

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

6th Sunday after Pentecost **Liturgical Color: Red**

Pre Service Music (8:30 only) "Here Is Here" The Beamguard Family

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

*Call to Worship (8:30 only)

Leader: Come! Let us worship and praise God.

People: The Lord is our shepherd, our guardian and our guide.

Leader: Celebrate the many ways in which God cares for our lives.

People: Green pastures and silent still waters beckon us and comfort us.

Leader: Even though difficulties happen in our lives, still God is with us.

People: Even when it seems that the world has nothing to offer but suffering and pain, God surrounds us with God's love and bounty.

Leader: Surely God's mercy accompanies us on our journey.

People: And we will dwell in God's house forever. AMEN.

*A Time of Singing and Celebration

*Passing of the Peace

VBS Celebration (11:00 only)

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Time with the Children (11:00 only)

(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.)

Testimony Eddie Sherwood on Kairos Prison Ministry

Special Music (8:30) "I Will Glory in the Cross" The Beamguard Family

Special Music (11:00) "He Is Here" The Beamguard Family

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory "Untitled Hymn" Christian Beamguard

*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*

Scripture Reading I Corinthians 15: 50-58 # 1002

*Hymn of Preparation "Shall We Gather at the River" UMH # 723

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.

Scripture Psalm 23: 1-4 # 476

Sermon "Our Shepherd Through Dark Places" Rev. Wilkes

*Hymn of Commitment "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" UMH # 474

Reception of New Member Janice Bucholtz

*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.

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 The flowers are placed on the altar today to the Glory to God and in loving memory of Bob and Elizabeth Pully on their wedding anniversary, given by their family.

The Peace Lilly is placed in the back of the sanctuary to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. Lacy Robinson.

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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: Welcome Salkehatchie Volunteers, Wayne Leroy, Rhett Hurst, Mike Bono, Marshall Caldwell, Ann Stewart, Janet Maslankowski, Alan Abernathy, Estelle Camp, Sandy Chapman, Betsy Mullis (Starr's sister), Eloise Mallen, Rolfe Sukkert, Margaret Pendleton, Doris Shepard (Barb Millay's mother), Jimmy Dixon, Glenn Adams, Dave Stanton, Jr., Dolly & Joe Killian, Randy Flora, Dave Jones, Naurice Smith.

Notes of Sympathy: Christian sympathy is extended to Randy Flora and David Wray and families in the death of Donna Flora Whitley, sister of Randy and cousin of David.

Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Mrs. Ruth Wilson.

Christian sympathy is extended to Sandy Robinson and family in the death of her sister.

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.

Welcome New Member: At the 11:00 service we welcome Janice Bucholtz into the membership of First UMC. Janice comes to us by rededication and letter of transfer. Janice lives at 1140 Rock Springs Road, Blacksburg and her phone number is 858-750-5992. Welcome Janice into your new family of faith.

JULY is "CAMP MEETING" MONTH at First UMC!

Our choir will be taking a seasonal rest during the hot month of July. And YOU are all invited to come to church *dressed cool and casually* throughout the whole month. We will enjoy special music, including some good old "hymn sings" as we reflect on the 23rd Psalm, remembering and refreshing our thirsty spirits with the good news that The Lord *is* Our Shepherd....leading us beside still waters and restoring our souls. JOIN US FOR CHURCH ALL OF JULY and invite friends and family!

Art Exhibit: Friends you are invited to take notice of a beautiful art exhibit hanging in the hallway at church as you walk past the Steve Camp classroom on the way up the back staircases to the sanctuary! This is the first of many exhibits we will enjoy as artists from Gallery 120 (Clover Community Center next door) share their work with us after their Gallery show ends each month. This month is a special treat - the artwork was created by some amazing children with Autism who attend classes at The Chrysalis Autism Center in Rock Hill. This is one small way that First UMC Clover can continue to be the kind of church that connects with our beloved community. Come enjoy!! Thank you to Eddie and Debbie Sherwood for their hard work in preparing this exhibit. While you are observing beautiful artwork at church, take note too, of Micah Sherwood's peaceful painting of the 23rd psalm in our lobby. This is her gift to us as we continue to enjoy the July sermon series "The Lord is My Shepherd".

Good things are happening at First UMC Clover! we have had lots of visitors lately to Worship and VBS. Remember to reach out with love and hospitality to all who come through these doors. What a privilege to be the Body of Christ!

Rev. Meg

Ladies, you are invited to sing! The ladies choir will be preparing a piece to sing on UMW Sunday and we will begin practice on Wednesday, August 2nd, at 7:40 in the choir room. Ladies-Youth through adults are welcome to join us in this ministry of worship and song. No experience necessary! For more information, please contact Cheri King @ cking@cloverfumc.org

Youth, Children and Tweens

Youth Fellowship: Jr. High, 6:30 on Wednesdays; Sr. High, 7:30 on Wednesdays.

Contact Jon Valentine for information about youth ministries at FUMC, jvalentine@cloverfumc.org

Handbells: Stay tuned for fall ringing opportunities and information. We will begin rehearsal on Sunday, September 10th. Time, TBA.

UMW Reading Program

Those who are participating in the Reading Program should have their information to Grace White or Louise Jackson by August 6th.

Marriage Date Night – Thursday, July 27th at 7:00pm

Come on out with your sweetie and enjoy an evening stroll through Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens when the warm light of the setting sun illuminates thousands of buds and blooms. We will meet at the entrance building to Daniel Stowe at 7:00pm. The cost is \$ 12.95 for adults, \$ 11.95 for seniors and free for garden members. Childcare will be available at no cost at the church. Please RSVP to Geoff and Francine at 518-281-2274 or smileanddial@earthlink.net

Thank you

Dear Friends at First UMC,

Thanks so much for your support of the Winthrop Wesley Foundation this semester! Your generosity allowed us to continue our ministry of transform young lives and making disciples of Jesus on campus. Thank you again for being a vital part of what we do!

Blessings and Peace,

Ricky Howell

Winthrop Wesley

The Food Project Ministry: Next week's 4th Sunday donation is soup. Thank you for your continued support.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: Because of numerous requests for assistance in recent weeks, our funds to help those of our community in need is low. If you can help with this outreach, over and above your commitment to our church, please just mark your gift "Discretionary Fund". Thank you.

The Forever Young & Friends will be traveling to **Hamricks & the Gaffney outlets** on Tuesday, July 25th. We plan to leave the church at 8:00 and will shop until we drop (may be back in Clover around 3:00 or so). We plan to eat lunch at Clocks Restaurant in Gaffney. Look for a sign-up sheet on the "sign up" table.

Popcorn & a Movie for July is postponed until August 22nd due to a conflict.

2017 Financial Update

Needed to meet General Fund Budget as of 6/30/17	\$ 338,631
Actual General Fund Spending as of 6/30/17	\$ 285,440
Received for General Fund as of 6/30/17	\$ 297,101

Financial Stewardship

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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