

An Order for the Christian Worship of God
May 6, 2018
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

6th Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Color: White

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" -F. Ritter

*Call to Worship

Leader: Through every age, Christ calls disciples to follow him.

People: And where is it that we go with Christ?

Leader: Christ leads us among enemies and strangers, causing us to regard all persons as potential friends.

People: Christ leads us into uncharted places of spiritual wilderness where the presence of the spirit will lead us.

Leader: Christ leads us to love ourselves so we might be found, so grace might become real.

People: We gather to worship the Christ who leads. May we gain the wisdom and courage to follow.

*Processional Hymn "I Come with Joy" UMH # 617

*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.)

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation "The Summons" FWS # 2130

*The Psalter Psalm 139 with Response UMH # 854

The Anthem "Borning Cry"
Flute ~ Katie Bono Duet ~ Rita Beamguard and Denise Bono

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings
 Offertory "Because He Lives" -B. Wolaver

*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 I Samuel 3: 1-11 # 236

Sermon "Under the Pews" Rev. Tommy Wilkes

Reception of Confirmands

Sacrament of Holy Communion

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" #474; "I Am Thine, O Lord" #419;
 "Lord, Speak to Me" # 463; Open My Eyes, That I May See" # 454

*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 "To God Be the Glory" -W. Doane

*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 honor of Clara Dover's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday.  
 Love Mom, Dad and Mallory  
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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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Windy Bartee, Lay Leader

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

Wonderful Wednesday Dinner, May 9

Menu: Spaghetti, Salad, Bread and Dessert

Sponsored by: Asbury Hills

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: Barb Millay, Lee Killian, Kandy Hanzely (Todd Hughes' sister), Sandy Chapman, Josie Skinnell, Jane Stang, Fred Byers, Tom Meyer, Anne Adams, Brad Robinson, Tommy Crawford, Marshall Caldwell, Carolyn Grigg, Wayne Leroy, Rolfe Sukkert.

Note of Sympathy: Christian sympathy is extended to Connie Counts and family in the death of her mother.

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.

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.

You're Invited to Open House at The Wrays ~ Sunday, May 20, 2018 Drop In 2:00—5:00pm.
5039 Jenkins Farm Road, Blacksburg, SC 29702 *NO GIFTS PLEASE*

Forever Young and Friends will not meet in May. We have the Wednesday night dinner on May 16th and if anything urgent comes up we can discuss it that evening. Epworth By the Sea Trip is May 21st – May 24th.

Esther Circle: The word is Mama Cat is going to move into her new apartment finally. Our Esther Circle wants to give her a pounding: staple items she may need for her new place. We are meeting on Monday, May 14th, at 10:00am in the Steve Camp class. Joyce Shores will be presenting a thoughtful program. After the circle and pounding, we will clean our part of the kitchen. If you do not have a circle yet, come and visit. We would love to have you. Call with questions. Windy Bartee, 803-222-7533.

Our final Wonderful Wednesday Meals are coming together this month.

Be sure to SIGN UP!!! (in the lobby ~ or call the church office)

On May 9 we will have a meal prepared by parents/grandparents and helpers to raise funds for young people who want to attend **ASBURY HILLS** Summer Camp! PLEASE support this important ministry for our campers by attending and making your meal donation.

On May 16 we will have a meal prepared by Forever Young and Friends for a **BUS Fundraiser!!**

PLEASE plan to be here to contribute or to give your donation for take-out. Even if you can't participate in the meal that night, won't you please make a generous donation to the New Bus Fund?

The new bus, along with the one we already have, will be used by every group in the church so this is genuinely a church wide effort. Thank you so much.

CHURCH FAMILY: You have an opportunity to share your best wishes and Christian love with our high school and college graduates. There will be bags in the lobby with their names on them beginning this Sunday. Add a card or token as a gesture of encouragement. We have 6 college grads and 11 high school grads this year!

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. You must be registered by May 14 to be guaranteed a t-shirt. Starts at First UMC. For information about Sponsorship levels see the bulletin board.

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

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.

May 6th: Don't forget your mothers or Epworth Children's Home next Sunday! Next week is Mother's Day. We will buy flowers, call the mothers in our lives and remember those mothers who have impacted our lives in the past. Most of the children at Epworth Children's Home will not be celebrating Mother's Day with their mothers. Instead, they will be surrounded by loving staff and volunteers who walk with them daily to provide spiritual, educational, emotional and physical support. Consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to children. Your generous contribution to our church's ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who call Epworth home. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them online at www.epworthchildrenshome.org

It's GRADUATION TIME

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. Please call the church office or contact Meg to RSVP.

Following the breakfast we will enjoy a special Worship service at 11:00 honoring our graduates. **Please send several photos of your graduate spanning their childhood and adolescence up through today to Rev. Meg Wilkes at mwilkes@cloverfumc.org**

WE COULD MISS YOUR GRADUATE IF YOU DON'T CHECK IN WITH US!!

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
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

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.

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 _____