

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

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**Liturgical Color: Purple**

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude "Beautiful Savior" -arr, Smith

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Once you lived in darkness.

**People: Now the light of God has shone upon us.**

Leader: Find what is pleasing to God and follow God's ways.

**People: The acts of darkness are left behind as we journey to God's light.**

Leader: Thanks be to God who gives us the light.

**People: Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your light of salvation. AMEN.**

\*Processional Hymn "Amazing Grace" vs. 1-5 UMH # 378

\*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 "Be Thou My Vision" UMH # 451

Old Testament Reading I Samuel 16: 1-13 # 248

\*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 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" *The Chancel Choir*

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" -H. Lemmel

\*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 9: 1-41 # 932

Sermon "Holy Disruption" Rev. Lazarus

\*Hymn of Commitment "Open My Eyes, That I May See" UMH # 454

\*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 "NachSpiel" -arr. Hopson

**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.**

*"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](http://www.cloverfumc.org).  
**Thanks for your support of the mission and ministry of FUMC.**

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Hope Long, Nursery  
Windy Barteel, Lay Leader  
Ray Reavis, David Edwards, Bob Grindle, Conference Lay Members  
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Wonderful Wednesday meal, March 29

Hosted by: Cub Scouts

Menu: Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread & Dessert

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

### **OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS**

Contact pastors or Shirley Davis @ 222-3496 or [sdavis@cloverfumc.org](mailto: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 (Sukkert's 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Rion Cartin, LCPL Chris Propst, M.Gy. Sgt. Terry Kenneth Lowman, Jr.

### **Last Chance to Bring Your Bike 3/31**

This week is your last chance to bring your bike to donate to "Bikes for the World". Bring it to the church by 3/31 and they will be taken to the drop-off on 4/1.

### **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.**

### **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](mailto:twilkes@cloverfumc.org)

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday donations are the following items: Spaghetti sauce and spaghetti. 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

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Second payment -\$175 due June 27<sup>th</sup>**

**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**

Registration is now full!! If you are still interested and did not sign up, talk with Suzanne Thompson or Meg Wilkes about possible cancellations or other lodging options.

**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](mailto:mwilke@cloverfumc.org) 803-622-1315

**Popcorn and a Movie!**

**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. **Please join us for this sacred time of exploring faith themes in films, and sharing about living out our love for God in the golden years!**

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

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### 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 30 @ 9:30.** This time change is purposeful to suit schedules. Please take note of the earlier time.

### **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!

### Prayer Labyrinth During Holy Week

A labyrinth is a single winding path to the middle with the same winding path back out. Labyrinths have been used throughout Christian history as a form of prayer and meditation. One common interpretation of the practice is through the word releasing, receiving, and returning. The path to the middle is used to **release** your sin, burdens, fears, doubts, pains, etc. The middle is used to **receive** God's love, grace, and mercy. The path out is then used to **return** to the world to live out the very love, grace, and mercy you have received.

FUMC Clover will have a prayer labyrinth in the mission and fellowship center from Monday 4/10- Friday 4/14 and again on Monday 4/17. The labyrinth will be open from 9-5 and again from 6:00-9:00. You will be invited to walk the labyrinth as a part of the journey of Holy Week. We are also looking for volunteers each evening to unlock the church doors at 6:00pm, light candles, turn on music, and lock the doors at 9:00pm. If you are able and willing you can email Brandon at [blazarus@cloverfumc.org](mailto:blazarus@cloverfumc.org) or sign up on the sign-up sheet in the lobby.

### Worship Schedule for April

Our worship schedule will change slightly in the month of April due to Easter and confirmation. We will also have special Holy Week Services. The worship schedule will be as follows:

Sunday 4/2 - 8:30 and 11:00 in the sanctuary

Sunday 4/9- (Palm Sunday) 8:30 and 11:00 in the Sanctuary and Genesis at 10:50 in the MFC

There will also be an evening community service at Green Pond UMC at 6:30pm

Thursday 4/13- Maundy Thursday Service with communion at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary

Friday 4/14- Good Friday Service including a passion drama at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary

Sunday 4/16- Easter Sunrise service at 7am followed by breakfast

Traditional Services at 8:30 and 11:00 in the Sanctuary

Genesis at 10:50 in the Mission and Fellowship Center

Sunday 4/23- 8:30 and 11:00 in Sanctuary (no Genesis)

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*Blessings, Evelyn Cameron  
Director of the Clover Salkehatchie Camp*

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April 1 10:00am until 2:00pm next to Killian's Service Center on Highway 55  
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.

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