

An Order for the Christian Worship of God
April 23, 2017
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

2nd Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Color: White

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

*Call to Worship

Leader: Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death

People: and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.

Leader: Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection,

People: by the renewing of our spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness

Leader: through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: AMEN.

*Processional Hymn

"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

UMH # 304

*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

"Depth of Mercy"

UMH # 355

*Gospel Reading

John 20: 19-31

945

*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

"Because He Lives"

The Chancel Choir

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

*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.

Epistle Reading

I Peter 1: 3-9

1058

Sermon

"Salvation is Here"

Rev. Lazarus

*Hymn of Commitment

"This Is a Day of New Beginnings

UMH # 383

*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

*Postlude

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 30th. If you would like to join us on this date, please call or email Rev. Wilkes twilkes@cloverfumc.org

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The flowers are placed on the altar today by Tim Lyda to the Glory of God and in memory / honor of Becky and their anniversary.

The flowers placed at the back of the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and to celebrate Micah Sherwood's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.  
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2017 Financial Update

Needed to meet General Fund Budget as of 3/31/17 \$ 169,316
Actual General Fund Spending as of 3/31/17 \$ 140,060
Received for General Fund as of 3/31/17 \$ 152,121

“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. **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
 - 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
 - Jon Valentine, Director of Children & Youth Ministries – jvalentine@cloverfumc.org
 - Cheri King, Director of Music Ministries – cking@cloverfumc.org
 - Christine Payseur, Church Business / Technical Coordinator – cpayseur@cloverfumc.org
 - Shirley M. Davis, Administrative Assistant / Financial Secretary – sdavis@cloverfumc.org
 - Natasha Bilousova, Pianist
 - Tracie Kite, Sexton – kite@tracie@hotmail.com
 - Hope Long, Nursery
 - Windy Bartee, Lay Leader
 - Ray Reavis, David Edwards, Bob Grindle, Conference Lay Members
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Wonderful Wednesday Meal, April 26th Sponsored by: United Methodist Women
Menu: Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Slaw, Bread & Desserts

NAME _____ No. _____

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: David & Starr Wray, Dean White, Estelle Camp, Rita Beamguard, Jon McClain Beamguard, Sandy Chapman, Lacy Robinson, Betsy Mullis (Starr’s sister), Eloise Mallen, Susan Self, Rolfe Sukkert, Margaret Pendleton, Doris Shepard (Barb Millay’s mother), Jimmy Dixon, Glenn Adams, Dave Stanton, Jr., Joe Killian, Randy Flora, Dave Jones, Naurice Smith (White Oak, York), 2017 Confirmands.

Note of Sympathy: Christian sympathy is extended to Lamar Brown and family in the death of his mother.
Christian sympathy is extended to Allyson English and family in the death of her cousin.

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.

Crucifer Training

We will be offering Crucifer training **TODAY at 9:45** in the sanctuary.

Dear Church Family,

We are so grateful to all of you for your love, prayers and desire to help us. Though we have lost much; we still have each other, our family, and all of you. Our hearts are warmed by all the grace and kindness that is being extended to us. It is still a bit of a shock, but for now we have the essentials of shelter, clothing, and food. Thank you for loving us and being Jesus for us. We will keep you updated as time goes on. Please continue to pray as this will be a long journey. With grateful hearts,
David & Starr Wray

The Allen Boyd Family would like to thank the church and its members for the thoughts and prayers sent to the family during their time of loss. The many cards received and personal visits from the church members gave great comfort to the family. *Rachel Boyd & family*

Our 2017 Confirmands will be confirmed on Sunday, April 30th, during the 11:00 combined worship service! Fifteen young people will be making their personal membership commitments in the life of Christ’s body through First UMC. This has been a good journey of classes, Bible reading, journaling, mentoring, and spiritual reflection for them. Even now they are on a spiritual retreat together at Lake Junaluska, NC. Please lift them up in prayers this week, that God will continue to prepare their hearts and their families’ hearts for this special moment in their spiritual formation and religious education. How beautiful is the Body of Christ.

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| RaeLyn Abernathy | Trace English | Niko Schoaff |
| Jon McClain Beamguard | Andrea Hughes | Aliyah Shirfinski |
| Caleb Dixon | Sarah Keller | Jessica Taylor |
| Aleea Doster | Daniel Maslankowski | Kyra Travis |
| Mallory Dover | Matthew Maslankowski | Tyler Wise |

There are 15 bright yellow gift bags near the lobby. These are for our Confirmands! Please consider adding a note, card or little token of congratulations for *each* of our new members. We will present these bags to them during their honorary breakfast on Confirmation Sunday.

Youth, Children and Tweens

YOUTH ~ Today: 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.

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

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

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!

Trip to Billy Graham Library on Thursday, April 27th. 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 Dairy 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.

The Food Project Ministry: Next week's 5th Sunday donations are the following item: Apple Juice.
Thank you for your continued support.

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

Graduates' Names Needed

If you or a member of your family will be graduating this spring (or graduated early) please send their name, contact info, and plans for next year to blazarus@cloverfumc.org. Keep an eye out in the bulletin and next month's newsletter for more information on graduate recognition Sunday.

Graduate Recognition Breakfast (RSVPs needed)

Sunday, May 7th 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 spring (or graduated early) please send their name, contact info, and plans for next year to blazarus@cloverfumc.org. Please also let us know what graduates (and families) will be attending the breakfast.

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 28th from 11:00am – 7:00pm

Saturday, April 29th from 11:00am – 3:00pm

For more information, please contact Denise Bono – 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/>

Rev. Meg ~ mwilkes@cloverfumc.org 803-622-1315



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

Disaster Response Mission Trip (Volunteers Needed!) The South Carolina Annual Conference is still in need of volunteers to help rebuild homes destroyed by Hurricane Matthew. May 8th – 9th 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 8th and return around 4:00pm on Tuesday, May 9th. If you are interested in participating contact Rev Lazarus at blazarus@cloverfumc.org or Doug Baysinger at mabaysinger318@bellsouth.net.

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.

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 Newsletter deadline is April 25th. Please put your item in the church Newsletter mailbox or you can email it to Ann.Shearer@clover.k12.sc.us.

