

An Order for the Christian Worship of God
January 15, 2023
Human Relations Day
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Liturgical Color: green

WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Leader: O God, you called us by name to come, and we respond with delight and gladness.

People: **In joyful obedience, we come to worship our God.**

Leader: Rising out of the depths of despair, we gratefully gather for worship.

People: **In joyful hope, we come to worship our loving God.**

Leader: Our God had given us a new song of praise to sing to our Awesome God!

People: **In joyful trust, we come to worship our God. Amen.**

*Processional Hymn

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

UMH # 519

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Greet one another with the peace of Christ)

Children’s Time

Associate Pastor Lynn Shore-Hollis

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Alex Stevenson

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem

“We are Singing for the Lord is Our Light”

Chancel Choir

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

“This Little Light of Mine”

Nannette Carnes

*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

Associate Pastor Lynn Shore-Hollis

*Affirmation of Faith

“The Apostles’ Creed”

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;**

the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

*universal

*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.”**

UMH # 70

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND

*Hymn of Preparation

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

UMH # 454

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 Lesson

John 1:29-42

New Testament p. 86

²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

Message

“How Do We Recognize Jesus?”

Rev. Alex Stevenson

*Hymn of Commitment:

“Lamb of God”

FWS # 2113

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

Leader: At First Clover we are ...

People: Going joyfully with Jesus, making and nurturing disciples!

*The Recessional

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

“Shout to the Lord”

Nannette Carnes

*-indicates worshippers are invited to stand, if able

OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS, January 13, 2022

NOTE: please contact Shirley Davis in the church office to **add to or remove** from the joys and prayer concerns. 222-3496 or sdavis@cloverfumc.com.

Recent Concerns: Margaret Bowman, Perry Brown, Windy Bartee's friend, Elizabeth Atkins, Marshall Caldwell, Family of Myra McKinley, Judy Miller's friend Terra, Dick Schriefer, Wyatt Richman, Amy Muse-Christine's best friend, Ruth Wallace, Randy Flora, Morris Robinson, Rhonda Payne, Jerry Killian, Shirley Nuckolls, Angie Hopkins' brother Tom; Margaret Anne Palmer (5 yr. old – kidney cancer), Joyce Jenkins, Mel Smith, Ken Lowman, Kara Ingle, Billy Swittenberg, Millie Brackett, Jeff Hice (Fred Baker's nephew), Sherrie Hartsoe, Logan Rice Creech, Denise Bono, Tommy Kale, Mama Cat Cockman, Sara Neil, Wade Shores, Kim Eleazer, Lyman Holland (Susan Killian's cousin), Sheri Sannella (friend of Kim Killian), Kathie Nogosky's nephew Mark Richman, Tommy Crawford, Jr., Carl Mauney, Jr., Danny Brackett, Melody Reese (Killian niece), Paul & Sandy Skinnell.

Military: Lt. Col. Leeann Hidle Chavers, Air Force; LCpl. Hannah Burton, US Marines; Major Thad Wilson; Lt. Col. Nicholas S. Hare; Lt. Col. Blair Preston; Company B 4th Battalion 118th Regiment Army National Guard; 82nd Airborne; Marine 29th Expeditionary Force.

Reverend Alex Stevenson, Senior Pastor – alex@cloverfumc.com

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Jim Gover, Sue Gover, Bob Grindle, Ann Grindle

Lay Members to Annual Conference

Financial update

Actual General Fund Spending as of 12/31/2022 \$ 578,759

Received for General Fund as of 12/31/2022 \$ 543,211

2022 Apportionments paid through December

Weekly Giving to Budget ~ January 8 ~ January 13 \$ 14,587.00

Last Sunday's Sunday School Attendance 61

Last Sunday's Worship Attendance 102

Invitation to Newcomers: Those desiring to unite with our congregation through Baptism, Profession of Faith or Transfer of 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.

Important! If you discover that you have COVID-19 in the next 5 days, notify the church immediately so that we can notify those who might have been exposed at this service. Also if you would like to receive a notice in the case of someone attending who tests positive please be sure to sign the blue fellowship pad on each pew so that we have a record that you were here on this Sunday and where you were sitting.

COVID Response: COVID levels are "medium" in York County. In areas with COVID Community Level of "medium" it is recommended that those who are immunocompromised or at high risk for severe disease consult with their physicians on masking and other precautions. To offer safe worship opportunities for all, we will continue to provide socially distanced seating options in the Sanctuary, and the Facebook livestreaming of services. For everyone's protection please stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and boosters.

Sunday Morning Schedule: The Church Council has decided to continue the schedule we started this summer for the time being. Worship will be in the Sanctuary at 10:00 am and Sunday School at 8:45 am. This will continue until further notice.

Confirmation Class: We will begin a Confirmation Class in January for young people in grades 6-8. Confirmation is a wonderful opportunity for young Christians to learn what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ and to be a part of the church. If you have a 6th to 8th grader who is ready to make a public profession of faith in Christ and join the church, or if you have some questions about Confirmation, please see Rev. Alex Stevenson. Tentatively we begin mid to late January and meet until May 2023.

The Forever Young & Friends will meet on Thursday, **January 26, 2023 at 10:00 in room 104.** After the meeting we will have a barbecue lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

The 2023 Flower Calendar is now in place on the bulletin board near the door into the Mission & Fellowship Center. This is a lovely way to remember or honor your loved one, or a special day, and is also a beautiful addition to our worship experience. If you would like to provide flowers, please place your name beside the date(s) you would like to reserve or you may call the church office.

Communion Servers: We are needing some volunteers to serve communion. If you are willing to do this a few times during the year, please contact Ann Grindle. Her email address is anngrin54@yahoo.com. You can call or text her at 980-329-2984 or her home number is 803-831-2118.

BEACH TRIP MAY 8 – 11, 2023 Planned by Forever Young & Friends however anyone is invited to enjoy the fun. Invite family members or friends to join you. Information sheets with more details are on the “sign-up” table near the elevator.

TRIP INCLUDES

Staying at the Dayton House Resort, Myrtle Beach

3 Nights in an Oceanfront Efficiency Unit

3 Breakfasts & 3 Dinners – Texas Roadhouse, Chesapeake, Original Benjamins

Murrells Inlet Eco Tour Boat Excursion

COST PER PERSON:

\$276 – Double \$437 – Single 3 & 4 people rates available upon request

PAYMENT –Make check out to FUMC – FY&F. In the Memo line write FY&F Beach Trip. Please turn payments in to the church office or in an envelope in the offering plate, or mail to FUMC Beach Trip, PO Box 225, Clover, SC 29710

FRIST PAYMENT per person

\$150.00 due before or on Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Names will be added to the list for a room when the first payment is received.

FINAL PAYMENT per person due on or before March 30, 2023.

Double \$126.00

Single \$287.00

Wonderful Wednesday Meal January 18th

Menu: Spaghetti, salad, bread and desserts

Sponsored by Moped to Memphis

NAME _____ NO: _____

The Forever Young & Friends Steering Team will meet on Thursday, January 19th, in room 104 at the church at 10:00. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Get Connected...To Each Other! On a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend You Can Make Your Good Marriage GREAT! Marriage Encounter is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, in-laws, and technology to focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you'll love the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can make! Join millions of couples worldwide who have learned how to keep their marriage vibrant and alive. The next weekend will be held January 27-29th at The Wingate in Charlotte, NC. You can find more information and register at encounter.org or contact Geoff and Francine at 518-281-2274 or meumcarolina@gmail.com

Optimist International Oratorical Contest

This contest is open to any student under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2023.

Participants must write on the official topic “Discovering the Optimism Within Me”.

The speech must be no less than 4 minutes and no more than 5 minutes.

Three levels of competition. Club level receives a medallion; Zone level receives a plaque and District level receives a plaque and \$2500.00 for first place, \$1500.00 for second place and \$1,000.00 for third place. There is a chance to win up to \$ 22,500.00 at the World Championships level.

Mail application and copy of speech to P. O. Box 199, Clover by March 13, 2023.

Any questions or for more information, call Ashby Skinnell @ 803-684-2008 or email sknnll@aol.com

Boy Scout Troop #1280 is selling Scouting Adventure Cards \$10

We have several youth in our congregation that belong to Troop #1280. Jacob Allen, Wade & Todd Ward, AJ Dover, Carter Farris are all selling these cards to raise money for summer camp.

Benefit to You - Scouting Adventure Cards provide discounts to local businesses in our community. Each \$10 card has the ability to save you over \$100 throughout the year.

How? You may purchase a card directly by visiting www.fundtheadventure.org.

Put in the scout's name or code to give that scout credit.

Ex. Jacob's Code: 1030 (his name is actually Wayne Allen)

or you call/email that Scout's parents.

Thank you for supporting our FUMC Scouts on their Scouting Adventure!