

An Order for the Christian Worship of God
August 27, 2017
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Red

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude "Panis Angelicus" -Frank

*Call to Worship

Leader: Here we are Lord!

People: We believe in your power to change us;

Leader: your creating power making relationships new,
 your redeeming power saving us from despair,

People: your sustaining power giving us courage and strength.

Leader: In this hour, as we sing and pray and listen together,

**People: we open ourselves to the seismic power of your kingdom,
 changing our hearts, our lives and our world. Amen!**

*Processional Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" UMH# 400

*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 "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" FWS# 2223

*Psalter Psalm 51 with Response 2 UMH# 785

Old Testament Scripture Isaiah 29: 1, 13-16 # 609

The Anthem "Upon This Rock" Chancel Choir
Soloists: Lydia Wilkes & Robin Wallace

Offertory Prayer The Giving of Tithes & Offerings
 Offertory "I Come with Joy" -Carter

*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 Lesson Matthew 15: 1, 7-20 # 849

Sermon "Straight from the Heart" Rev. Tommy Wilkes

*Hymn of Commitment "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" FWS# 2146

*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 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" -Shackley

*indicates worshippers are invited to stand, if able.

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.

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The flowers are placed on the altar today to the Glory to God and  
 in honor of Ted and Windy Barte's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, given by their family.

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Contact Information: Do you have a student in your household, who has graduated this past year and is moving on to college or entering young adult life beyond high school? Or a student who is already sponsored but has changed locations/addresses? **PLEASE LET US MINISTER SUPPORT TO THIS YOUNG PERSON! GIVE US THEIR ADDRESS AND PHONE CONTACT INFO!!** We will assign a sponsor and stay connected with them. CALL Rev. Meg Wilkes @ 222-3496 ext. 17☺ **Would you like to be a sponsor for someone young who deserves a good word and kind support from their church family?** CALL Rev. Meg Wilkes @222-3496 ext.17☺ We will connect you with a young person ~ just to send some emails and a care package or two through the year. More info to come....**BUT PLEASE RESPOND NOW!**

Financial Stewardship

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.

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 Reverend Tommy Wilkes, Senior Pastor – [twilkes@cloverfumc.org](mailto:twilkes@cloverfumc.org)  
 Reverend Meg Wilkes, Associate Minister – [mwilkes@cloverfumc.org](mailto:mwilkes@cloverfumc.org)  
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 Tracie Kite, Sexton – [kitetracie@hotmail.com](mailto:kitetracie@hotmail.com)  
 Hope Long, Nursery  
 Windy Bartee, Lay Leader  
 Ray Reavis, David Edwards, Bob Grindle, Conference Lay Members

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Wonderful Wednesday Meals begin on September 13th. Menu will be Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Slaw and Desserts. Sponsored by the UMW, a fundraiser to replace refrigerator in the Storage Closet.

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: Sandy Chapman, Tom Wilkes, Jr., Kitty Dayton(Maggie Amrhein's sister),Carolyn Grigg, James Valentine, Jr., Ken Moses, Wayne Leroy, Rhett Hurst, Mike Bono, Marshall Caldwell, Janet Maslankowski, Alan Abernathy, Estelle Camp, Eloise Mallen, Rolfe Sukkert, Margaret Pendleton, Doris Shepard (Barb Millay's mother), Jimmy Dixon, Glenn Adams, Dave Stanton, Jr., Dolly & Joe Killian, Randy Flora, Dave Jones, Naurice Smith.

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.

Come, Be a Godly Play Hall Person: Please contact Dick Gibson now (in person, at dkgibson@comporium.net or 803-328-8425) to volunteer your service once a month as a Godly Play Hall Person during the new 2017-18 church school year. Duties include being available outside the children's rooms during Sunday School (9:35am-11:05am), to prepare the simple "feast" tray for each room (all supplies furnished) and to help children and teachers outside the classrooms as request, and/or in the case of fire drills or emergencies.

ALL SAINTS MEMORIAL PARK BRICK ORDERS DUE BY WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6, 2017

It is time to order memorial bricks to remember those family members and friends that have passed away. If you would like to order a brick in memory of a loved one, please fill out one of the forms located on the "sign up" table near the door to the Missions & Fellowship Center. Bricks cost \$ 75.00. Make checks out to FUMC and mark for Memorial Brick. Please either turn everything into the church office or place in the offering plate in an envelope. The bricks will be placed in the Memorial Park and recognized at a later time. If you have any questions, please call Suzanne Thompson (222-7334) or Sherry Adams (222-9921).

Forever Young and Friends ~ Meeting Date Change

We will meet Thursday, August 31st at 10:30 in room 104. Covered dish lunch in Missions Center following the meeting.

Fall Yard Sale Week, October 1-7, 2017 Our Annual Fall Yard Sale week is October 1-7 this year, so start cleaning out all your unwanted treasures to donate. All profits go to help a need at the church.

October 1-5 ~ Please bring donations to the church. Everyone is welcome to help with the yard sale on any day. There are many different types and activity levels of things to do throughout the week to get ready. We also help with preparations for the **Extravaganza / Turkey Dinner on Saturday, October 7.** Any amount of time you can give will be a great help.

Friday, October 6 is the BIG sale day, but Wednesday morning Men's Prayer Breakfast, Wednesday Night Dinner and Saturday morning are also busy.

Countdown to EXTRAVAGANZA: October 7th. Please continue to pray for a successful event. Tickets for the turkey dinner are available in the church office as well as from Johnny Adams. Why not take a full sheet (8 tickets) and sell the extras? And don't forget to work on your homemade items to donate to the country store. We need yard sale donations too; please take time soon to go through your sellable things, and donate what you don't need. There will be sign-up sheets in the lobby soon.....think about your "gifts" and help as you can, for an hour, or two, or more. ALL assistance is appreciated, and to God be the glory!

Youth, Children and Tweens

Youth Fellowship: TODAY Jr. High youth will meet at 6:00pm, Sr. High at 7:00pm.

We are excited to kick off our Wednesday night programs on September 13th! BIG, Tweens and MYF (youth) are geared up ready to go! We have wonderful teachers in place to serve these children, HOWEVER, when life throws curve balls we need strong volunteers to substitute for these leaders! THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN!! If you are willing to serve as a substitute for any Wednesday night programming please contact me ASAP! Won't you come join this amazing team of Children and Youth volunteers! Thank you for your support! ~Jon Valentine

Be sure to check out the table in front of the Youth Room for all our upcoming event sign-up sheets!

5th Quarter on September 1st

Youth Cluster Event on September 17th

Scarowinds on September 29th

Escape Room Tournament September through January

Be on the lookout for emails, posters, and Instagram posts for full details.

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

5th Quarter at FUMC. Bring a friend! Games/Music/Short Devotion. We will have Nachos. Starts after Clover vs Huss game ends and will go until midnight.

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

Samaritan's Purse – Operation Christmas Child has seasonal, paid employment opportunities available and they would like to share them with our church family to help find people who might be called to work with them this season. While they do have many Associates that will be returning this year, they have need for over 700 people and there are many jobs available for warehouse workers, certified forklift operators, Class A drivers, team coaches, data entry keyers and mail processing staff on both first and second shifts. The processing season (when the Associates would actually be working) begins mid-November and runs through mid-December. These positions are temporary, full-time opportunities, Monday through Saturday, and require a solid commitment for the duration of the project. As a Christian Ministry, they would like to make these limited opportunities known to qualified members of local churches. They are currently accepting applications and will begin setting up interviews on October 2nd. If you have any questions or would like further information about Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child or these employment opportunities please go to their website at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/our-ministry/processing-center-seasonal-employment/> See our sign-up table near the Missions Center for more information.

Denim Church Shirts: Please be patient with the delay. Shirts should be coming in the next two or three weeks. Large amount of orders for the beginning of the school year and a death in the family caused some delay.

FUMC Spiritual Growth Group Survey

___ I am interested in being involved in a new Covenant Discipleship Group. This is a small group that meets weekly in someone's home. Men's Group _____ Women's Group _____

___ I am interested in attending Short Term Bible Studies This would last between 4 and 6 weeks (usually during Advent and Lent) on Wednesday Nights or Wednesday Mornings

___ I am interested in starting or joining another type of small group for spiritual formation and discipleship.

___ I am interested in taking Faith and Church 101 (12 weeks) to know more about beliefs and practices of First United Methodist Church of Clover and Spiritual Disciplines of Christian Faith and Action. Sunday Mornings 10am-10:50am or Sunday PM (circle one)

___ I am interested in a Long Term Bible Study (Disciple Bible Study 24 weeks) This Bible Study includes a 2 hour meeting weekly (video and discussion) which includes a workbook with helpful commentary / Runs through School Year and Breaks for Holidays

___ I have taken Disciple I and now I am interested in taking another Long Term Bible Study (circle below if interested) Disciple II, Disciple III, Disciple IV, Jesus in the Gospels, Christian Believer or other

___ I am interested in being a part of a newly formed Sunday School Class and would like to talk about this with one of the ministers.

___ I need information and Guidance in choosing a Sunday School Class for me.

Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____