

An Order for the Christian Worship of God
May 7, 2017
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

4th Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Color: White

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude "Rise Again" -Wolover

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 23 and John 10)
 Leader: We gather together in the presence of our Shepherd God,
People: who calls us each by name,
 Leader: who restores our souls,
People: who leads us in the way of righteousness,
 Leader: and whose goodness and love never stops pursuing us.
All: This is the God we have come to worship!

*Processional Hymn "Lord of the Dance" UMH # 261

*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

Recognition of Graduates

Maddie Bono	Clover High School
Jacob Brumble	The Citadel
Emily Eakes	Winthrop University
Evan Edmunds	Clemson University
Ashley Flora	Clover High School
Jonathan Ford	College of Charleston
Alyssa McCain	Clover High School
Hannah McGilberry Hopper	York Tech
Randi Payseur	Clover High School
Hope Riordan	Lakepointe Academy
Micah Sherwood	Clover High School
Jackson Davis Stanton	Clover High School
Ian Telford	Wofford College

*Hymn of Preparation "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us" UMH # 381

Old Testament Reading Psalm 23 # 476

The Anthem "Precious Lord" *The Chancel Choir*

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory "Everlasting Arms"

*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 10: 1-10 # 933

Homily "Where is the Gate?" Rev. Wilkes

Prayer of Confession, Absolution and Pardon UMH # 12

Sacrament of Holy Communion

"One Bread, One Body" UMH #620; "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" FWS # 2223;
 "I Come with Joy" UMH # 617

*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" -Haydn

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

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 The flowers are placed on the altar today to the Glory of God  
 and in loving memory of Betty Mel W. Cox,  
 given by Mel Smith.  
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"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 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 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
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Natasha Bilousova, Pianist
Tracie Kite, Sexton – [kitetracie@hotmail.com](mailto:kitracie@hotmail.com)
Hope Long, Nursery
Windy Barteel, Lay Leader
Ray Reavis, David Edwards, Bob Grindle, Conference Lay Members

Wonderful Wednesday Meal, May 10th Sponsored by: FUMC Staff
Menu: Grilled chicken, green beans, seasoned red potatoes, bread, strawberry shortcake

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: Janet Maslankowski, Rev. Tom Wilkes, Alan Abernathy, David & Starr Wray, the Shirfinski Family, Dean White, Estelle Camp, Rita Beamguard, Jon McClain Beamguard, Sandy Chapman, Lacy Robinson, Betsy Mullis (Starr's sister), Eloise Mallen, Susan Self, Rolfe Sukkert, Margaret Pendleton, Doris Shepard (Barb Millay's mother), Jimmy Dixon, Glenn Adams, Dave Stanton, Jr., Joe Killian, Randy Flora, Dave Jones, Naurice Smith

Note of Sympathy: Christian sympathy is extended to Judy Miller and family in the death of her sister, Sarah Curry Burrell.

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.

Correction to Confirmands' power point presentation last Sunday: **Names should have been Caleb Dixon and Jessica Taylor.**

Last month it was announced that on June 27th I will be leaving FUMC, and Meg will begin serving full time as our Associate Minister. Georgie and I felt this was the best time for our family and ministry to request a move. We will not only be leaving Clover, but I will also be transferring to the Western North Carolina Conference. My next appointment will be as the senior pastor at Memorial United Methodist Church in Charlotte. Memorial is located in the diverse neighborhood of Eastland in East Charlotte. The church is multicultural and has services in both English and Spanish. I am excited about the opportunity to serve and minister with this community, but I will also miss the community in Clover. I want to thank you for the grace and support you have given me throughout my ministry here. I have enjoyed getting to know each of you and being a part of this church community as I have lived and worked alongside you in ministry. Over the next two months, I will work to make the transition as smooth as possible as I leave my position here and my duties are allocated to other staff and lay members. I have faith that God will continue the ministry of First United Methodist in Clover and Memorial United Methodist in Charlotte. I will hold you all in my prayers and ask that you do the same for Georgie and me.

Grace and Peace, *Rev. Brandon Lazarus*

Disaster Response Mission Trip (Volunteers Needed!) Monday, May 8th, at 7:00am a group will be meeting at the church to head down to Columbia to work on some homes. The work will be primarily drywall, flooring, and roofing. There is the option of joining us for the whole trip which will be all day Monday and half a day Tuesday, or you can choose to drive on your own, only working Monday or Tuesday. If you are interested in the entire trip, or just meeting us down there, please contact Brandon at blazarus@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!

Youth, Children and Tweens

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

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.

Sign up on the youth board now for our Surge Youth Retreat this summer and Salkehatchie (online).
Contact Jon Valentine for information about youth ministries at FUMC.

Forever Young and Friends Upcoming Trip Payments

Flat Rock Playhouse—Dixie Swim Club trip \$20.00 (Play is on July 13)

Second payment of \$ 17.90 **is due June 13**

Wisdom & Grace Conference @ Lake Junaluska \$ 170.00 (Conference is August 7-10)

Second payment of \$175 is **due June 27**

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

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

Esther Circle will meet at 10:00am on Monday, May 8th at the church. After a short meeting we will travel to Tega Cay to see Frances Funderburk at Wellmore. We will have lunch together at Famous Toastery, 2429 Hwy. 160 W., Tega Cay, SC 29708. We hope you can join us. Windy Bartee

Martha Circle will meet at 7:00 on Monday, May 8th.

Rebekah Circle will meet at 7:00 on Tuesday, May 9th, at the church.

Mother's Day Carnations: A special flower arrangement will be placed on the altar on Mother's Day. You may place a red carnation in honor of or a white carnation in memory of your loved ones for \$ 2.00 each. Any additional money collected beyond the cost of the carnations will go to our General Fund. To purchase a flower(s) place this form, with payment attached, in the offering plate or return to the church office no later than **May 10th**.

Your name _____

In Honor _____

In Memory _____

MISSION ABROAD through FUMC

Everyone is invited to *The Hymnal Unplugged* Sunday afternoon, **June 11 @ 5:30** in the Missions and Fellowship Center. Please mark your calendars now and look for reminders next month and in the June newsletter!! This benefit concert, performed by Lydia Wilkes and family, is for the Ecuador Mission Trip in July to help cover the cost for Lydia and Micah Sherwood to represent Christ *on another continent!*

"And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation'"

Mark 16:15

The mission committee and the Steve Camp Sunday School class have already provided some of the financial support needed for these courageous youth to respond to the call of mission. **THANK YOU!!**

The cost for each participant is \$ 2000!

Please plan to come to the church on Sunday afternoon, **June 11 @ 5:30**, to hear some of your favorite hymns, *old time string band gospel style*, with guitar and harmonies to tap your feet and sing along! Donations will be taken at the door after the concert.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Maddie Bono ~ graduating from Clover High School and will attend University of SC, Columbia

Ashley Flora ~ graduating from Clover High School and will attend Francis Marion University

Alyssa McCain ~ graduating from Clover High School and will attend University of SC, Beaufort

Randi Payseur ~ graduating from Clover High School and will attend Winthrop University

Hope Riordan ~ graduating from Lakepointe Academy and will attend Emerson or University of NC, Wilmington

Micah Sherwood ~ graduating from Clover High School and will attend College of Charleston

Jackson Davis Stanton ~ graduating from Clover High School and will attend University of SC, Columbia

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Jacob Brumble ~ graduating from The Citadel with a BS in Business

Emily Eakes ~ graduating from Winthrop University with a Masters in Music

Evan Edmunds ~ graduating from Clemson University with a BS in Engineering

Jonathan Ford ~ graduating from College of Charleston with a BA in Theatre, with an emphasis in Performance

Hannah McGilberry Hopper ~ graduating from York Tech with an AS in Dental Hygiene

Ian Telford ~ graduating from Wofford College with a BS in Chemistry