

**An Order for the Christian Worship of God**  
**September 24, 2017**  
**Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve**

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** **Liturgical Color: Green**

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude “My Heart Ever Faithful” -J.S. Bach

\*Call to Worship

Leader: God of grace and mercy, whether we are lifelong laborers,  
or new arrivals in your vineyard,

**People: we know you value us just as we are.**

Leader: God of the last, God of the first, God of all those in between,

**People: Help us along the journey to find meaningful work in your Vineyard.**

**ALL: May we seek your presence in our lives and in a world in need.  
Amen.**

\*Processional Hymn “Trust and Obey” UMH# 467

\*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 “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” UMH# 430

Old Testament Reading Exodus 16: 2-15 # 59

\*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 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” *The Chancel Choir*

Offertory Prayer The Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory “Rock of Ages”

\*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.**

\*New Testament Reading Matthew 20: 1-16 # 854

The Sermon “3pm at the Train Depot” Rev. Tommy Wilkes

\*Hymn of Commitment “Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior” UMH# 351

\*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 “Postlude in C” -M. Thomas

\*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 memory of Jimmy and Virginia Jackson, given by Louise Jackson.  
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**2017 Financial Update**

Needed to meet General Fund Budget as of 8/31/17 \$ 434,509  
Actual General Fund Spending as of 8/31/17 \$ 389,563  
Received for General Fund as of 8/31/17 \$ 390,381

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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- 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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- Shirley M. Davis, Administrative Assistant / Financial Secretary – [sdavis@cloverfumc.org](mailto:sdavis@cloverfumc.org)
- Natasha Bilousova, Pianist
- Tracie Kite, Sexton – [kitetracie@hotmail.com](mailto:kitetracie@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, September 27.**

Menu: Chicken with Rice, Gravy, Roasted Vegetables & Dessert, sponsored by Boy Scouts

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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:** Rhett Hurst, Domingo Jesus Roges, Barb Millay, 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.

**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.

**Ministry Planning Day, September 24, right after church**

All members are welcome to join the following committees as they plan for these areas of ministry at First UMC for 2018:

- Safe Sanctuary                      Missions                      Children / Youth
- Worship, Music & Worship Arts                      Outreach Evangelism
- and a Discussion about Storage Possibilities at FUMC

**The Administrative Council members will meet following our First Block of Planning**

**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 1<sup>st</sup>—Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**Hot Dog Lunch Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>** at the church. Forever Young will have a hotdog lunch fundraiser on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 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....** 13 days to go! Things are moving along in our preparation, but we still need your help. If you haven't yet done so, please sign up to help in some way. This is a church-wide event, and we need for EVERYONE to participate as much as possible. So, sell (or buy) tickets, bake a cake, make crafts, do canning, sign up for specific daily duties—whatever your preference, make a commitment NOW to be a part of it. And to God be the glory!

**The Newsletter deadline is September 25<sup>th</sup>.** Please put your item in the church newsletter mailbox or you can email it to [Ann.Shearer@clover.k12.sc.us](mailto:Ann.Shearer@clover.k12.sc.us).

### 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!

**Scarowinds** on September 29<sup>th</sup>

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

**The Forever Young & Friends** will meet on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 in room 104. We will eat lunch at a local restaurant after the meeting.

We will have the Wednesday night dinner on October 4<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, for lunch on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

**New rehearsals for the Genesis Praise Team** will begin Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

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

This year's Nurture Luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday donation is spaghetti and spaghetti sauce. 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.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Applications may be picked up from Josie Jamison or the counselors at the High School or from Josie Skinnell, [sknll@aol.com](mailto:sknll@aol.com) or 803-684-2008. Any questions please call 803-684-2008.