

An Order for the Christian Worship of God
March 19, 2017
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

3rd Sunday in Lent

Liturgical Color: Purple

Pre Service Music "Pie Jesu"

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude "Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart" -M. Hayes

*Call to Worship

Leader: Clean, pure, rushing water, running on the streets, flood water, muddy water, bath water,

People: bottled water, ice cold water, steaming hot water, salt water, spring rain, bubbling up from our eyes, from the earth, from your heart.

Leader: Water of life, shower us with your love and fill our hearts.

People: Make our desires pure and our actions holy, that your love might flood the earth and your righteousness be known . In Christ's name.

All: Amen.

*Processional Hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" UMH # 127

*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 Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation "Come Just As You Are" insert

* Psalter Psalm 95 UMH # 814

Old Testament Reading Exodus 17: 1-7 # 60

The Anthem "Just as I Am" *The Chancel Choir*

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory "I Am the Bread of Life" -S. Toolan

*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 John 4: 5-42 (Selected Verses) # 925

Sermon "Going Thru Samaria" Rev. Wilkes

*Hymn of Commitment "Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring" UMH # 644

*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" -M. Thomas

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 placed on the altar today to the Glory of God.  
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The newsletter deadline is March 25th. Please put your items in the church newsletter mailbox or you can email it to Ann.Shearer@clover.k12.sc.us.

“Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.” ~ John Wesley

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.

Reverend Tommy Wilkes, Senior Pastor – twilkes@cloverfumc.org
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Tracie Kite, Sexton – kitetracie@hotmail.com
Hope Long, Nursery
Windy Bartee, Lay Leader
Ray Reavis, David Edwards, Bob Grindle, Conference Lay Members

Wonderful Wednesday meal, March 22
Menu: Baked Potato, Salad Bar, Dessert

Hosted by: Seekers 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: Sandy Chapman, Lacy Robinson, Betsy Mullis (Starr's sister), Eloise Mallen, 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, Glenn Adams, Dave Stanton, Jr., Joe Killian, Randy Flora, Dave Jones, 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.

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.

Confirmation News

Our 15 confirmands, *Matthew, Daniel, Mallory, Aliyah, Aleea, Andrea, Trace, RaeLyn, Sarah, Niko, Jessica, Kyra, Tyler, Caleb and John McClain* will be taking a field trip in March!

On **Wednesday the 29th of March** we will be taking a field trip to *Epworth Children's Home* in Columbia, SC. This is a historic United Methodist Home that has been life changing for thousands of orphaned children. Epworth is a vital ministry of the UMC for the children who call Epworth home. I feel it is so important that our young people see the broader vision of what it means to be the Body of Christ in the world.

Please plan to bring your child to the church by **3:45pm** on the 29th to depart for Columbia before 4pm. We will go to Epworth, share in a meal with the residents in the mess hall, eat peanut butter ice cream (made by Epworth folks), and take a tour of the campus, then go to the Epworth Chapel for a Q and A with the chaplain, Rev. Meg Cook. If your child has conflicting activities that day, I encourage you, please ask their leaders to understand the importance of this confirmation journey and to release them for this experience. **We should be getting back to Clover around 9pm.**

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 4th Sunday donations are the following items: soups. Thank you for your continued support.

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.

Forever Young and Friends

Remember our meeting this month! **Thursday March 23** - Meet and Eat covered dish! Bring your choice of a dessert/side dish to share. Meeting is at 10:30. Lunch 11:30. **Sign up in lobby.**

Contact Suzanne Thompson for questions or info about our meeting.

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. Porch rockers and worship, good teaching and good food, fellowship and prayer are important aspects of this annual opportunity in beautiful Lake Junaluska! Cost will be \$75 for registration plus \$345 per person double occupancy, which covers all buffet meals there and all workshops. Forever Young will help to cover some of the cost for registration. Please sign up today.

First payment - \$170 due May 2nd Second payment -\$175 due June 27th

This year's theme ~ Forgiveness with Dr. Everett Worthington (Platform Speaker). Worthington is internationally known for his research on how to forgive, not just others but also ourselves. He became interested in forgiveness through his practice in couple counseling, and began conducting research on forgiveness in 1990. He has published over 35 books and over 400 articles and scholarly chapters, mostly on forgiveness, positive psychology, marriage, religion and spirituality. Currently, he works as a Commonwealth Professor in the Department of Psychology at Virginia Commonwealth University.

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. We are almost filled up! Sign up today if you plan to join us! Cost is \$205 & money for 3 lunches and 1 dinner.

First payment - \$100 due June 1st Second payment - \$105 due August 15th

Includes 2 dinners, 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch, a double occupancy hotel room & a tour of Southport.

Also: Please pick up a 2017 Forever Young Calendar of Events from the lobby today! Or refer to your March Newsletter to stay updated on all the wonderful activities we are enjoying.

Contact Rev. Meg Wilkes about getting involved in this senior adult ministry!

mwilke@cloverfumc.org 803-622-1315

Popcorn and a Movie!

On February 28 several senior adults visited with Kirkie and Dick Gibson in Rock Hill to watch and discuss *The Best Marigold Hotel*. What a sacred time! Sharing about faith and issues related to these precious golden years of life, when there is still so much to learn and to offer as children and servants of God. We loved it so much we have decided to schedule one per month rather than quarterly!

NEXT MOVIE: *Quartet*, a British comedy - drama. March 28th

Only space enough for 12 -14 movie watchers. Please sign up on the sheet in the lobby if interested in this specific Popcorn and a Movie event for senior adults.

We will be leaving the church at 12:30pm. Meg will be driving the bus!! :)

Contact Rev. Meg Wilkes for more information. mwilkes@cloverfumc.org 803-622-1315

Tai Chi - for senior adults

We are still giving Tai Chi a go! Although we are finding it a challenge to practice it *perfectly*, we are still finding this method of body mindfulness and exercise to be of true benefit for health and wholeness. Deep breathing, slow movements, meditative - this is a good way to wind down and focus on "being" as well as taking care of our bodies. Hope to see you there for our next session in the Missions and Fellowship Center. **Thursday March 23 @ 9:30.** This time change is purposeful to suit schedules. Please take note of the earlier time.

Forever Young and Friends are off to Flat Rock Playhouse!

for “A Tuna Christmas” – a Comedy!!

May 25th ~ 2:00pm show

Tickets are \$37.90 ~ Deposit of \$20.00 is DUE March 23rd

**Please make checks payable to *First UMC Forever Young*
(write “Play” on the memo line)**

Please be at the church by 9:30am to load the bus.

Plan to bring extra cash to enjoy a wonderful lunch together in Hendersonville. Newcomers welcome! Sign up today in lobby.



SAVE THE DATE: Next trip to Flat Rock - JULY 13 to see “DIXIE SWIM CLUB”

It's time to Start cleaning out and clearing out at home!for the Forever Young Spring Yard Sale!

Please mark your calendars and make plans to drop off your donation items beginning

Sunday **April 30** thru Thursday May 4

(Earlier in the week is most helpful, please!)

Thank you so much for your donations and support! Remember our *Spring* yard sale is the **ONE Forever Young** Fundraiser we do each year to cover our expenses!

Your generosity and efforts for participating in the Yard Sale are a large part of what makes this vital Senior Adult ministry possible. We are grateful!

Clover Optimist Club Oratorical

Reminder, the Clover Optimist Club Oratorical (speech) competition will be held March 25th at 10:00am. Plan to arrive by 9:30 to finish filling out paper work. If you have not started your speech, there is still time. To get an application see Jon, Josie or Ashby. On the day of the contest bring your application, copy of your speech and a copy of your birth certificate. Your speech must be between 4 to 5 minutes on the Optimist topic "What the World Gains from Optimism". Any questions or for more information please contact Josie at sknnl@aol.com or 803-684-2008.

Clover Optimist Club Pork BBQ Note: \$1 from each plate will be given to the Lee Killian Medical Fd. April 1 next to Killian's Service Center on Highway 55

10:00am until 2:00pm

Pork Plate..... \$ 8.00 consist of BBQ, slaw, chips, cookie & buns.

Sandwich with chips..... \$ 4.00

5 lb bucket\$ 35.00

Walk in welcome. For tickets see any Optimist member or call 803-684-2008.

Upcoming Mission Opportunities

Disaster Relief Mission

The South Carolina Annual Conference is still in need of volunteers to help rebuild homes destroyed by Hurricane Matthew. FUMC will be putting together a group to travel to a Hurricane hit part of our state in May. The tentative dates are May 8-10. If you are interested in participating or even leading this group contact Rev. Lazarus at blazarus@cloverfumc.org or Doug Baysinger at mabaysinger318@bellsouth.net.

South Carolina Annual Conference Mission Fair

The South Carolina Annual Conference will be meeting in Greenville, SC at the TD Convention Center from June 4-7. On Monday June 5th from 12pm-2pm there will be a mission fair highlighting the work of local churches throughout our state. If you would be interested in going to represent FUMC please contact Rev. Lazarus at blazarus@cloverfumc.org or Doug Baysinger at mabaysinger318@bellsouth.net.

Habitat for Humanity Organizer Needed

For the last three years FUMC Clover has teamed up with Habitat for Humanity to help with rebuilds in the Roosevelt Community. The project is usually in late August but planning will need to begin by May. We will need a member of our church to help coordinate volunteers and communicate with Habitat for Humanity to find the right project for our church. If you or someone you know is interested in coordinating our church's work group please contact Rev. Lazarus at blazarus@cloverfumc.org or Doug Baysinger at mabaysinger318@bellsouth.net.

Salkehatchie

Each year we have dozens of members who attend Salkehatchie mission trips. Our most attended trips are to Bishopville (June 24- July1), Clover (July 15-22), and Shaw (July 22-29). For a full list of camps visit <http://www.salkehatchie.org>. **Please register ASAP online** and check the church will send in payment. The cost of the trip is \$230 but the church will cover half the cost (\$115) for each camper, youth or adult. The check will need to be given to Shirley in the church office and written out to FUMC Clover for \$ 115 with the camp name you will be attending. For more information contact Tommy at twilkes@cloverfumc.org

"Come Just As You Are"

Come just as you are, hear the Spirit call
Come just as you are, come and see, come receive
Come and live forever,
Life everlasting, and strength for today
Taste the Living Water, and never thirst again

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Come just as you are, come and see, come receive
Come and live forevermore.

Message from the Wilkes

The Reverends Tommy and Meg want you to know they are celebrating (and planning the ceremony and reception for!) the upcoming wedding of their first born child, Luke Wilkes to his precious fiancé Vanessa Jimenez! These young people have visited with us several times over the last two years. Some of you know them and have shown them such love and grace! Vanessa's parents and brother, Hernando and Cilia and Mateo have also come to FUMC some and LOVE it here, especially Easter and Christmas. (They live in Fort Mill). Even though the wedding won't take place here in Clover, we hope you will share in our joy, and remember to offer your good wishes to the couple whenever they are able to visit again! (before or after) The wedding will take place on April 1st (no foolin'!) at Beulah UMC in the Lexington SC area, and will be officiated by Tommy's parents, The Reverends Tom and Molly Wilkes! Lydia will be maid of honor. Tommy is best man, Seth will be taking the photos, and Meg will be "directing." :) Please pray for us!!!! This season of preparing for the wedding and for Holy Week is so full. What blessings, though. We are grateful and filled with awe for the way God provides and cares for us day by day.



On March 23, Rev. Tommy Wilkes and our brother in Christ, Eddie Sherwood will be leaving Clover and entering into a 4 day weekend of ministry with several incarcerated individuals of Kershaw Correctional Institute, a maximum security prison in SC. Jesus invites us to live a life of love in so many ways, including visiting those who are in prison. You may not be able to visit in person, but KAIROS (which in Greek means God's time) invites **you** to *visit through the baking of homemade cookies* to send to the incarcerated individuals during this weekend. Each night of Kairos, every incarcerated person in the Kershaw prison will receive a full bag of cookies just for himself. It takes many churches baking to accomplish this endeavor - a Christian witness proven to be a profound act of love through the eyes of these men who rarely experience such kindness in their circumstance. There are only certain types of cookies allowed. The best choice is homemade chocolate chip. **PLEASE CONTACT Margie McCarter 222-3827 to be included in this Cookie Baking Project! Specific information about the cookie baking project is provided on the bulletin board in the lobby and will be given to all who would like to serve in this way.**