

An Order for the Christian Worship of God
September 10, 2017
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude "Soldiers of Christ Arise" -L. Smith

*Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome to the community of faith, the family of God!

People: We come as families, large and small in number, seeking God's love.

Leader: God's love is here for you.

People: Help us to understand how we are connected to God.

Leader: We abide in Christ Jesus, in love and compassion.

People: May our spirits be renewed and our connection to God be strengthened through our worship today.

*Processional Hymn "I Am Thine, O Lord" UMH # 419

*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 "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" FWS# 2112

Scripture Colossians 3: 1-15 # 1027

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

*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 "We are Singing for the Lord Is Our Light" *The Chancel Choir*

Offertory Prayer The Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory "Bread of Heaven" -M. Jordan

*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 Lesson Matthew 16: 21-26 # 851

The Sermon "Setting our Minds on the Things Above" Rev. Tommy Wilkes

*Hymn of Commitment "Are Ye Able" UMH # 530

Reception of New Member (8:30) Courtney Johnson

*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 "Processional" -G. Handel

*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.

The flowers are placed on the altar today to the Glory to God
 and in honor of Zoe Dubiski's 15th birthday, given by Mom and Dad.

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
- Reverend Meg Wilkes, Associate Minister – mwilkes@cloverfumc.org
- Reverend J. Richard Gibson, Pastor Emeritus
- Jon Valentine, Director of Children & Youth Ministries – jvalentine@cloverfumc.org
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- Tracie Kite, Sexton – kitracie@hotmail.com
- Hope Long, Nursery
- Windy Bartee, 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.

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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, Sandy Robinson, Teresa Glass, Sandy Chapman, Margaret Pendleton, Mama Cat Cockman, Tom Wilkes, Jr., Kitty Dayton(Maggie Amrhein's sister), Carolyn Grigg, Ken Moses, Rhett Hurst, Mike Bono, Marshall Caldwell, Janet Maslankowski, Alan Abernathy, 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.

Notes of Sympathy: Christian sympathy is extended to Dennis Cameron and family in the death of his father.

Christian sympathy is extended to Jon Valentine and family in the death of his grandfather.

Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Mrs. Estelle Camp.

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.

New Member: At the 8:30 service this morning we welcome Courtney Johnson into the membership of First UMC. Courtney comes from the Baptist tradition. She is engaged to Mark Adams and their wedding is planned for September 30th. Welcome Courtney into your new family of faith.

Esther Circle will meet Monday, September 11, at 10:00am in the Steve Camp classroom. If you would like to meet with our morning circle, please join us. Thank you, Windy Bartee

Martha Circle will meet on Monday, September 11, at 7:00pm.

Rebekah Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 12, at 7:00pm at the church.

September 17th: Newcomers, join us for First Connect. Join us on Sunday right after church in the Missions and Fellowship Center for subs, sides and drink and an informal time of getting to know you and sharing a little about the church's Mission and Ministry. The Pastors and staff would love to get to know you better. Call 803-222-3496 for more information or email Rev. Tommy Wilkes at twilkes@cloverfumc.org.

27all 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. **October 1-5** ~ Please bring donations to the church. **Everyone is welcome to help with the yard sale on any day.** There are many different types and activity levels of things to do throughout the week to get ready. We also help with preparations for the **Extravaganza / Turkey Dinner on Saturday, October 7.** Any amount of time you can give will be a great help. **Friday, October 6** is the BIG sale day, but Wednesday morning Men's Prayer Breakfast, Wednesday Night Dinner and Saturday morning are also busy.

Countdown to EXTRAVAGANZA: 27 days to go! Please continue to pray for a successful event. Ticket sales, homemade items for the Country Store and gathering of yard sale items are at the forefront. Remember to think about ways you can help; sign-up sheets will be in place in the lobby NEXT WEEK. We need everyone's assistance, and to God be the glory!

Youth, Children and Tweens

**Youth Fellowship: TODAY Jr. High youth will meet at 6:00pm, Sr. High at 7:00pm.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH FELLOWSHIP WILL RESUME ON SEPTEMBER 13TH.**

We are excited to kick off our Wednesday night programs on September 13th! BIG (children), Tweens and MYF (youth) are geared up ready to go! We have wonderful teachers in place to serve these children, HOWEVER, when life throws curve balls we need strong volunteers to substitute for these leaders!

THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN!! If you are willing to serve as a substitute for any Wednesday night programming please contact me ASAP! Won't you come join this amazing team of Children and Youth volunteers! Thank you for your support! ~Jon Valentine

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

Youth Cluster Event on September 17th

5th Quarter on September 22nd

Scarowinds on September 29th

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](https://www.clovermyf.com) to [95577](https://www.clovermyf.com) for text reminders!!

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

York/Clover Cluster Youth Day: Camp Cherokee Sunday, September 17, 2:00pm – 7:00pm
(1299 Camp Cherokee Rod, Kings Mountain State Park) Music, Worship, Food and Games!
Everything is Free! Come and bring a friend of two!!

Next Popcorn and a Movie ~ "A Man Called Ove"

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST (please note the change in day of the week). A grumpy yet loveable man finds his solitary world turned on its head when a boisterous young family moves in next door. **Meet Ove.** He's a curmudgeon, the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. But behind the cranky exterior there is a story and a sadness. So when one November morning a chatty young couples with two chatty young daughters move in next door and accidentally flatten Ove's mailbox, it is the lead-in to a comical and heartwarming tale of unkempt cats, unexpected friendship...All of which will change one cranky old man and a local residents' association to their very foundations. Join us for **this sacred time of reflecting theologically** around themes of growing older in God's grace. Sign up in the lobby. Bus leaves at 12:30pm from the church.

Today we give to the Epworth Work Day offering! Today our church will receive the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering to invest in the comprehensive care we are called by God to provide for the children at Epworth Children's Home, our church's ministry to God's children. Please find information about Epworth and the Work Day Offering on the bulletin insert. Epworth does not receive denominational funding (apportionments). This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. Give generously by using the envelope provided for you in the bulletin. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them on the web at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

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.

The next Nurture Committee meeting will be held on Monday, September 25th, at 11:00 in the Steve Camp classroom.

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 3rd Sunday donation is dried beans. Thank you for your continued support.

York/Clover United Methodist Cluster: You are cordially invited to join the York/Clover UM Cluster for a Senior Dinner on September 23rd, 4:00pm—6:00pm, at Mount Vernon UMC, 2160 Smithford Rd., Hickory Grove, SC. Food, Music, Prizes and Fellowship. **RSVP** to Renee Gallien by September 18th.

Forever Young & Friends Fall Trip to Roan Mountain

On Tuesday, September 19th, we will travel to Kirkie and Dick Gibson's home on Roan Mountain.

The bus will **leave the church promptly at 9:00am.** If you signed up to ride the bus, be at the church by 8:45am.

Plan for the Day: **1st stop**—Apple Hill Orchard Cider Mill; **2nd stop**—lunch/brunch at Cracker Barrel in Morganton; **3rd stop**—dessert, visiting and enjoying the mountains at the Gibson's home.

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!**

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.