

An Order for the Christian Worship of God
February 26, 2017
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

Transfiguration of the Lord

Liturgical Color: White

Pre Service Music
 Welcome and Announcements

Katie Bono, Jason King

The Prelude "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" -J.S. Bach

***Call to Worship**

Leader: O God, at times, as with the Transfiguration, You allow us to witness even a glimpse of Your wonderful greatness and we can hardly begin to comprehend.

People: Give us vision, Lord.

Leader: Take us to the Mountain O Lord.

People: Show us your Glory and Help us to Trust You.

All: And when it's all over, give us ears to listen to You in all we do. Amen.

*Processional Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" UMH # 103

***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 Prayer of Confession

People: Lord, so often as we come to You, the plea in our hearts is that You do our will and not for You to show us Yours.

Leader: So often our hearts have been closed to Your leading and we have missed so many opportunities to be blessings to others and to be blessed ourselves.

People: Forgive us, Lord, and help us have the courage to open our hearts to You. In Christ we pray.

(Pause for a time of Personal Confession)

Leader: In the Name of Jesus Christ, You are Forgiven.

People: In the Name of Jesus Christ, You are Forgiven.

All: Glory be to God.

The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" UMH # 349

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed UMH # 881

*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."**

Old Testament Reading Exodus 24: 12-18 # 67

The Anthem "How Firm a Foundation"
The Chancel Choir

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" -Converse

*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 17: 1-9 # 851

Sermon "On Being and Doing" Rev. Wilkes

*Hymn of Commitment "Be Thou My Vision" UMH # 451

***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 "Praise to the Lord, The Almighty" -Reger

Invitation to Newcomers: Those desiring to unite with our congregation through Baptism, Profession of Faith or Transfer of Membership are encouraged to signify this on the attendance pad, on a visitor card and/or contact one of our Pastors. We are thankful to have newcomers among us. Those considering uniting with FUMC are also encouraged to join us for our Faith & Church 101 group beginning today at 4:30pm.

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The flowers are place on the altar today to the Glory of God  
 in honor of Anne Adams and in memory of Jerry Adams.

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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.

Our two cemetery plots were sold last week. Thanks to Beverly Alsobrooks (Trustee) for seeing the project through for the church. Thanks also to Bratton Funeral Home for our referral of sale.

Reverend Tommy Wilkes, Senior Pastor – twilkes@cloverfumc.org
Reverend Brandon Lazarus, Associate Pastor – bclazarus@umcsc.org
Reverend J. Richard Gibson, Pastor Emeritus
Reverend Meg Wilkes, Minister of Christian Educ. & Spiritual Formation – mwilkes@cloverfumc.org
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Tracie Kite, Sexton – kite_tracie@hotmail.com
Hope Long, Nursery
Windy Bartee, Lay Leader
Ray Reavis, David Edwards, Bob Grindle, Conference Lay Members

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, February 28

Hosted by: Steve Camp Class

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: Susan Self, Rolfe Sukkert, Margaret Pendleton, Katie Clark, 2017 Confirmands, Doris Shepard (Barb Millay's mother), Josie Skinnell, 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, Dave Stanton, Jr., Joe Killian, Randy Flora, Sandy Chapman, Dave Jones, Eloise Mallen, Naurice Smith (White Oak, York)

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.

A Charge Conference will be held at the end of our regularly scheduled Administrative Council meeting this evening. This Charge Conference is for a SPRC recommendation to adjust compensation and salary.

“Jesus in the Desert” ~ A Musical Narrative on Sunday, March 5th at 8:30 and 11:00 services.

Ash Wednesday Service 6:30pm

Join us this Wednesday night, March 1st, in the sanctuary for our Ash Wednesday Service as we begin Lent 2017 together. This year we will explore Taize' style of music throughout Lent. Thanks to our music team and choir director for leading us in this endeavor.

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!!

Donate Your Bicycles for “Bikes for the World”

This year our annual conference has adopted “Bike for the World” as our mission focus. The conference has a goal of 1200 bikes, meaning that our district has a goal of 100 bikes. FUMC has set a goal of 25 bikes from our congregation. The bikes can be new (please assemble them first), used, or even in parts. Bring them to the church by 4/1 when they will be taken to a central location. All 1200 bikes (or hopefully more!) will be brought to Greenville in June for our annual conference gathering. Some will stay in SC to be given to children and adults who do not have transportation while the majority will be shipped international to low-income families across the world. We will also be collecting financial donations as \$10 will be needed to help subsidize the cost of shipping each bike. Please bring the donated bikes to the Missions & Fellowship Center where they will be moved during the week for transport.

Wind in the Wilderness Lenten Bible Study

Rev. Lazarus will teach a Bible study using the book “Wind in the Wilderness” written by DJ del Rosario. The book and class will study the Hebrew prophets and how they connect to Jesus' life and ministry. The study will be Wednesday nights 6:30-7:30pm in the Steve Camp Classroom beginning March 8. If you are interested in joining the study please contact Rev. Lazarus at blazarus@cloverfumc.org.

Youth, Children and Tweens

YOUTH ~ Today: Jr. High ~ 6:00pm Sr. High ~ 7:00pm

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.

Donations for World Vision 30 Hr. Famine will end today! Our total to date is \$ 1,356.00.

Thank you for your incredible support. *Jon*

Faith & Church 101 will begin **this afternoon at 4:30pm. (Location TBA)**. 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 sign up sheet on the table near the elevator. We have 10 signed up now and will remain open for 20.

Attention: Forever Young and Friends

Upcoming TRIPS to sign up for! Please add your name to the sign up sheets for the following trips if you are interested in participating. If you wait, you could miss your chance as there are a limited number of spaces available. We will be sending in first deposits within the next couple of weeks.

Wisdom and Grace August 7-10

We enjoy this spiritual formation every year as a part of our Forever Young continuing education and faith emphasis for a life time of growth and service. Rockers and worship, good teaching and good food, fellowship and prayer are important aspects of this annual opportunity in beautiful Lake Junaluska!

Rates and other specific information are still forthcoming....waiting on the brochures.

Fort Caswell – A Retreat by the Sea September 4-7

This trip will be very cost effective! \$42 per person-per night for the accommodations. Food expenses will be of average cost, and we will have the opportunity to enjoy some local, inexpensive excursions while we are there. Relax for a few days in the comfortable and unique environment of a WWII Fort-turned Retreat center in beautiful Oak Island, NC. Only 44 spaces reserved – please sign up today so that we can get an idea how many rooms to pay for!

Tai Chi

Last Thursday, right here in the Missions and Fellowship Center at church, 12 people enjoyed a first look and experience with *Tai Chi*, a relaxing and energizing form of body exercise and strengthening. We are given *Tai Chi* a trial run here, to assess its benefits for our senior adults who are interested in using it for enhancing balance and overall wellness. If you are interested in joining us, we will have trial run 2 in the Missions and Fellowship Center at 10:30am Thursday, March 2. If we find that Tai Chi is something we want to continue, we will be looking into hiring an instructor! Come join us!!! Contact Rev. Meg Wilkes for questions, mwilkes@cloverfumc.org or 803-22-1315.

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!

The Food Project Ministry: Next week’s 1st Sunday donations are the following item: spaghetti sauce, spaghetti. Thank you for your support.