

Our Christian Worship of God
September 27, 2026
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

18th Sunday after Pentecost Liturgical Color: Green

The Prelude “We Pray to the Holy Spirit” -Buxtehude
The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship “Fairest Lord Jesus” Handbells
The Welcome and Announcements

*The Hymn UMH 581 “Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service”

*The Invocation
 Pastor: Gracious God, you call us not only to speak words of faith, but to live lives of faithful obedience.

 People: Change our hearts, O God, and lead us from good intentions into faithful action.

 Pastor: When we have said “yes” with our lips but failed to follow with our lives, meet us with mercy and call us again into your vineyard

 People: Give us courage to repent, grace to begin again, and strength to do your will.

 All: Come, Holy Spirit, shape our hearts and guide our lives, so that our worship today may become faithful discipleship tomorrow and every day, Amen.

The Anthem “It Is Well” 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. *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 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” -Kim
 *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 TFWS 2130 “The Summons”

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 21: 28-32 see insert
 Minister: The Word of God for the people of God
 People: Thanks be to God. Amen

The Sermon “When “Yes” Isn’t Enough” Pastor Scott Gilmer
Prayer of Christian Discipleship

*The Hymn UMH 438 “Forth In My Name, O Lord”
*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 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” -Middelsworth

*indicates worshippers are invited to stand if able.

OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS September 25, 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: Ralph Miller, The Lott Family (friends of Elizabeth Gover Preston), 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.

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

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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: Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3: 4-14; Matthew 21: 33-46.

Words of Wisdom: "Faith is more than sayings yes to God—it is living that yes. Grace gives us the freedom to change our hearts, get up, and step into the vineyard where God is already at work."

Charge Conference will be next Sunday, October 4th, at 2:30pm in the Sanctuary.

Bible Study: Our weekly **Bible Study meets 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?**". **Lesson Four: Rehab and Mary Magdalene- Grace Gives People A New Story.**" The scripture is: Joshua 2: 1-21 and 6: 22-25; Matthew 1: 1-6; Luke 8: 1-3 and John 20: 1-18. Bring your Bible, your questions, and your curiosity as we discover Scripture together. **Everyone is welcome!**

Finance Potluck Lunch: TODAY we will have a Finance Potluck Lunch immediately following worship service. The goal of this lunch is to provide an update on Clover FUMC's financial health and fiscal priorities for next year. Please plan to attend.

Acolyte Training will be next Saturday, October 3rd, at 10:00am in the Sanctuary.

All Saints Memorial Brick: If you would like to purchase a brick to be placed in the All Saints Memorial Park for a loved one, please contact the church office before October 1st. The cost of the brick is \$ 75.00.

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
9/20/2026	29	85	
Annual Operating Budget	\$ 484,517		
	Operating/Local*	Designated Fds.	Total
Weekly Giving (09/25/26)	\$ 7,074	\$2182.53	\$ 9,256.53
Needed Weekly Giving	\$ 9,318		
Financial Summary Year-to-Date 9/25/26			
	Operating/Local*	Designated Fds.	Total
Giving	\$346,529	\$61,414	\$407,943
Expenses	\$325,050	\$65,714	\$390,746
Net	\$21,479	-\$ 4,300	\$ 17,197

**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 or scan the QR**



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Wonderful Wednesday Meal, September 30
Menu: Chili, Cornbread, Desserts

Hosted by Nurture Committee

Name _____ # _____

Nothing but Nurture

Fall Festival: October 24th, 2026, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.
This is an event for our WHOLE church family! From the tall to the small! So mark your calendar and get ready for an evening of Fun Fall Festivals!
Please continue to pray for our church family members on the Nurture List

Notes on Missions

Thank you to everyone who faithfully supports the Food Project. As the weather starts to turn cooler (hopefully soon) we remember our neighbors in need Thank you for partnering with us in a very real way to meet that need!
This week’s suggested donations: peanut butter, dried beans, crackers

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 21: 28-32

28 But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard.

29 He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went.

30 And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not.

31 Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.

32 For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.