

**An Order for the Christian Worship of God
September 16, 2018
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve**

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

*Choral Call to Worship "There Is a Balm in Gilead" (vs 1) UMH # 375

*Processional Hymn "He Touched Me" UMH # 367

*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.)

Confession of Faith UMH # 892

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

The Anthem "Lord of the Dance" Chancel Choir

*Hymn of Preparation "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" UMH # 474

Those who desire to unite with the congregation please come forward during the last verse.

Receiving of New Members

Offertory Prayer 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

*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."***

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 Luke 5: 12-26 page # 58

Sermon "The Great Physician" Rev. Tommy Wilkes

Service of Healing

"Spirit of the Living God" UMH # 393

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" UMH # 361

"On Eagle's Wings" UMH # 143

"Give Me Jesus" W&S # 3140

*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

*indicates worshippers are invited to stand, if able

Welcome! 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. If you need more information about our church, please email one of the pastors, checkout our website or contact the church office.

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The flowers are placed on the altar today to the Glory of God  
and in loving memory of Lew Cato,  
given by the Cato Family.  
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STEWARDSHIP SCRIPTURE "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God." 2 Corinthians 9: 10-12

2018 Financial Update

Needed to meet General Fund Budget as of 8/31/18	\$ 419,523
Actual General Fund Spending as of 8/31/18	\$ 383,066
Received for General Fund as of 8/31/18	\$ 361,546

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.com.

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.com

Reverend Meg Wilkes, Associate Minister – mwilkes@cloverfumc.com

Reverend J. Richard Gibson, Pastor Emeritus

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Hope Long, Nursery

Windy Bartee – Lay Leader

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

Wednesday Night Meal, September 19

Potato & Salad Bar

sponsored by the Becky Lyda Sunday School Class

NAME _____ No. _____

OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

Contact pastors or Shirley Davis @ 222-3496 or sdavis@cloverfumc.com to add to or remove joy and prayer concerns:
Recent Concerns: Anne Adams, Dick Caldwell, Glenn Carter, Lucian Scott Carothers, Marie Baker, Sandy Chapman, Jim Owen, Leah -Devin Pierzinski's friend, Glennie Adams, (Faye Brown's mother), Andrew Brunson, Sarah McElwee, Sara Neil, Lynn Cameron, Wiggie Featherman (Windy Bartee's friend), Deidre Hatchard (Daryl Pierzinski's sister), Betsy Durrant, Josie Skinnell, Jane Stang, Fred Byers, Wayne Leroy, Rolfe Sukkert.

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.

We welcome Jeremy Childers, son of Vicki Reavis, into the membership of First UMC by profession of faith. His address is 3500 Beaty Rd. Gastonia, NC 28056 and his phone number is 803-526-3681. Welcome Jeremy into your new family of faith.

To All who wish to be a part of our grand Fall Festival!

This afternoon we are having an open planning meeting to lay out our fall fest, volunteer slots, decorating, bingo, cake walk and all other details that go along with making LIGHT UP THE NIGHT be successful. WE NEED YOU! For games, for trick or treating, for decorating or your ideas. So please join us this afternoon at 4:30 in the Missions and Fellowship Center for this meeting. See you there and thank you all! Jon

**On Sunday, September 23rd ~ FUMC Planning Day at
Crowders Ridge Camp, 130 Camp Rotary Road, Gastonia, NC 28052
2:30pm—5:30pm**

All are invited as we plan mission and ministry for 2019 and explore ministry areas together. We plan on having some time as a big group to look at FUMC ministry outreach and then breakout groups to plan. You do not have to be a member of committees to attend or join in the planning team breakouts. We need the Council present as there will be a Council Meeting at the end of this time together... Snacks and Coffee will be provided. A bus will leave at 2:00pm for those who would like to go by church transportation. Please speak with our Council Chair: Sange; your Committee Chairperson or Rev. Tommy Wilkes with your group's ideas for planning day breakouts.

York/Clover Cluster Senior Dinner on September 29th from 4pm to 6pm @ Mt. Vernon UMC Forever Young & Friends is going to the York/Clover United Methodist Cluster for a Senior Dinner on **Saturday, September 29th** at Mt Vernon UMC (2160 Smithford Rd., Hickory, Grove, SC). The event is from **4:00pm – 6:00pm**. There will be **FOOD, MUSIC, PRIZES, and lots of FELLOWSHIP**. We need to RSVP by September 18th, so put your name on the sheet at our usual "sign-up table". If you plan to ride or follow the bus, be at the church by 3:00, we will leave at 3:15. **There is no cost.**

Nurture bags are on the table in the lobby area for you to remember our Nurture members with cards, notes etc. The bags will be available until Sunday, October 14th.

The Forever Young & Friends will meet on Thursday, September 27th, at 10:30 in room #104. We will be discussing last minute details for the Yard Sale and upcoming activities and events.

Youth, Children and Tweens

Youth on Sundays! Jr High at 6:00pm, Sr High at 7:00pm

Wednesday Night Youth at 6:30pm

Collision Youth Clover Pre-game Cookout ~ September 21st starting at 5:30pm to kick-off! Hotdogs, games, music and fellowship. Bring friends!

BIG (Believers in God 1st - 3rd grade

Lil' BIG (PreK – K)

Tweens (4th – 6th graders)

If you haven't already, text 1clovermyf to 95577 for text reminders!!

Contact Jon Valentine for information about youth ministries at FUMC, jvalentine@cloverfumc.com.

BEACH TRIP (SEPTEMBER 17-20) UPDATE

We find our T-shirts are a great form of witness. If possible, on **Monday wear a green shirt** for the day and/or to dinner. If you have a Methodist shirt of any color, it would be great to wear it another day during the trip. Please **be at the church at 8:45am** if you plan to ride or follow the BUS. **Check-in time is 3:00pm.** Look for me to receive your room key. Our rooms are in the North Building. It is a short walk across the street to breakfast. If it is too far for you, contact me. Agendas and phone numbers have been emailed and placed in the volunteer office.--- Suzanne Thompson (704-860-3025)

All Saints Memorial Park/FUMC Memorial Brick Orders due by Wednesday, October 3, 2018

It's time to order memorial bricks to remember those family members and friends that have passed away.

If you would like to order a brick in memory of a loved one, please fill out one of the forms located on the "sign up table" near the door to the Missions and Fellowship Center. Bricks cost \$ 75.00. Make checks payable to FUMC and mark for Memorial Brick. Please turn everything into the church office or put in an envelope to be place in the offering plate.

The bricks will be placed in the Memorial park for the All Saints Sunday service on November 4.

If you have any questions, please call Beverly Alsobrooks (704-460-9173) or Sherry Adams (222-9921).

TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP

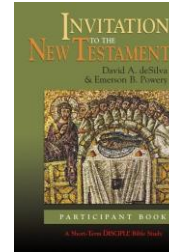
LOCATION: Clover Public Library **DATE & TIME:** Wednesday, October 10th at 2:00pm
Technology Help is available at the Clover Library. **Bring your laptop, cell phone, I pad/tablet, etc.** on Wednesday, October 10th at 2:00pm. There will be a presentation and a chance for some small group/individual help. Also, every Wednesday in October between 2:00 and 4:00, you will be able to sign up for a time to get individual or small group instruction. **Forever Young & Friends will meet at the Clover Library on October 10th at 1:55 for the workshops.**

Invitation to the New Testament

A Short-Term DISCIPLE Bible Study offering at FUMC

Tentatively on Monday Nights at 6:30pm Taught by Rev. Tommy Wilkes

1. Jesus Calls Us Into God's Redemption Story
2. Jesus Calls Us to a Transformed Life



3. Jesus Calls Us to Minister to a Hostile World
4. Jesus Calls Us to Complex Communities of Faith
5. Jesus Calls Us to Serve One Another
6. Jesus Calls Us to a New Relationship With Tradition
7. Jesus Calls Us to Live in Light of His Coming Again
8. Jesus Calls Us to Experience the Gifts of His Dying and Rising

Paul told the early church folks to ***“work out [their] own salvation with fear and trembling.”*** (Philippians 2:12)

Jesus says.....***“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.”*** (Luke 10:27)

Isaiah teaches us, ***“Come now, and let us reason together, says the Lord.”*** (Isaiah 1:18)

For Questions contact Rev. Tommy Wilkes @ twilkes@cloverfumc.com.

The Enneagram is an empowering tool for “working out” our salvation...(with fear and trembling!) by showing us how to take hard and honest look at ourselves, to recognize our “growing edges,” acknowledge “the better angels of our nature,” and help us to discover how we are either stagnating or becoming our best selves for Christ.... *heart, soul, strength and mind*. As we study our human nature we are using *God's gift of reason and loving God with our minds*. If you are interested in learning more about being your best self and being a good neighbor, you may be interested in this 4 week introductory study of The Enneagram. We will take the RHETI (Riso-Hudson Enneagram Type Indicator) as a part of our time together. Contact Rev. Meg Wilkes, *Associate Minister of Spiritual Formation* to inquire. 803-622-1315



Please mark your choice(s) Disciple Bible Study _____ The Enneagram _____

Name _____ Phone # _____

Email address: _____

Or you may sign up on the sheet on the table near the elevator.

We would like to make sure the information for our members is up to date. Several email addresses were lost when our computer crashed last week.

Please fill out the information sheet below for you and your family and drop in the offering plate. Thank you.

Name & Date of Birth (00/00/00): _____

Anniversary (00/00/00): _____

Address: _____

Telephone numbers: _____

Email addresses: _____

Countdown to EXTRAVAGANZA: Only 26-2719-20 days left till October 5th and 6th---how will YOU help? Hopefully you have given prayerful thought as to what you can offer, because sign-up sheets are in place in the lobby TODAY. We need all types and levels of assistance, so please make a commitment on paper as soon as possible. (Even if you ALWAYS help, it is a blessing to the organizers to see your name on our list.) Remember also that tickets for the turkey dinner are available from Johnny Adams, as well as from Shirley in the church office. Thank you.

IMPORTANT REQUEST!



We would like to offer a basic CPR Certification for all church members who work with children and youth, or who are interested in being CPR certified for any other groups. May be especially good for Mission members and Forever Young and Friends volunteers.

WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING TO THE CONGREGATION FOR MEMBERS WHO MAY BE CREDENTIALLED TO TEACH A CPR CLASS!

Please contact Shirley Davis in the church office (222-3496) to let us know if you are THAT person! Thank you so much.

Rev. Meg Wilkes

Holiday / Winter Festival of Tables

Interest has been expressed to have a onetime Holiday/Winter Festival of Tables. December 1, 2018 is the date reserved. If you would like to reserve and decorate a table, please contact Linda Abernathy at 222-7591 or Grace White at 222-7528. Tickets, \$8.00 each, available for sale through November 5th.

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

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