

An Order for the Christian Worship of God
September 9, 2018
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude "Prelude and Fugue in G Minor" -J.S. Bach

*Call to Worship

Leader: Those who trust in God are like the mountains, immovable and abiding.

People: God shelters the people: today and for eternity.

Leader: Rich or poor, God creates us to pursue justice and to care for on another.

People: God warns us not to show partiality, but rather be a blessing to others and upright in heart.

Leader: God calls us to be rich in faith and to live out our faith through works.

People: So we come today as your children to worship You, O God.

All: Lord teach us how to live as part of your family.

*Processional Hymn "In Christ There Is No East or West" UMH # 548

*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 the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation "Jesu, Jesu" UMH # 432

*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."***

A 20th Century Reading A Reading from the 20th Century Church
Taken from Twenty Voices of Pentecost Celebration

Scripture Reading I Samuel 16: 7-13 page #248

The Anthem "The Image of God" Chancel Choir
Flute: Jason King

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

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 James 2: 1-10; 14-17 page #215

Sermon "Favorites" Rev. Tommy Wilkes

*Hymn of Commitment "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" UMH # 133
Those who desire to unite with the congregation please come forward during the last verse.

*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

*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.

The flowers are placed on the altar today to the Glory of God
and in honor of our grandson, Bennett Elkins' 5th birthday,
given by Chip and Elaine Jones.

STEWARDSHIP SCRIPTURE “As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.”
I Timothy 6: 17-19

2018 Financial Update

Needed to meet General Fund Budget as of 7/31/18	\$ 367,084
Actual General Fund Spending as of 7/31/18	\$ 343,043
Received for General Fund as of 7/31/18	\$ 321,343

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
 Cheri King, Director of Music Ministries – cking@cloverfumc.com
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 Shirley M. Davis, Administrative Assistant/Financial Secretary – sdavis@cloverfumc.com
 Natasha Bilousova, Pianist
 Nannette Carnes, Organist
 Tracie Kite, Sexton – kiteptracie@hotmail.com
 Hope Long, Nursery
 Windy Bartee – Lay Leader
 Ray Reavis, Bob Grindle, Renee Gallien – Conference Lay Members

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: Lucian Scott Carothers, Marie Baker, Sandy Chapman, Jim Owen, Leah -Devin Pierzinski's friend, Glennie Adams, (Faye Brown's mother), Andrew Brunson, 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.

Note of Sympathy: Christian sympathy is extended to Ted Bartee and family in the death of his twin brother, Ned Bartee.

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.

Today our church will receive the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering to invest in the comprehensive care we are called by God to provide for the children at Epworth Children's Home, our church's ministry to God's children. An envelope is provided for your gift.

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.**

New Member Connection Class (6 Sundays)

September 16th- October 21st at 9:50am-10:50am in room 113

This class is designed as a brief Adult "New Member's Connection Class" with some History of the Church and United Methodist Church, Some Beliefs/ Theology of our Heritage, Liturgical Year/ Sacraments and Symbols of the Faith/ Missions and Outreach and a brief overview of Development and Present Day Ministries of First United Methodist Church of Clover. This course will be led by our Sr. Pastor, Rev. Tommy Wilkes. There is no charge for this course. Feel free to attend this course for the first time as a new member, someone interested in knowing more about the church and/or faith or as a refresher course in Faith and Church. Register by emailing sdavis@cloverfumc.org or signing up through the bulletin's tear out or on the sign up sheet located beside the elevator.



Name _____ Phone# _____

Email address: _____

Youth, Children and Tweens

Youth on Sundays! Jr High at 6:00pm, Sr High at 7:00pm
Wednesday Night Youth starts back September 12th 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)

Kick Off Wednesday, September 12th, 6:30—7:30pm

Come early for dinner with our church family starting at 5:45 or come just a little early (6:15) to get some free play time (gym area or playground, weather permitting)

If you haven't already, text [1clovermyf to 95577](tel:95577) for text reminders!!
Contact Jon Valentine for information about youth ministries at FUMC, jvalentine@cloverfumc.com.

Esther Circle will meet on Monday, September 10th at 10:00am. Joyce Shores is in charge of the program. Anne Adams has gathered items for health kits for us to assemble. Afterwards we will go see Naurice Smith and eat lunch together. We hope to see you there.

Martha Circle will meet on Monday, September 10th at 7:00pm in the church kitchen.

Rebekah Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 11th at 7:00 with Pam Cato. In case of rain, we will meet at the church.

Forever Young & Friends Flat Rock Playhouse Trip

Thursday, November 15, 2018 for the 2:00 performance of **The Hound of the Baskervilles** by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Cost of the trip will be \$34.00 (FY & F is covering \$5.00 of the A Group Sales tickets' price of \$39.00). We need over 10 people going to get the group rate.

Full payment of \$34.00 is due on or before September 13. This is to assure we get good seats. You can turn your payment into the church office or place in the collection plate. Make checks out to FUMC-FY & F and write Flat Rock Trip on the memo line. People riding on or following the bus please be at the church at 8:30 ready to go. We will park in downtown Hendersonville to shop and eat. Delores is making a list of restaurants so people can pick one they like.

BEACH TRIP (SEPTEMBER 17-20) UPDATE

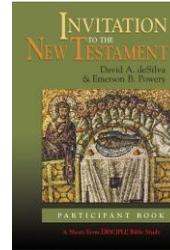
We find our T-shirts are a great form of witness. If possible, on **Monday wear a green shirt** for the day and/or to dinner. If you have a Methodist shirt of any color, it would be great to wear it another day during the trip. Please **be at the church at 8:45am** if you plan to ride or follow the BUS. **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)

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 26-27 days left till October 5th and 6th--our church's fall fundraiser fast approaches! Preparations are proceeding daily, and we need YOUR help to make it GREAT. Ticket sellers (and buyers), yard sale workers, food preparers and servers and Country Store item donors are all essential to our success. Please PRAY about this, FIND your gift and USE it by plugging into one or two areas of service for the before, during and after phases of the project. Sign-up sheets will be on display soon. 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

COLLEGE STUDENTS! Please send us an email with your current mailing address, cell phone number, birthday, year in school, school attending, study major, anticipated graduation date and email address. We would like to update our records. If you are a parent or grandparent of a college student, please make sure that your student has sent their information to us. Please send your information to Renee Gallien at rgbhist@bellsouth.net and or Meg Wilkes at mwilkes@cloverfumc.com. We have you in our prayers and wish you a great year at school! We will be sending out mailings soon!

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 3rd Sunday donation is Dried Beans. Thank you for your continued support.