FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CLOVER, SC

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Mission:
We, the congregation, in humble and selfless service to God, will go forth joyfully, empowered and enabled by the Holy Spirit, to seek out, welcome, accept, and nurture persons to become faithful and effective disciples for Jesus Christ.

The United Methodist Church

Pastor's Note

Dear First Clover Church Family,

Somehow, November has arrived, Thanksgiving is approaching, and Christmas decorations are already appearing! Before the holiday rush begins, however, I hope we will take time to reflect on God's goodness and prepare our hearts for what truly matters.

First, I want to thank everyone who has participated in our Tuesday morning Bible Study this fall. What a blessing it has been to explore God's Word, share insights, ask questions, and grow together in faith! As Psalm 119:105 reminds us, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." During November, we will turn our attention toward a special Advent Bible Study. Please listen for more information throughout the month, and remember, **EVERYONE is welcome!** You don't have to be a biblical scholar—bring your Bible, your questions, and an open heart!

Thanksgiving also reminds us how much we have to be grateful for, especially here at First Clover UMC. I am thankful for our church family, our ministries, our growing relationships, and the countless ways God's grace continues to work among us. Personally, Thanksgiving carries an especially profound meaning this year. After my heart attack in June, I no longer take another sunrise, another opportunity to serve, or another day of life for granted. I am doing so much better, and when I consider God's goodness, the prayers of so many, and the gift of

simply being alive, **all I can say is: THANKS BE TO GOD!** As Paul reminds us, "Give thanks in all circumstances" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

But gratitude should be more than something we express before enjoying turkey, dressing, and enough desserts to make us promise we'll start eating healthier on Monday! **What does it truly mean to YOU to be thankful—in your own life and at First Clover UMC?** Is gratitude simply recognizing our blessings, or is it also using those blessings to make a difference in someone else's life? Perhaps genuine thanksgiving is not merely something we say, but something we live.

Finally, on Sunday, November 29, we begin Advent, a sacred season of watching, waiting, and preparing for Christ. Jesus reminds us, "Keep awake" (Mark 13:37). Amid the shopping, decorating, parties, and endless Christmas preparations, I challenge you to consider one important question: **What are you TRULY preparing for this Advent season? Is it Jesus, the secular celebrations of Christmas, or something else entirely?** There is nothing wrong with enjoying Christmas traditions, but how tragic it would be to prepare everything for Christmas except our hearts!

I thank God for each of you, and I remain deeply grateful for another day, another season, and another opportunity to serve Christ alongside you.

Thanks be to God—yesterday, today, and always!

With love and gratitude,

Pastor Scott

Happy Birthday to Our Homebound Angel



In November we celebrate the birthday of Becky McGinnas.

Esther Circle

Esther Circle will meet Monday, November 9, 2026 in room 104 at 10:00.

Forever Young & Friends

The Forever Young & Friends will meet on Thursday, November 19, 2026 in room 104 at 10:30. This is the third Thursday in November. Thanksgiving is on the 4th Thursday.

FALL YARD SALE REPORT

Yard Sale Week, September 27 – October 3, 2026, was a great time of missions, fellowship, and learning.

Thank you so much to all of you that prayed, donated, shopped, picked up, delivered, arranged items, fixed food, put out signs, made all the people who came feel welcome, & any of the other many things that make the Yard Sale a success.

As of October 12, the Yard Sale made $9130.19. There is still a few outstanding expenses & a little money to come in.

BLESSINGS FROM THE 2026 FALL YARD SALE

Thank you so much to everyone that gave their time & donations.
We are truly blessed to have such a caring church family.
More Yard Sale Blessings to come.
GIVEN FOR MISSIONS:
1. $200.00 donated to the Food Project
2. $300.00 for the Coat Project to buy blankets & children coats.
3. $75.00 a month to purchase supplies for BLESSING BAGS
4. $300.00 to Clover School District for special students' needs
5.Coupons given at the Food Project used to help families with needed items
6. Clothes to Tender Hearts & Goodwill
7. Helped a family that house burn down. Gave them whatever they needed.
8. Free Spanish & English Bibles given away
9. $150.00 to buy gift cards for people in need that don't have an ID

GIVEN FOR THE CHURCH NEEDS:
1. Made treat bags for our Home Bound Angels
2. Lunch provided daily during the Yard Sale
3. $1,000.00 to the Trustees to help with needed building repair
4. $5,000.00 for the church's Capital Reserve
5. $1,000.00 to SPRC to help with Staff's Christmas gift

COAT PROJECT

Esther Circle & Forever Young & Friends are collecting gently used coats, and other warm things.

These will be given out on Saturday, November 21 from 7:15am to about 9:00am during the Food Project food distribution.

Any coats & other warm things that are left are offered to the people who come to the church for help through the winter months.

We need to set up on Friday November 20 at 9:00am in the church lobby.

Saturday, November 21, help is needed from 7:15am until about 9:15am to set up, help people find what they need, & pack up.

IDEAS OF NEEDED THINGS – coats, gloves, hats, socks, scarfs, blankets, sweaters, hoodies, sweat shirts, and any other warm items.

A tub will be near the Blessing Bags table for you donations.



United Women in Faith

Attention Women--

All women are reminded of the United Women in Faith meeting after church on November 8th. Please plan on attending.

Altar Flowers

The 2026 Flower Calendar is now in place on the bulletin board near the door to the Missions & Fellowship Center. This is a lovely way to remember or honor your loved one, or a special day, and is also a beautiful addition to our worship experience. If you would like to provide flowers, please place your name beside the date(s) you would like to reserve.

Optimist International Essay Contest

Participants must write on the official topic “Finding My Voice in a World Full of Noise.

Forms and more information may be found in the Billy Gallien Youth Room.

Notes on Missions



Thank you to everyone who faithfully supports the Food Project! This important mission gives us a practical way to meet the needs that are all around.

Matthew 25: 40 “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me”

This week’s suggested donations- spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, macaroni & cheese, and canned meat.

Nothing But Nurture

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Fall Festival! It was a WONDERFUL night of food, fellowship, laughter and song! But we couldn't have done it without everyone's help! This Church Family pulled together to pitch in and it made it a really special night! Thank you again!

Mark Your Calendars:
November 12th – the Nurture Luncheon at 11:00am
December 17th – Let's Do Lunch at 12 Noon. Location TBD
December 24th – Cookies and Apple Cider after the Christmas Eve Service.
Nurture Bags will be on the table starting next week. Please help us fill the bags to remind our Homebound Angels that they are loved!

Nurture Luncheon

The Annual Nurture Luncheon on November 12th will celebrate God' Great Blessing in our lives! The menu includes chicken and stuffing casserole, veggies, cranberry sauce, rolls and pumpkin pie. After lunch we will stroll down memory lane with a Good Old Fashioned Hymn Sing! Everyone is invited.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Celebrate the season with the Forever Young & Friends on

Thursday, December 10, 2026, at 12:00

in the Mission & Fellowship Center.

The meat will be provided.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

There will be a place to donate a love offering of food or money for Blessing Food Bags and the Food Project.

Everyone is invited so mark your calendars!

If you plan to come, please sign the sheet on the table near the elevator or call the church office.

November

Wonderful Wednesday Meals

November 4th

Italian Dinner

Sponsored by Steve Camp



November 11th

Varieties of Soup, Cornbread & Desserts

Sponsored by Nurture Committee



November 18th

Baked Potatoes, Salad Bar, Bread & Desserts

Sponsored by Becky Lyda Sunday School Class



November 25th

No Meal — Thanksgiving



Good Food ♥ Great Fellowship ♥ All Are Welcome!

Nursery Schedule November 2026

Enclosed is the nursery schedule for the upcoming month. I know that with vacations coming up your Sunday might not work in your schedule, so if you can just try to swap with someone, or let me know, we will get it covered. ***Also, beginning the first of June we will have a new procedure. If no little ones are in the nursery by 10:00 or soon afterwards, the caregivers can go up to the sanctuary to be able to be part of the worship service. If the usher who is manning to cameras in the church office lets someone in who needs a nursery worker, they will have a list of the current caregivers and their phone numbers. They will text that you are needed downstairs. If you will just sit near the back so there will be as little disturbance to the service as possible. And as always, thank you all for your willingness to care for our babies. I continue to pray that we will soon have some little ones to fill up our nursery!

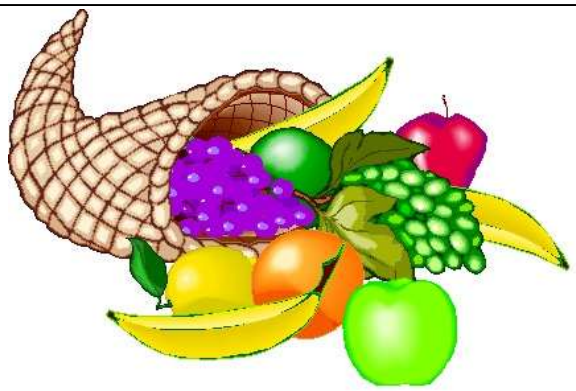
	8:45 Sunday School	**10:00 Service**
11/01	Christine Payseur	Jeannine Wyatt
	Hope Long	Hope Long
11/08	Hope Long	April Suh
		Hope Long
11/15	Charlotte Dowd	Christine Wilson
	Hope Long	Bob Gibbs
11/22	Sarah Dover	Ann Grindle
	Hope Long	Courtney Rogers
11/29	Hope Long	Lindee
		Sarah Dover



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Clover FUMC Annual Calendar/Family

Nov 2026 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 6:30pm - Scouts - Sanctuary	3 Election - MFC 11am - Bible Study - Steve Camp	4 6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast 2:15pm - Tutor/Mentor Program 5:30pm - Dinner 6pm - Youth - Gallien Room 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	5 10am - Heroes Luncheon 6:30pm - Pack Leadership - Steve	6	7 2pm - Celebration of Life
8 11:15am - UWIF - Sanctuary	9 10am - Esther Circle - 104 6:30pm - Scouts	10 11am - Bible Study - Steve Camp	11 Nurture Committee - MFC/Kitchen Church Closed 6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast 2:15pm - Tutor/Mentor Program 5:30pm - Dinner 6pm - Youth - Gallien Room 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	12 11am - Nurture Committee - Steve 11:30am - Nurture Luncheon 7pm - Nurture Committee 7pm - SPRC - Steve Camp	13	14
15 5pm - UMM - MFC 6pm - Trustees - Steve Camp	16 6:30pm - Scouts	17 11am - Bible Study - Steve Camp 4pm - Rebekah Circle - Church	18 6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast 2:15pm - Tutor/Mentor Program 5:30pm - Dinner 6pm - Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary 6pm - Youth - Gallien Room	19 10:30am - Forever Young 5:45pm - Volleyball - MFC	20 Food Distribution Preparation @	21 7:30am - Food Distribution 9am - Scouts - Parking Lot -
22 7pm - Admin Council -Steve Camp	23 6:30pm - Scouts	24 11am - Bible Study - Steve Camp	25 6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	26 Church Closed	27	28 9am - Hope Long - MFC/Kitchen
29	30 6:30pm - Scouts	1	2	3	4	5

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Hope Long Roman Suh	2 Joey Ward	3 Jack Britton Hope Riordan	4 Trace English	5 Steve Grigg Elizabeth McAllister	6 Lindee Dover	7 Sarah Dover
8 Kelly Nellums	9 Eloise Bartee	10 Fred Strong	11 William Bartee	12 Anniversaries: Fred & Jeanette Strong	13 Hannah Burton Linda Stewart	14 Wanda Roach
15 Jeff Long	16 Alyson MacAlpine Frankie Cooke	17 Anniversaries: Suzanne & Walter Thompson	18 Paxton Payne	19 Neal McCain	20 Hayley Dixon Ashby Skinnell Keith Clinton Anniversaries: Laura & Steve Skinnell	21 Cathy Curtin
22	23	24 Blake Payseur	25	26	27 Evelyn Cameron Emily Eakes Dale Kite	28
29 Becky McGinnas	30 Logan McAllister					

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 No School	4 Youth Group 5:30-7pm	5	6 Early Release	7
8	9	10	11 Youth Group 5:30-7pm	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Youth Group 5:30-7pm	19	20 Immerse ---------	21 Immerse----------
22 Immerse	23	24	25 No School/No Youth	26 No School - Thanksgiving	27 No School	28
29	30					