Opportunities this week for Worship, Study, and Service

Sunday 10/18/26	Monday 10/19/26	Tuesday 10/20/26	Wednesday 10/21/26	Thursday 10/22/26	Friday 10/23/26	Saturday 10/24/26	Sunday 10/25/26
21st Sunday after Pentecost **8:30 AM Praise Team** **9 AM Worship Service** **10 AM Sunday School** **11 AM Worship Service**	7 PM Boy Scouts	**10:30 AM UWF** 6 PM Praise Team 7 PM Cub Scouts	6 PM Handbells 7 PM Chancel Choir **7 PM Nominations Committee**				**22nd Sunday after Pentecost** **8:30 AM Praise Team** **9 AM Worship Service** **10 AM Sunday School** **11 AM Worship Service**

Worship Assistants for October 18, 2026	Worship Assistants for October 25, 2026
Altar Flowers: Audio Technician: Tim Wood Nursery: Betty, Susan, & Elizabeth Counters (Offering) White Team: Henry Buckner & Eizabeth Ingle Liturgical Color of the Day: Green Liturgist: 9AM: Moses Malave 11 AM: Joe Cline Head Usher 9 AM: Tommy Summers 11AM: Mark Shepherd Sound Operator: Terry McNeill Slides: Sue Hudson Camera: Melissa Troutman Proclaim Designer: Susan Ezekiel	Altar Flowers: Audio Technician: Tim Wood Nursery: Lillie, Ann, & Dianne Counters (Offering) White Team: Henry Buckner & Eizabeth Ingle Liturgical Color of the Day: Green Liturgist: 9AM: Susan McNeill 11 AM: Terry McNeill Head Usher 9 AM: Tommy Summers 11AM: Mark Shepherd Sound Operator: Brent Shepherd Slides: Donna Rickard Camera: Jim Hall Proclaim Designer: Denise Little

Ministers: All Our Members
Pastor: Rev. Carol Carkin * ccarkin@wnccumc.net
Director of Communications and Music: Dr. Greyson Clifton * greyson.clifton@gibsonvilleumc.org
Custodian: Kibble Davis

Our Faithfulness 10/11/2026
Worship Attendance: 9 AM: 33, 11 AM: 45
Weekly Budget Offering: $5,524.90

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October 18th, 2026
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Gibsonville United Methodist Church exists to **WELCOME** people into faith in Jesus Christ, **EQUIP** them with a faith that helps grow as disciples, and **SEND** us into the world to serve and to make a difference for Jesus' sake.

9 AM
Contemporary Service

Welcome to Worship! We are glad you are here, and we pray that you will be renewed and blessed in this time and space. Please take a moment to connect with us via the attendance pad in each pew.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Moses Malave
SONG	*Blessed Be the Name* *Jesus Saves*	Praise Team
	Jeri Barringer, Amy Bingham, Ruby Law, John Malave, Joyce Summers	
OPENING PRAYER		Moses
CHILDREN'S TIME		
PASTORAL PRAYER		Rev. Carol Carkin
INVITATION TO THE OFFERING		Moses
SONG	*Holy Spirit*	Praise Team
DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING		Moses
SCRIPTURE READING	**Micah 6: 6-8, Ephesians 2: 8-10 (CEB)**	Moses
MESSAGE	**Connected to Our Truest Selves: Created on Purpose**	Pastor Carol
SONG	*Oceans*	Praise Team
BENEDICTION		Pastor Carol

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUED

Trunk r' Treat on October 31st: Please place all candy donations in the bins near the church entrances. Contact Greyson in the office if you are bringing a trunk.

The Nominations Committee will meet on October 21st at 7 p.m.

All Saints' Day is November 1st this year. There will be a reception between services sponsored by the United Women in Faith.

Dear Friends, Over the past several weeks we have celebrated God's generosity, strengthened our relationships, and reflected on the unique purpose God has given each of us. Now we are invited to respond.
Throughout Scripture, generosity is never presented as a way to earn God's love. Generosity is our grateful response to the grace we have already received.
As you prepare your Estimate of Giving for the coming year, I encourage you to spend time in prayer. Reflect on God's faithfulness. Celebrate the ways God has blessed your life. Give thanks for the ministry of this congregation. Then, ask one simple question:
"Lord, what is my next faithful step?" -Pastor Carol Carkin

Stewardship Commitment Cards for 2027 are now available in the Narthex and Welcome Center. The commitment cards help us plan for the next budget year. We greatly appreciate your continued generosity towards this church and community. Commitment Sunday will be October 25th when you can bring your cards and place them on the box near the altar.

PRAYER REQUESTS: *Linda Bethune, the Family of Mike Carson, Malynda Dickerson, Susan Flynn, Trudy Greeson, Jim Hall, Mike Hawk, Howard Hendricks, Steve Launder, Beverley O'Day, Michael Orlando, Kali Powers, Frances Soule, Chris and Ron Steigerwaldt, Jene Summers, Johnny Summers, Greg Stentz, Bert Wall*

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Food Drive for SAFE Elon: Thank you to everyone who donated food for SAFE st Elon's opening this week. Opening day was a great success, and GUMC has contributed 245 pounds of food to help stock the shelves. We will continue collecting donations throughout October. The most-needed items at this point are breakfast foods, such as cereal and oatmeal. They have plenty of orange juice but could use apple juice and other fruit juices. Please continue to bring items and place them at the altar. We will make sure they are delivered to SAFE. Thank you for your continued support of this project!

Volunteer at SAFE at Elon: SAFE will be opening its fourth food pantry and community resource center at Fairview United Methodist Church (3128 Osceola Road) on Tuesday, Oct. 13. The pantry will be open weekly from 5 to 7 p.m., and volunteers will be needed to fill a variety of roles during that time. Volunteers will also be needed one another day a week – day and time still TBD – to help restock the pantry and prepare it for neighbors. All interested volunteers must sign up through SAFE at https://www.safealamance.org/volunteer-at-safe-at-elon or by using the QR code. For more information, contact SAFE at Elon Site Manager Michelle Rash at 336-212-3424 or michelle@safealamance.org.

Thanksgiving Baskets: The United Women in Faith are gathering materials for this year's Thanksgiving baskets. The baskets go to people who have recently lost family members, those with medical issues that limit their mobility, and senior members of our church. We are requesting donations from the congregation to fill the baskets. You can find a list of items on the tables in front of the sanctuary. We would like to give away 30 baskets. Please bring the items to the Welcome Center, Narthex, or church office. Plan to have your items donated by November 15th. Thank you in advance for helping people in our community, making Thanksgiving happy and special. We appreciate the support! – United Women in Faith

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND SMALL GROUPS

Nursery: GUMC offers nursery care for children from birth through age 5 each Sunday morning during both worship services and Sunday School.

Children's Sunday School: We are using the Sunday School curriculum "Two or More." This curriculum provides children with Bible-rich experiences and grow in faith together. It is designed to be a one-room curriculum, bringing elementary-aged children together to be seen, known and loved. The elementary Sunday School class meets each Sunday morning on the second floor of the church.

Youth Group (6th-12th grade) meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 4 p.m. beginning September 13th.

Youth Sunday School: On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, we offer two separate Youth Sunday School classes, one for 5th and 6th graders and one for 7th and 8thgraders. Both use the Bible Studies for Life curriculum and meet on the lower level of the church.

Elementary Kids meet every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 4 p.m. beginning September 13.

Sunday School for Adults: The Wharton Sunday School class meets in room #115 on the first floor at 10am. Another option for adults is the Friends in Faith class, which meets in room #107 on the first floor at 10 a.m. All adults are welcome!

11 AM
Traditional Worship Service

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GATHERED TO PRAISE

PRELUDE — Dr. Greyson Clifton

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS — Joe Cline

CALL TO WORSHIP — Joe

Leader: God has created us with purpose.
People: We are God's handiwork.
Leader: God's grace is at work within us.
People: Shaping us into the likeness of Christ.
Leader: God calls us to lives of justice, mercy, and humility.
All: We come to worship and be transformed.

OPENING PRAYER — Joe

*HYMN — *Jesus Calls Us* — **UMH #398**

CHILDREN'S TIME

PASTORAL PRAYER — Rev. Carol Carkin

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING — Joe

OFFERTORY — *All Things New* — Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY — *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* — **UMH #94**

*DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING — Joe

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Joe

SCRIPTURE READING — **Micah 6: 6-8, Ephesians 2: 8-10 (CEB)** — Joe

MESSAGE — **Connected to Our Truest Selves: Created on Purpose** — Pastor Carol

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN — *Take My Life and Let it Be* — **UMH #399**

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING — Pastor Carol

POSTLUDE — Dr. Clifton

** Please stand if you are able.*