

An Order for the Christian Worship of God
March 25, 2018
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

Palm Sunday **Liturgical Color: Purple**

Pre Service

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude "All Glory, Laud and Honor" -arr. Smith

*Call to Worship
 Leader: Save us Lord!
People: Hosanna!
 Leader: Praise the Lord!
People: Alleluia!
 People: To you who triumphed over death,
People: we sing our praise. Your steadfast love endures forever.
 Leader: As we face your death and recall the week of your suffering,
People: may we do so with a joy that anticipates the celebration of your resurrection;
 Leader: may we do so with the confidence to turn to you
People: in both life and death. Amen.

*Processional Hymn "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" UMH # 278

*Passing of the Peace

*indicates worshippers are invited to stand, if able

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

The Anthem "Hosanna to the Son of David" *The Chancel Choir*

*Hymn of Preparation "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" UMH # 298

*Psalter Psalm 118 UMH # 839

*Gospel Lesson Mark 11: 1-11 # 879

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*

*Offertory Prayer

*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 John 13: 1-17 # 937

Sermon "He Can Be Taught" Rev. Tommy Wilkes

*Hymn of Commitment "The Servant Song" FWS # 2222

*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 "March Royale" -Lully

Invitation to Newcomers: Those desiring to unite with our congregation through Baptism, Profession of Faith or Rededication 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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 Flowers are placed on the altar today to the Glory of God  
 and in honor of Mallory Dover's 13<sup>th</sup> birthday. Love, Mama, Daddy and Clara  
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Stewardship ~ Ways to Give

Regular Tithes and Offerings through the **Sunday Morning Offering.**

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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Reverend J. Richard Gibson, Pastor Emeritus

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Natasha Bilousova, Pianist

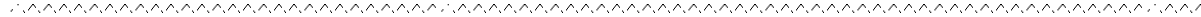
Nannette Carnes, Organist

Tracie Kite, Sexton – [kitetracie@hotmail.com](mailto:kitracie@hotmail.com)

Hope Long, Nursery

Windy Bartee, Lay Leader

Ray Reavis, Bob Grindle, Renee Gallien, Conference Lay Members



Wonderful Wednesday Dinner, March 28

Menu: Country Breakfast

Sponsored by: United Methodist Men

Name _____ No. _____

OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

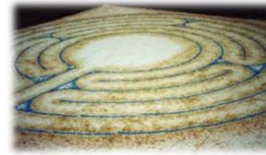
Contact pastors or Shirley Davis @ 222-3496 or sdavis@cloverfumc.org to add to joy and prayer concerns:

Recent Concerns: Fred Byers, Tom Meyer, Caleigh Dover, Anne Adams, Brad Robinson, Dave Edwards, Betsy Durant (Windy Bartee's friend), Hugh Robinson, Tommy Crawford, Marshall Caldwell, Carolyn Grigg, Sandy Chapman, Wayne Leroy, Rhett Hurst, Josie Skinnell, Dave Blanton, Rolfe Sukkert.

Note of Sympathy: Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Dave Jones.

Military: Captain Thad Wilson, Lt. Col. Nicholas S. Hare, Major Blair Preston, 2nd Lt. Rion Cartin, LCPL Chris Propst, M.Gy. Sgt. Terry Kenneth Lowman, Jr.

The Labyrinth



The Labyrinth ~ a walking path for prayer and spiritual meditation ~ will be available during the daytime, and also on Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings until 9:00pm in the Missions and Fellowship Center thru Easter Monday. We will have a comfortable waiting space set up for you, including reading materials and information about the Labyrinth as an ancient and contemporary spiritual practice. This year our path is smaller – 18 feet – so

we may practice waiting (*how appropriate for Lent*) while others complete their time on the path. Please consider taking this opportunity that has been intentionally and carefully prepared for you by your pastoral and worship staff.

THE SPRING YARD SALE IS APRIL 8—14: Please bring your donations Sunday, April 6 through Thursday, April 12.

WE WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP! Any amount of time you can help is greatly appreciated. We have all kinds of things and activity levels for people to do.

Times: Sunday 1:00—5:00, Monday—Tuesday 9:00—5:00, Wednesday at Men's Prayer Breakfast, Wednesday Night Supper & 9:00—5:00, Thursday 9:00—5:00, Friday 8:00 –6:00 (busiest day), Saturday 9:00—12:00. As always, our church family is able to shop any day during the week.

GOOD FRIDAY

If you are willing to participate in the Good Friday dramatization about the Passion of Christ, either as an "actor" (*no memorization or movement necessary, costumed still poses only*) or as a Narrator, please contact Rev. Meg Wilkes asap. First rehearsal is THIS AFTERNOON at 4:00pm. We need between 10 and 15 costumed "actors" and 10 Narrators. Email Rev. Meg at mwilkes@cloverfumc.org or call 803-622-1315.

GREEN RIVER PLANTATION TRIP – THURSDAY, MAY 3RD

INCLUDED – Lunch, tour of historical plantation house & visit a winery or two

COST - \$ 25.00. **Payment is due before or on April 10th.**

Make checks out to FUMC – Forever Young. On the for / memo line write, Green River trip.

Checks to the church office or in the offering plate in an envelope.

LIST – Names will be added to the list when payment is received.

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

Youth, Children and Tweens

Today ~ Final opportunity to give to World Vision, 30 hour famine

Youth: Youth will not meet tonight.

Reminder: BIG and Tweens will go visit shut-ins this Wednesday.

Our Wednesday night programs: BIG (children) and Tweens at 6:30pm / Youth Fellowship at 6:30.

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

Ada Krugh will celebrate her 90th birthday on April 21st. Her family is honoring her at a party on April 22nd. If you would like to send Ada a birthday card for her special day, her address is listed below:
1215 Evergreen Court Clarkston, WA 99403

SCRIPTURE READERS! As we begin all of our committee meetings for 2018 we are excited about this new year in ministry together. Recently the Worship Committee met and decided we would like to invite some of our younger and newer congregation members to join us in the rotations for Scripture reading during worship! If you enjoy reading aloud and would like to serve God and church in this way, give Rev. Meg a call. 803-622-1315. We are inviting all young adults and youth, as well as all other ages, to participate.

NURTURE NEWS: We still need more people to serve as nurture friends to our shut-ins. Contact Rev. Meg Wilkes mwilkes@cloverfumc.org, 803-622-1315

Remember Asbury Hills! Register now. Pick up your flyer to choose your camp date. Several have already contacted Rev. Meg. Maybe you are one of those who would also like to go. Contact Rev. Meg Wilkes 803-222-3496

The Newsletter deadline is March 25th. Please put your items in the church newsletter mailbox or you can email it to Ann.Shearer@clover.k212.sc.us.

First UMC is reinstating an old custom of placing Easter lilies in the church on Easter morning. If you would like to provide a lily in memory of or in honor of someone, the cost is \$14.00 per lily. A list of the donated lilies will be in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 1st. Orders will be taken through Monday, March 26th. Please fill out the form below, attached your payment and place in the offering plate or you may bring it to the church office. You may take home your lily following the services on Easter Sunday.

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Name _____

2018 Festival of Tables: United Methodist Women will host the fifth annual "Festival of Tables" ladies luncheon on Saturday, May 19th, 2018. You can reserve a table for \$ 5.00 and decorate in your chosen theme, using your tableware and decorations. Guest tickets are \$ 8.00 each. Last year over one hundred women attended to preview the decorated tables and enjoy a delicious lunch. To reserve a table or if you want further information contact Linda Abernathy (222-7591) or Grace White (222-7528). Please plan to join us!

Optimist International Oratorical Contest

This contest is open to any student under the age of 18 as of October 1st, 2018. Participants must write on the official topic "Where Are My Roots of Optimism." Applications can be picked up from the High School, Clover or Oakridge Middle School, Ninth Grade Academy or from Jon Valentine. Any questions, call Josie Skinnell at 803-684-2008 or email sknnll@aol.com. Please see flyer on the bulletin board for additional information.

Clover Optimist Club Pork Bar-B-Que will be on Saturday, April 7th next to Killian's Service Center. 10:00am until 2:00pm.

Pork Plate (Barbeque, slaw, chips, cookie & bun) ~ \$ 8.00

Sandwich with chips ~ \$ 4.00; 5 lb bucket ~ \$ 35.00

Walk in welcome. For tickets call Ashby Skinnell at 803-322-0177.

NOTE: \$ 1.00 from each plate will be given to Childhood Cancer Research.

Host an Exchange Student: Open your heart and home to an exchange student coming to this area in August! Students know English, come with own spending money and health insurance, and would love to a part of your family for either 5 or 10 months. In return the family gains a new son or daughter and learns about a new culture without leaving our home. This is a great ministry opportunity! Please contact Trish Hasty today at 704-661-4765 or trishhasty@gmail.com. Thanks! CIEE is non-profit.