

An Order for the Christian Worship of God
February 12, 2017
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

6th Sunday after the Epiphany

Liturgical Color: Green

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" -L. Larson

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, Holy One: teach us your ways,

People: lead us in your paths, guide us on our journey.

Leader: Speak to us your words of life, for you offer us direction and wholeness when we hear your voice and follow.

People: You bless us with your love, shower us with your grace, and help us grow in faith.

Leader: We seek you, O God,

People: With all our hearts. Be near us this day. Amen.

*Processional Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" UMH # 451

*Passing of the Peace

Time with the Children

(All children under 12 years are invited to the front. Afterwards, during second service only, children ages 3 thru kindergarten are invited to children's church and will be escorted to room #113. Parents may pick them up there after the service.)

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" UMH # 420

*Gospel Reading Matthew 5: 17-20 #838

*Affirmation of Faith A Modern Affirmation UMH # 885

*Gloria Patri ***"Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen."***

The Anthem "Blest Are They"
Soloist ~ Denise Bono
The Chancel Choir

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory "Gratitude" -J. Purifoy

*The Doxology **"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen"** UMH # 95

*Prayer of Illumination (in unison)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us this day. Amen.

*Gospel Reading Matthew 5: 21-48 # 838

Sermon "The Radicalization of the Law Brings Wholehearted Faith!" Rev. Wilkes

*Hymn of Commitment "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" FWS # 2158

*The Benediction

*The Recessional

"Irish Blessing"

May the road rise to meet you; May the wind blow at your back;
May the sun shine warmly on your face; May the rain fall softly on your field.
And until we meet again, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen

*Chiming of the Trinity

*The Postlude "Postlude in C" -H. Purcell

Invitation: Those desiring to unite with our congregation through Baptism, Profession of Faith or Transfer of Membership are encouraged to signify this on the attendance card and/or contact one of our Pastors. We are thankful to have newcomers among us.

The flowers are place on the altar today to the Glory of God.

Please continue to remember the church in your giving as we begin this new year of ministry together.

Most of you give through the Sunday morning offerings but below are some other ways to give if you so choose.

Electronic Debit Giving: The card reader is now available in the lobby. Touch any key to begin and then follow the posted directions. **Be sure to leave a receipt with your name printed on it in the locked black receptacle.** This is the only way your offering can be posted to your contribution records. A second receipt is also offered for your personal convenience.



Also takes Discover, American Express & Apple Pay.

Direct Draft Giving is now available for free: We are now offering the opportunity for automatic draft from your bank to our bank, Clover Community Bank. Please pick up and/or hand in your authorization for Direct Draft form from Shirley in the office, or put in the offering plate. This method has proven to be an effective and timely way to regularly give to the church. "I am an electronic giver" cards are in the pews for your use if you choose to use this method of giving.

Giving On-Line: Giving to FUMC is now available online through our website: www.cloverfumc.org.
Thanks for your support of the mission and ministry of FUMC.

Two cemetery plots in the "Cross Section" of Lakeview Memory Gardens, in Filbert, were donated to our church in 2014. We would like to sell these two spaces to a church member for a total of \$2000.00 plus a \$95 transfer fee. The money received will go toward the general fund. If any of you are interested in purchasing these lots or have questions please contact Beverly Alsobrooks [trustee] at 704-460-9173, Rev. Tommy Wilkes or the church office at (803) 222-3496.

Reverend Tommy Wilkes, Senior Pastor – twilkes@cloverfumc.org
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Windy Bartee, Lay Leader
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Wonderful Wednesday, February 15 Hosted by: New Beginnings Sunday School Class
Menu: Shepherd's Pie, Salad & Dessert

Name: _____ Number _____

OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

Contact pastors or Shirley Davis @ 222-3496 or sdavis@cloverfumc.org to add to joy and prayer concerns:
Recent Concerns: 2017 Confirmands, Doris Shepard (Barb Millay's mother), Josie Skinnell, Ray Baker, Michelle Pressley (Sukkerts' granddaughter), Jill Sifford, Jimmy Dixon, Lottie Priester, Loretta Malenfant, Susan Camp, Amber Berry (Angela Travis' sister), Estelle Camp, Lacy Robinson, Glenn Adams, Rolfe Sukkert, Dave Stanton, Jr., Kathy Hayes, Joe Killian, Randy Flora, Sandy Chapman, Dave Jones, Margaret Pendleton, Eloise Mallen, Naurice Smith (White Oak, York)

Note of Sympathy: Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Arthur Turner. Christian sympathy is extended to Kirkie Gibson and family in the death of her sister, Barbara Watkins of Fayetteville.

Military: Lt. Col. Nicholas S. Hare, Senior Chief Martin Johnson, Major Blair Preston, 2nd Lt. Rion Cartin, LCPL Chris Propst, M.Gy. Sgt. Terry Kenneth Lowman, Jr.

Mentors: TODAY AT 12:15pm Confirmation MENTORS MEETING in the Confirmation classroom (6th grade Godly Time room) *to receive some mentoring materials that I am preparing for you along with some guidelines for meeting with your confirmand.* We should be finished by 12:45. I realize this puts you out pretty late for Sunday dinner, but if you can make it work to give this time for our Confirmands, I would really appreciate it. Thank you so much for your commitment to the growing children/youth of FUMC. See you soon!! Rev. Meg Wilkes

Handbell Practice begins on Sunday, February 19th, at 9:45am in the handbell room. Additional practice will be held on Wednesdays at 6:15pm. Beginning date TBA.

If you are interested in singing with the Chancel Choir for Easter, we will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, March 1st, at 6:45pm in the choir room! Please come join us!!

Circles:
Esther Circle will meet at 10:00am on Monday, February 13th, in the Steve Camp Class. Joyce Shores will present the program. The program will be first, followed by the business of electing officers. Bring items for the food pantry. Call Windy Bartee if you have questions, 222-7533.
Martha Circle will meet at 7:00pm on Monday, February 13th.
Rebekah Circle will meet at 7:00pm on Tuesday, February 14th, at the church.

United Methodist Women will host the fourth annual "Festival of Tables" ladies luncheon on Saturday, May 20, 2017. Tables can be reserved for \$ 5.00 and decorated in your chosen theme, using your tableware and decorations. Guest tickets are \$ 8.00 each. Last year one hundred women attended to preview the decorated tables and enjoy a delicious lunch. To reserve a table or for further information contact Linda Abernathy (222-7591) or Grace White (222-7528). Hope you will join us!

Valentine's Day bags for our Nurture members are now available for you to place your card or small gifts/remembrances.

The Food Project Ministry: Next week's 3rd Sunday donations are the following items: dried beans. Thank you for your support.

Youth, Children and Tweens

YOUTH ~ tonight. Jr. High – 6:00, Sr. High – 7:00

BIG, TWEENS, and Youth at 6:30pm right after the Wonderful Wednesday meal.

BIG (Believers in God) - Preschool in the nursery classroom

Kindergarten through 3rd grade in the BIG classroom

TWEENS - 4th, 5th, and 6th graders welcome!

Meeting again this year in the 5th grade Godly Play room

YOUTH - Junior and Senior High Youth *together* in the youth room upstairs.

ATTENTION FUMC! The Youth are going to be participating in the 30 hour Famine! We need your support! We will be fasting for 30 hours from February 17th to the 18th. You can support us by going to 30hourfamine.org, search for First United Methodist Church Clover SC and help sponsor us. Our goal is \$ 750! Please do all you can to support our Youth and World Vision in helping with world hunger!

Diabetes Self-Management Education Class: Kim Drechsler is offering another 5-class series to be taught at First UMC. These classes are free. Day and time will be determined later. She would like to have at least 10 or more people signed up for the class. If you are interested you can contact the church office (222-3496) or contact Kim at 704-747-4488.

Dishes in Kitchen: There are several dishes left from bereavement meals on the shelf in the kitchen. Please be sure to pick yours up.

Clover School District Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten Registration: Registration will be held at elementary schools on February 27 ~ 8:30am – 1:30pm; February 28 ~ 8:30am – 1:30pm & 3:00pm – 6:00pm; March 1 ~ 8:30am – 1:30pm. All families must register at the elementary school zoned for where they currently live. Kindergarten registration forms are completed online via the Clover School District website, and required documentation is brought to the school site. Pre-Kindergarten registrations are only completed at the school site. For more information, visit the Clover School District website at www.clover.k12.sc.us, or contact the District Office at 803-810-8000.

Clover School District is excited to launch a primary Montessori program. Have a 3 or 4-year-old child and live within the Clover School District? Want to know more? Visit one of the following parent information sessions: February 13, Larne School, 6:00pm; February 16, Bethel School, 6:00pm; February 21, Griggs Road School, 6:00pm. (Parent information sessions are **required** to register) For more details about the program & registration process, visit the Clover School District website or call the District Office.

The Newsletter deadline is February 25th. Please put your item in the church Newsletter mailbox or you can email it to Ann.Shearer@clover.k12.sc.us.

The annual Wild Game Supper is coming soon! You don't care for wild game? Come anyway—there will be fried fish and other great food choices for the faint of heart. The supper, sponsored by the Men's Prayer Breakfast group, will be held **Friday, February 24th, serving from 5:45pm til 6:30pm**. Come hungry and be generous with your gifts. All donations will help to provide food for those in need in the Clover-York County area. **Reservations are required.** Please sign the reservations sheet downstairs, indicating the total guests.

Faith & Church 101 will be offered as soon as we have 10 participants. Join us for this refresher course in Christianity, Spiritual Disciplines, UM heritage and local church missions and ministries. There is an outline for the class and a signup sheet on the table near the elevator or call the church office if you are interested in this class.

FOREVER YOUNG and FRIENDS~

New Opportunities for Older Adults in 2017! To be involved in either of these groups, please email Rev. Meg Wilkes mwilkes@cloverfumc.org or call the church office @ 803-222-3496.

Popcorn and a Movie

This small group will use movies featuring older adults to discuss faith and theology to reflect on the experience of life in the golden years, and to support one another with hope, purpose and humor! Mrs. Kirkie Gibson is opening her home in Rock Hill to host us! We have pretty much filled up the available spaces for seating in Kirkie's living room! But please contact Rev. Meg Wilkes if you missed out on signing up and we will work on squeezing you in!

Our first Popcorn and a Movie gathering will be Tuesday, February 28! Eat your lunch early and meet at the church by 12:00 NOON to head over to Rock Hill. This first quarter movie is "A Walk in the Woods" starring Robert Redford and Nick Nolte. What is YOUR "walk in the woods?"

Tai Chi for Forever Young and Friends

If you are interested in a class of Tai Chi for older adults, please contact Rev. Meg Wilkes. mwilkes@cloverfumc.org 222-3496 or 803-622-1315. We have around 20 people expressing a healthy interest in this wonderful, artful form of exercise and body mindfulness! Now we need a teacher! If you are interested in serving in this way, please let me know! **Thai Chi will begin meeting on Thursdays from 10:00 -10:30. First session February 23.**

Festival of Wisdom and Grace August 7-10, 2017

This year's theme is *Living with Grace!*

A weekend of worship, workshops, professional training, and fellowship relating to the second half of life, the Festival of Wisdom and Grace in beautiful Lake Junaluska NC has become a staple in our Forever Young ministry. Designed for individuals, couples, small groups or church leaders and sponsored by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Association of Older Adults, this is an experience of inspiration and renewal we don't want to miss. **Please sign up on the table in the lobby if you are interested. We have found that the rooms go fast and EARLY!! We can reserve them NOW to guarantee our place but we need your commitment to know how many rooms to reserve.** THANKS so much!

Meet and Eat and BINGO!

February 23 @10:30

Steve Camp classroom ~ our regular meeting to discuss plans for spring and summer and then enjoy a meal and BINGO in the Missions and Fellowship Center! Come on out and bring a friend!