

**An Order for the Christian Worship of God**  
**April 2, 2017**  
**Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**Liturgical Color: White**

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" *Handbell Choir*

\*Call to Worship

Leader: We come, knowing that we are living in the midst of dead relationships.

**People: Lord, Raise Us Up!**

Leader: We come troubled by dead finances.

**People: Lord, Raise Us Up!**

Leader: We come with hopes and dreams that have died.

**People: Lord, Raise Us Up!**

Leader: We come, Lord, to be revived in your presence.

**People: Lord, Raise us up, and breathe new life into our spirits!**

\*Processional Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" UMH # 154

\*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 Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn of Preparation "Awake, O Sleeper" UMH # 551

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 37: 1-14 # 747

\*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed UMH # 881

***"I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen."***

\*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."***

The Anthem "When Jesus Wept" *The Chancel Choir*

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" -P. Taylor

\*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.**

\*Gospel Reading John 11: 32-45 # 935

Sermon "Unbinding Resurrection" Rev. Lazarus

Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH # 12

\*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 "Processional" -Handel

**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 among us. Those considering uniting with FUMC are also encouraged to join us for our Faith & Church 101 group.**

*"Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can." ~ John Wesley*

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](http://www.cloverfumc.org).  
**Thanks for your support of the mission and ministry of FUMC.**

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Windy Barteel, Lay Leader  
Ray Reavis, David Edwards, Bob Grindle, Conference Lay Members  
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Wonderful Wednesday meal, April 5

Hosted by: United Methodist Men

Menu: Country Breakfast

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

### **OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS**

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

**Recent Concerns:** Jon McClain Beamguard, Sandy Chapman, Lacy Robinson, Betsy Mullis (Starr's sister), Eloise Mallen, Susan Self, 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, Glenn Adams, Dave Stanton, Jr., Joe Killian, Randy Flora, Dave Jones, Naurice Smith (White Oak, York)

**A child is born:** A rosebud is placed on the altar this morning in honor of Ellie Lucille Smith, infant daughter of Jeremy & Alex Smith and little sister to Kimbrell. Ellie, born on March 29<sup>th</sup>, weighed 8 lb. 13 oz and was 21 ½" long.

**Military:** Lt. Col. Nicholas S. Hare, Senior Chief Martin Johnson, Major Blair Preston, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Rion Cartin, LCPL Chris Propst, M.Gy. Sgt. Terry Kenneth Lowman, Jr.

**Faith & Church 101** will not meet this afternoon, but will meet Monday evening at 6:30pm in the library.

### **Crucifer Training**

We will be offering Crucifer training on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 9:45 in the sanctuary.

### **Support Our College Students and Graduates' Names Needed**

On April 19<sup>th</sup> the Wonderful Wednesday meal will be prepared by the Higher Education Committee. The money raised will go towards supporting our students who are away at college. If you are interested in helping with the meal or with the work of the Higher Education Committee, join us Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm in the library for a planning meeting.

In addition to supporting those in college we also need your help supporting those who will be graduating soon. If you or a member of your family will be graduating this fall (or graduated early) please send their name, contact info, and plans for next year to [blazarus@cloverfumc.org](mailto:blazarus@cloverfumc.org). Keep an eye out in the bulletin and next month's newsletter for more information on graduate recognition Sunday.

### **Disaster Response Trip**

The flooding in fall of 2015 and Hurricane Matthew last fall brought destruction to many parts of our state. Our church quickly responded with supplies, donations, and prayers. Some also individually lent their skills and time to help with the rescue efforts and emergency response. We knew that the road to rebuild would be long.

Pastors Tommy and Brandon will be participating in some relief efforts from May 8-9. We will leave Monday morning, work through the day, work half a day on Tuesday, and return later Tuesday afternoon. The exact location and scope of the work will depend on the size and skill-set of our team. If you have questions or are able and willing to join please contact Brandon [blazarus@cloverfumc.org](mailto:blazarus@cloverfumc.org).

**The Food Project Ministry:** Next week's 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday donations are the following items: Breakfast items: cereal, grits, pancake mix & syrup, or oatmeal. Thank you for your continued support.

### Youth, Children and Tweens

**YOUTH ~ Today: Jr. High ~ 6:00pm Sr. High ~ 7:00pm**

**Youth Council will meet at 4:00 on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**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.

### Forever Young and Friends

**Wisdom and Grace August 7-10**

We enjoy this spiritual formation every year as a part of our Forever Young continuing education and faith emphasis for a life time of growth and service. Porch rockers and worship, good teaching and good food, fellowship and prayer are important aspects of this annual opportunity in beautiful Lake Junaluska! Cost will be \$75 for registration plus \$345 per person double occupancy, which covers all buffet meals there and all workshops. Forever Young will help to cover some of the cost for registration. Please sign up today.

**First payment - \$170 due May 2<sup>nd</sup> Second payment -\$175 due June 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Fort Caswell – A Retreat by the Sea September 4-7**

Registration is now full!! If you are still interested and did not sign up, talk with Suzanne Thompson or Meg Wilkes about possible cancellations or other lodging options.

### Tai Chi - for senior adults

We are still giving Tai Chi a go! Although we are finding it a challenge to practice it *perfectly*, we are still finding this method of body mindfulness and exercise to be of true benefit for health and wholeness. Deep breathing, slow movements, meditative - this is a good way to wind down and focus on "being" as well as taking care of our bodies. Hope to see you there for our next session in the Missions and Fellowship Center. **Thursday @ 9:30.**

**It's time to Start cleaning out and clearing out at home! .....for the Forever Young Spring Yard Sale!**

Please mark your calendars and make plans to drop off your donation items beginning ....

**Sunday April 30 thru Thursday May 4**

*(Earlier in the week is most helpful, please!)*

Thank you so much for your donations and support! Remember our *Spring* yard sale is the **ONE Forever Young** Fundraiser we do each year to cover our expenses!

Your generosity and efforts for participating in the Yard Sale are a large part of what makes this vital Senior Adult ministry possible. We are grateful!

### Readers / Actors Needed

Our Creative Worship Experience: Images of Holy Week Service will be held on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. We need ten readers, four actors and a narrator. I have some people now, but need more. If you are interested in being a part of this Worship / Drama / Reader team, please let me know ASAP by email [twilkes@cloverfumc.org](mailto:twilkes@cloverfumc.org) or let Shirley know in the office by Monday. Once we have our volunteers we will schedule one practice next week with the actors and the readers who can come, send out reading assignments and additionally have a run through 1.5 hours before the service. Last year our Good Friday Drama was well received. Please pray for this service that it might be a meaningful part of Worship during this Holy Week / Easter for many. Peace ~ Rev. Tommy Wilkes

### Prayer Labyrinth During Holy Week

A labyrinth is a single winding path to the middle with the same winding path back out. Labyrinths have been used throughout Christian history as a form of prayer and meditation. One common interpretation of the practice is through the word releasing, receiving, and returning. The path to the middle is used to **release** your sin, burdens, fears, doubts, pains, etc. The middle is used to **receive** God's love, grace, and mercy. The path out is then used to **return** to the world to live out the very love, grace, and mercy you have received.

FUMC Clover will have a prayer labyrinth in the mission and fellowship center from Monday 4/10-Friday 4/14 and again on Monday 4/17 (church office closed. Labyrinth opened only 6:00-9:00). The labyrinth will be open from 9-5 and again from 6:00-9:00. You will be invited to walk the labyrinth as a part of the journey of Holy Week. We are also looking for volunteers each evening to unlock the church doors at 6:00pm, light candles, turn on music, and lock the doors at 9:00pm. If you are able and willing you can email Brandon at [blazarus@cloverfumc.org](mailto:blazarus@cloverfumc.org) or sign up on the signup sheet in the lobby.

### Worship Schedule for April

Our worship schedule will change slightly in the month of April due to Easter and confirmation. We will also have special Holy Week Services. The worship schedule will be as follows:

Sunday 4/9- (Palm Sunday) 8:30 and 11:00 in the Sanctuary and Genesis at 10:50 in the MFC  
There will also be an evening community service at Green Pond UMC at 6:30pm

Thursday 4/13- Maundy Thursday Service with communion at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary

Friday 4/14- Good Friday Service including a passion drama at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary

Saturday 4/15-Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00am

Sunday 4/16- Easter Sunrise service at 7am followed by breakfast  
Traditional Services at 8:30 and 11:00 in the Sanctuary  
Genesis at 10:50 in the Mission and Fellowship Center

Sunday 4/23- 8:30 and 11:00 in Sanctuary (no Genesis)

Sunday 4/30- 8:30 and 11:00 in Sanctuary (Confirmation Sunday in the 11:00)

### **Easter Egg Hunt & Fun**

Join us Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00am to noon for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. There will be crafts, refreshments and, of course, the EGG HUNT!

We will also hear the Easter story and get to see the empty tomb!

**A United Methodist Men retreat** is scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup>--April 30<sup>th</sup>. We will leave on Friday afternoon and return on Sunday morning. The retreat will be held at Lake Murray where we have reserved a large house on the lake. The cost will depend on how many people participate. We will enjoy fishing or golf, food, fellowship and spiritual recharging. If you are not a member of the UMM and are interested in possibly joining us on this outing, please contact Sam Cain, Johnny Adams, Tommy Wilkes or Brandon Lazarus.

### **Salkehatchie**

Each year we have dozens of members who attend Salkehatchie mission trips. Our most attended trips are to Bishopville (June 24- July1), Clover (July 15-22), and Shaw (July 22-29). For a full list of camps visit <http://www.salkehatchie.org>. **Please register ASAP online** and indicate the church will send in payment. The cost of the trip is \$230 but the church will cover half the cost (\$115) for each camper, youth or adult. The check will need to be given to Shirley in the church office and written out to FUMC Clover for \$ 115 with the camp name you will be attending. For more information contact Tommy at [twilkes@cloverfumc.org](mailto:twilkes@cloverfumc.org)

**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!

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