

An Order for the Christian Worship of God
February 19, 2017
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

7th Sunday after the Epiphany **Liturgical Color: Green**

Welcome and Announcements
 The Prelude "Toccatina in G Major" -Pachelbel
 *Post of Colors
 *Pledge of Allegiance
I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands. One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.
 *Pledge to the Christian Flag
I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands. One Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty to all who believe.
 *Call to Worship
 Leader: Creating God, whose hands built the earth,
People: molded our bodies, and sowed the stars across the sky, we gather in your presence this morning with praise and thanksgiving for your mighty deeds.
 Leader: Creating God,
People: strengthen our hearts and our hands to work with you in the building of a world filled with justice and peace.
 Leader: Use us Almighty God to Build Your Kingdom here on earth.
People: Pour into us your Love, Grace, Wisdom, Strength and Peace.
ALL: And may You find in us willing hearts and hands for the work of your Kingdom. Amen.
 *Processional Hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" UMH # 110
 *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.)
 Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer
 *Hymn of Preparation "We Are the Church" UMH # 558
 *Gospel Reading Matthew 7: 24-28 (NRSV)
 *Psalter Psalm 100 (Response #1) UMH # 821
 The Anthem "Hark I Hear the Harps Eternal"
 Soloist ~ Lydia Wilkes
 Piano Duet ~ Natasha Bilousova & Nannette Carnes

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory "O Master Let Me Walk with Thee" -Percy Smith
 *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.

Epistle Readings I Corinthians 3: 3-11, Ephesians 2: 18-22, I Peter 2: 1-5

Sermon "Holy Ghost Building" Rev. Wilkes

*Hymn of Commitment "Seek Ye First" UMH # 405

*The 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
 *The Postlude "Postlude on Italian Hymn" -Broughton

Invitation: 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 among us. Those considering uniting with FUMC are encouraged to join us for our Faith & Church 101 group beginning February 26th at 4:30pm. Sign up next to the elevator.

We welcome the Scout Troops of FUMC today, their leaders and their parents and friends.

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 The flowers are place on the altar today to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Frank Richie, given by his family.  
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2017 Financial Update

Needed to meet General Fund Budget to date 1/31/17 \$ 63,895
Actual General Fund Spending as of 1/31/17 \$ 42,911
Received for General Fund as of 1/31/17 \$ 49,633

Please continue to remember the church in your giving as we begin this new 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.

Our two cemetery plots were sold last week. Thanks to Beverly Alsobrooks (Trustee) for seeing the project through for the church. Thanks also to Bratton Funeral Home for our referral of sale.

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- Reverend Tommy Wilkes, Senior Pastor – twilkes@cloverfumc.org
 - Reverend Brandon Lazarus, Associate Pastor – bclazarus@umcsc.org
 - Reverend J. Richard Gibson, Pastor Emeritus
 - Reverend Meg Wilkes, Minister of Christian Educ. & Spiritual Formation – mwilkes@cloverfumc.org
 - Jon Valentine, Director of Children & Youth Ministries – jvalentine@cloverfumc.org
 - Cheri King, Director of Music Ministries – cking@cloverfumc.org
 - Christine Payseur, Church Business / Technical Coordinator – cpayseur@cloverfumc.org
 - Shirley M. Davis, Administrative Assistant / Financial Secretary – sdavis@cloverfumc.org
 - Natasha Bilousova, Pianist
 - Tracie Kite, Sexton – kitefracie@hotmail.com
 - Hope Long, Nursery
 - Windy Bartee, Lay Leader
 - Ray Reavis, David Edwards, Bob Grindle, Conference Lay Members
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Wonderful Wednesday, February 22 Hosted by: United Methodist Women
Menu: Pinto Beans, Mac & Cheese, Slaw, Cornbread & Dessert

Name: _____ Number _____

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: Rolfe Sukkert, Margaret Pendleton, Katie Clark, 2017 Confirmands, Doris Shepard (Barb Millay's mother), Josie Skinnell, Michelle Pressley (Sukkerts' granddaughter), Jill Sifford, Jimmy Dixon, Lottie Priestler, Loretta Malenfant, Susan Camp, Amber Berry (Angela Travis' sister), Estelle Camp, Lacy Robinson, Glenn Adams, Dave Stanton, Jr., Joe Killian, Randy Flora, Sandy Chapman, Dave Jones, Eloise Mallen, Naurice Smith (White Oak, York)

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.

A Charge Conference will be held at the end of our regularly scheduled Administrative Council meeting on February 26th. This Charge Conference is for a SPRC recommendation to adjust compensation and salary.

Handbell Practice begins TODAY at 9:45am in the handbell room. Additional practice will be held on Wednesdays at 6:15pm. Beginning date TBA.

If you are interested in singing with the Chancel Choir for Easter, we will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, March 1st, at 6:45pm in the choir room! Please come join us!!

United Methodist Women will host the fourth annual "Festival of Tables" ladies luncheon on Saturday, May 20, 2017. Tables can be reserved for \$ 5.00 and decorated in your chosen theme, using your tableware and decorations. Guest tickets are \$ 8.00 each. Last year one hundred women attended to preview the decorated tables and enjoy a delicious lunch. To reserve a table or for further information contact Linda Abernathy (222-7591) or Grace White (222-7528). Hope you will join us!

The annual Wild Game Supper is coming soon! You don't care for wild game? Come anyway—there will be fried fish and other great food choices for the faint of heart. The supper, sponsored by the Men's Prayer Breakfast group, will be held **Friday, February 24th, serving from 5:45pm til 6:30pm**. Come hungry and be generous with your gifts. All donations will help to provide food for those in need in the Clover-York County area. **Reservations are required. Reservation deadline this Monday at 5:00pm**. Please sign the reservations sheet downstairs, indicating the total guests.

The Food Project Ministry: Next week's 4th Sunday donations are the following item: soups. Thank you for your support.

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

Diabetes Self-Management Education Class: Kim Drechsler is offering another 5-class series to be taught at First UMC. These classes are free. Day and time will be determined later. She would like to have at least 10 or more people signed up for the class. If you are interested you can contact the church office (222-3496) or contact Kim at 704-747-4488.

Youth, Children and Tweens

YOUTH ~ Today: WINTERJAM. Meet at the church at 4:30pm.

BIG, TWEENS, and Youth at 6:30pm right after the Wonderful Wednesday meal.

BIG (Believers in God) - Preschool in the nursery classroom

Kindergarten through 3rd grade in the BIG classroom

TWEENS - 4th, 5th, and 6th graders welcome!

Meeting again this year in the 5th grade Godly Play room

YOUTH - Junior and Senior High Youth *together* in the youth room upstairs.

Clover School District Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten Registration: Registration will be held at elementary schools on February 27 ~ 8:30am – 1:30pm; February 28 ~ 8:30am – 1:30pm & 3:00pm – 6:00pm; March 1 ~ 8:30am – 1:30pm. All families must register at the elementary school zoned for where they currently live. Kindergarten registration forms are completed online via the Clover School District website, and required documentation is brought to the school site. Pre-Kindergarten registrations are only completed at the school site. For more information, visit the Clover School District website at www.clover.k12.sc.us, or contact the District Office at 803-810-8000.

Clover School District is excited to launch a primary Montessori program. Have a 3 Or 4-year-old child and live within the Clover School District? Want to know more? Visit one of the following parent information sessions: February 13, Larne School, 6:00pm; February 16, Bethel School, 6:00pm; February 21, Griggs Road School, 6:00pm. (Parent information sessions are **required** to register) For more details about the program & registration process, visit the Clover School District website or call the District Office.

Donate Your Bicycles for “Bikes for the World”

This year our annual conference has adopted “Bike for the World” as our mission focus. The conference has a goal of 1200 bikes, meaning that our district has a goal of 100 bikes. FUMC has set a goal of 25 bikes from our congregation. The bikes can be new (please assemble them first), used, or even in parts. Bring them to the church by 4/1 when they will be taken to a central location. All 1200 bikes (or hopefully more!) will be brought to Greenville in June for our annual conference gathering. Some will stay in SC to be given to children and adults who do not have transportation while the majority will be shipped international to low-income families across the world. We will also be collecting financial donations as \$10 will be needed to help subsidize the cost of shipping each bike.

Wind in the Wilderness Lenten Bible Study

Rev. Lazarus will teach a Bible study using the book “Wind in the Wilderness” written by DJ del Rosario. The book and class will study the Hebrew prophets and how they connect to Jesus’ life and ministry. The study will be Wednesday nights 6:30-7:30pm in the Steve Camp Classroom beginning March 8. If you are interested in joining the study please contact Rev. Lazarus at blazarus@cloverfumc.org.

Faith & Church 101 will begin on **February 26th at 4:30pm. (Location TBA)**. Join us for this refresher course in Christianity, Spiritual Disciplines, UM heritage and local church missions and ministries. There is an outline for the class and a signup sheet on the table near the elevator or call the church office if you are interested in this class. We have 10 signed up now and will remain open for 20.

FOREVER YOUNG and FRIENDS~

New Opportunities for Older Adults in 2017! To be involved in either of these groups, please email Rev. Meg Wilkes mwilkes@cloverfumc.org or call the church office @ 803-222-3496.

Tai Chi for Forever Young and Friends

If you are interested in a class of Tai Chi for older adults, please contact Rev. Meg Wilkes. mwilkes@cloverfumc.org 222-3496 or 803-622-1315. We have around 20 people expressing a healthy interest in this wonderful, artful form of exercise and body mindfulness! Now we need a teacher! If you are interested in serving in this way, please let me know! **Thai Chi will begin meeting on Thursdays from 10:00 -10:30. First session February 23.**

Festival of Wisdom and Grace August 7-10, 2017

This year’s theme is *Living with Grace!*

A weekend of worship, workshops, professional training, and fellowship relating to the second half of life, the Festival of Wisdom and Grace in beautiful Lake Junaluska NC has become a staple in our Forever Young ministry. Designed for individuals, couples, small groups or church leaders and sponsored by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Association of Older Adults, this is an experience of inspiration and renewal we don't want to miss. **Please sign up on the table in the lobby if you are interested. We have found that the rooms go fast and EARLY!! We can reserve them NOW to guarantee our place but we need your commitment to know how many rooms to reserve.** THANKS so much!

Meet and Eat and BINGO!

February 23 @10:30

Steve Camp classroom ~ our regular meeting to discuss plans for spring and summer and then enjoy a meal and BINGO in the Missions and Fellowship Center! Come on out and bring a friend!

Dishes in Kitchen: There are several dishes left from bereavement meals on the shelf in the kitchen. Please be sure to pick yours up.