

An Order for the Christian Worship of God
March 4, 2018
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

3rd Sunday in Lent

Liturgical Color: White

Pre Service Music

“Welcome Table”

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

*Call to Worship

Leader: We stand in the need of the presence of God.

People: Our lives can so easily become corrupted by our own greed.

Leader: But the Lord has heard our cries and calls us forward on this journey.

People: Lord, guide our steps.

Leader: Come, let us worship God who is always with us.

People: Let us open our hearts to the healing, restoring love of God. AMEN.

*Processional Hymn

“More Precious than Silver”

FWS # 2065

*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.)

*indicates worshippers are invited to stand, if able

Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

The Anthem

“Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley”

The Chancel Choir

*Hymn of Preparation

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

UMH # 361

*Affirmation of Faith

“The Apostles’ Creed”

UMH # 881

*Gloria Patri **“Gloria 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 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

John 2: 13-17

923

Sermon

“Disturbing the Peace”

Rev. Tommy Wilkes

Sacrament of Holy Communion

*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

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.  
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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 2nd Sunday donation is breakfast items: cereal, grits, pancake and syrup or oatmeal. Thank you for your continued support.

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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Hope Long, Nursery

Windy Bartee, Lay Leader

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

Wonderful Wednesday Dinner, March 7

Menu: Goulash, Salad, Bread & Desserts

Sponsored by: COLLISION Youth Group

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: Anne Adams, Brad Robinson, Tina Clark (Betty Robinson & Margie McCarter's niece), Dave Edwards, Betsy Durant (Windy Bartee's friend), Wanita Bartee (Ted Bartee's sister-in-law), Hugh Robinson, Fred Byers, Tommy Crawford, Marshall Caldwell, Carolyn Grigg, Sandy Chapman, Wayne Leroy, Rhett Hurst, Josie Skinnell, Dave Blanton, Rolfe Sukkert, Dave Jones.

Note of Sympathy: Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Chuckie Jackson, brother of Tracie Kite and son of Bonnie Coleman and Ed Jackson.

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.

Welcome new members: This morning we welcome William and Linda Stewart and their two children, Casey and Marisa, into the membership of First UMC by transfer from Bethel UMC in Columbia, SC. William is employed as a college instructor and Linda as an Electrical Engineer for Maclean Power Systems in York. They live at 436 Harvest Terrace Drive, Clover. Welcome Stewart Family into your new church home.

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.

COMING SOON! *YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP*

If you are between the ages of 18-29 you will want to mark your calendar for Sunday, March 11th. This will be the date for the first gathering of our brand new Young Adult group. We will meet during the Sunday School hour, 9:45-10:45. However, this will not be a traditional Sunday School class, this is a time for fellowship and spiritual support.

Many of you know me from my years as a volunteer with our youth group. Now I feel led to implement a young adult ministry. I am excited to be one of the facilitators for this group along with Meg Wilkes and several other adults who wish to serve and support this age group. We will meet in the Missions & Fellowship Center and welcome **ALL** young adults, not just members of FUMC. Please pray for the success of this ministry and for it to produce fruit in the lives of our young adults. Thank you! *Jeannette Stabler*

My dear church family,

What can I say about your love and nurture surrounding my recent surgery? That it was heartwarming? Or boundless? Or constant? All of these apply, of course; and the ways you took care of Johnny while I couldn't meant the world to us. We appreciate so much your cards, calls, food and other gifts. Most cherished, however, have been the unending prayers we know you lifted. (I pictured a cartoon with innumerable praying hands going up from Clover!) To say that you will pray for someone is the kindest thing that can ever be said. We could feel those prayers—and we know each one was answered because of my outcome. Yes, once again I am cancer free and unceasingly thankful. God is good, all the time. My cup runneth over! *Sherry Adams*

Youth, Children and Tweens

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

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

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.

Salkehatchie Summer Service 40th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, March 10, 1:00-5:00. Union United Methodist Church, 7582 Woodrow Street, Irmo, SC. Come celebrate 40 years of service!! Fellowship, worship, reflections. For questions or to RSVP, please contact Susan Caskey at 803-463-6138 or turnitbluesue@hotmail.com

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 GA Motel Fee.

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

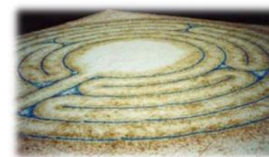
More Information and Registration forms are on the “sign-up” table. You do NOT have to fill out the whole registration form since we are paying with a group check. Just fill in your name, roommate, and whether you want a double or single room. Also check if you are paying extra for the Color Me Happy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

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.

For your contemplative life this Lenten season....

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 from March 4 – 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.

Contemplative Prayer and Worship

Sunday evenings March 4, 11 and 18 from **5:00 -6:00** in the Missions and Fellowship Center. (childcare provided) During this **time set apart** from our busy lives, we will participate in the sacred & ancient Christian practices of Lectio Divina, Centering Prayer, Intentional Silence, Guided Meditation, and others. **"Be Still and Know that I am God."** Psalm 46:10



NURTURE NEWS: Friends, would any OTHERS 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 mwilkes@cloverfumc.org, 803-622-1315

More WAYS to Serve



Join a **Prayer Vigil** group to *keep our community, prospective members, and particularly the young among us in your prayers regularly!!!* Rev. Meg will provide you with regular updates of immediate concerns and hopes and any particular situations that need special attention. For example, right now we are about to become neighbors with 40 families across the street. We can begin a holy example of Christian outreach simply through prayer for those "unknown" families. God knows them. We have also had several families visiting with our church lately, many with children - maybe you are one of them! - one way we can faithfully serve and love these new friends is simply by lifting them in prayer. Talk to Meg if you are interested in this intentional prayer ministry. I am thinking of other prayer ideas, too! Would love your input! Rev. Meg Wilkes 803-622-1315 mwilkes@cloverfumc.org



Become a **Safe Sanctuary Bus Person** to go out on Sunday mornings before Godly Play and Church to gather up children to bring them to Jesus on Sunday mornings!!! Some children may want to be here, but their parents /grandparents can't bring them. Talk with Rev. Meg if you are interested in participating in such a ministry. We will work together to see how to make this outreach happen. Rev. Meg Wilkes 803-622-1315 or mwilkes@cloverfumc.org