

**An Order for the Christian Worship of God
May 20, 2018
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve**

Day of Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Red

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude "Spirit of God" -Smith

*Choral Call to Worship "Lead Me, Lord" (one time) UMH # 473

*Processional Hymn "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" UMH # 420

*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 Graduates

High school

Logan Pierzinski
Hannah Burton
Jessica Killian
Jeremie Connor
Kaitlyn Robinson
Tyler Killian

Linzie Gregory
Rebecca Eleazer
Tiffany English
John Austin King
Brody Green

College

Taylor Wilson
Andrea Conner
Ryan Crawford
Davis McCarter
Katelyn Curtin
Adam Edmunds

Liturgy of Celebration for our Graduates

Leader: God of truth and knowledge,
by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth.
Bless our graduates as they now finish this course of study.

**All: We thank you for those
who taught and worked beside them,
and all who supported them along the way.**

Leader: Walk with the graduates
as they leave and move forward in life.
Take away their anxiety and confusion of purpose.

**All: Strengthen their many talents and skills,
instill in them a confidence in the future you plan,
where energies may be gathered up
and used for the good of all people.**

Leader: For the graduates, this truly is a day of new beginnings,
a time to remember and move on,
and a time to believe what love is bringing.

**All: May they always know that
Christ is alive and goes before us,
to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings,
our God is making all things new.**

Graduation Litany was written by Rev. Jeremy Smith

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Anthem "Fill Me Lord" *The Chancel Choir*
Soloist: Tina Cargill

*Hymn of Preparation "God Will Take Care of You" UMH # 130

*Affirmation of Faith "The Apostles' Creed" UMH # 881

*Gloria Patri **"Glorify 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."**

Scripture Reading Acts 2: 1-21 NT #111

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 Luke 15: 11-32 NT #73
Sermon "Coming Home" Rev. Tommy Wilkes

*Hymn of Commitment "God Is Here" UMH # 660

*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 "On This Glad Day" -Scarlatti

*indicates worshippers are invited to stand, if able

The flowers are placed on the altar this morning to the Glory of God
and in honor of all United Methodist Women.

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: Dick James, Barb Millay, Lee Killian, Sandy Chapman, Betsy Durrant, Rose Knight, Sue Young, Kandy Hanzely (Todd Hughes' sister), Josie Skinnell, Jane Stang, Fred Byers, Tom Meyer, Brad Robinson, Tommy Crawford, Wayne Leroy, Rolfe Sukkert.

A Child is Born: A rosebud is placed on the altar this morning in honor of Lucy Parker Loyd, infant daughter of Brittany and Mark Loyd, little sister to Jay and granddaughter of Don and Sandy Robinson. Lucy, born on May 12th, weighed 5 lb. 11oz and 20" 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.

You're Invited to Open House at The Wrays ~ THIS AFTERNOON Drop In 2:00—5:00pm.
5039 Jenkins Farm Road, Blacksburg, SC 29702 *NO GIFTS PLEASE*

The Youth Council will have a lunch meeting today following service at 12:15.

BIG & TWEENS & families – THIS AFTERNOON – Join us for an afternoon at Kings Mountain National Park! (Weather permitting). Bring a picnic lunch, walk the 1.5 mile battlefield trail, see the 20 minute film explaining the battle, visit the museum, and have fun with our children & families! Meet at the church @12:15 to take the bus or carpool, leave the park by 3:00 to return to the church by 3:30.

Trip to Epworth By The Sea, Saint Simons Island: We are leaving for another adventure on Monday, May 21st. Plan to wear a **green shirt on Tuesday**, May 22nd if possible. The bus will leave the church on Monday, May 21st at 8:30am. If you plan to ride or follow the bus, please be at the church by 8:20. The address is Epworth By The Sea, 100 Arthur J. Moore Drive, St. Simons Island, GA 31522. Phone number 912-638-8688

Young Adult Fellowship group will take a day trip on Saturday, May 26th, to Sliding Rock in NC for fun in the cool water and a picnic. We will leave the church at 7:30am. You need swimsuit and towel if you plan to slide and \$ 3.00 for admission. Picnic lunch will be furnished. For questions or to RSVP please call or text Jeannette Stabler, 704-678-1458, or email jeannetestabler@hotmail.com.

Annual Fishing Derby

The United Methodist Men will host their annual fishing derby on June 2nd, from 8am to 12 noon at Lewis Killian's farm located on Highway 161. This event is for both children and adults! Children should be accompanied by an adult.

You will need to bring your own gear (pole, rod/reels, etc.) but the bait will be provided. We will clean what we catch, cook what we clean and eat what we cook!! We will also have hot dogs for those who may not want fish.

Please come join us for some great family fun!!

Needed: Someone to water the plants at the church. See Shirley or Rev. 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 Event! Mark your calendars now!

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

Ticked About Lyme 5K Run/Walk, May 26th at 8:30am.

To raise awareness for Lyme disease and to raise money for families suffering from Lyme disease who cannot afford treatment. Register online at tickedaboutlyme.org, click on 5k run/walk. \$15.00 until May 14th, \$20.00 after May 14th. Starts at First UMC. For information about Sponsorship levels see the bulletin board.

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.

Memorial Day Flags

We would like to honor all veterans who died while serving our country on this Memorial Day, May 28, 2018. Flags will be available on the table near the volunteer office from May 20 to May 28. As you place your flags at the bricks in the Memorial Park, remember your loved one and their service and sacrifice for us all. We will collect the flags on May 31st for future use. Thank you for your help celebrating this national holiday.

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

Thank you: I want to thank everyone who has helped me with my move to Parkside at Bethel—for all the gifts and the help moving me in. I appreciate all the support from my church family. I love my church and each person in it. *Catherine Cockman*

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

Donation of a Piano

David Bodie has an upright piano he would like to give to someone who will give it a home. His telephone number is 704-650-3262.

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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Wonderful Wednesday Dinner, May 23 last meal before summer break

Menu: Chicken Fajitas, Refried Beans, Rice, Chips/Salsa and Dessert

Sponsored by: Newly formed Young Adult Class

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