



**Clearview**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*What is the*  
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*The Church Listens and Learns*

**May 18, 2025**

9:30 am Worship • Sanctuary & Online

**WORSHIP GUIDE**

# WELCOME

Welcome to Clearview United Methodist Church. Each and 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 and then can 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 before 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 the mission of Clearview.
  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](http://clearviewumc.org/give).
  4. Use your bank's bill payer system.
- For more information, visit our website ([clearviewumc.org](http://clearviewumc.org)).

## **OUR MISSION**

*This is the reason we exist as a church:*

**Living an embodied faith, sharing God's love for all.**

## **OUR VALUES**

*These concepts define who we are, what we are committed to, and how we participate in community together: We are...*

**Caring and Compassionate**

**Serving-focused**

**Community-focused**

**Kingdom-minded**

**Open-minded**

**Team-based**

**Innovative**

## **OUR RHYTHM OF LIFE & TRANSFORMATION**

*This rhythm moves us toward individual and communal transformation:*

**Look Up** to God • **Look In** to Ourselves • **Look Out** to our community

## **OUR VISION**

*How we see God's preferred future lived out:*

**God's love reaches Saint Petersburg and beyond.**

## **HOW IT ALL WORKS TOGETHER**

As we are ***living an embodied faith, sharing God's love for all***,  
being guided by our ***values***,  
and becoming people who ***Look Up, Look In and Look Out***,  
the Holy Spirit will fulfill the vision where,  
***God's love reaches Saint Petersburg and beyond.***

# **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal • TFWS: The Faith We Sing • \*please stand as you are able*

## **WE GATHER**

### **WELCOME**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

### **\*WORSHIP MUSIC**

*Praise*

## **WE PROCLAIM**

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The Apostles' Creed – UMH #881*

### **\*GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory Be to the Father – UMH #71*

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

*The Lord's Prayer – UMH #895*

### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

### **\*WORSHIP MUSIC**

*Jesus, United By Thy Grace*

### **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

### **\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

*Acts 15:1-18 CEB*

### **MESSAGE**

*The Church Listens and Learns*

## **WE RESPOND**

### **\*PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

*Good Grace*

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

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

## **WE GO OUT**

### **\*BENEDICTION**

# THIS WEEK'S PRAYER GUIDE

Sunday • May 18	Humanitarian Crises: Middle East, Haiti & Africa
Monday • May 19	Victims of the War in Ukraine
Tuesday • May 20	Victims of Wildfires in Israel
Wednesday • May 21	Victims of <b>129</b> Mass Shootings in the USA in 2025
Thursday • May 22	Victims of Human Trafficking
Friday • May 23	Victims of the Withdrawal of USAid Funds
Saturday • May 24	Victims of New Wildfires and Flooding in the USA

**New May 18th:** Pat Butler (Albany, NY), undergoing testing for stomach mass-prayers for good results, peace and comfort (Aunt: A. Cantara); Mamaw, suffered fall and needed hip surgery and rehab-prayers for an easy and quick recovery (E.&S. Pierce); Nelson S. (and wife Lynn), he had a stent put in 5/9-prayers for his healing and their peace and comfort (J. Goude); Paula, facing some uncertain medical concerns-lift her up to heal (E.&S. Pierce).

**New May 11th:** Bob-prayers for his health and wellbeing (brother: C. Fernandez); Christiana Sphddart, liver cancer, doctor gave her one year-prayers for comfort and peace for her, her family and her friends (friend: L. Waite); Kimberly Torre, starting balance therapy 5/5, prayers for successful treatment.

**Ongoing:** Sue & Virginia Atkins, Tyler Battaglini, Eileen Bennett, Chris Benware, Michael Benware, Dawn Birch, Eric Blonshine, Ryn Bradford, Brenda, John Brengle, Brigitte & Amy, Jean Daddis, Harry Davis, Stephen Davis, Tim Deacon, Debbie, Genevieve DeHoog, Robert Eldred, Phyllis Greenwood, Eric Hinkle, Ruth Hockersmith, Rycky Hollimon, Bill & Teresa Ketch, Matt Kupka, Carolyn McGovern, Doris Monk, Sandy Morneault, Rosemary Norton, James Persinger, Nancy Plato, Quale Family, Tammi Radcliff, Lynne Rogers, George Roth, Sr., Jon Rowe, Doris Schmeck, Shanece, Susan Simmons, Kimberly Torre, Luis Vazquez, Violet, Lynda Waite, All School Teachers, Staff and Students, Pastor Erick Ashley & Family, Clearview UMC & Leadership, our country and leaders.

**Military:** Seth Crist & Family, Casey Linde-Powers, and All American Military In Harm's Way.

**Our Mission Partners:** Our sister church in Cuba: Iglesia Metodista de Guareiras – Matanzas Cuba District; Florida Dream Center; Residing Hope, Zoe Empowers Abishyizehamwe "Togetherness" Group in Rwanda.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CLEARVIEW?

## **Clearview's Staff Appreciation Day – May 18!**

Today is the day we show gratitude for our amazing staff: Pastor Erick, Diana Wells, Steven Brinkley and our nursery attendants Rachel Cuevas, Sydney Lawson, and Hailey Fay. ~*Judy Tenison*

## **Help Fill the Free Little Pantries!**

Our three Free Little Pantries are running low! Let's share the hope of the Resurrection by helping our neighbors facing food insecurity. Please bring non-perishable food, canned goods, or hygiene items to worship—collection baskets are in the East Wing. You can also give financially by marking your gift "pantries." Let's share Christ's love in a tangible way!

## **New Ministry – *Angels of Hope Ostomy Clinic & Closet***

Angels of Hope Ostomy Clinic & Closet, serving ostomates in the Tampa Bay Area with free supplies and consults by a certified ostomy nurse. Consults by appointment only. Affiliated with the Clearwater Ostomy Support Group. For more information contact Karen Burdewick at 727-667-9678.

## **Getting To Know Pastor Ellie**

With great joy and deep gratitude, Rev. Ellyn Rose Fox joins the South Pinellas Connection to serve in ministry alongside the Clearview, Gulfport, St. Luke's, and Lakewood congregations. Affectionately known as Pastor Ellie, she is grounded in the shared identity of being a beloved child of God.

Now in her 3rd year as a United Methodist pastor, Pastor Ellie brings a spirit of gratitude, creativity, and encouragement to her ministry. She is passionate about affirming the God-given worth of every person and joyfully describes herself as a "cheerleader for the good" in others—she jokes, "If I had pom poms, I'd be waving them often!"

Originally from Massachusetts, she has called Florida home for the past 17 years. Before entering ministry, she worked in graphic arts and still enjoys all things creative, from writing and drawing to puzzles and adult LEGO kits. She's a lover of classic comedies and mid-century style.

Pastor Ellie is a widow who remains joyfully in love with her late husband and shares her home with her elderly dog, Bo. She looks forward to this new season of shared ministry, walking together in faith and grace. "I look forward to meeting you soon," she says, "and to all the ways we'll witness God's grace together."

# THE WEEK AHEAD

## **SUNDAY, MAY 18** – *The Church Listens and Learns*

- **Worship**, 9:30 am – Sanctuary & Online
- **Nursery (Infants-PK4)**, 9:30 am – Room 10
- **Children's Sunday School (Grades K-5)**, 10 am – Room #11
- **Coffee & Conversation**, 10:45ish am – Care & Share Room

## **MONDAY, MAY 19**

- **Boy Scout Troop #334**, 6 pm – Scout House & Pavilion
- **Monday Night BS**, 6:45 pm – Care & Share Room
- **Alcoholics Anonymous (Gratitude)**, 8 pm – Fellowship Hall & Room #11

## **TUESDAY, MAY 20**

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

## **WEDNESDAY, MAY 21**

- **Women United in Faith**, noon – Gulfport Fellowship Hall
- **Wednesday Night Dinner**, 6 pm – Gulfport Fellowship Hall
- **Taizé Prayer**, 7:15 pm – St. John's Episcopal Church (1676 S Belcher Rd-Clearwater)

## **THURSDAY, MAY 22**

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

## **FRIDAY, MAY 23**

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

## **SATURDAY, MAY 24**

- **Adopt-A-Block Food Distribution**, 9 am – Pavilion & Field

## **SUNDAY, MAY 25** – *The Church Lives by Grace*

- **Worship**, 9:30 am – Sanctuary & Online
- **Nursery (Infants-PK4)**, 9:30 am – Room #10
- **Children's Sunday School (Grades K-5)**, 10 am – Room #11
- **Coffee & Conversation**, 10:45ish am – Care & Share Room
- **FREE Community Dinner**, 5-6:30 pm – Fellowship Hall

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 18	Heritage Sunday	-
May 21	United Women in Faith (Gulfport Fellowship Hall)	Noon
May 21	Wednesday Night Dinner (Gulfport Fellowship Hall)	6 pm
May 21	Taizé Prayer (St. John's Episcopal Church)	7:15 pm
May 23-25	Pastors Erick & Tracie in Tallahassee for Baby Shower	-
May 25	FREE Community Dinner	5-6:30 pm
May 26	Office Closed in honor of Memorial Day	-
Jun 5-7	Florida Annual Conference (Florida Southern-Lakeland)	-
Jun 8	Pentecost Sunday (wear something red!)	9:30 am
Jun 8	June Birthday Celebration	after worship
Jun 15	Father's Day	-
Jun 22	FREE Community Dinner	5-6:30 pm
Jun 28	St. Pete Pride Parade (up to two walkers needed to represent the church)	2 pm
July 6	First Sunday of the South Pinellas Connection	-

## STEWARDSHIP OF PRESENCE & GIFTS

### Week of May 11, 2025

### 2025 Year-To-Date

Worship	57	Worship (avg weekly)	63
Online Worship	25	Online (avg weekly)	19
Giving Received This Week	\$1,650.77	Giving Received YTD	\$38,634.37
Giving Needed Weekly	\$1,789.00	Giving Needed YTD	\$33,991.00
Surplus/Loss	<b>-\$138.23</b>	Surplus/Loss	<b>\$4,643.37</b>

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