

An Order for the Christian Worship of God
September 3, 2017
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: White

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

*Call to Worship #4

Leader: Though the way seems long and the road rough

People: Yet will we trust the One who leads us.

Leader: Though the direction is unknown and we don't know the outcome

People: Yet will we place our lives in Christ's loving care.

Leader: It is Christ who brings us out to green pastures and restores our souls.

People: It is Christ who gives us hope and peace. Praise be to Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

*Processional Hymn

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

UMH# 381

*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

The Anthem

"We Gather at One Table"

The Chancel Choir

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

*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."**

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: 1-6

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Sermon

"The Good Shepherd"

Rev. Dick Gibson
Rev. Tommy Wilkes & Helpers

Confession, Assurance and Pardon

Sacrament of Holy Communion

*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

*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.

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 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.

NAME _____ No. _____

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: Sandy Chapman, Margaret Pendleton, Joe Hourihan, Barb Millay, Mama Cat Cockman, Tom Wilkes, Jr., Kitty Dayton (Maggie Amrhein's sister), Carolyn Grigg, James Valentine, Jr., Ken Moses, Wayne Leroy, Rhett Hurst, Mike Bono, Marshall Caldwell, Janet Maslankowski, Alan Abernathy, Estelle Camp, 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, 2nd Lt. Rion Cartin, LCPL Chris Propst, M.Gy. Sgt. Terry Kenneth Lowman, Jr.

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.

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).

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. **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: October 7th. We're only 34 days away now! Please pray that the event will be successful. Tickets for the turkey dinner are available in the church office or from Johnny Adams. We have BIG shoes to fill since our beloved Lacy Robinson has passed—he sold hundreds of tickets for us each year! So, why not take a full sheet (8 tickets) to sell? And don't forget to work on canned and baked goods and homemade items 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. And, we need your time as well. There will be sign-up sheets in the lobby soon, so do consider your "gifts", and then help as much as you can. Even an hour or two is most appreciated, 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, 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

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 to 95577 for text reminders!!

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

Thank you: I truly appreciate all the cards, calls, thoughts and prayers from my church family. I love each and every one of you! *Mama Cat Cockman*

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

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.

Don’t Forget Epworth Children’s Home Work Day Offering Next Sunday! This tradition dates back decades when Methodists were challenged to give a day’s pay to the children at Epworth. While the emphasis has shifted a bit over the years, it is still important that we come together to provide spiritual, educational, emotional and physical support for the children at Epworth. Epworth does not receive denominational funding (apportionments). This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information about Epworth Children’s Home, visit them on the web at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

FUMC Spiritual Growth Group Survey

___ I am interested in being involved in a new Covenant Discipleship Group. This is a small group that meets weekly in someone's home. Men’s Group _____ Women’s Group _____

___ I am interested in attending Short Term Bible Studies
This would last between 4 and 6 weeks (usually during Advent and Lent) on Wednesday Nights or Wednesday Mornings

___ I am interested in starting or joining another type of small group for spiritual formation and discipleship.

___ I am interested in taking Faith and Church 101
(12 weeks) to know more about beliefs and practices of First United Methodist Church of Clover and Spiritual Disciplines of Christian Faith and Action. Sunday Mornings 10am-10:50am or Sunday PM (circle one)

___ I am interested in a Long Term Bible Study
(Disciple Bible Study 24 weeks) This Bible Study includes a 2 hour meeting weekly (video and discussion) which includes a workbook with helpful commentary / Runs through School Year and Breaks for Holidays

___ I have taken Disciple I and now I am interested in taking another Long Term Bible Study (circle below if interested)
Disciple II, Disciple III, Disciple IV, Jesus in the Gospels, Christian Believer or other

___ I am interested in being a part of a newly formed Sunday School Class and would like to talk about this with one of the ministers.

___ I need information and Guidance in choosing a Sunday School Class for me.

Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____