

An Order for the Christian Worship of God
October 29, 2017
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

Heritage Sunday / Reformation Sunday

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

Pre Service "Remind Me, Dear Lord"
*"Roll back the curtain of memory now and then,
 Show me where you brought me from,
 and where I could have been.
 Just remember, I'm a human, and humans forget
 so remind me, remind me dear Lord."*

Welcome and Announcements
 The Prelude "God Is Love, His Mercy Brightens" -Witt

*Call to Worship
 Leader: Almighty God, you have raised up servants to proclaim the gift of redemption and a life of holiness.
People: For our spiritual forebears, Susanna, John, and Charles Wesley; Barbara Heck, Jacob Albright, Philip William Otterbein, Martin Luther, Martin Bohm, Mary McCloud Bethune, the Pastors and lay persons of this Church, inspired by your Spirit, we give thanks.
 Leader: In their ministry, through their difficulties, and in spite of their weaknesses, you were their hope and their salvation.
People: You led them and their followers to create the heritage that is ours.
 Leader: We praise you for the women and men, young and old, who followed them, who gave themselves unselfishly for the welfare of the Church, whose commitment and vision encouraged and supported the Church. Their talents, enthusiasm, idealism, and dedication infused the Church with energy.
People: Their outstanding gifts and witness shaped our thought and life. We praise you for these countless members of your Church, whose names we now remember.
Silence is kept to remember the names of saints.
 Leader: And we give thanks for the place of our rich tradition among the churches which comprise the Body of Christ.
People: With all your people throughout creation, give us a new vision, new love, new wisdom, and fresh understanding, that we may serve you more fully; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(Augmented from the works of CHARLES YRIGOYEN)

*Processional Hymn "Forward Through the Ages" UMH# 555

*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

Scripture I Thessalonians 2: 1-2, 7-14b #1029

The Anthem "Find Us Faithful" *The Chancel Choir*

*Hymn of Preparation "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" UMH# 117

*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 Deuteronomy 34: 1-12 #184

Sermon "Mount Nebo and the Crossing" Rev. Tommy Wilkes

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

*Hymn of Commitment "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" UMH# 110

*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 "Chaconne" -Couperin

*indicates worshippers are invited to stand, if able

 The flowers are placed on the altar today to the Glory to God and in honor of Geoff and Francine Dubiski's 20th Wedding Anniversary. Happy 20th Anniversary. May God continue to bless you with all that is good and wonderful. Love Mom.

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

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Hope Long, Nursery

Windy Bartee, Lay Leader

Ray Reavis, David Edwards, Bob Grindle, Conference Lay Members

Wonderful Wednesday Meal, November 1

Menu: Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread & Dessert

Sponsored by: Steve Camp 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: Leon Laye (mother in critical condition in Hartsville), Sandy Chapman, Jim Heckle, Jonathan Beamguard, Josie Skinnell, Dolly Killian, Frances Funderburk, Barb Millay, Larry Beamguard, Tammy Bailes, Tom Dann, Rhett Hurst, Domingo Jesus Roges, Margaret Pendleton, Ken Moses, Eloise Mallen, Rolfe Sukkert, Jimmy Dixon, Glenn Adams, Joe Killian, Dave Jones.

Note of Sympathy: Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of David Stanton, Jr.
Christian sympathy is extended to Tom Meyer in the death of his mother.

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.

Charge Conference is today following our Heritage Sunday covered dish lunch. We are thankful to have the Reverend Joe Long (Rock Hill District Superintendent) with us today in worship.

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 14, 18-20. 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. Tommy & Meg Wilkes will be sharing music with us this day. More information will be forthcoming.

Please contact Ashley Gordon at 704-576-6743 with any questions.

The Food Project Ministry: Next week's 1st Sunday donation is spaghetti and spaghetti sauce. Thank you for your continued support.

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.

Thanks to Grace White, Linda Abernathy, Kay Owen, Linda Lowman, Christine Payseur, Sange Ammons, Judy Falls and Meg Wilkes for helping with our 2017 Heritage Sunday celebration.

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

Tweens are collecting donations for the Animal Shelter. Please bring any new/old towels, blankets, or toys and unopened dog food.

This Wednesday November 1st our children's program BIG will be visiting one of our shut-ins. Come to church this Wednesday to share what a Believer In God is all about!!

JR HIGH! We are going to play laser tag Nov. 3rd! We will leave from the church at 5:30pm, return to church by 9pm to play a couple other games at the church! PRICE IS \$17 per person. This will cover 2 private games of laser tag at Laser Quest in Charlotte! Dinner will be provided! SEE YOU ON NOVEMBER 3rd!

SR HIGH! On November 5th we are going to Concord Mills Mall to enjoy the afternoon browsing at stuff we want just in time to put it on our Christmas lists. The mall has several things to do such as a movie theater, go carts, arcade, and a ton of shopping options! Bring money to eat in the food court and whatever money you want to throw at those got to have items! We will leave the church at 2:30pm and return around 7pm!

OUR CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM practices will begin next Wednesday NOVEMBER 8th! It is going to be a wonderful time of song and storytelling! BE SURE TO BE HERE ON NOVEMBER 8th TO START PRACTICING!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY – next Sunday we will remember all saints/members who have passed during the year. We will also have a time to remember other saints and lift them to God in worship. Following the 8:30 and 11:00 services we will have our annual All Saints Sunday Dedication of the Bricks Service in the All Saints Park. Make sure to join us next Sunday as we remember the saints that have come before us and the faithfulness of our God.

Coat Give Away at the Food Project: Please donate gently used or new coats, heavy sweatshirts/sweaters, hats and gloves to be given away at the Food Project in November and December. A tub will be located at the Food Project table starting November 5th. Thank you for your support, Esther Circle and Forever Young & Friends.

The Higher Education and Campus Ministry Committee will meet Thursday, November 9th, in the library at First UMC at 6:30pm. If you would like to be a part of this committee to help support our college students, please attend this meeting. Please email or contact Renee Gallien at 222-2443 or rgbfhist@bellsouth.net to let her know that you would like to join our group. FUMC currently has 40 college students. We need to give them support and prayers from their home church. Exam time will be coming up soon and this is a very stressful time. Thank you for your willingness to support our college students.

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.

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.

Thank you: Many thanks to my church family for all the calls, cards and concerns during my recent illness and surgery for kidney stones. A loving and caring church in times like this is much appreciated. Thank you again,
Sandy Robinson

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.