

An Order for the Christian Worship of God
February 18, 2018
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

1st Sunday in Lent

Liturgical Color: Purple

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

*Call to Worship

Leader: Sometimes we are the lonely, lost sheep, bleating out a cry full of fear.

People: But you, O Lord, always find us and comfort us.

Leader: Sometimes we are the rich young ruler, turning away from you because the cost of following is too high.

People: But you never give up on us, pursuing us each day of our lives.

Leader: Sometimes we are Martha, so busy with this and that—leaving you waiting for us.

People: But you wait patiently, calling to us, “My child, be not anxious. Come sit with me.”

Leader: Lord, forgive us for straying from your path and care.

People: Forgive us for turning away from you.

Leader: Forgive us our busyness that pushes you out of our lives.

People: And let us always remember that each day is a new start with you.

All: We come today to worship you.

*Processional Hymn “God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale” UMH # 122

*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.)

Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

The Anthem “Pie Jesu” *The Chancel Choir*
(‘Merciful Jesus who takes away the sins of the world, Grant them rest’)

*Hymn of Preparation “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” UMH # 269

*Affirmation of Faith “The Apostles’ Creed” UMH # 881

*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.”**

Old Testament Reading Genesis 9: 8-17 # 7

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

*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 1: 9-15 # 867

Sermon “Into The Wild” Rev. Tommy Wilkes

*Hymn of Commitment “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley” FWS # 2112

*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

*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.

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Flowers are placed on the altar today to the Glory of God  
and in memory of my grandmother, Beatrice Hicks,  
given by Jeannette Stabler.  
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Thank you for your support of the Strove Tuesday meal. God has answered our prayers for the meal, fellowship, and love for each other. *Your family, Steve Camp Class*

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.

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- 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
 - Cheri King, Director of Music Ministries – cking@cloverfumc.org
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 - Natasha Bilousova, Pianist
 - Nannette Carnes, Organist
 - Tracie Kite, Sexton – kite_tracie@hotmail.com
 - Hope Long, Nursery
 - Windy Bartee, Lay Leader
 - Ray Reavis, Bob Grindle, Renee Gallien, Conference Lay Members
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Wonderful Wednesday Dinner, February 21
Menu: Hotdogs, baked beans, chips & dessert

Sponsored by Moped to Memphis

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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, Betsy Durant (Windy Bartee's friend), Wanita Bartee (Ted Bartee's sister-in-law), Hugh Robinson, Fred Byers, Tommy Crawford, Anne Adams, Marshall Caldwell, Carolyn Grigg, Sandy Chapman, Wayne Leroy, Rhett Hurst, Mitch Barr, Josie Skinnell, Dave Blanton, Rolfe Sukkert, Dave Jones.

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.



Friends, would any of you like to join our nurture team in caring for those 16 to 20 members among us who are home bound? We have a wonderful group of people already connecting with our nurture folks, but we have a need for a few more willing servants to occasionally make calls and visits. Every now and then we also have nurture folks who would like a ride to church. Please consider whether this is a way you could serve God and neighbor in your Christian life. Someone needs you! Contact Rev. Meg Wilkes to be included. mwilkes@cloverfumc.org or 222-3496 ext.17

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.

SCRIPTURE READERS! As we begin all of our committee meetings for 2018 we are excited about this new year in ministry together. Recently the Worship Committee met and decided we would like to invite some of our younger and newer congregation members to join us in the rotations for Scripture reading during worship! If you enjoy reading aloud and would like to serve God and church in this way, give Rev. Meg a call. 803-622-1315. We are inviting all young adults and youth, as well as all other ages, to participate.

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. Thanks to Charlotte, helpers and the Forever Young for helping on this day!

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.

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.

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:1clovermyf) to [95577](tel:95577) for text reminders!!

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

ASBURY HILLS

Friends, it is time to think about SUMMER CAMP! Registration is up and running! Please see the Asbury Hills brochures provided for you in the church lobby and talk with Rev. Meg Wilkes about participating in this awesome Spiritual Life Adventure in the beautiful foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains! Asbury Hills is a United Methodist Camp and Retreat Center dedicated to spiritual growth, faith formation and FUN for church groups, families, youth and children! Go creek hiking, zip lining, canoeing, try your hand at archery or high ropes, swim, take the Leap of Faith or enjoy the Giant Swing, and slide down Wet Willie - then chill by the campfire, or the lakeside. Every night you will celebrate with praise and worship with an awesome band, and before it's all over, you will have met friends for life. All camp counselors are college students, specially trained and prepared for this summer of mission and leadership. Pastor Tommy was a Camp Counselor at Asbury Hills when we met! <3

PARENTS:

Please seriously consider making this happen for your kids. The church covers some of the cost (The Wonderful Wed dinner on May 2 will go toward raising funds, youth and children's ministry assists, and generous church members contribute as well.) There are sponsorships available directly through Asbury Hills for those who need financial assistance. We have sent several children/youth from First UMC since I have been on staff here, and I would love to see even more have this opportunity. There are 9 camp weeks to choose from for ages 2nd grade - 12th. This year's theme is DEFY FEAR! Call me to talk about Asbury Hills Summer Camp. Rev. Meg Wilkes 803-622-1315

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!

The Food Project Ministry: Next week's 4th Sunday donation is soup. Thank you for your continued support.

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.

The Newsletter deadline is February 25th. Please put your item in the church newsletter mailbox or you can email it to Ann.Shearer@clover.k12.sc.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.