



First United Methodist Church Clover, SC

# THE FIRST EDITION

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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.



## SUMMER BLESSING



Genesis 8:20-22 <sup>20</sup>Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. <sup>21</sup>And when the LORD smelled the pleasing odor, the LORD said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done. <sup>22</sup>While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."



Summer is here! With it comes fun in the sun, 100+ degree weather, sunburn, summer camps, vacations, high air conditioning bills, etc. The first mention of summer in the Bible is at the end of the story of Noah's Ark. After the flood waters subside, Noah built an altar and worshipped God. God's response is that "the Lord said in His heart, 'I will never again curse the ground ... While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall not cease.'" Summer is a blessing. Not just for kids out of school and those who have time to lounge by the pool, but for all creation. Summer is part of a larger plan that God has for the world. It is a part of God's handiwork. So, if you are ever tempted to curse the hot weather, just remember that the summer heat is a blessing from God. Have a blessed summer!



This past month we wrapped up our Outdoor service, prerecorded Virtual service and the Mission and Fellowship Services. These special services served their purpose during the worst of the pandemic, but they were not easy to carry out. They required a lot of creative thinking and hard work. At this juncture there are a number of Thank yous to be made to those who made these services possible.

Thank you to ...

- Dee Wise who not only livestreamed the Easter services in 2020, but also advised us on video editing software and equipment and even loaned us one of his cameras that we used to record the Virtual Services for most of the pandemic. The camera we are using now to livestream the services was also recommended by him.
- Joe Miller who advised us on the outdoor service and many other aspects of our musical recordings. He loaned us the sound equipment for the outdoor service, advised Cheri and helped in the musical recordings, and helped us find the AM transmitter we used for the outdoor services. He also served as an AV technician when we needed one from time to time.
- Sange Ammons who barely missed a Sunday of running the sound and projection for the Outdoor services, Mission and Fellowship Center Services, and other special events. She continues to do the AV for projecting the livestream of the services onto the screen in the Mission and Fellowship Center in case we need it.
- Sam Jackson for loaning us the trailer which served as our altar for the outdoor services.
- Evelyn Cameron, Pam Cato, Nanette Carnes, Cheri King, and others for taking names during our services. Evelyn and Pam are continuing in this capacity!
- Kathy Pryor, Lynn Shore-Hollis, Rita Beamguard, Cathy Allen, and many others who provided videos of part of the worship services for the Virtual Services.
- Cheri King, Nannette Carnes, John Austin King, and the many singers and musicians for providing all the special music and cantata element.
- Traci Kite for moving the chairs twice a week for the Mission and Fellowship Services.
- Eddie Sherwood for the Godly Play videos early in the pandemic, and for loaning us one of the tents we used for the Outdoor Service.
- Lynn Shore-Hollis for pushing Livestreaming so that we had another way of making worship available to people who could not come to church. These livestreamed services will continue.
- Worship Committee for their flexibility and creativity in carrying out worship in news ways.
- Task Force for their hard work, insight, and attentiveness to help us maintain and manage these services.

I am sure I have left any number of people out. It has taken so many people doing a lot of extra work to make all of our special services happen. We are not completely out of the woods so these thank yous may seem premature, but after the transitions of the last month I felt it important to make these recognitions. So, one last thank you to all for the ongoing efforts to carry on ministries and maintain safety for those who are vulnerable.

## Announcements: \_\_\_\_\_

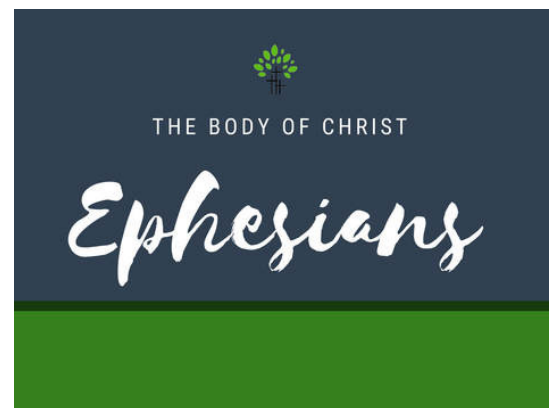
### Upcoming Sermons in the Sanctuary

- July 4: Galatians 5:13-26 "How to Celebrate Christian Independence" Rev. Alex Stevenson
- July 11: Ephesians 1:3-14 "The Body of Christ: Jesus and the Big Bang" Rev. Alex Stevenson
- July 18: Ephesians 2:11-22 "The Body of Christ: Reconciled through Christ"  
Lay Associate Lynn Shore-Hollis
- July 25: Ephesians 3:14-21 "The Body of Christ: The Power of Love" Rev. Alex Stevenson

### Sermon Series on Ephesians - "The Body of Christ"

What is the church? Who are we? What is our purpose and our place in God's plans for the universe? Almost 2,000 years ago the book of Ephesus was inspired to answer these very questions. This letter from 1<sup>st</sup> century Asia Minor still speaks to us in 21<sup>st</sup> century Clover, SC. During the months of July and August, we will preach through the book of Ephesians in 6 sermons. Come join us and let us together discover what it means to be the Body of Christ in the world today. The sermons planned for this series are:

- July 11: Ephesians 1:3-14 "The Body of Christ: Jesus and the Big Bang"
- July 18: Ephesians 2:11-22 "The Body of Christ: Reconciled through Christ"
- July 25: Ephesians 3:14-21 "The Body of Christ: The Power of Love"
- August 1: Ephesians 4:1-16 "The Body of Christ: Braggin' on Grace"
- August 8: Ephesians 5:15-20 "The Body of Christ: Defining a Christian Marriage"
- August 15: Ephesians 6:10-20 "The Body of Christ: The Armor of God"



### Men's Prayer Breakfast

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will restart Wednesday July 7<sup>th</sup> in the Mission and Fellowship Center at 6:30 am! Please pass this word on to others. As men of God, let us join together in prayer.

## SPRC NEWS

SPRC is happy to announce that the Administrative Board approved the hiring of Robert (Rob) Elovecky as our new Lay Associate/Youth Director. This will be a full-time position. Rob comes from a military family and has lived on all except one of the continents. His family currently lives in Asheville, NC. Although Rob was unable to find living arrangements in Clover, he did find an apartment in Gastonia and is moving there so that he will be near the church and community. Rob speaks English and Spanish, reads Hebrew, and is currently teaching himself Italian. Rob plans to obtain his Master of Divinity in the future.

Rob is a recent graduate of Garner Webb University with a BA degree in Youth Discipleship Studies. Rob has experience in working at Camp Tekoa, a Methodist camp.

He was also the President of the Religious Studies Association. Rob has been the Coordinator of the Men's Ministry program. Rob was instrumental in increasing the membership of the Men's program from less than 10 members to more than 60. Rob has worked with Louder Than Words Missions in Honduras.

Rob said that he looks forward to working with our church and meeting the congregation. Rob will begin his work on July 6. SPRC is planning a Welcome Celebration for Rob in mid-July so that we can introduce ourselves to him and welcome him to First United Methodist Church Clover.

We are excited to have Rob join us and look forward to the ways he can help our church and its mission.

## FOREVER YOUNG & FRIENDS



### WE ARE PLANNING A FALL YARD SALE!

Watch for upcoming dates and information.

**July 8** - The FY&F Steering Team will meet at 10:00 in room 104 to discuss upcoming events and ideas. Everyone is welcome to come & discuss.

**July 15** – Forever Young & Friends Meeting in either room 104 or the Missions & Fellowship Center (MFC) at 10:00. Bring a bag lunch & drink and we will enjoy eating lunch together after the meeting.



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**July 31**

**a 1-Day Event**

More Information to Follow!



**"Come on and Ride the Train!!!"**

**As Clover FUMC takes to the tracks  
for this year's Bible School.**

We are asking all mission teams and groups of the church to attend  
and participate as we get back on track!

Please contact Lynn at [Lshorehollis@cloverfumc.com](mailto:Lshorehollis@cloverfumc.com) or at 803-517-8093

**So come on and ride the train and get Clover FUMC  
on the track for a great Bible School in 2021!!!!**



United  
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Everyone mark your calendars for UMW Sunday  
on August 22nd.

We will have a special speaker at the 11:00 service.

The annual District UMW meeting will be held  
at FUMC on Saturday, September 25th.

**We have Epworth Ride T-Shirts available to the congregation  
for a donation to the Epworth Children's home.**

**Please see Ray Reavis if you would like one of these specially designed shirts  
and help a worthy mission.**

# Free SUMMER Camp

Proudly Provided By:

The Stellie J. Jackson Enrichment Center

322 Mobley Street ~ Clover, SC

July 5th - July 26

9:00 am - 2:30 pm



## 2021 Summer Enrichment Program

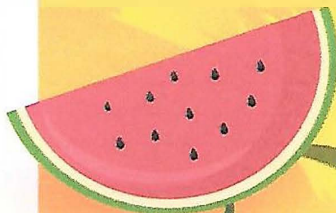
Ages: 4 to 8 years old

"Participants will enjoy"  
Reading Activities\* Art\* Community Building  
Activities\* Devotional Time\* Field Trips

**Lunch and Snacks Will Be Provided**

Contact Information: Melanie Sims- 704-616-2569

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Ray Reavis, Bob Grindle, Renee Gallien, Sue Gover, Conference Lay Members

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Independence Day 12:15pm - UMW General 2pm - UMW General 6pm - Jr High Youth 7pm - Sr High Youth	Church Office Closed Independence Day 6:30pm - Boy Scouts - MFC 7pm - Covenant Group	Election Location	6:30am - Men's Prayer 1pm - Prayer Meeting - via 6:45pm - Choir Rehearsal	10am - Forever Young		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
6pm - Jr High Youth 7pm - Sr High Youth	10am - Esther Circle - 104 6:30pm - Boy Scouts - MFC	9:30am - Staff Meeting - 6:30pm - Martha Circle 7pm - Missions Committee 7pm - Rebekah Circle	6:30am - Men's Prayer 1pm - Prayer Meeting - via 6:30pm - Youth Fellowship 6:45pm - Choir Rehearsal	10am - Forever Young		8:30am - Food Distribution
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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# July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Casey Stewart	2 Justin McDaniel Anniversaries: George & Debra Peterson	3 Rick Wyatt
4	5 Ted Bartee Judy Payne	6 Anna Pettus Anniversaries: Bill Archer & Wanda Road	7	8 Jessica Killian	9 Olivia Carricato	10
11	12 Cathy Bell Samantha Clinton	13	14 Tracy Dixon Rhett Hurst Anniversaries: Susie & David Edwards	15	16 Faith Alexander Tom Meyer Ray Reavis	17 Eli Allen Margaret Bowman Mason Bell
18 Judy Bailes Emma Scott Livingston Carmen McCarter June Yarbrough	19 Sara Neil William Vaughn Alma Jewell Anniversaries Heather & Tracy Dixon Chip & Elaine Jones	20 Cheyanna Dann Caylee Millay Anniversaries: Renee & Ken Farris	21 Davis McCarter Sandy Skinnell Anniversaries: Sue & Jim Gover	22 Grayson Hurst Lofton Livingston Walter Thompson Dee Wise Kathy Pryor Lawrence Bartee	23	24 Linda Abernathy Karen Burton Kim Eleazer Jon McClain Beanguard
25	26 Jonathan Ford	27 Brian Maslankowski	28	29	30 Ray Baker	31 Cody Chambers Taylor Dann