



October 4th, 2026
9:30 am • Sanctuary & Online

CHURCH OFFICE

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Tuesday & Thursday 1-5 pm
The pastors are available by appointment

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WELCOME

Welcome to Clearview United Methodist Church. Every week, we look forward to this time to gather as a community. We are glad YOU are here today with us!

You can use this worship guide to help lead through worship and throughout the week. We truly hope you enjoy your time here this morning and hope you return soon.

Some logistics you may find helpful:

- Worship runs about an hour and fifteen minutes, sometimes a bit shorter & sometimes a bit longer.
- Grab a nametag from the table in the East Wing. If you are a guest, our Hospitality Team will happily make one for you.
- Childcare is available for non-school-aged children (infants through 4 years) in Room #10. Children in Grades K through 5 are invited to worship until after the Children's Moment, then go to Sunday School in Room #11.
 - Help us create the best learning environment we can by leaving toys at home. Snacks for younger children are ok but should not be brought for elementary-aged children.
 - Please encourage your child(ren) to use the restroom before church starts.
- Busy bags are available for children (or adults) who would like to keep their hands busy during the worship service.
- A restroom is in the Care & Share Room to the right of the front of the Sanctuary. Additional restrooms are outside in the courtyard.
- Prayer Cards are available in the pew in front of you and at all entrances. Please place your prayer card in the offering plate or a prayer box. It is our joy and privilege to be praying with and for you.
- We have several ways you can give financially to support Clearview's mission.
 1. Place cash/check in the offering plate/boxes or mail to the church.
 2. Text any amount to (727) 513-5557.
 3. Visit clearviewumc.org/give.
 4. Use your bank's bill payer system.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal • TFWS: The Faith We Sing

**Please stand as you are able*

WE GATHER

Church Bells & Time of Silence

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship*

Worship Music* | *Christ for the World We Sing* – UMH 568

WE PROCLAIM

Affirmation of Faith* | *A Statement of Faith of The Korean Methodist Church* – UMH 884

Gloria Patri* | *Glory Be To The Father* – UMH 70

Invitation, Confession, & Pardon – UMH 12

Passing of the Peace*

Worship Music* | *Come to the Table*

Prayer For Illumination

Scripture Reading | *1 Corinthians 10: 16-17* NRSV

Message | *World Communion Sunday* – Rev. Erick Ashley

WE RESPOND

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music | *Let Us Break Bread Together* – UMH 618

Doxology* | *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* – UMH 95

Offertory Prayer*

WE GO OUT

Worship Music* | *O Come to the Altar*

Benediction*

WHAT’S HAPPENING?

Pumpkin Unloading Days – We Need YOU at Clearview! Our pumpkin deliveries are coming, and we need as many volunteers as possible to help unload the trucks and fill the Patch!

Saturday, October 10 - 8 am
Saturday, October 17 - 8 am

Bring a friend, wear comfortable clothes, and come ready to serve. There’s a job for every age and ability, and many hands really do make light work! Thank you for helping make Clearview’s Pumpkin Patch a success!

Is God Calling You to Lead? We’re beginning to identify leaders for 2027. If you’d like to become more involved in our church’s leadership and would like to be considered, please let one of the pastors know as we prayerfully discern together.

Sign Up to Serve at the Pumpkin Patch! Our 29th Clearview Pumpkin Patch is almost here, and we need lots of volunteers to make it happen! Sign up for a shift today on our website or in the East Wing after worship. Grab a shift, or a few, and be part of this beloved community tradition!

Bible Study Takes a Break – With the excitement and activity of the Pumpkin Patch filling our campus, Bible Study will take a short break October 12–26. We’ll resume our regular schedule on November 2. Enjoy the Patch, and we look forward to gathering together again in November!

Lealman Ave Elementary School - My name is Angela Malykhin, and I serve as the Family and Community Liaison at Lealman Avenue Elementary School. I am reaching out to inquire whether Clearview United Methodist Church would be interested in participating in our trunk- or- treat event during our family night on Friday October 30, 2026 from 5:30pm-7pm, if anyone is interested in decorating their trunk or passing out candy. If you are unable to participate we are collecting candy donations. Please feel free to contact me.

BS News - Your generous Monday Night BS (Bible Study) group collected \$255 for our Free Little Pantries. In their own small way, those Free Little Pantries are making a difference in our community. Thank you BS! Please note that Monday Night BS is meeting tomorrow evening (at 6:45 for anyone who would like to join in the fun) to discuss chapter six in the "Jesus is Lord" book. We won't be meeting again until Monday, November 2nd to allow attendees to volunteer in the Pumpkin Patch in October.

SOUTH PINELLAS CONNECTION UPCOMING DATES

Oct 9	Pumpkin Patch Decorating	5:30-8:30 pm	CV
Oct 10	Pumpkin Unloading & Opening Day	8 am	CV
Oct 13	UWIF Friendship Circle	10 am	SL

Oct 13	Women’s Bible Study	11 am	SL
Oct 17	Yard Sale Market	9 am-12pm	FG

KEY

Clearview (CV)	First Gulfport (FG)	Lakewood (LW)	St. Luke's (SL)
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CLEARVIEW WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 (World Communion Sunday)

- **Worship**, 9:30 am – Sanctuary
- **Nursery (Infants-PK4)**, 9:30 am – Room 10
- **Sunday School (Grades K-5)**, following Children's Moment – Room 11
- **GROW Group – Jesus Is Lord**, 10:45ish – Care & Share Room

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

- **Alcoholics Anonymous (Gratitude)**, 8 pm – Fellowship Hall
- **GROW Group – Jesus Is Lord with Pastor Erick**, 6:45 pm – Care & Share Room

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

- **Alcoholics Anonymous (Fe y Esperanza)**, 8 pm – Mod 31
- **Alcoholics Anonymous (Recovery Begins)**, 8 pm – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

- **Narcotics Anonymous (Her Story)**, 7 pm – Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

- **Alcoholics Anonymous (Serenity, Back to the 40s)**, 11 am – Mod 31
- **Alcoholics Anonymous (A Clear View to the Big Book)**, 7 pm – Mod 32

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

- **Alcoholics Anonymous (Fe y Esperanza)**, 8 pm – Mod 31

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

- **Pumpkin Patch Tent Set Up**, 8 am – Pavillion Field
- **Adopt-A-Block Food Distribution**, 9 am – Pavilion

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

- **Worship**, 9:30 am – Sanctuary
- **Nursery (Infants-PK4)**, 9:30 am – Room 10
- **Sunday School (Grades K-5)**, following Children's Moment – Room 11
- **GROW Group – Jesus Is Lord**, 10:45ish – Care & Share Room

STEWARDSHIP OF PRESENCE & GIFTS

Week of Sept 27		2026 Year To Date	
Worship	42	Worship (avg)	55
Online Worship	14	Online (avg)	18
Giving Received	\$898.00	Giving Received	\$56,309.09
Giving Needed	\$1,634.62	Giving Needed	\$63,750.18
Surplus/Loss	-\$736.62	Surplus/Loss	-\$7,441.09

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

COMPLETE A PRAYER CARD FROM THE PEW AND PLACE IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE

Clearview: Please pray for the family and friends of Dale as they mourn their loss; Please keep Susie in your prayers, she is facing an unexpected and serious health condition and waiting for answers and a diagnosis. (Debbie Deacon); **From the Community Dinner:** Pray for our Country, the good people of Clearview UMC who devote themselves to church and make this dinner possible. (Norm)

Clearview Ongoing: Pamela Arnold, Cassie Berg, Eileen Clark, Carol Comerford, Kathy Davis, Stephen Davis, Trevor Davis, Tim Deacon, Genevieve DeHoog, John Goude, Theresa Goude, Amy Gordon, Mary Grauv, Carl Gunn, Robert “Skip” Hanshe, Ruth Hockersmith, Rycky Holliman, DeeDee Hornby, Letha & Marc Jones, Ruth Katzen, Nelson Kimber, Charlotte Klotzbach, Ian Kolaczyk, Carolyn McGovern, Sabrina Mull, Kirstin Owens, Jim Patterson, Scott Pierce, Tiffany R, Tammi Radcliff, Donna Robertson, George Roth, Sr., Linda Stanley, Anver Suleman, Logan Sullivan, Crystal, Eldridge Jr, Hilary, Kelly, Lydi, Max, Blayne, Amber, George, Rollie, Steve & Alba, Diana, Theresa & Scott, Mamaw, Aunt Teresa

Gulfport: No requests received

Gulfport Ongoing: Jean Blackman, Wendy Christy’s son, Alice Johnson, Laura Magill, Valerie Schmidt, Allison (Cindy & Per Lee’s granddaughter), Debbie S, George (Jack Wamhoff’s son), Family of Dean Wilde, Mary & Bill; Pam & Jeff, Willie

Lakewood: Aunt Betz (Myra Hoffman) in Pennsylvania, a scan just discovered a cyst on her bladder and also on both lungs (Kandy Szilage)

Lakewood Ongoing: Joan and family, Otha Hudson (Josephine’s husband), The family of JoAnn & Richard Knight, Pastor Sue’s Aunt Sharon, Rose and Richard Scantlebury

St. Luke’s: Pastor Sue’s sister, Lea, who had hip surgery on Thursday

St. Luke's Ongoing: Gary Antonellis, Bev, Lisa, Trent, Mike, LouAnn, Jacob & Jess Becker, Christine Brockway, Fred Bunnell, Jr., Melissa Celurale, Jeannine Colbert, Judith Fain, Cheryl Fennell, Cliff Flowers, Larry Frye, Marian Galloway, Nina Hartley, Eric Harvey, Trudy James, The Leonard Family, Geraldine Parsons, Buck & Sunny Roberts, Harriett Swartzmiller, Joelle Wells, Justin Wells, Annalise, Audrey, Ellie

South Pinellas Active-Duty Military: Matthew Burdewick, Seth Crist, Will Dudley, Casey Linde-Powers

THIS WEEK'S "AT HOME" DEVOTIONAL

What Are You Doing With What You Have? — Matthew 25:14–30

GATHERING

Light a candle and place a cup nearby to remember that God entrusts gifts to us and invites us to use them with gratitude.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Generous God, thank you for the time, abilities, relationships, and resources you have placed in our care. When fear tells us to hide what we have, remind us that your grace is sufficient. Help us recognize our gifts, use them wisely, and offer them for your glory and our neighbors’ good. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION - Take a few moments to check in with one another.

Highs & Lows

- What is one thing that brought you joy this week?
- What is one gift or opportunity you were grateful to receive this week?

THINKING ABOUT THE UPCOMING WEEK’S SCRIPTURE

In Jesus’ parable, servants receive different amounts, but each is responsible for what has been entrusted to them. One servant buries his gift in fear. Our own limitations need not prevent faithful stewardship: God’s treasure can be carried in fragile people.

- What has God placed in your care beyond money?
- How can fear or comparison keep us from using our gifts?
- Who has made a meaningful difference with limited resources?
- What would gratitude look like in the way you use one gift this week?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - As you read this week, ask: How can we honor God by faithfully using what we already have?

DAY	READING	THEME
Sunday	1 Corinthians 10:16–17	<i>One Bread and One Body</i>
Monday	Psalms 23:1–6	<i>My Cup Overflows</i>
Tuesday	2 Kings 4:1–7	<i>Begin with What You Have</i>
Wednesday	John 6:1–14	<i>Small Gifts in Jesus’ Hands</i>
Thursday	2 Corinthians 4:7–12	<i>Treasure in Clay Jars</i>
Friday	1 Peter 4:8–11	<i>Serve with Your Gifts</i>
Saturday	Romans 12:3–8	<i>Different Gifts and One Grace</i>
Sunday	Matthew 25:14–30	<i>Faithful with What Is Entrusted</i>

If your household includes children, feel free to use a children’s Bible or summarize the readings in simple language.

DEVOTIONAL

Today, something extraordinary is happening. Across oceans and borders, Christians are gathering around the Lord’s Table. The bread may look different. The prayers may be spoken in different languages. The music and traditions may be unfamiliar. Yet the invitation comes from the same Lord.

Paul tells the church in Corinth that the cup is a sharing in Christ’s blood and the bread is a sharing in Christ’s body. Communion is personal, but it is never private. Christ joins us to himself and to every person who receives his grace.

‘Because there is one bread,’ Paul writes, ‘we who are many are one body.’ Christian unity does not require everyone to look, worship, speak, or think exactly alike. At Christ’s table, our differences are not erased; they are gathered into a larger belonging shaped by Jesus.

This table is bigger than our sanctuary, denomination, nation, or preferred way of worship. It challenges every boundary that declares some people more welcome than others. Jesus is the host, and there is room for all whom he invites.

Communion also sends us into the world. The bread is shared. The cup is shared. Grace is shared. Having received Christ’s generosity, we become people who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, build community, seek peace, and make room for neighbors who have been pushed aside.

On World Communion Sunday, we remember Christians whom we may never meet but with whom we belong. We are many, but in Christ we are one. Come to the table, receive grace, and carry that grace wherever you go.

PRAY TOGETHER

Invite each person to name a country, culture, congregation, or Christian community for which they would like to pray. Then pray together:

God of every people and place, thank you for making us one body in Christ. Bless your church around the world, especially those who worship amid poverty, conflict, persecution, or disaster. Forgive the divisions we create. Teach us to honor one another’s gifts, welcome the stranger, share what we have, and work together for peace. Make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world. Amen.

MEALTIME PRAYER

God of one table, thank you for this food and for everyone gathered here. Bless your children around the world and teach us to share so that every neighbor may know welcome, nourishment, and peace. Amen.

SERVICE CHALLENGE - *This is one way we share God’s love with the world.*

Share Christ’s welcome this week. Invite someone to a meal, support a ministry that feeds people, or reach across a cultural boundary to listen and build friendship.

CLOSING & BLESSING

Extinguish your candle as a reminder that although this gathering ends, our shared service to God’s world begins.

With permission, make the sign of the cross on one another’s hands or foreheads and say: **‘We are many, but in Christ we are one. Go from Christ’s table to love boldly, serve joyfully, and share the grace you have received.’**