

**An Order for the Christian Worship of God
August 20, 2017
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve**

United Methodist Women Sunday

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Red

Pre-Service "Fairest Lord Jesus" Handbells

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude "Sinfonia to Cantata #106" -J.S. Bach

*Call to Worship Karen Stallings (8:30) Eleanor Eakes (11:00)

Leader: God as called the congregation and assembled the people.

We join together in worship to God.

People: We long to be made holy through the Spirit who sanctifies us in Jesus' name.

Leader: We dedicate this hour to God, and to God's glory.

People: Here we are God! We've come from our week filled with many things.

Leader: Some are filled with joy and excitement; others with sorrow and despair.

People: Some are filled with energy, others are filled with weariness.

Leader: Some are filled with love for you, others wonder where you are,

for they feel far from you.

People: We are the gathered congregation, we lay ourselves before you with all the honesty we can muster.

Leader: We give you what we are and we pray you will create in us clean and *heroic* hearts.

People: Fill us with your Spirit in this hour of worship, so we can be made holy to serve you wholly. Amen.

*Processional Hymn "Morning Has Broken" UMH# 145

*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.)

Congregational Prayers and the Lord's Prayer Windy Bartee (8:30) Robin Wallace (11:00)

*Hymn of Preparation "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UMH# 89

*Gospel Lesson John 16: 16-24 Sherry Adams (8:30), Judy Miller (11:00)

*Affirmation of Faith Affirmation From Romans 8 UMH # 887

*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 "Be Thou My Vision"
Solo/Duet ~ Lydia Wilkes & Tina Cargill

Offertory Prayer 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

Message Life Lessons & Flip-Flops from Heroes AND "Sheroes" Jane Jenkins Herlong

*Hymn of Commitment "Now Thank We All Our God" UMH# 102

*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 "Concerto #2 in G Major" -J.S. Bach

*indicates worshippers are invited to stand, if able.

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 Raelyn Abernathy's 12<sup>th</sup> Birthday, given by Mom, Dad and Blair.  
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Contact Information: Do you have a student in your household, who has graduated this past year and is moving on to college or entering young adult life beyond high school? Or a student who is already sponsored but has changed locations/addresses? **PLEASE LET US MINISTER SUPPORT TO THIS YOUNG PERSON! GIVE US THEIR ADDRESS AND PHONE CONTACT INFO!!** We will assign a sponsor and stay connected with them. CALL Rev. Meg Wilkes @ 222-3496 ext. 17☺ **Would you like to be a sponsor for someone young who deserves a good word and kind support from their church family?** CALL Rev. Meg Wilkes @222-3496 ext.17☺ We will connect you with a young person ~ just to send some emails and a care package or two through the year. More info to come....**BUT PLEASE RESPOND NOW!**

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.

Reverend Tommy Wilkes, Senior Pastor – twilkes@cloverfumc.org

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Hope Long, Nursery

Windy Barteel, Lay Leader

Ray Reavis, David Edwards, Bob Grindle, Conference Lay Members

Wonderful Wednesday Meals begin on September 13th. Menu will be Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Slaw and Desserts. Sponsored by the UMW, a fundraiser to replace refrigerator in the Storage Closet.

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: Carolyn Grigg, James Valentine, Jr., Ken Moses, Wayne Leroy, Rhett Hurst, Mike Bono, Marshall Caldwell, Janet Maslankowski, Alan Abernathy, Estelle Camp, Sandy Chapman, 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.

Note of Sympathy: Christian sympathy is extended to family and friends of Ann Stewart.
 Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Ella Mae Hendrix.
 Christian sympathy is extended to Elizabeth Sukkert and family in the death of her niece.

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.



Who were the first biblical Heroes or "Sheroes"? What lessons can be learned from these iconic figures? Sirius XM Humorist, Best-selling author and Speaker Hall of Fame member, Jane Jenkins Herlong will take you on a journey filled with laughter and insight on how you too can thrive in life as a successful Christian to add Rhinestones on your Flip-Flops. This presentation is based on Jane's new book, "Rhinstones on My Flip-Flops" to be released September 26 through the Hachette Group Publishing.

Thanks for the Godly Play Help: Deep appreciation is expressed to Andrea Hughes, Niko Schoff, Fred Strong, Jeanette Strong, Aubrey Keller, Madeline Keller, Nannette Carnes and Margie McCarter who gave hours and days to help Dick Gibson prepare four Godly Play rooms for this 22nd year of our children's Sunday morning ministry. Also thanks to Jeannine Wyatt and the Trustees for having the rugs cleaned. The rooms are beautiful and ready for a new church school year. Take a look into rooms 112, 113, 114 and 200 and express your own gratitude.

Godly Play Teachers' Lunch Planning Session: All Godly Play teachers are reminded of their important meeting with lunch in the Missions & Fellowship Center kitchen dining room immediately after the 11:00am worship service TODAY.

Come, Be a Godly Play Hall Person: Please contact Dick Gibson now (in person, at dkgibson@comporium.net or 803-328-8425) to volunteer your service once a month as a Godly Play Hall Person during the new 2017-18 church school year. Duties include being available outside the children's rooms during Sunday School (9:35am-11:05am), to prepare the simple "feast" tray for each room (all supplies furnished) and to help children and teachers outside the classrooms as request, and/or in the case of fire drills or emergencies.

Youth, Children and Tweens

Youth Fellowship: Jr. High, 6:30 on Wednesdays; Sr. High, 7:30 on Wednesdays.
Beginning next Sunday, August 27, Jr. High youth will meet at 6:00pm, Sr. High at 7:00pm.
Contact Jon Valentine for information about youth ministries at FUMC, jvalentine@cloverfumc.org

5th Quarter at FUMC. Bring a friend! Games/Music/Short Devotion. We will have Nachos. Starts after Clover vs Huss game ends and will go until midnight.

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

Wanted! Men to join the United Methodist Men's Club. We meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 6:00pm. All are welcome.

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

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

ALL SAINTS MEMORIAL PARK BRICK ORDERS DUE BY WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6, 2017

It is time to order memorial bricks to remember those family members and friends that have passed away. If you would like to order a brick in memory of a loved one, please fill out one of the forms located on the "sign up" table near the door to the Missions & Fellowship Center. Bricks cost \$ 75.00. Make checks out to FUMC and mark for Memorial Brick. Please either turn everything into the church office or place in the offering plate in an envelope. The bricks will be placed in the Memorial Park and recognized at a later time. If you have any questions, please call Suzanne Thompson (222-7334) or Sherry Adams (222-9921).

Forever Young and Friends ~ Meeting Date Change

We will meet Thursday, August 31st at 10:30 in room 104. Covered dish lunch in Missions Center following the meeting.

Popcorn and a Movie ~ Tuesday, August 22 The bus leaves at 12:30pm.

...Now featuring The Spitfire Grill *"Percy, upon being released from prison, goes to the small town of Gillead, to find a place where she can start over again. She is taken in by Hannah, to help out at her place, the Spitfire Grill. Percy brings change to the small town, stirring resentment and fear in some, and growth in others."* (from movie review)

As always, we will use the powerful art of film to reflect on themes that explore life's meaning and our human response. As we watch and discuss movies together, we seek to learn more about ourselves, and we are reminded through one another of the God who loves us and walks closely with us through all seasons of life. The Popcorn and a Movie experience is for our senior adults. We meet at Dick and Kirkie Gibson's house every 4th Tuesday of the month. There is room for up to 12 participants! Sign up in the church lobby so Kirkie can prepare the right amount of popcorn. ☺ We hope to fill all our spots!

Total Solar Eclipse Trip August 21

We are so excited about his historic event and being able to witness it.

UPDATE / CHANGES We spoke to the Ranger at Sesquicentennial State Park. He said on August 21 the **park opens** 1 hour earlier **at 7:00am. When the park reaches capacity, they will close the gates and no one else will be allowed to enter.** He advised people to arrive as early as possible. Some groups have told the park they will be in line at 6:00am. The park has a special program about the eclipse scheduled for 10:00am.

The bus will leave the church promptly at 6:00am. Please be at the church at 5:45am.

Safety Glasses – We have 60 pairs of special glasses and will give these out before the start of the eclipse. We already have about 60 people going.

Location – We have rented a picnic shelter at Sesquicentennial State Park just north of Columbia in the totality zone. Directions: I-77 South, take exit 17, go North on Hwy 1 (Two Notch Rd.) for 2 miles, park will be on the right. **Many people plan to travel Highway 321 instead of Interstate 77, especially on the return trip.**

At Gate: Tell the gate person you are with the First UMC Group at shelter 002 in picnic area A.

Cost of the Trip – admission to the park – you pay when you arrive. Under 65 per person is \$ 5.00; SC seniors over 65 per person is \$ 3.25.

Food – **Pack your own lunch.** If you plan on staying late at the park, you may want to pack extra food. Cokes, Diet Coke, Sprite & water will be provided. You may want to take your own small cooler.

Bring a snack (sweet or salty) to share with the group in the afternoon.

Bring – a chair (if you want one), sun screen, bug repellent, etc.

Time – we have the picnic shelter from 7:00am until park closing. **Arrive early.**

Traffic Will be Heavy. People are traveling at different times. There is a list of people going if you need to find a ride.

Bus – The bus will leave the church **at 6:00am.** There are 10 people signed up to ride. There is room for 3 more as of Thursday. If you have not signed up, check to see if there are still spaces.

Other – There is lots to do at the park; fishing, bike trail, walking trails, etc. Website is sesqu@scprt.com.

If possible wear a green shirt on this trip.

Countdown to EXTRAVAGANZA: We're only days away! So please pray for a successful event. Tickets for the turkey dinner are available in the church office as well as from Johnny Adams. Why not take a full sheet (8 tickets) and sell the extras? And don't forget to work on canned and baked goods and homemade gifts to donate to the country store. We need yard sale donations too; please take time soon to go through your sellable things, and donate what you don't need. There will be sign-up sheets in the lobby soon.....think about your "gifts" and help as you can, for an hour, or two, or more. ALL assistance is appreciated. And to God be the glory!