

**An Order for the Christian Worship of God
May 13, 2018
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve**

7th Sunday of Easter **Mother’s Day** **Liturgical Color: White**

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude “Love Through Me”

*Call to Worship (based on themes from Psalm 139)

Leader: We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God,

People: who, like a mother, knows us intimately,

Leader: loves us unconditionally,

People: teaches us the way we should go,

Leader: and comforts us in times of need.

People: Praise God, the Source and Sustainer of life!

*Processional Hymn “The Gift of Love” UMH # 408

*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.)

Celebration of Mothers

A Litany for Mother’s Day

Leader: Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

All: Thank God for mothers!

Leader: Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

All: Thank God for my mother!

Leader: For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth.

All: Thank God for the mothers of the past.

Leader: For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children right now.

All: Thank God for the mothers of today.

Leader: For all the women who are expecting, but aren’t quite mothers yet!

All: Thank God for the soon-to-be-mothers.

Leader: For the women who took in others’ children through adoption and foster care.

All: Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.

Leader: For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

All: Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.

Leader: For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own, but chose instead to mother everyone else.

All: Thank God for the mothers in spirit.

All: We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. We pray that we will honor them in everything we do. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

The Anthem “Hark I Hear the Harps Eternal” *The Chancel Choir*

Dedication of Bibles and Banners

*Hymn of Preparation “Gimme That Old Time Religion” insert

*Scripture Reading John 17: 6-11 NT#105

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.

Scripture Reading Acts 1: 6-11 and Luke 24: 34-52 NT#110 & #85

Sermon Rev. Tommy Wilkes

*Hymn of Commitment “All Creatures of Our God and King” (vs. 1-7) UMH # 62

*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 Lord Bless You and Keep You” -arr. Hopson

*indicates worshippers are invited to stand, if able

Invitation to Newcomers: Those desiring to unite with our congregation of First UMC in 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 and your presence here in church.

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
- Reverend Meg Wilkes, Associate Minister – mwilkes@cloverfumc.org
- Reverend J. Richard Gibson, Pastor Emeritus
- Jon Valentine, Director of Children & Youth Ministries – jvalentine@cloverfumc.org
- Cathy Allen, BIG/Tweens Coordinator – cmallen217@gmail.com
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- Natasha Bilousova, Pianist
- Nannette Carnes, Organist
- Tracie Kite, Sexton – kite_tracie@hotmail.com
- Hope Long, Nursery
- Windy Barte, Lay Leader
- Ray Reavis, Bob Grindle, Renee Gallien, Conference Lay Members

Wonderful Wednesday Dinner, May 16
Menu: Taco Salad & Fixings
Sponsored by: Forever Young & Friends

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: Barb Millay, Lee Killian, Sandy Chapman, Betty Durrant, Rose Knight, Sue Young, Kandy Hanzely (Todd Hughes' sister), Josie Skinnell, Jane Stang, Fred Byers, Tom Meyer, Brad Robinson, Tommy Crawford, Wayne Leroy, Rolfe Sukkert.

Note of Sympathy: Christian sympathy is extended to Lee Jackson and family in the death of her father.

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.

Communion Banner: The Green Communion Banner is presented this morning to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Betty Cox** by Mel Smith, Steve Smith, Rick Smith, Richard Cox and various memorials given in her memory.

Baptism Banner: Remembering her love of the church and her strong belief that others should join her here regularly, this banner is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Betsy Adams** by her family.

Pew Bibles: The new pew Bibles are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Elsie Adams**. The family wishes to express their appreciation for the memorials given to the church in memory of our mother, Elsie Adams. Blessings to all.

You're Invited to Open House at The Wrays ~ Sunday, May 20, 2018 Drop In 2:00—5:00pm.
5039 Jenkins Farm Road, Blacksburg, SC 29702 *NO GIFTS PLEASE*

Our final Wonderful Wednesday Meal is coming up.
Be sure to SIGN UP!!! (in the lobby ~ or call the church office)
On May 16 we will have a meal prepared by Forever Young and Friends for a **BUS Fundraiser!!**
PLEASE plan to be here to contribute or to give your donation for take-out. Even if you can't participate in the meal that night, won't you please make a generous donation to the New Bus Fund?
The new bus, along with the one we already have, will be used by every group in the church so this is genuinely a church wide effort. Thank you so much.

The Forever Young & Friends will meet this Wednesday, May 16th, at 4:30 in the Missions & Fellowship Center. Please plan to attend.

Trip to Epworth By The Sea, Saint Simons Island: We are leaving for another adventure on Monday, May 21st. Plan to wear a **green shirt on Tuesday**, May 22nd if possible. The bus will leave the church on Monday, May 21st at 8:30am. If you plan to ride or follow the bus, please be at the church by 8:20. The address is Epworth By The Sea, 100 Arthur J. Moore Drive, St. Simons Island, GA 31522. Phone number 912-638-8688

Needed: Someone to water the plants at the church. See Shirley or Rev. Wilkes.

Youth, Children and Tweens

Youth: No youth tonight so you can spend it with your mom.

Our Wednesday night programs: BIG (children) and Tweens at 6:30pm / Youth Fellowship at 6:30. Upcoming Children's Event! Mark your calendars now!

Summer VBS –Sunday-Thursday, July 8-12. Travel to Babylon! See Daniel's Courage in Captivity! 5:00- 8:00pm. See announcement on Children's Board in hallway.

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

BIG & TWEENS & families – Sunday, May 20th – Join us for an afternoon at Kings Mountain National Park! (Weather permitting). Bring a picnic lunch, walk the 1.5 mile battlefield trail, see the 20 minute film explaining the battle, visit the museum, and have fun with our children & families! Meet at the church @12:15 to take the bus or carpool, leave the park by 3:00 to return to the church by 3:30.

Ticked About Lyme 5K Run/Walk, May 26th at 8:30am.

To raise awareness for Lyme disease and to raise money for families suffering from Lyme disease who cannot afford treatment. Register online at Tickedaboutlyme.org, click on 5k run/walk. \$15.00 until May 14th, \$20.00 after May 14th. You must be registered by May 14 to be guaranteed a t-shirt. Starts at First UMC. For information about Sponsorship levels see the bulletin board.

Esther Circle: The word is Mama Cat is going to move into her new apartment finally. Our Esther Circle wants to give her a pounding: staple items she may need for her new place. We are meeting on Monday, May 14th, at 10:00am in the Steve Camp class. Joyce Shores will be presenting a thoughtful program. After the circle and pounding, we will clean our part of the kitchen. If you do not have a circle yet, come and visit. We would love to have you. Call with questions. Windy Bartee, 803-222-7533.

Martha Circle will meet at 7:00 on May 14th, at the home of Ann Grindle.

Asbury Hills Summer Camp: Remember to register soon for Asbury Hills Summer Camp! Please take a flier from the Church Lobby for information about camping dates and contacting Asbury Hills! Camp is for ages 2nd grade through high school! If cost are prohibitive for your family, talk with Rev. Meg Wilkes. The church is able to support our campers with a portion of the cost, and Asbury Hills also provides needs based scholarships. Go to asburyhills.org to check out the many adventures there and the spiritual growth opportunity for young people! This year's theme is **Defy Fear! (Mark 5:36)** We will have a wonderful Wednesday Meal on May 9th to help cover some of the expenses for our campers. Pick your date, register NOW, and let me know if the church can help you!
mwilkes@cloverfumc.org 803-222-3496 ext.17

Salkehatchie Registration: It is time to sign up for camp! If you desire, the church missions committee will pay one half. You will need to register yourself on line, mark the camp you wish to attend and mark that the payment will be made by the church. Please make a check payable to FUMC for \$ 115.00 and mark for Salkehatchie. The full payment will be sent in by the church. If you have questions please see Jon Valentine, Jeannette Stabler or Rev. Tommy Wilkes.

Epworth Mother's Day Offering! Today our church will receive the Annual Epworth Mother's Day offering to provide loving care for the children at Epworth Children's Home. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. Give generously by using the envelope provided for you in the bulletin.

Memorial Day Flags

We would like to honor all veterans who died while serving our country on this Memorial Day, May 28, 2018. Flags will be available on the table near the volunteer office from May 20 to May 28. As you place your flags at the bricks in the Memorial Park, remember your loved one and their service and sacrifice for us all. We will collect the flags on May 31st for future use. Thank you for your help celebrating this national holiday.

It's GRADUATION TIME

On May 20th the Higher Education Team will sponsor a graduation breakfast for **High School AND College graduates** and their families during the Sunday school hour at 9:45am. Please call the church office or contact Meg to RSVP.

Following the breakfast we will enjoy a special Worship service at 11:00 honoring our graduates. **Please send several photos of your graduate spanning their childhood and adolescence up through today to Rev. Meg Wilkes at mwilkes@cloverfumc.org**

WE COULD MISS YOUR GRADUATE IF YOU DON'T CHECK IN WITH US!!

If any of you know of someone not listed who is a member of this church and should be included, please contact Rev. Meg ASAP.

<u>High school</u>		<u>College</u>	
Logan Pierzinski	Linzie Gregory	Taylor Wilson	Davis McCarter
Hannah Burton	Rebecca Eleazer	Andrea Conner	Katelyn Curtin
Jessica Killian	Tiffany English	Ryan Crawford	Adam Edmunds
Jeremie Connor	John Austin King		
Kaitlyn Robinson	Brody Green		
Tyler Killian			

CHURCH FAMILY: You have an opportunity to share your best wishes and Christian love with our high school and college graduates. There will be bags in the lobby with their names on them beginning this Sunday. Add a card or token as a gesture of encouragement. We have 6 college grads and 11 high school grads this year!

The Food Project Ministry: Next week's 3rd Sunday donation is dried beans. Thank you for your continued support.

Thank You: Thank you for everything you did for our sister, Lois Schriefer. The warmth from everyone meant a lot to all of us. *The New York Family of Lois*

We are looking for the long rectangular tables used in the Missions and Fellowship Center. If you know of their whereabouts please let a trustee know or Shirley in the church office.

“Gimme That Old Time Religion”

Refrain:

Give me that old time religion,
Give me that old time religion,
Give me that old time religion,
It's good enough for me.

1 It was good for Paul and Silas,
It was good for Paul and Silas,
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It's good enough for me. [Refrain]

2 It was good for the Hebrew children,
It was good for the Hebrew children,
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3 It was good for our mothers,
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