

**An Order for the Christian Worship of God**  
**April 16, 2017**  
**Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve**

**Easter Day**

**Liturgical Color: White**

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude & Choral Introit                      “Lift High the Cross”                      -arr. Joel Raney

\*Call to Worship

Leader: O God of all our days, we come this morning with eager anticipation.

**People: We seek to know you, to see you, to touch you.**

Leader: Open our hearts, that we might experience you anew.

**People: Open our lives, that we may be faithful witnesses to your resurrection.**

**All: May we, with shouts of joy, proclaim your steadfast, liberating love to all people, everywhere.**

Leader: For Christ is Risen.

**All: Christ is Risen Indeed.**

\*Processional Hymn                      “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”                      UMH # 302

\*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                      “Crown Him with Many Crowns”                      UMH # 327

\*Affirmation of Faith                      The Apostles’ Creed                      UMH # 881

\*Gloria Patri **“Glorify 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.”**

New Testament Reading                      Acts 10: 34-43

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory                      “Stand Up for Jesus”                      -F. Ritter

\*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 20: 10-18

Sermon                      “Recognizing Jesus”                      Rev. Wilkes

\*Hymn of Commitment                      “In the Garden”                      UMH # 314

\*(if able) Anthem                      “Hallelujah Chorus”                      *The Chancel Choir*  
*Trumpet ~ Jackson Stanton*

\*Benediction

\*Chiming of the Trinity

\*Postlude                      “Hallelujah Chorus Reprise”                      -G.F. Handel

**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. We have several families joining FUMC on April 30<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to join us on this date, please call or email Rev. Wilkes [twilkes@cloverfumc.org](mailto:twilkes@cloverfumc.org)**

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The flowers placed on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and  
in loving memory of Ann Killian Loftis.  
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**\*\*Legend has it that in 1743, the British monarch King George II was so moved by Handel’s Hallelujah Chorus that he stood out of respect for the “Lord of Lords”, the only authority above his own.**

*"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 continue this 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.**

**If you decide to give electronically or through Direct Draft, please feel free to drop an "Electronic Giver" card in the offering plate on Sundays as an act of worship.**

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Reverend Tommy Wilkes, Senior Pastor – [twilkes@cloverfumc.org](mailto:twilkes@cloverfumc.org)  
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Windy Barte, Lay Leader  
Ray Reavis, David Edwards, Bob Grindle, Conference Lay Members

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Wonderful Wednesday Meal, April 19<sup>th</sup> Sponsored by Higher Education  
Menu: Grilled Hot Dogs, homemade BBQ slaw, fixins, homemade baked beans, chips,  
Chocolate Chip Cookies & Ice Cream

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

### **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:** Dean White, Estelle Camp, Rita Beamguard, Jon McClain Beamguard, Sandy Chapman, Lacy Robinson, Betsy Mullis (Starr's sister), Eloise Mallen, Susan Self, Rolfe Sikkert, Margaret Pendleton, Katie Clark, Doris Shepard (Barb Millay's mother), Jimmy Dixon, Lottie Priester, Loretta Malenfant, Glenn Adams, Dave Stanton, Jr., Joe Killian, Randy Flora, Dave Jones, Naurice Smith (White Oak, York), 2017 Confirmands.

**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.

### **Crucifer Training**

We will be offering Crucifer training on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 9:45 in the sanctuary.

### **Support Our College Students and Graduates' Names Needed**

On April 19<sup>th</sup> the Wonderful Wednesday meal will be prepared by the Higher Education Committee. The money raised will go towards supporting our students who are away at college. If you are interested in helping with the meal or with the work of the Higher Education Committee, join us Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm in the library for a planning meeting.

In addition to supporting those in college we also need your help supporting those who will be graduating soon. If you or a member of your family will be graduating this fall (or graduated early) please send their name, contact info, and plans for next year to [blazarus@cloverfumc.org](mailto:blazarus@cloverfumc.org). Keep an eye out in the bulletin and next month's newsletter for more information on graduate recognition Sunday.

### **Disaster Response Trip**

The flooding in fall of 2015 and Hurricane Matthew last fall brought destruction to many parts of our state. Our church quickly responded with supplies, donations, and prayers. Some also individually lent their skills and time to help with the rescue efforts and emergency response. We knew that the road to rebuild would be long.

Pastors Tommy and Brandon will be participating in some relief efforts from May 8-9. We will leave Monday morning, work through the day, work half a day on Tuesday, and return later Tuesday afternoon. The exact location and scope of the work will depend on the size and skill-set of our team. If you have questions or are able and willing to join please contact Brandon [blazarus@cloverfumc.org](mailto:blazarus@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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday donations are the following items: Soup. Thank you for your continued support.

### Youth, Children and Tweens

**YOUTH ~ Today: No Youth meetings tonight due to Easter**

**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.

Sign up on the youth board now for our Surge Youth Retreat this summer and Salkehatchie (online).  
Contact Jon Valentine for information about youth ministries at FUMC.

### 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>**

**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!

**United Methodist Men's Retreat** is scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup>--April 30<sup>th</sup>. We will leave on Friday afternoon and return on Sunday morning. The retreat will be held at Lake Murray where we have reserved a large house on the lake. The cost will be \$75 per person. We will enjoy fishing or golf, food, fellowship and spiritual recharging. If you are not a member of the UMM and are interested in joining us on this retreat, we would love to have you. Please contact Sam Cain, Johnny Adams, Tommy Wilkes or Brandon Lazarus.

### Trip to Billy Graham Library on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome,

**Leaving the church at 9:00am.** Our tour time is 10:00.

We will tour the Billy Graham Library, eat lunch at the Graham Brothers Diary Bar, and browse in the Ruth's Attic bookstore and gift shop. Bring money for your lunch. Lunch Combos (sandwich, side & drink) run from \$ 6.00 to \$ 9.00. They have ice cream, too. Have extra money in case browsing turns to buying in Ruth's Attic.

If you drive, you will need to tell the guard you are with the First United Methodist Church, Clover, SC group. Sign-up sheet is on table with dinner sign up. As many people that want to go are welcome, we just need to let the folks at the Library know how many to expect.

### 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 indicate 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)

### Check Out the New Kitchen Items

Here are a few to look for: 4 large slow cookers, 144 plastic glasses, 6 heavy duty plastic pitchers with lids, 2 tea dispensers and a yellow dispenser for lemonade, several different sizes of serving utensils, cutting boards and a few more odds and ends.

The items will be of use to all of us in cooking meals and hosting events. All these purchases were made possible by a donation from the Forever Young fund raising events.

### DISHES NEED TO BE PICKED UP

Lots of Pyrex, all sizes, some have lids, plates, bowls and other things are in the kitchen on the shelf near the back door. PLEASE PICK UP BY APRIL 30, 2017. Items that are left will be donated to the kitchen or placed in the yard sale.

**Help Needed to Advertise the Spring Yard Sale, May 5 & 6:** Please tell people you know, Also please take one of the YARD SALE FLIERS telling about the yard sale to hang in your place of business's break room, teacher workroom, hair dresser's, gym, Y, nail salon and/or anywhere else that will let you post announcements.

LOCATION OF FLIERS: On the sign-up table (near the dinner sign-up sheet) in the hall.

If you need more copies, please, let us know. Thank you, Forever Young & Friends

**It is BBQ Time!** The Clover High School Band is hosting their Annual Spring BBQ here at our church! Plates are \$ 9.00 and include yummy BBQ, beans, slaw, chips and a bun. You can also buy BBQ by the pound (\$9.00).

Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am – 7:00pm

Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am – 3:00pm

For more information, please contact Denise Bono – [rain4buttercup@yahoo.com](mailto:rain4buttercup@yahoo.com)



Summer Camp! 2017

The most Awesome summer camp experience you can imagine.....AND it's all about body, mind and Spirit!

Asbury Hills is a United Methodist Camp designed to help your child/youth grow in Christ.

First UMC loves to help sponsor children for this amazing *week long* experience filled with activities, adventure and spiritual guidance for **Elementary ages through High School!**

Please contact Rev. Meg Wilkes if you are interested in receiving funds to help supplement the cost.

**OR**

If you are able to afford supporting someone ELSE who cannot afford to pay for this experience.....

*please* contact Rev. Meg Wilkes to GIVE!!

**First week of the camp is June 4-9**

**Last week is July 30 –August 4**

**STUDY UP about all that Asbury Hills can be for you! VISIT <http://asburyhills.org/>**

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Several of our church friends have autism or have family members with autism. So let's be aware! And let's agree to *learn* more, in order to *love* more. Here are some links to a few on line resources and good information about autism, including stories from individuals, families and friends like ours.

<http://www.autism-society.org> <https://www.autismspeaks.org>  
**"Autism is something some people understand and some people can't. It's something that I can deal with. But some kids have autism and other things like learning difficulties but we all still deserve to be happy,"** as stated by our occasional benediction bell ringer, Julian Cargill. Thanks Julian!

Contact Rev. Meg Wilkes if you are interested in supporting Autism Awareness here at FUMC. 803-622-1315

**Popcorn and a Movie** (for fun and spiritual reflection)

Join us for our Next Popcorn and a Movie for older adults. Tuesday, April 25.

Movie bus leaves for Kirkie and Dick Gibson's in Rock Hill @ 12:30 from church parking lot.

Our featured film for April is ***Nebraska!***

Only 12 spaces available. Sign up in the church lobby. Or call Rev. Meg Wilkes 803-622-1315

**Tai Chi**

Several of us are really enjoying Tai Chi as a means of relaxation, focus and exercise. Our method is simple – let the video guide us! We will continue meeting in the gym on Thursday mornings @ 9:30 through the month of May. YOU can come too! Leaving the candle light on for you! See you this week. Contact Rev Meg Wilkes for more info. 803-622-1315

**Graduate Recognition Breakfast (RSVPs needed)**

**Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** from 9:45am-10:45am in the Missions and Fellowship Center we will have a graduate recognition breakfast. If you or a member of your family will be graduating this fall (or graduated early) please send their name, contact info, and plans for next year to [blazarus@cloverfumc.org](mailto:blazarus@cloverfumc.org). Please also let us know what graduates (and families) will be attending the breakfast. Also, on April 19<sup>th</sup> the wonderful Wednesday night meal will be prepared by the Higher Education committee. The money raised will go towards supporting our students who are away at college. The menu will be grilled hotdogs, homemade chili and slaw, baked beans, chips, and ice cream and chocolate chip cookies.

**Local Mission Trip Volunteers Needed!** The South Carolina Annual Conference is still in need of volunteers to help rebuild homes destroyed by Hurricane Matthew. May 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> FUMC will be taking a group down to Columbia to help with the relief efforts. The work will be primarily working on roofing, drywall, and flooring. The group will leave at 7:30am on Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> and return around 4:00pm on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in participating contact Rev Lazarus at [blazarus@cloverfumc.org](mailto:blazarus@cloverfumc.org) or Doug Baysinger at [mabaysinger318@bellsouth.net](mailto:mabaysinger318@bellsouth.net).