

An Order for the Christian Worship of God
February 11, 2018
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

Transfiguration of the Lord

Liturgical Color: White

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude "Near to the Heart of God" -L. Larson

*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: Lord, you have called us to the mountaintop.

People: Help us to look forward to where you would have us go.

Leader: Help us to listen carefully to the words of your healing love.

People: Open our hearts and spirits to receive your glorious directions.

Leader: May we, in all our ways, learn to place our trust in the Lord.

People: Lead us dear Lord, through this life and into your Kingdom to come. Amen.

*Processional Hymn

"The Battle Hymn of the Republic"

UMH #717

*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.)

Celebration of Scouting

Prayer for Scouting Ministries

O God, your will is that all your children should grow into fullness of life.

We lift to you the ministry of scouting.

We offer you thanks for camping,

to teach us that the world is our great home;

for study and work, to build character;

for service, to see our responsibility to those in need;

for encouragement in genuine patriotism and vital faith.

Bless the work of scouting, in this place and around the world,

that, through its efforts, the young may, like our Lord,

increase in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with you and all people.

All: Amen

(Mark Trotter, U.S.A., 20th Cent.)

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation

"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

UMH # 349

*Psalter

Psalms 50

UMH # 783

Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 2: 1-12

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The Anthem

"O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair"

Guitar ~ Tommy Wilkes Djembe~ Ray Reavis

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

"Bist du bei mir"

-Bach, arr. J.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

*Offertory Prayer

*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

Mark 9: 2-9

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Sermon

"Coming Down from the Mountain"

Rev. Tommy Wilkes

*Hymn of Commitment

"In Christ Alone"

W&S # 3105

*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

"O Worship the King"

-L. Larson

*indicates worshippers are invited to stand, if able

Invitation to Newcomers: Those desiring to unite with our congregation through Baptism, Profession of Faith or Rededication 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.

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

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 Flowers are placed on the altar today to the Glory of God.  
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Coat & Warm Clothing Give Away a Big Success! Thank you so much for your donations of coats, gloves, hats, and other warm clothing that were given out at the Food Project. A lot of people were helped because of your generous giving.

Esther Circle & Forever Young & Friends

Stewardship ~ Ways to Give

Regular Tithes and Offerings through the **Sunday Morning Offering.**

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 Meg Wilkes, Associate Minister – mwilkes@cloverfumc.org
- Reverend J. Richard Gibson, Pastor Emeritus
- Jon Valentine, Director of Children & Youth Ministries – jvalentine@cloverfumc.org
- Cathy Allen, BIG/Tweens Coordinator – cmallen217@gmail.com
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- Natasha Bilousova, Pianist
- Nannette Carnes, Organist
- Tracie Kite, Sexton – kitracie@hotmail.com
- Hope Long, Nursery
- Windy Bartee, Lay Leader
- Ray Reavis, Bob Grindle, Renee Gallien, Conference Lay Members

Shrove Tuesday Dinner, February 13

Menu: Pancake Supper

Sponsored by Steve Camp Sunday School Class

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: Dave Edwards, Hugh Robinson, Fred Byers, Tommy Crawford, Sherry Adams, Anne Adams, Marshall Caldwell, Carolyn Grigg, Sandy Chapman, Wayne Leroy, Rhett Hurst, Mitch Barr, Josie Skinnell, Dave Blanton, Rolfe Sukkert, Dave Jones.

Rose on the Altar: Elizabeth, Blair and Maren Preston announce the birth of Frank Blair Preston, IV (Ford). Grandparents are Sue and Jim Gover and Great Grandfather is Jim Owen.

Note of Sympathy: Christian sympathy is extended to Betty Robinson and family in the death of her sister-in-law, Patsy Robinson.

Military: Captain Thad Wilson, Lt. Col. Nicholas S. Hare, Major Blair Preston, 2nd Lt. Rion Cartin, LCPL Chris Propst, M.Gy. Sgt. Terry Kenneth Lowman, Jr.

Esther Circle will meet on Monday, February 12th at 10:00am in the Steve Camp classroom. We are asked to bring 6 small items to put in our Nurture friends' baskets. We have 5 women and 1 man. Several of us signed up last meeting for specific items. If you do not remember, we have the minutes. Becky Vaughn is giving our program. We hope to hear a little about her recent adventure in Hawaii. If you do not have a circle, please come and join us. Call Windy Bartee with any questions. 222-7533.

Martha Circle will meet on Monday, February 12th, at 7:00pm at the home of Elaine Jones, 136 Briarwood Drive, Rock Hill.

Our annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, sponsored by the Steve Camp Sunday School class, will be on February 13th at 5:30.

Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30pm on February 14th. Childcare provided.

Valentine's Day Bags for our Nurture friends are placed on the table in the usual spot in the church hallway and are ready and available to receive any donations of cards and/or small gifts from the congregation. Thank you.

The Ark & Creation Museum Trip Information

Dates for the trip are June 18-20, 2018. D&S Travels will be handling this tour. **You will need to call D&S Travel (704-864-0348) to register, make payments and ask questions.** Please tell D&S you are with FUMC Clover, SC. There were 30 spaces left on this tour when I spoke with them. It would not be just our group on the charter bus. The information and sign-up sheet are on the "sign-up" table.

United Methodist Men Valentine's Banquet

On Saturday February 17th at 6:30, the United Methodist Men will sponsor our annual Valentine's Dinner. All church members and guests are encouraged to make plans to attend this fun event which features great food catered by Jackson's Kitchen, great music provided by Tommy and Meg Wilkes, and as always "special entertainment". Tickets for the event are \$12.50 for individuals and \$25.00 for couples. Tickets can be purchased from any UMM members. As is our custom, ALL singles ladies in our church will be our guests for the evening. We sincerely hope that each of you can attend and we look forward to seeing you on the 17th. Sam Cain, UMM President

Youth, Children and Tweens

Youth: Jr. High ~ 6:00 Sr. High ~ 7:00

BIG children are doing a project that requires empty tissue boxes. Please bring any empty boxes to church for the children to use. Thank you.

Tweens ~ TODAY, RESCHEDULED due to rain last Sunday. - **Tweens Mission Field Trip** to Long Shot Farms (Kennel & K-9 Rehabilitation Training Center.) Meet in the lobby to load bus with donations. We will leave church at 1:40 and return to church by 3:30. Bring a friend!!

Our Wednesday night programs: BIG (children) and Tweens at 6:30pm / Youth Fellowship at 6:30.

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

If you haven't already, text [1clovermyf](tel:95577) to [95577](tel:95577) for text reminders!!

Contact Jon Valentine for information about youth ministries at FUMC, jvalentine@cloverfumc.org

2018 Festival of Tables

United Methodist Women will host the fifth annual "Festival of Tables" ladies luncheon on Saturday, May 19th, 2018. You can reserve a table for \$ 5.00 and decorate in your chosen theme, using your tableware and decorations. Guest tickets are \$ 8.00 each. Last year over one hundred women attended to preview the decorated tables and enjoy a delicious lunch. To reserve a table or if you want further information contact Linda Abernathy (222-7591) or Grace White (222-7528). Please plan to join us!

Optimist International Oratorical Contest

This contest is divided into three levels of competition. Club level receives a medallion, Zone level is a plaque and District level is a plaque and \$2500.00. This contest is open to any student under the age of 18 as of October 1st, 2018. District winners must provide a copy of birth certificate or passport with the District's entry documentation. Participants must write on the official topic "Where Are My Roots of Optimism." Oratorical must be no less than 4 minutes and no more than 5 minutes. The Club contest will be held April 14th, at the Clover Optimist Club building, 1500 Tom Joye Rod, Clover. You should bring a copy of your birth certificate, speech and application with you. Arrive a little early so paperwork can be check. Applications can be picked up from the High School, Clover or Oakridge Middle School, Ninth Grade Academy or from Jon Valentine. Any questions, call Josie Skinnell at 803-684-2008 or email sknnll@aol.com.

Thank you to my church family for your prayers and cards for me during this time with my health issues. I truly appreciate you all.

Carolyn Grigg

Forever Young & Friends Meeting on February 22nd

The Forever Young & Friends will meet on February 22nd at 10:30 in room 104. We will have a covered dish lunch after the meeting. Please bring a side or dessert to share. After lunch we will fix and deliver take-out meals to folks that can't come to the lunch.

Forever Young & Friends ~ Trip to Flat Rock Play House on Tuesday, June 19th.

To reserve good seats and make lunch reservations, tickets need to be purchased early for this trip. **PLAY** - "The Love List" – a comedy about two men who make of list of what they wanted in a perfect mate, but when she shows up they decide they need to revise their list.

DATE – Tuesday, June 19 for an afternoon performance.

COST - \$29 plus your lunch (The tickets are priced at \$39 but Forever Young & Friends will cover \$10 of the ticket cost.)

Make checks out to FUMC Forever Young. On the for/memo line, write Flat Rock play. Turn checks into the church office or put them in an envelope in the offering plate.

DUE – Before or on February 22, 2018.

LIST – Names will be added to the list when payment is received.

FOREVER YOUNG & FRIENDS TRIP TO SPRINGTIME BY THE SEA

Ed Kilbourne Presents – Senior Adult Vacation Bible School: "Teach Me Simple Things"

Place: Epworth By The Sea, St. Simons Island, Georgia

Dates: May 21-24, 2018

Price: \$380.37 per adult staying 2 adults to a room, \$495.00 per adult staying 1 adult to a room.

First payment of \$200.00 due on or before March 5, 2018

Second payment of \$180.37 is due on or before April 10, 2018

Forever Young & Friends will pay \$20 per person for the trolley tour of St. Simons Island.

The Color Me Happy Painting class will cost \$35 extra.

Make checks out to FUMC Forever Young. On the for/memo line, write Epworth trip.

Checks to the church office or in the offering plate in an envelope.

Included in price: 3 nights lodging, 9 meals, all scheduled activities, tax and State of Georgia Motel Fee.

List: Names will be added to the list when first payment is received.

More Information and Registration forms are on the "sign-up" table. You do NOT have to fill out the whole registration form since we are paying with a group check. Just fill in your name, roommate, and whether you want a double or single room. Also check if you are paying extra for the Color Me Happy Painting Class. Epworth By The Sea's cancellation policy is on the registration form.

Lyft ~ Lifting Ministry Higher Event will be here at First UMC on March 3rd from 9:00am – 2:30pm.

Register through the church office or through Eventbrite. Details are on the bulletin board to the left of the elevator. Breakout sessions include Media and Worship Communication, Web Ministry and Music Workshops.