

An Order for the Christian Worship of God
February 5, 2017
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Liturgical Color: White

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude "This is My Heavenly Table Set for Me"

*Call to Worship

Leader: This is a call to all those who are poor in spirit,

People: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Leader: This is a call to all those who mourn,

People: for they will be comforted.

Leader: This is a call to all those who are meek,

People: for they will inherit the earth.

Leader: This is a call to all those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

People: for they will be filled.

Leader: This is a call to all those who are the merciful,

People: for they will be shown mercy.

Leader: This is a call to all those who are the pure in heart,

People: for they will see God.

Leader: This is a call to all those who are the peacemakers,

People: for they will be called sons of God.

Leader: This is a call to all those who are persecuted because of righteousness,

People: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

All: Rejoice and be glad, for our reward is great in heaven.

*Processional Hymn "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" UMH # 581

*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 "Blest Are They" FWS #2155

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 58: 1-12 # 637

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed UMH # 881

" I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen."

*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 "We Gather at One Table"
The Chancel Choir

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory "Simple Song"

*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: 1-12 # 837

Sermon "Uncomfortable Comfort" Rev. Lazarus

Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH # 12

*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 on Doxology"

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.

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The flowers are place on the altar today to the Glory of God and  
in memory of her father, Robert Ogle, given by Barbara Ogle.  
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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.

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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Wonderful Wednesday, February 8
Menu: Mystery Dinner

Hosted by: Youth

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: Arthur Turner, 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 Elizabeth Sukkert and family in the death of her great niece last week.

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.

Dear Church ~ Here are your 2017 Confirmands!! How blessed, indeed how *rich* we are to have these young people among us. We have been given the responsibility of ushering 13 youth through the process of discerning their personal membership commitments in the life of Christ's body through First UMC. I know most of them well after several years of building relationships and living our faith together with our Tweens ministry. Please lift them up in prayer throughout the next 3 months. They started classes last week and will be confirmed soon after Easter this year. It's hard work – mentally, emotionally and spiritually – real commitment. They, their families, and their mentors and teachers need your prayers. Post this on your fridge! ☺
Thank you, Rev. Meg

RaeLyn Abernathy
John McClain Beamguard
Caleb Dixon
Aleea Doster
Mallory Dover
Trace English
Andre Hughes

Sarah Keller
Daniel Maslankowski
Matthew Maslankowski
Aliyah Shirfinski
Jessica Taylor
Kyra Travis
Tyler Wise

Mentors: NEXT SUNDAY 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

United Methodist Men Valentine Dinner: On February 11 at 6:30pm, the United Methodist Men will sponsor our annual Valentine Dinner. All church members are encouraged to make plans to attend this fun event which features great food catered by Jackson's Kitchen, great music provide by Bob Dowd and Cheri King and once again "special entertainment". Tickets for the event are \$12.50 for singles / \$25.00 for couples and can be purchased from any of our Methodist Men members. As is our custom, **all** single ladies will be our guests for the evening. We sincerely hope that each of you can attend and look forward to seeing you on the 11th.
Sam Cain, President UMM

Thank you: Many thanks to all of you for your loving thoughts and prayers during the past two weeks. I am so glad to have my church family to help me through this. Love & blessing, *Judy Miller*

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!

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 2nd Sunday donations are the following items: Cereal, grits, pancake mix & syrup or oatmeal. Thank you for your support.

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.

Live Well Clover: Wednesday, February 8th 7:30-10:30am Clover Community Center
Basic Heart Age Screening: women & men, ages 18 & up; full lipid profile; blood pressure check; blood glucose check; BMI (body mass index); risk assessment. See bulletin board for more info.

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!