

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

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Liturgical Color: Red**

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

\*Call to Worship / Eating with My Enemies / Psalm 23:5

Leader: Lord, You were accused of eating at table with enemies.

**People: In that day, they were Tax Collectors, Sinners and Samaritans.**

Leader: Today, we dine by invitation only, and our invitations are selective and short.

**People: Truly, hospitality is sometimes too scary for us.**

Leader: We often feel more comfortable inviting "friends only" or maybe just "family and friends"

**People: After all, we have a limited number of resources and money doesn't grow on trees.**

Leader: The more we give away, the less we will have for us.

**People: Why would we invite enemies to our table?**

Leader: Yet, You sat with sinners and ate with them, even though you knew others would judge you; Why?

**People: Maybe there is something we are missing at our Tables.**

Leader: I am reminded of the Shepherd's Song ~ You (O God) prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

**People: Wasn't it, at the Table that Zacchaeus made his changes?**

Leader: Maybe Your Table is bigger than I thought?

**People: Could I also learn to invite an outcast or an enemy to supper?**

Leader: Lord, teach us what Grace looks like.

**People: Help us to Forgive others and become Your Ministers of Reconciliation.**

Leader: Forgive Us Lord, As we Forgive those who have Trespassed Against Us.

**People: Open Our Eyes and Hearts in the Breaking of the Bread and Fill our Cups.**

**All: Let us Worship Together!**

\*A Time of Singing and Celebration

\*Passing of the Peace

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.)*

Commissioning of the FUMC Missionaries to Ecuador

Larry Beamguard, Micah Sherwood and Lydia Wilkes

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Report of the Lay Delegates from SC Annual Conference

Ray Reavis

\*Hymn of Preparation

"Bless Be the Tie That Binds"

UMH # 557

\*Scripture

Mark 2: 13-16

# 868

Special Music

"The Lord's Prayer"

Sherry Adams & Evelyn Cameron

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.**

Scripture

Psalm 23: 5

# 476

Sermon

"Eating with Our Enemies"

Rev. Thomas Wilkes

\*Hymn of Commitment

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

UMH # 361

\*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 honor of Jon McClain Beamguard's birthday.  
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## 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](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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Ray Reavis, David Edwards, Bob Grindle, Conference Lay Members  
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### 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:** 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 Jim Hayes and family in the death of his brother.

**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.

**Salkehatchie Sunday** will be next Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. Participants are asked to wear their Salkehatchie t-shirt and briefly share of their experiences in one of the two services.

### **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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

### **Marriage Date Night – Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:smileanddial@earthlink.net)

## 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](mailto:jvalentine@cloverfumc.org)

**Promotion Sunday will be August 20<sup>th</sup>**, during the 11:00 service. Be sure to be here when we recognize all the children in their participation with Sunday School/Godly Play and honor those who are being promoted to their new classes! Please join us!

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>** the Children's Council will have a work day to rearrange the BIG room to prepare it for a brand new program for the 2017-18 school year!

**August 6<sup>th</sup>** the Dubiski's are hosting the Youth for an End of Summer Pool Party! Junior High will be from 4:00-6:00 and Senior High from 6:00-8:00!

**August 13<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00pm there will be a Youth Council meeting to build the calendar for the fall and winter.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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](mailto:cking@cloverfumc.org)

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

### **Forever Young & Friends**

**Hamricks / Gaffney Outlet Trip:** Forever Young & Friends will be traveling to Hamricks & the Gaffney outlets on Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Forever Young & Friends Steering Committee** will meet at 10:00 on Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> in the Volunteer Office before the general meeting at 10:30.

**Forever Young & Friends** will meet on Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 in the room 104. We will be discussing upcoming events, our Christmas dinner, changes to the Fall Yard Sale, Spring Yard Sale dates and other business. After our meeting we will go out to eat at a local restaurant.

### **Wisdom & Grace Conference Attendees @ Lake Junaluska**

We will leave the church at 9:00 on Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> and meet at the Bethea Welcome Center at Lake Junaluska so we can go to lunch together in Waynesville.

Wear a green shirt on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, if possible.

### **UMW Reading Program**

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

**The Food Project Ministry:** Next week's 5th Sunday donation is apple juice. 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

**2017 School Supply Drive List:** The list is not specific to any school. Rather it is inclusive enough to ensure we collect a variety of supplies to provide students who seek assistance. Families seeking a supply list for their child's specific teacher should contact their child's school or wait to attend registration where more information may be available. **(They are not accepting Back bags this year, just supplies)**

Three-ring binders	Folders with prongs & pockets	Glue Sticks
Dividers	Index cards	Glue bottles
Clear page protectors	Post-it-notes	Sharpie Markers
Non-sticky book covers	Pencil pouches	Highlighters
Construction Paper	Rulers	Markers
Graph paper	Staples	Ink pens
Notebook paper	Tape	Pencils
White copy paper	Scissors	Quart & gallon resealable plastic bag
Spiral notebooks	Hand held pencil sharpeners	Lysol
Composition notebooks	Clorox or Lysol wipes	
Tissues	Hand sanitizer	

Donations for the Meditation Chapel were given to the Glory of God

in loving memory of

Jerry "Catfish" Adams

Jean Alsobrooks

Maude Crawford

Judy Falls Family

Ann Loftis

Bob & Elizabeth Pully

Pressley & Nancy Robinson

In honor of

Fred & Marie Baker

Eagle Scout Matthew Joye

Luke, Seth & Lydia Wilkes

Suzanne Thompson, Coordinator

If there are any corrections, please notify the church office by August 6<sup>th</sup> as final preparations are being made for the bronze plaque.