

**An Order for the Christian Worship of God**  
**April 30, 2017**  
**Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Liturgical Color: White**

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude "Into My Heart" Handbell Choir

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
**All: we rejoice that you have been raised from the dead.**  
Leader: Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
**All: we rejoice in the gift of your Holy Spirit.**  
Leader: Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
**All: we rejoice in your promise of baptism.**  
Leader: Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
**All: we rejoice that we are born anew eternally.**

\*Processional Hymn "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" UMH # 57

\*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

New Testament Reading Acts 2: 14a, 36-41 # 948

\*Hymn of Preparation "How Great Thou Art" UMH # 77

Reception of New Members into the life of FUMC, Clover  
The Beamguard Family & The Cooke Family

The Anthem "Victory in Jesus" *The Chancel Choir*

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings  
Offertory "I Love Thee, My Lord" -H. Livingstone

\*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 Luke 24: 13-35 # 920

Sermon "Walking with Jesus" Rev. Wilkes

Sacrament of Holy Baptisms and Reception of the Confirmands  
"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" #605 "Amazing Grace" #378

\*Hymn of Commitment "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry" FWS # 2051

\*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 "I Will Glory in the Lord" -Ross Anderson

**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**

~~~~~  
The flowers are placed on the altar today by Chuck, Christine and Blake Payseur  
to the Glory of God and to celebrate Randi Payseur's 18th birthday.  
~~~~~

**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](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.**

- ~~~~~
- Reverend Tommy Wilkes, Senior Pastor – [twilkes@cloverfumc.org](mailto:twilkes@cloverfumc.org)
  - Reverend Brandon Lazarus, Associate Pastor – [bclazarus@umcsc.org](mailto:bclazarus@umcsc.org)
  - Reverend J. Richard Gibson, Pastor Emeritus
  - Reverend Meg Wilkes, Minister of Christian Educ. & Spiritual Formation – [mwilkes@cloverfumc.org](mailto:mwilkes@cloverfumc.org)
  - Jon Valentine, Director of Children & Youth Ministries – [jvalentine@cloverfumc.org](mailto:jvalentine@cloverfumc.org)
  - Cheri King, Director of Music Ministries – [cking@cloverfumc.org](mailto:cking@cloverfumc.org)
  - Christine Payseur, Church Business / Technical Coordinator – [cpayseur@cloverfumc.org](mailto:cpayseur@cloverfumc.org)
  - Shirley M. Davis, Administrative Assistant / Financial Secretary – [sdavis@cloverfumc.org](mailto:sdavis@cloverfumc.org)
  - Natasha Bilousova, Pianist
  - Tracie Kite, Sexton – [kite\\_tracie@hotmail.com](mailto:kite_tracie@hotmail.com)
  - Hope Long, Nursery
  - Windy Bartee, Lay Leader
  - Ray Reavis, David Edwards, Bob Grindle, Conference Lay Members
- 

Wonderful Wednesday Meal, May 3<sup>rd</sup> Sponsored by: Boy Scouts  
Menu: Pasta w/ meatballs, choice of red or white sauce, salad, garlic bread & desserts

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:** Alan Abernathy, David & Starr Wray, the Shirfinski Family, 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

**Note of Sympathy:** Christian sympathy is extended to Elizabeth Sukkert in the death of her sister.

**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.

**Our 2017 Confirmands will be confirmed today 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. How beautiful is the Body of Christ.

- |                       |                      |                   |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 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        |

**Welcome New Members**

This morning we welcome Jonathan and Rita Beamguard and daughter Kylee into the membership of First UMC. They come to us by transfer from Oakdale Presbyterian Church. Their son, Jon McClain, is being confirmed today. They live at 1840 Beamguard Road, Clover.  
We also welcome Bill and Frankie Cooke into the membership this morning. They come to us by transfer from Glen Burnie UMC in Glen Burnie, Maryland. They live at 1444 Wheel Tree Road Clover. Welcome into your new family of faith.

**Church Yard Sale is April 30 – May 6.** We will sell at the Wednesday Morning Prayer Breakfast and the Wednesday Night Dinner as well as Friday (9:00am—6:00pm) and Saturday (7:00am—Noon). Church members are welcome to make purchases throughout the week. Please bring your donations to the church Sunday, April 30 – Friday morning, May 5.

**NOTE:** There will be an election at our church on Tuesday, so please put all donations on Monday night and Tuesday near the Food Closet in the Fellowship Hall (It is located near the door going from the Fellowship Hall to the church.)

**Hot Dog Lunch Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at the church**

Forever Young will have a hotdog lunch fund raiser on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00am until we are sold out. Combo of hotdog, chips and drink is \$ 3.00. Hotdogs - \$ 1.50. Homemade chili and slaw. Please plan to join us.

**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

### 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 Upcoming Trip Payments

**May 2** – First payment due for:

**Flat Rock Playhouse**—Dixie Swim Club trip \$20.00 (Play is on July 13)

Second payment of \$ 17.90 is due June 13

**Wisdom & Grace Conference** @ Lake Junaluska \$ 170.00 (Conference is August 7-10)

Second payment of \$175 is due June 27

**Forever Young & Friends Meeting:** On May 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in room 104 the Forever Young & Friends will meet. We will order personal pan pizzas (cost \$5.00) for lunch. Everyone is welcome to join us.

**Marriage Date Night - Saturday, May 6th** at 7pm at the Dubiski's home

Hola! Senors and Senioritas, get out your sombreros and serapes and come celebrate Cinco De Mayo! Bring your best Mexican dish to share at a potluck dinner and join in the taco battle and mucho nacho eating contest. Childcare will be available at the church. Please RSVP to Geoff and Francine at [smileanddial@earthlink.net](mailto:smileanddial@earthlink.net) or 518-281-2274.

### 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)

**The Food Project Ministry:** Next week's 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday donations are the following items: Spaghetti sauce, spaghetti. Thank you for your continued support.

### Thank you

I want to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards and phone calls we received remembering us following Mom's death. God bless each of you. *Steve Grigg*

### 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](mailto: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 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 spring (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.

### 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.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> – 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 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).

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).

**Mother's Day Carnations:** A special flower arrangement will be placed on the altar on Mother's Day. You may place a red carnation in honor of or a white carnation in memory of your loved ones for \$ 2.00 each. Any additional money collected beyond the cost of the carnations will go to our General Fund. To purchase a flower(s) place this form, with payment attached, in the offering plate or return to the church office no later than **May 10<sup>th</sup>**.

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory \_\_\_\_\_

**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!

is Autism Awareness month



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