

Our Christian Worship of God
July 12, 2026
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

The Prelude

“Jesus Took My Burden”

-Lillenas

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

FWS 2164

“Sanctuary”

Congregation

The Welcome and Announcements

*The Hymn UMH 454

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

*The Invocation

Pastor:

Gracious God, you scatter your Word like seed upon the soil of our lives, trusting that your grace can take root even in us.

People:

Prepare our hearts to receive what you are planting today.

Pastor:

Open our ears to hear your truth, our minds to understand your will, and our spirits to grow in faith, hope, and love.

People:

Make us good soil for your kingdom, ready to bear fruit for your glory.

All:

Sow your Word within us, O Lord, and grow in us something more than we could ever produce on our own. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.

Special Music:

“He Came to Me”

Bob Dowd

*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

“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”

-Sweney

*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 601

“Thy Word Is A Lamp”

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 13:1-9, 18-23

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Minister:

The Word of God for the people of God

People:

Thanks be to God. Amen

The Sermon

“Sown For Something More”

Rev. Scott Gilmer

Prayer of Christian Discipleship

*The Hymn 600

“Wonderful Word of Life”

*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

“Love Lifted Me”

-Smith

*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 – kite_tracie@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 28: 10-19; Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24; Romans 8: 12-25; Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Words of Wisdom: “God is still sowing seeds of grace, hope, and transformation in the soil of our lives. As we worship today, may our hearts be softened, our roots deepened, and our lives opened to what Christ desires to grow within us. We have been sown for something more—more faith, more love, more fruit, and more faithful witness to the kingdom of God.”

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: cereal, grits, oatmeal or pancake mix
(These are just suggestions. ALL donations are appreciated!)

Nothing But Nurture

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

7/1/26 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

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 13:1-9; 18-23

13 The same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side.

² And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.

³ And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;

⁴ And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:

⁵ Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:

⁶ And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

⁷ And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:

⁸ But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

⁹ Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

¹⁸ Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower.

¹⁹ When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

²⁰ But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it;

²¹ Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

²² He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

²³ But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.