

An Order for the Christian Worship of God
October 1, 2017
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

World Communion Sunday

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: White

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude "Mercy" -Telemann

*Call to Worship

Leader: Today we gather around God's table from near and far

People: We are the People of God!

Leader: Though we differ in language, custom, and tradition

People: We are brothers and sisters in Christ!

Leader: For there is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism

People: We are One in God's Spirit!

Leader: We are one and together we remember our Lord Jesus

People: For we are the people of Redemption!

Leader: He gave himself up for us, so we could be reconciled to God.

All: Come, let us worship the God of our Salvation!

*Processional Hymn "Christ for the World We Sing" UMH# 568

*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 the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation "This Is My Song" UMH# 437

*Affirmation of Faith "The Apostles' Creed" UMH # 881

*Gloria Patri ***"Glorify 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 "Holy Banquet Feast of Love" *The Chancel Choir*
Soloists: Lydia Wilkes & Robin Wallace

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

*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 Matthew 22: 1-14 # 856

Homily "Did You Get The Invitation" Rev. Tommy Wilkes

Sacrament of Holy Communion

"Let Us Break Bread Together" #618; "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" #359;

"Softly and Tender, Jesus Is Calling" #348; "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood" #622;

"Fill My Cup, Lord" #641

*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 "Water Music Suite" -Handel
"VI. Allegro Vivace"

*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 Caleigh Dover's 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday, given by Mom, Dad and A.J.

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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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- Reverend Tommy Wilkes, Senior Pastor – [twilkes@cloverfumc.org](mailto:twilkes@cloverfumc.org)
- Reverend Meg Wilkes, Associate Minister – [mwilkes@cloverfumc.org](mailto:mwilkes@cloverfumc.org)
- Reverend J. Richard Gibson, Pastor Emeritus
- 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)
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- 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

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Wonderful Wednesday Meal, October 4
Menu: Taco Salad (choice of beef or shredded chicken), Fixings & Desserts sponsored by Forever Young

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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: Barb Millay, Larry Beamguard, Tammy Bailes, Tom Dann, Rhett Hurst, Domingo Jesus Roges, Sandy Chapman, Margaret Pendleton, Carolyn Grigg, Ken Moses, Mike Bono, Marshall Caldwell, Eloise Mallen, Rolfe Sukkert, Doris Shepard (Barb Millay's mother), Jimmy Dixon, Glenn Adams, Dave Stanton, Jr., Dolly & Joe Killian, Randy Flora, Dave Jones, Naurice Smith.

Congratulations to Stephen Clinton and Savannah Hucks on their marriage on September 23, 2017. Stephen is the son of Keith and Stephanie Clinton and the grandson of Sam and Becky Jackson. Join us in wishing them happiness and joy in their life together.

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.

Fall Yard Sale Week, October 1-7, 2017 Our Annual Fall Yard Sale week is October 1-7 this year, so start cleaning out all your unwanted treasures to donate. All profits go to help a need at the church. We will sell at the Wednesday Morning Prayer Breakfast and the Wednesday Night Dinner as well as Friday (8:00am—6:00pm) and Saturday (9:00am—Noon). Church members are welcome to make purchases throughout the week. Please bring your donations to the church Sunday, October 1st—Thursday, October 5th. Thank you.

Hot Dog Lunch Friday, October 6th at the church. Forever Young will have a hotdog lunch fundraiser on Friday, October 6th, from 11:00am until we are sold out. Combo of hotdog, chips and drink is \$3.00. Hotdogs - \$1.50. Serving homemade chili and slaw. Please plan to join us.

Help Needed to Advertise the Fall Yard Sale, October 6 & 7: 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 breakroom, teacher workroom, hair dresser, 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.

Countdown to EXTRAVAGANZA: October 7.... This is it; only 6 days until the big day! This week will be very busy with our final preparations for the turkey dinner. We need YOU to help in any way you can, so please give some prayerful thought to "plugging in" where your talents lead you. We promise you will be blessed abundantly for your assistance, and to God be the glory!

The Forever Young & Friends

We will have the Wednesday night dinner on October 4th as well as selling yard sale items. We are hosting the dinner because no one else signed up. We sell a lot at the yard sale that night and did not want the dinner canceled. **We will need lots of extra help on that Wednesday night.**

We will take orders for personal pan pizzas (\$5.00) at the meeting and until 10:00am on Tuesday, October 3rd, for lunch on Wednesday, October 4th.

Youth, Children and Tweens

Youth: TODAY Jr. High ~ 6:00pm Sr. High ~ 7:00pm

We are excited to kick off our Wednesday night programs.

BIG (children) and Tweens at 6:30pm

Youth Fellowship at 6:30.

Be sure to check out the table in front of the Youth Room for all our upcoming event sign-up sheets!

Escape Room Tournament September through January

Be on the lookout for emails, posters, and Instagram posts for full details.

If you haven't already, text 1clovermyf to 95577 for text reminders!!

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

Update Records: The church would like to update our records since many members no longer have a telephone land line. If we do not have your cell number (or you're not sure if we do) please call the church office (803-222-3496) or email to sdavis@cloverfumc.org, so our records can be corrected. Thank you.

New rehearsals for the Genesis Praise Team will begin TODAY, at 5:30pm. Contact Rev. Meg Wilkes to become involved in leading the music for this service. 803-622-1315

From Our Nurture Committee

Fall Nurture Bags are placed in the lobby hallway until Sunday, October 22nd. The congregation is encouraged to drop in cards, notes and/or small gifts as desired.

This year's Nurture Luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14th at 11:00am in the Missions and Fellowship Center. This year's date was pushed back just a bit later than usual due to some conflicts in scheduling. More information will be forthcoming.

Please contact Ashley Gordon at 704-576-6743 with any questions.

The Food Project Ministry: Next week's 2nd Sunday donation is breakfast items: cereal, grits, pancake mix & syrup, or oatmeal. Thank you for your continued support.

PLEASE NOTE: When returning items to the Missions & Fellowship Center's Storage Closet, please be careful not to block the shelving holding our paper supplies. Thank you.

Reflection and Prayer for A Way Forward

In response to The UMC Council of Bishops' request, we will be holding prayer times on Tuesdays during the month of October to reflect and pray over the work of their Commission on A Way Forward. Please join us in the Sanctuary this week at 7:00pm if you would like to participate.

NEW BUS FUNDRAISER T-SHIRT SALE: ALL PROFITS GO TO THE NEW CHURCH BUS FUND.

The shirts will come in 4 colors—red, navy, green and sapphire. All will have FUMC and the Methodist symbol on the front in white. The back will not have writing. The shirts are preshrunk jersey knit ultra cotton (100%). Adult sizes are S—XXXL. Youth sizes are YS--YXL

Cost for the shirts will be \$10.00 for short sleeves and \$12.00 long sleeves. Add an extra \$2.00 to the price if ordering a XXL, XXXL. Please pay for the shirt when you place your order. An ordering table will be at Wednesday night dinner and church starting next week from 9:30am to 11:00am.

Optimist International Essay Contest: This contest is divided into two levels of competition. Club level receives a medallion and District level is a plaque and \$2500.00. This contest is open to any student under the age of 18 as of October 1st, 2017. District winners must provide a copy of birth certificate or passport with the District's entry documentation. Participants must write on the official topic "Can Society Function Without Respect". Essay must be no less than 700 and no more than 800 words. The Club contest started September 1st. Essays, copy of birth certificate and application must be sent to Clover Optimist Club, P.O. Box 199, Clover or given to Josie Skinnell by January 10th, 2018. Applications may be picked up from Josie Jamison or the counselors at the High School or from Josie Skinnell, sknnll@aol.com or 803-684-2008. Any questions please call 803-684-2008.