

**An Order for the Christian Worship of God
October 22, 2017
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve**

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude "At the Lord's Table" -L. Smith

*Call to Worship

Leader: Though there are rulers, presidents, kings, queens,
God is the Lord of all life.

People: In God we live and move and have our being.

Leader: God requires our faithfulness and our service.

**People: We reach out to others with the same kind of love
with which God has touched our lives.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord who is always with us.

People: Let us praise God who walks daily by our side. AMEN.

*Processional Hymn "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" UMH# 427

*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.)

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Psalter Psalm 99 (with response) UMH# 819

Old Testament Scripture Exodus 33: 12-23 # 76

The Anthem "He is Lord"
Olivia Valentine & Rita Beamguard

*Hymn of Preparation "Freely, Freely" UMH# 389

*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 22: 15-22 #857

Sermon "God and Country" Rev. Tommy Wilkes

Offertory Prayer The Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory "It is Well with My Soul" -R. Lozee

*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

*Hymn of Commitment "Take My Life, and Let It Be" UMH# 399

*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 "The Celebration of Life" -G. Davidson

*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 loving memory of Lynn Millward, given by his wife Hope Millward.  
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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
 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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 Nannette Carnes, Organist
 Tracie Kite, Sexton – kitetracie@hotmail.com
 Hope Long, Nursery
 Windy Bartee, Lay Leader
 Ray Reavis, David Edwards, Bob Grindle, Conference Lay Members

Wonderful Wednesday Meal, October 25

Menu: Chicken Pot Pie, Green Beans, Slaw, Bread & Desserts

Sponsored by: Forever Young

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: Jim Heckle, David Stanton, Jr., Jonathan Beamguard, Josie Skinnell, Dolly Killian, Frances Funderburk, Barb Millay, Larry Beamguard, Tammy Bailes, Tom Dann, Rhet Hurst, Domingo Jesus Roges, Sandy Chapman, Margaret Pendleton, Ken Moses, Eloise Mallen, Rolfe Sukkert, Jimmy Dixon, Glenn Adams, Joe Killian, Dave Jones.

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.

The Audio/Visual Listening Session will be at 4:00pm this afternoon in the sanctuary.
The Board of Trustees will meet this evening at 6:00pm in the Steve Camp Classroom, #104.
The Administrative Council will meet this evening at 7:00pm

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!

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 10-14. Taught by Rev. Tommy Wilkes. Newcomers welcome.

From Our Nurture Committee

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 5th Sunday donation is apple juice. 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.

Marriage Enrichment Date Night, November 4th ~ Bunco for the Food Project

Let the good times roll! We will get together at 6:00pm at the Dubiski's home for a night of games, food, laughter and fellowship. The "cost" of admission is 4 items for the food project. Don't worry if you've never played before, as long as you can roll dice and count you will be fine! Please bring a dish to share for dinner. Childcare will be available at the church. Please RSVP to the Dubiski's at smileanddial@earthlink.net or 518-281-2274 by November 1st.

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 to 95577 for text reminders!!

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

NEW BUS FUNDRAISER T-SHIRT SALE:

TODAY, 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 in the church lobby TODAY 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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Since 1993 Operation Christmas Child has delivered 146 million shoeboxes to children in 104 countries. Each box represents a simple gift delivered with the Good News of Jesus Christ into the hands of a boy or girl living in the midst of poverty and despair. Pick up a box in the lobby and fill it with gifts you know a child will enjoy. We will be receiving filled boxes until November 19th.

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.

Found: A book, "The Story Bible" by Pearl S. Buck, has been found in the church. A note is written on the inside front cover to Zachary and Jeremy from their mother, Christmas 2001. If you know who this might belong to, please notify the church office.