Community Yard Sale on Saturday, July 18th from 8 am – 3 pm. Numerous vendors with a variety of items, bake and food. Playground available for the children.

Vendor info: Reserve your 10 x 10 space for \$10.00 (bring your own setup, no electricity provided). Setup starts at 6:30 am.

Contact info to reserve a space: Text or phone: 304-667-3444 or 304-667-1825; email: philadelphiaumcyork@gmail.com

Matthew 11:25-30

²⁵ At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.

²⁶ Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight.

²⁷ All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

²⁸ Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.