

An Order for the Christian Worship of God

October 15, 2017

Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

Children & Youth Sunday

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude (11:00) David's Music Mix

*Call to Worship

Leader: *By faith*, we trust that we were created in the image of God.

People: *By faith, we hope and dream and make plans.*

Leader: *By faith*, we face our fears and insecurities.

People: *By faith*, we till the soil of our lives and plant seeds of love.

Leader: *By faith*, we follow where God leads.

People: *By faith, we trust that God is present in our midst.*

All: *By faith, we gather in this place to worship God together.*

*Processional Hymn "Into My Heart" FWS# 2160

*Passing of the Peace

Time with the Children (11:00 only)

(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.)

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation "This Is the Day" UMH# 657

*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 (8:30) "Children of the Heavenly Father" *The Chancel Choir*
Jason King ~ Flute

The Anthem (11:00) "Wade in the Water" *Children & Chancel Choir*

Offertory Prayer The Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory (11:00) "I Have the Joy, Joy, Joy"

*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.

Scripture Galatians 5: 23, 25 #1015

Message "Faith" Blair Abernathy

*Hymn of Commitment "Jesus Loves Me" UMH# 191

Reception of New Member Sandy Eaton

*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 (11:00) David's Music Mix

*indicates worshippers are invited to stand, if able.

We thank the Children and Youth of First UMC for leading our worship services today.

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 loving memory of Frances Richie,
given by Beverly and Suzanne.

2017 Financial Update

Needed to meet General Fund Budget as of 9/30/17 \$ 490,947
Actual General Fund Spending as of 9/30/17 \$ 432,089
Received for General Fund as of 9/30/17 \$ 432,589

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 Meal, October 18

Menu: Potato & Salad Bar, Dessert
sponsored by the Becky Lyda Sunday School Class

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: David Stanton, Jr., Jay Valentine, 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, Dolly & Joe Killian, Randy Flora, Dave Jones, Naurice Smith.

Sympathy: Christian sympathy is extended to Chuck and Christine Payseur's family in the death of Chuck's grandmother.

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.

Welcome New Member: This morning we welcome Sandy Eaton into the membership of First UMC by transfer from Oneida Free Methodist Church in Wampsville, NY. Sandy is retired and is a full time volunteer at Clover Area Assistance Center. She lives at 724 Victory Gallop Avenue, Clover and her telephone number is 315-430-6488. Welcome Sandy, into your new family of faith.

The Nominations Committee will meet at 4:00pm this afternoon in the Library.

Handbells will practice on Wednesday at 5:40pm in the Handbell room. If you are interested in ringing, please come and join us!

The Chancel Choir is beginning some of their Christmas music! If you would like to join us for the Christmas season, please contact Cheri King or join us on Wednesday at 6:45!

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.

Wednesday Bible Study: Join us this Wednesday night for Bible Study, 6:30-7:30pm in the Steve Camp classroom. This Bible Study will be around the Exodus Passages. Please bring your Bible and read Exodus 3. Taught by Rev. Tommy Wilkes.

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 4th Sunday donation is soup. Thank you for your continued support.

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

Youth, Children and Tweens

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

OCTOBER 31ST IS THE CLOVER FUMC FALL FEST! From 5pm to 7pm we will have fun, games, trick 'r' treating, BINGO, and a free hot dog supper!

This year we will be hosting our Fall Festival in front of the church along side our community to provide a safe place for children to play games and get treats!

**We also need several cakes for the CAKE WALK and CANDY for Trick 'r' Treating!
For all who would like to volunteer for the Fall Festival, please contact Jon at 803-222-3496 or jvalentine@cloverfumc.org.**

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](tel:1clovermyf) to [95577](tel:95577) for text reminders!!

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

NEW BUS FUNDRAISER T-SHIRT SALE:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND, IS THE LAST DAY TO ORDER.

ALL PROFITS GO TO THE NEW CHURCH BUS FUND.

The shirts will come in four colors – red, navy, green and sapphire. All will have the 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 for 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 lobby Sunday from 9:30am to 11:00am. Ordering forms are also available at the sign up table. You may also turn in your completed order form with payment at the church office or enclosed in an envelope placed in the offering plate. Payment can be cash, check or debit machine in the lobby. If you use the debit machine, please, write T-shirt order on your receipt before turning it in.

Thank you: I want to thank everyone for the many calls, cards, visits and prayers. It has all been a comfort and a reminder that God is with me during this time. You all shine God's Light so brightly. Everyone at FUMC is so very special to me and my family.

Tammy Bailes

POPCORN and a MOVIE!! for Senior Adults Tuesday, October 19th

"DRIVING MISS DAISY" The bus will leave @ 1:00pm

Join us this week for some good theological dialogue inspired by a movie about an old Jewish widow, Daisy (Jessica Tandy), her African American chauffeur, Hoke (Morgan Freeman), and her adult children (Dan Aykroyd), touching on themes of close friendships, aging, and adult children who don't always understand. Set in the deep South (Atlanta, GA), this story is hopeful and beautiful, reflecting on love that transcends racial prejudices and social conventions.

THANK YOU to all who helped with our Fall Extravaganza last week; you were wonderful—not to mention tireless! To date, the yard, hot dog sale and Wednesday night dinner earned \$ 6026.56 to add to our new bus fund; and the turkey dinner and Country Store earned \$ 6,156.19 to go toward retirement of our church debt!! Praise God and HALLELUJAH!

Forever Young and Friends will meet on Thursday, October 26th at 10:30 in room 104. After the meeting, we will have a covered dish lunch and fall activities.

Adult Fall Festival on Thursday, October 26th.

We will begin with a covered dish lunch about 11:45 (after the Forever Young & Friends meeting). Bring a covered dish to share.

Fun fall activities like a cake / prize walk, guess the amount of candy corn, a fall craft, BINGO, etc.

We will do a **reverse Trick or Treat** by giving items to the Food Project. Please bring a food item to donate.

Everyone is welcome. Come join the fun!

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.