

An Order for the Christian Worship of God
April 15, 2018
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

3rd Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Color: White

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude "Rise Again" -arr. B. Wolaver

*Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus you stand among us, offering your Peace.

People: Yet, we are still afraid....seeing you, but not sure what we are really seeing.

Leader: Indeed, doubts can rise in our hearts at any time. Is Jesus really here?
Does Jesus really live?

People: You say, "Touch me." And we wonder, "How shall we touch you, when you are a ghost?"

Leader: Even while we rejoice in resurrection, we fear the mystery of death.... and life after death..... and we wonder, "What does it all mean?"

People: But you assure us that all is well.

Leader: You have set in motion your world mission through us.

People: In your name, we embody the Good News of repentance and forgiveness.

**All: We come here today to worship you.
Living Lord, open our eyes.**

*Processional Hymn "Open My Eyes, That I May See" UMH # 454

*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 "Because He Lives" *The Chancel Choir*

*Affirmation of Faith "The World Methodist Social Affirmation UMH # 886

*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."**

Offertory The Giving of Tithes & Offerings
"Come, Share the Lord" - 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.

Scripture Reading Luke 24: 36-48 # 920

Message and Music "The Embodied Christ" Rev. Meg Wilkes

"Open Our Eyes Lord" FWS # 2086

"Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord" W&S # 3008

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" UMH # 349

*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

"March"

-Handel

Today, immediately following the service (weather permitting and as able), you are invited to walk across the street with Rev. Meg and others to join us in a few moments of prayer for our new "neighbors" to be!

*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.

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The flowers are placed on the altar today to the Glory of God  
and in remembrance of loved ones we've lost.  
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The Food Project Ministry: Next week's 4th Sunday donation is soup. Thank you for your continued support

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

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
Cheri King, Director of Music Ministries – cking@cloverfumc.org
Christine Payseur, Church Business / Technical Coordinator – cpayseur@cloverfumc.org
Shirley M. Davis, Administrative Assistant / Financial Secretary – sdavis@cloverfumc.org
Natasha Bilousova, Pianist
Nannette Carnes, Organist
Tracie Kite, Sexton – kitracie@hotmail.com
Hope Long, Nursery
Windy Barte, Lay Leader
Ray Reavis, Bob Grindle, Renee Gallien, Conference Lay Members

Wonderful Wednesday Dinner, April 18
Menu: Hot Chicken Salad Casserole, Green Beans, Bread & Dessert
Sponsored by: Growth in Grace Covenant 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: Josie Skinnell, Jane Stang, Fred Byers, Tom Meyer, Anne Adams, Brad Robinson, Dave Edwards, Tommy Crawford, Marshall Caldwell, Carolyn Grigg, Sandy Chapman, Wayne Leroy, Rhett Hurst, Dave Blanton, Rolfe Sukkert.

A note of sympathy: Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Hugh Robinson.

A Child is born: A rosebud is placed on the altar today in honor of Micah Robert Nellums, infant son of Rob and Kelly Nellums and baby brother to proud big sister Aubree. His proud grandparents are Tom and Janice Meyer. Micah, born on April 8th, weighed 8 lb. 4oz and was 19 ½ inches long.

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.

Rebekah Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 17th, at 6:30pm to clean our area of the kitchen and then go out to eat.

United Methodist Men Spring Retreat

The UMM will once again have our Spring Retreat on May 4th, 5th and 6th at Lake Murray. We will go down on the afternoon of May 4th, fish/golf on Saturday, May 5th, and return on Sunday morning. If someone needs to arrive for just part of the time, we would still love to have you for whatever time you can spend. The retreat is designed for relaxation, recreation, getting to know each other better and spiritual recharging. Aside from our daily devotionals, there will be plenty of time for fishing, golfing, eating (of course) and just enjoying the beauty of God's world. The cost of the retreat is \$75.00. If you would like to participate, please contact me, Tommy Wilkes, Johnny Adams or any of the Methodist Men. Sam Cain, UMM President.

Cookies for Kairos

On April 26, Rev. Tommy Wilkes will be leaving Clover and entering into a 4 day weekend of ministry with several incarcerated individuals of Kershaw Correctional Institute, a maximum security prison in SC. Jesus invites us to live a life of love in so many ways, including visiting those who are in prison. You may not be able to visit in person, but KAIROS (which in Greek means God's time) invites **you** to *visit through the baking of homemade cookies* to send to the incarcerated individuals during this weekend. Each night of Kairos, every incarcerated person in the Kershaw prison will receive a full bag of cookies just for himself. It takes many churches baking to accomplish this endeavor - a Christian witness proven to be a profound act of love through the eyes of these men who rarely experience such kindness in their circumstance. There are only certain types of cookies allowed. The best choice is homemade chocolate chip. Please bring as many dozen cookies as you can to the church kitchen by Wednesday, April 25th. Thank you for embodying Jesus' love by baking.

Salkehatchie Registration: It is time to sign up for camp! If you desire, the church missions committee will pay one half. You will need to register yourself on line, mark the camp you wish to attend and mark that the payment will be made by the church. Please make a check payable to FUMC for \$ 115.00 and mark for Salkehatchie. The full payment will be sent in by the church. If you have questions please see Jon Valentine, Jeannette Stabler or Rev. Tommy Wilkes.

Youth, Children and Tweens

Youth: Jr. High Youth – 6:00pm Sr. High Youth – 7:00pm

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

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.

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

Vien Quang Buddhist Monastery

On Sunday, April 22nd, we will leave the church at 1:30 weather permitting. The Monastery grounds are open on Sunday afternoons until 3:00 at this time. Monastery Address – 1038 Galway Lane, Clover. Sign-up sheet is on the "sign-up table".

Trip to Festival of Wisdom & Grace – August 13-16

Lake Junaluska Conference & Retreat Center

Price: \$374.00 per adult staying 2 adults to a room

\$575.00 per adult staying 1 adult to a room

First payment of \$200.00 and your registration form are due on or before April 26, 2018

Second payment (for 2 adults to a room) of \$174.00 is due on or before May 29, 2018

Make checks out to FUMC Forever Young

On the for / memo line write Wisdom and Grace trip

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

Included: 3 nights lodging at the Terrace, 8 meals, all scheduled activities.

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

More information and registration forms are on the "sign-up table". Please fill out the complete form including circling Workshops you would like to attend. Turn in the Registration form in with your payment. Junaluska's cancellation policy is on the registration form.

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Asbury Hills Summer Camp: Remember to register soon for Asbury Hills Summer Camp! Please take a flier from the Church Lobby for information about camping dates and contacting Asbury Hills! Camp is for ages 2nd grade through high school! If cost are prohibitive for your family, talk with Rev. Meg Wilkes. The church is able to support our campers with a portion of the cost, and Asbury Hills also provides needs based scholarships. Go to asburyhills.org to check out the many adventures there and the spiritual growth opportunity for young people! This year's theme is **Defy Fear! (Mark 5:36)** We will have a wonderful Wednesday Meal on May 9th to help cover some of the expenses for our campers. Pick your date, register NOW, and let me know if the church can help you!
mwilkes@cloverfumc.org 803-222-3496 ext.17

It's GRADUATION TIME! PARENTS: Please lend us your support...

We look forward to honoring YOUR 2018 graduate!!

On May 20th the Higher Education Team will sponsor a graduation breakfast for **High School AND College graduates** and their families during the Sunday school hour at 9:45am. We will also acknowledge our graduates in Worship on that Sunday at **11:00.**

We need *this* FROM YOU:

- 1) Your graduate's name (whether or not you are able to be present that day)
- 2) Your graduate's after school plans or interests.....
- 3) Your graduate's photos (one baby, one from the midyears, one current)
- 4) Your RSVP and a head count for who in your family will attend the breakfast!

WE COULD MISS YOUR GRADUATE IF YOU DON'T CHECK IN WITH US!! And that will make us sad - and maybe them too. We keep records the best we can, but *we depend on parents to help us.* Below is our current list: If your student's name is not here and you would like for them to be honored by the church with prayers, recognition, the breakfast, and/or their gift, please contact Rev. Meg Wilkes mwilkes@cloverfumc.org or call Shirley Davis, church secretary, and leave a message with her @ 222-3496.WILL YOU DO THIS RIGHT AWAY PLEASE? Thanks so much!

If any of you know of someone not listed who is a member of this church and should be included, please contact Rev. Meg ASAP.

High school

Logan Pierzinski

Hannah Burton

Jessica Killian

Jeremie Connor

Kaitlyn Robinson

Linzie Gregory

Rebecca Eleazer

Tiffany English

John Austin King

Brody Green

College

Samantha Clinton

Andrea Conner

Ryan Crawford

Katelyn Curtin

Adam Edmunds

Taylor Wilson

Davis McCarter

Hannah Stanton

Devin Wise

Mother's Day Carnations: A special flower arrangement will be placed on the altar on Mother's Day. You may place a red carnation in honor of or a white carnation in memory of your loved ones for \$ 2.00 each. Any additional money collected beyond the cost of the carnations will go to our General Fund. To purchase a flower(s) place this form, with payment attached, in the offering plate or return to the church office no later than **May 8th.**

Your name _____

In Honor _____

In Memory _____