

An Order for the Christian Worship of God
April 1, 2018
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

Easter Day **Liturgical Color: White**

Pre Service Tanja Bechtler

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” -arr. Pethel

*Call to Worship

Leader: Listen to the glad shouts of victory in the dwellings of God’s people.

People: The Lord’s mighty power has done it! His power has brought us victory!

Leader: I will not die, instead I will live in the house of the Lord forever.

People: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Leader: God of our salvation, hear our shouts of glad adoration as we gather to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Through his death upon the cross he has promised us forgiveness of our sins, and through his resurrection he has opened to us the gates of eternal life.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Processional Hymn “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” UMH # 302

*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

*Hymn of Preparation “Because He Lives” UMH # 364

*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.”**

New Testament Lesson I Corinthians 15: 1-11 # 1001

The Anthem “Gloria” -Antonia Vivaldi

The Chancel Choir

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 Lesson John 20: 1-18 # 944

Sermon “Open Doors at Easter” Rev. Tommy Wilkes

*Musical Benediction “Easter Medley”
Written and directed by John Austin King for the Glory of God and dedicated to Clover FUMC

*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 “Gloria” ~ reprise

*indicates worshippers are invited to stand, if able

Invitation to Newcomers: Those desiring to unite with our congregation of First UMC in 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 and your presence here in church.

Special thanks to our instrumentalists: Violin – Julie Bird, Viola – Ali Kavadlo, Cellist –Tanja Bechtler, Trumpet – Jackson Stanton, Flutist – Katie Bono, Timpani—Jason King

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

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Hope Long, Nursery

Windy Bartee, Lay Leader

Ray Reavis, Bob Grindle, Renee Gallien, Conference Lay Members



No Wonderful Wednesday this week

Wonderful Wednesday Dinner, April 11th

Menu: Smoked Chicken, Corn on the Cob, Potato Salad, Rolls & Dessert Sponsored by: Cub Scouts

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: Josie Skinnell, Lois Schriefer, Jane Stang, Fred Byers, Tom Meyer, Caleigh Dover, Anne Adams, Brad Robinson, Dave Edwards, Betsy Durant (Windy Bartee's friend), Hugh Robinson, Tommy Crawford, Marshall Caldwell, Carolyn Grigg, Sandy Chapman, Wayne Leroy, Rhett Hurst, Dave Blanton, Rolfe Sukkert.

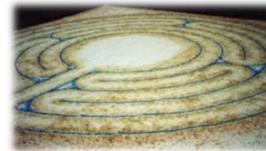
A child is born: A rosebud is placed on the altar this morning in honor of Landen Troy Howard, infant son of Michelle Baysinger Howard. Proud grandparents are Doug and Gloria Baysinger. Landen was born on February 6, 2018.

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.

There will not be a Genesis Contemporary Worship Service next Sunday due to Easter Sunday's three services this week.

No choir rehearsal on Wednesday, April 4th.

The Labyrinth



The Labyrinth ~ a walking path for prayer and spiritual meditation ~ will be available during the daytime, and also on Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings until 9:00pm in the Missions and Fellowship Center thru Easter Monday. We will have a comfortable waiting space set up for you, including reading materials and information about the Labyrinth as an ancient and contemporary spiritual practice. This year our path is smaller – 18 feet – so

we may practice waiting (*how appropriate for Lent*) while others complete their time on the path. Please consider taking this opportunity that has been intentionally and carefully prepared for you by your pastoral and worship staff.

THE SPRING YARD SALE IS APRIL 8—14: Please bring your donations Sunday, April 8 through Thursday, April 12. WE WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP! Any amount of time you can help is greatly appreciated. We have all kinds of things and activity levels for people to do.

Times: Sunday 1:00—5:00, Monday—Tuesday 9:00—5:00, Wednesday at Men's Prayer Breakfast, Wednesday Night Supper & 9:00—5:00, Thursday 9:00—5:00, Friday 8:00—6:00 (busiest day), Saturday 9:00—12:00. As always, our church family is able to shop any day during the week.

GREEN RIVER PLANTATION TRIP – THURSDAY, MAY 3RD

INCLUDED – Lunch, tour of historical plantation house & visit a winery or two

COST - \$ 25.00. **Payment is due before or on April 10th.**

Make checks out to FUMC – Forever Young. On the for / memo line write, Green River trip. Checks to the church office or in the offering plate in an envelope.

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

Youth, Children and Tweens

Youth: Youth will not meet tonight.

No BIG/Tweens this week – April 4th. See you April 11th!

Upcoming Children's Events! Mark your calendars now!!

Sunday, April 29th – District Bible Fair- here at FUMC, 2-5pm. Ages 4yrs – 6th grade. Food, fun, songs, crafts, stories, snacks & more! See announcement on Children's Board in hallway.

Summer VBS –Sunday-Thursday, July 8-12. Travel to Babylon! See Daniel's Courage in Captivity! 5:00- 8:00pm. See announcement on Children's Board in hallway.

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

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

Ada Krugh will celebrate her 90th birthday on April 21st. Her family is honoring her at a party on April 22nd. If you would like to send Ada a birthday card for her special day, her address is listed below:
1215 Evergreen Court, **Apartment 302** Clarkston, WA 99403

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.

NURTURE NEWS: We still need more people to serve as nurture friends to our shut-ins. Contact Rev. Meg Wilkes mwilkes@cloverfumc.org, 803-622-1315

Remember Asbury Hills! Register now. Pick up your flyer to choose your camp date. Several have already contacted Rev. Meg. Maybe you are one of those who would also like to go. Contact Rev. Meg Wilkes 803-222-3496

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!

Thank You:

1st UMC, Clover,

Thank you to all the church for all the cards, calls and concern after my recent surgery. I want to say a special thank you to Pastor Tommy for being there for my family during the surgery and for all the prayers for healing.
Dave Edwards

Optimist International Oratorical Contest

This contest is open to any student under the age of 18 as of October 1st, 2018. Participants must write on the official topic "Where Are My Roots of Optimism." 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 sknll@aol.com. Please see flyer on the bulletin board for additional information.

Clover Optimist Club Pork Bar-B-Que will be on Saturday, April 7th next to Killian's Service Center. 10:00am until 2:00pm.

Pork Plate (Barbeque, slaw, chips, cookie & bun) ~ \$ 8.00

Sandwich with chips ~ \$ 4.00; 5 lb bucket ~ \$ 35.00

Walk in welcome. For tickets call Ashby Skinnell at 803-322-0177.

NOTE: \$ 1.00 from each plate will be given to Childhood Cancer Research.

Host an Exchange Student: Open your heart and home to an exchange student coming to this area in August! Students know English, come with own spending money and health insurance, and would love to a part of your family for either 5 or 10 months. In return the family gains a new son or daughter and learns about a new culture without leaving our home. This is a great ministry opportunity! Please contact Trish Hasty today at 704-661-4765 or trishhasty@gmail.com. Thanks! CIEE is non-profit.

Donald Davis, Storyteller and retired Methodist Preacher

Free to the public, sponsored by Lancaster Arts Council at 307 West Gay Street, Lancaster, SC on Sunday, April 8th at 2:30.

The Food Project Ministry: Next week's 2nd Sunday donation is breakfast items: cereal, grits, pancake mix & syrup or oatmeal. Thank you for your continued support

Men of the Church:

We invite you to consider going on our 2018 Men's Retreat to Lake Murray on May 4th – 6th. Come enjoy a relaxing time of fishing, good food, good devotions and fellowship. Cost is \$ 75.00. Register through the church office or contact Sam Cain.