

**An Order for the Christian Worship of God
September 30, 2018
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve**

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

Pre Service "Jesus Shall Reign", "Holy, Holy, Holy" Handbell Choir

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

*Processional Hymn "This Little Light of Mine" UMH # 585

*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.)

Mission Moment

Youth Ministry Moment (8::30 Jon Valentine) (11:00 Emma Scott Livingston)

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Ronnie Hopkins Time of Sharing

The Anthem "Breastplate" Chancel Choir
Soloists: Dave Edwards and Jonathan Beamguard

*Hymn of Preparation "Children Go Where I Send" insert

*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."***

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 Reading Luke 10: 1-3 # 66

Homily "Two by Two" Rev. Tommy Wilkes

*Hymn of Commitment "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" UMH # 344

*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 honor of the first wedding anniversary of Mark and Courtney Adams.  
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We welcome Ronnie and Angi Hopkins and their daughter Adanelly (Peanut), TMS Missionaries to Nicaragua, to First UMC today. Ronnie and Angi work alongside pastors and community leaders in remote areas of Nicaragua, providing help with housing, education and healthcare. They also assisted a group of Nicaraguan pastors in establishing a training center that is used for spiritual retreats, conference, and short-term mission teams. The Hopkins are sponsored and supported by First UMC's Missions general budget.

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

Cheri King, Director of Music Ministries – cking@cloverfumc.com

Jon Valentine, Director of Children & Youth Ministries – jvalentine@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 – kitetracie@hotmail.com

Hope Long, Nursery

Windy Bartee – Lay Leader

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

Wednesday Night Meal, October 3 sponsored by the Missions Committee

Menu: Hearty Beef & Vegetable Soup, Cornbread & Dessert

NAME _____ No. _____

OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

Please Note: Contact pastors or Shirley Davis @ 222-3496 or sdavis@cloverfumc.com to add to or remove from the joy and prayer concerns:

Recent Concerns: Pamela Reid (8 year old battling cancer), Grissom children, Millie Culp Brackett & family, Carolyn Grigg, 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.

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.

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).

Beach Trip Update: Our trip to Dayton House Resort in Myrtle Beach had to be postponed due to Hurricane Florence. We are now going the week of October 8-11, 2018. Please **be at the church at 8:45am** on Monday, October 8 if you plan to ride or follow the Bus. **Check in time is 3:00pm.** When you arrive see Suzanne Thompson (704-860-3025) for your room key. 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. We find our T-shirts are a great form of witness.

Countdown to EXTRAVAGANZA: It's almost here! All this week we will be getting ready for our annual fall yard sale, Country Store and home-cooked turkey dinner with all the "fixins". We appreciate all the help you have provided so far and look for it to continue through Saturday. We price and organize yard sale items Monday through Thursday and sell them on Wednesday morning, Wednesday evening, Friday and Saturday. We fix yams on Monday, chop vegetables and boil eggs on Tuesday, cook turkeys and make cornbread on Thursday, slice turkeys and pound cakes on Friday (as well as sell hotdogs at lunch), and bring the dinner all together on Saturday. Get on board now, and to God be the glory!

SPECIAL NOTE TO THOSE WHO TOOK TICKETS TO SELL: We need ALL unsold tickets returned to Johnny or Sherry by 10:00 Saturday morning. That way we can sell them at the door and keep our count correct. Thank you.

Youth, Children and Tweens

Youth on Sundays! Jr High at 6:00pm, Sr High at 7:00pm
Wednesday Night Youth at 6:30pm

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.

Appalachian Christmas at Lake Junaluska – December 7-9, 2018

Final payment of \$302 is due on or before **Thursday, October 25** for the people who have already registered. If you are interested in more information or to register for a room call 800-222-4930 or go to www.lakejunaluska.com. There is still space on the bus.

TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP

LOCATION: Clover Public Library **DATE & TIME:** Wednesday, October 17th at 2:00pm
To get Technology Help **bring your laptop, cell phone, I pad/tablet, etc. to the Clover Library on Wednesday, October 17th**. There will be a presentation and a chance for some small group/individual help. Also, you will be able to schedule a time to get individual or small group help on Wednesdays, October 24th and 31st. **Forever Young & Friends will meet at the Clover Library on October 17th at 1:55 for the workshop.**

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 1st Sunday donation is spaghetti and spaghetti sauce. Thank you for your continued support.

Optimist International Essay Contest

This contest is divided into two levels of competition. Club level receives a medallion and District level is a plaque and \$2,500.00. This contest is open to any student under the age of 18 as of October 1, 2018. District winners must provide a copy of birth certificate or passport with the District entry documentation. Participants must write on the official topic "When All the World's Problems are Solved, Is Optimism Still Necessary". Essay must be no less than 700 and no more than 800 words. The Club contest began September 1st. Essays, copy of birth certificate and application must be sent to Clover Optimist Club, P. O. Box 199, Clover, SC 29710 or given to Josie Skinnell by December 21, 2018. Applications may be picked up from your school or contact Josie Skinnell, sknll@aol.com or 803-684-2008. Any questions, please call 803-684-2008.

Eight have signed up, we need two more.

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

Once we have 10 signed up we will begin the study.

On Sunday, October 21 our Worship Team and the Nurture Committee are sponsoring a **CELEBRATION of OUR ELDERS**, all members **AGES 80's and 90's!** We will have a special time during the 11:00 Worship service to honor these, our beloved saints, and will follow up with a COVERED DISH for all in the Missions and Fellowship Center. We have been excited planning this important celebration. We will be sending invitations and contacting families as well as posting the reminders in the bulletin and newsletter. We are visiting with our home bound senior adults and talking about the celebration.

Here is what we need from YOU, the CONGREGATION:

1. PLEASE ~ Help US continue to identify all members ages 80 and above and particularly those who have already turned 90! **CONTACT SHIRLEY** in the church office to see our working list and add others who we might not realize have turned 80 or 90. 222-3496

2. PLEASE ~ **Plan to be present and to BRING a COVERED DISH so that none of our honorees will have to cook!**

3. PLEASE ~ BE SURE YOUR OWN 80's and 90's FAMILY AND FRIENDS know about the celebration and help to get these dear folks here to church on that day if they need transportation and support.

FINALLY - Please be supportive about this Celebration. Do your part to encourage and participate. Many people have appreciated that we would like to HONOR OUR ELDERS and we need everyone to continue in a spirit of support and love to make it a wonderful shared experience!

REMEMBER our 80 and up members are REAL DOERS in this congregation! BUT THIS IS ONE THING FOR SURE THAT THE REST OF US NEED TO DO FOR THEM!

Marriage Date Night – October 20th

Bring your sweetie out for a Haunted History Tour of Charlotte and dinner in Uptown at Vapiano's. We will meet at the church at 4:30pm to ride into Uptown for dinner and then head out for a walking tour. The tour is \$15 per person and **MUST** be booked beforehand by calling 704-699-7959 or booking online at carolinahistoryandhaunts.com. Make sure you book the 7:00pm tour for Charlotte! This tour will sell out so if you want to come please don't wait to book. Please also RSVP with Geoff and Francine Dubiski at smileanddial@earthlink.net or texting 518-281-2274. Free childcare will be available at the church.

Children go where I send thee (Oh Lordy)
How will I send thee
Oh, I'm gonna send thee one by one.
One for the little bitty baby
That was born, born, born
In Bethlehem.

Children go where I send thee (Oh Lordy)
How will I send thee
Oh, I'm gonna send thee two by two
For Paul and Silas
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Three was the Hebrew children
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Five was the five that came back alive
Six was the six that didn't get picked
Seven was the seven that never got to heaven
Eight was the eight that waited at the gate
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