

An Order for the Christian Worship of God
October 8, 2017
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude "O Rest in the Lord" -F. Mendelssohn
 Soloist: Elizabeth Payton

*Call to Worship
 Leader: Father of all mercies, your creation groans for redemption.
People: The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few; send us out Lord.
 Leader: Jesus our Savior, you draw all people to yourself in love.
People: The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few; send us out Lord.
 Leader: Spirit of the Living God, breathe into your people, grant them healing,
 grant them hope, grant them direction.
People: The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few; send us out Lord. Amen.

*Processional Hymn "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" UMH# 57

*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 "Bringing in the Sheaves" insert

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 28: 16-20 # 866

*Affirmation of Faith "A Modern Affirmation" UMH # 885

*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 "Awake, My Soul, and Sing" *The Chancel Choir*

Offertory Prayer The Giving of Tithes & Offerings
 Offertory "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" -M. Hayes

*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.

*Sermon Text Matthew 9: 35-38 # 866

Sermon "White Fields" Rev. Tommy Wilkes

*Hymn of Commitment "Pass It On" UMH# 572

*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 "Processional from Water Music Suite" -Handel

*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  
 by Todd Blanton  
 in memory of his grandfather, George Blanton.

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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)
- Reverend J. Richard Gibson, Pastor Emeritus
- Jon Valentine, Director of Children & Youth Ministries – [jvalentine@cloverfumc.org](mailto:jvalentine@cloverfumc.org)
- Cheri King, Director of Music Ministries – [cking@cloverfumc.org](mailto:cking@cloverfumc.org)
- Christine Payseur, Church Business / Technical Coordinator – [cpayseur@cloverfumc.org](mailto:cpayseur@cloverfumc.org)
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- Natasha Bilousova, Pianist
- Nannette Carnes, Organist
- Tracie Kite, Sexton – [kitracie@hotmail.com](mailto:kitracie@hotmail.com)
- Hope Long, Nursery
- Windy Bartee, Lay Leader
- Ray Reavis, David Edwards, Bob Grindle, Conference Lay Members

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**Wonderful Wednesday Meal, October 11**  
Menu: Chicken Tetrazzini, Salad, Garlic Bread & Dessert  
sponsored by United Methodist Women

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**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:** Jay Valentine, Barb Millay, Larry Beamguard, Tammy Bailes, Tom Dann, Rhett Hurst, Domingo Jesus Roges, Sandy Chapman, Margaret Pendleton, Carolyn Grigg, Ken Moses, Mike Bono, Marshall Caldwell, Eloise Mallen, Rolfe Sukkert, Doris Shepard (Barb Millay's mother), Jimmy Dixon, Glenn Adams, Dave Stanton, Jr., Dolly & Joe Killian, Randy Flora, Dave Jones, Naurice Smith.

**Note of Sympathy:** Christian sympathy is extended to Jeannine Wyatt and family in the death of her father, Mr. Alfred Nix.

**Congratulations** to Mark Adams and Courtney Johnson on their marriage on September 30, 2017. Join us in wishing them happiness and joy in their life together.

**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.

**The UMW** will have their General Meeting today at 12:15 in room #104.

**The Nominations Committee** will meet at 4:00pm this afternoon in the Library.

**Handbells** will begin this Wednesday at 5:40pm in the Handbell room. If you are interested in ringing, please come and join us!

**The Chancel Choir** is beginning some of their Christmas music! If you would like to join us for the Christmas season, please contact Cheri King or join us on Wednesday at 6:45!

**Esther Circle** will meet at 10:00 in the Steve Camp classroom on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Suzanne Thompson will preside. We will clean our part of the kitchen after a short program. Please come and join us.

**Martha Circle** will meet at 7:00pm on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Rebekah Circle** will meet at 7:00pm on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**SPRC** will meet in the Library at 6:30pm on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Thank You:** Just a note to thank everyone for all the love and prayers during my surgery and now my recovery. It's been tough but our God is still on the throne and watching over me!

*Love, Sandy Chapman*

**Reflection and Prayer for A Way Forward**

In response to The UMC Council of Bishops' request, we will be holding prayer times on Tuesdays during the month of October to reflect and pray over the work of their Commission on A Way Forward. Please join us in the Sanctuary this week at 7:00pm if you would like to participate.

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

### Youth, Children and Tweens

**Youth: TODAY Jr. High ~ 6:00pm Sr. High ~ 7:00pm**

#### **Our Wednesday night programs:**

BIG (children) and Tweens at 6:30pm

Youth Fellowship at 6:30.

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

**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](mailto:jvalentine@cloverfumc.org)

**5<sup>th</sup> Quarter** following the football game Friday night.

**Wednesday Bible Study:** Join us this Wednesday night, October 11<sup>th</sup>, for Bible Study, 6:30-7:30pm in the Steve Camp classroom. This Bible Study will be around the Exodus Passages. Please bring your Bible and read Exodus 1 and 2. Taught by Rev. Tommy Wilkes.

#### **From Our Nurture Committee**

**Fall Nurture Bags** are placed in the lobby hallway until Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The congregation is encouraged to drop in cards, notes and/or small gifts as desired.

This year's Nurture Luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am in the Missions and Fellowship Center. This year's date was pushed back just a bit later than usual due to some conflicts in scheduling. More information will be forthcoming.

**Please contact Ashley Gordon at 704-576-6743 with any questions.**

**NEW BUS FUNDRAISER T-SHIRT SALE:** ALL PROFITS GO TO THE NEW CHURCH BUS FUND. The shirts will come in 4 colors—red, navy, green and sapphire. All will have FUMC and the Methodist symbol on the front in white. The back will not have writing. The shirts are preshrunk jersey knit ultra cotton (100%). Adult sizes are S—XXXL. Youth sizes are YS--YXL. Cost for the shirts will be \$10.00 for short sleeves and \$12.00 long sleeves. Add an extra \$2.00 to the price if ordering a XXL, XXXL. Please pay for the shirt when you place your order. An ordering table will be at Wednesday night dinner and church starting next week from 9:30am to 11:00am.

**Optimist International Essay Contest:** This contest is divided into two levels of competition. Club level receives a medallion and District level is a plaque and \$2500.00. This contest is open to any student under the age of 18 as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. District winners must provide a copy of birth certificate or passport with the District's entry documentation. Participants must write on the official topic "Can Society Function Without Respect". Essay must be no less than 700 and no more than 800 words. The Club contest started September 1<sup>st</sup>. Essays, copy of birth certificate and application must be sent to Clover Optimist Club, P.O. Box 199, Clover or given to Josie Skinnell by January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Applications may be picked up from Josie Jamison or the counselors at the High School or from Josie Skinnell, [sknnll@aol.com](mailto:sknnll@aol.com) or 803-684-2008. Any questions please call 803-684-2008.

### **"Bringing in the Sheaves"**

Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,  
Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve;  
Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping,  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

#### *Refrain:*

Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves;  
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows,  
Fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze;  
By and by the harvest, and the labor ended,  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master,  
Though the loss sustained our spirit often grieves;  
When our weeping's over, He will bid us welcome,  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

### **"When the Roll is Called Up Yonder"**

When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound, and time shall be no more,  
And the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair  
When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there

When the roll, is called up yon-der,  
When the roll, is called up yon-der,  
When the roll, is called up yon-der,  
When the roll is called up yonder I'll be there

On that bright and cloudless morning when the dead in Christ shall rise,  
And the glory of His resurrection share  
When His chosen ones shall gather to their home beyond the skies,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there

When the roll, is called up yon-der,  
When the roll, is called up yon-der,  
When the roll, is called up yon-der,  
When the roll is called up yonder I'll be there.