

15th Sunday after Pentecost Liturgical Color: Green

Children's Moment "Talk To Each Other"

*The Hymn UMH 560 “Help Us Accept Each Other”

*The Invocation

Pastor: Gracious God, You call us together as the body of Christ, not to live in division, but to walk in truth, grace, forgiveness, and love.

People: Gather us in Your presence, and teach us to seek peace with one another.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, You have promised that where two or three are gathered in Your name, You are there among them. Be present with us now as we worship, pray, listen, and grow together.

People: Bind us together in love, and make us faithful witnesses of Your reconciling grace.

All: Come among us, O Christ, and make us one in Your name, that our worship and our lives may glorify You. Amen.

The Anthem	“Come Into God’s Embrace”	Chancel Choir
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***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 “Trio” -Rheinberger

*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 18: 15-20 see insert

Minister: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God. Amen

The Sermon	“Together In His Name”	Pastor Scott Gilmer
Prayer of Christian Discipleship		

The Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH 12-15

*The Hymn TFWS 2223 “They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

*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	“Plein Jeu”	-Couperin
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*indicates worshippers are invited to stand if able

OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS September 4, 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: Chuck Payseur, John Gossett, Jane Turpin, Ted Bartee, Wade Shores, Gloria Baysinger, Jackie Brown, Pat Bono, Sandy King, Judy Hench & family, Renee Gallien, Mary Jean Dowling, Our Homebound Angels.

Note of Sympathy: Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Melva Jones.

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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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.

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.

Weekly Scripture Readings: Exodus 14: 19-31; Psalm 114; Romans 14: 1-12; Matthew 18: 21-35.

Words of Wisdom: “Jesus never promised that life together would always be easy, but He did promise to be present when we gather in His name. In moments of disagreement or hurt, Christ calls us toward grace, forgiveness, and reconciliation. May we be a church that seeks peace, speaks truth in love, and remembers that Jesus is always among us.”

Bible Study: Our weekly **Bible Study resumes Tuesday, September 8th, at 11:00AM in the Steve Camp Classroom.** This fall, we will begin a ten-week study, “**Old Testament Lives, New Testament Echoes,**” exploring how Old Testament people and stories help us better understand the New Testament. The guiding question each week would be: “**What does this Old Testament life help us see more clearly in the New Testament?**”. **Our first lesson will focus on Abraham and Paul—Faith That Trusts the Promise focusing on the scriptures of** Genesis 12: 1-9; 15:1-6; Romans 4: 1-25; Galatians 3:6-14. Bring your Bible, your questions, and your curiosity as we discover Scripture together. **Everyone is welcome!**

Attention all men of the church! You (& sons if an appropriate age) are invited to a half day shotgun clay pigeon tournament retreat being hosted at the residence of Rob Hegler (2660 Moton Road, Clover, SC 29710) on Saturday, September 26th, from 3:30pm till dark. Guns as needed are provided and we welcome non-shooters as well to come join everyone for BBQ supper, a campfire and fellowship discussion. Please bring 2-3 boxes of shells plus any you wish to share with non-owners. This is a great time to bring a friend or colleague with whom you may have wanted to share the joy and experience of church outside the sanctuary. Please call, text or email Alan Livingston to reserve a spot as soon as possible! 803-322-0730 or alan.livingston@attt.net.

On September 16th, we will have Potluck for the Wonderful Wednesday meal. Please plan to bring your favorite side dish to share with everyone. The FUMC Staff will be providing the meat, tea and dessert.

The Nurture Committee's Card Ministry is wanting to stay in touch with our college students this year, whether they are away at school or commuting from home. Please call the church office with their names, addresses and phone numbers (we may even send an occasional text!) or you can text them to Hope Long at 803-810-2672. Thanks!

Attendance	Church School	Morning Worship	Youth
8/30/2026	27	71	
Annual Operating Budget	\$ 484,517		
	Operating/Local*	Designated Fds.	Total
Weekly Giving (09/04/26)	\$14,833	\$ 648	\$15,481
Needed Weekly Giving	\$ 9,318		
Financial Summary Year-to-Date 8/28/26			
	Operating/Local*	Designated Fds.	Total
Giving	\$322,349	\$58,080	\$380,429
Expenses	\$303,809	\$62,667	\$366,476
<i>Net</i>	<i>\$18,540</i>	<i>-\$ 4,587</i>	<i>\$ 13,953</i>

**Local Operating funds are only used for local Clover FUMC Church Operations*

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.

Wonderful Wednesday Meal, September 9 hosted by United Methodist Men

Menu: Ham, Baked Potato, Salad Bar, Bread & Dessert

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DONATIONS NEEDED FOR BLESSING BAGS TOO HELP THE HOMELESS & OTHERS

Blessing Bags are given to people who come to our church for help. The Bags are individual size items that do not need to be refrigerated, heated or a can opener. Items are packed in 2-gallon Ziplock bags. A sample Blessing Bag is on display near the men's bathroom. Money donations are welcome to buy needed items. Just write Blessing Bags on your check or envelope. Thank you!

List of items needed at this time.

2-gallon Ziplock bags

16 oz. bottled water

Pop Tarts

Granola or fruit bars

Juice boxes or bottled

Beanie Weenee with pop top cans

Meat pouches or pop top cans--tuna, chicken, salmon, etc.

Hard candy (no chocolate at this time)

Notes on Missions

Matthew 25:40 “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” These powerful words of Jesus give us a living model to live by. The Food Project provides an opportunity to put those words into action.

Thank you for your continued support!

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

Nothing But Nurture:

*Please continue to pray for our Homebound Angels

YARD SALE ---- SEPTEMBER 27 --- OCTOBER 3, 2026

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 30 at Men's Prayer Breakfast & Wednesday Night Dinner

THURSDAY, Oct. 1 – Bring items for the Country Store

FRIDAY, Oct. 2 – 8:00am – 6:00pm

HOT DOG LUNCH – Friday – 10:30 until sold out

SATURDAY, Oct. 3 – 8:00am – 11:00am

HELP NEEDED ALL DAYS

DROP OFF DONATIONS from Sunday 9/27 thru Thursday 10/1.

Room in the building for earlier donations.

Church Family & Friends can shop all week.

Some larger priced things can be purchased now.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS AND SUPPORT!!

Matthew 18: 15-20

¹⁵ Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

¹⁶ But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

¹⁷ And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

¹⁸ Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

²⁰ For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.