

September 7, 2022



Clemmons

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ACTS... All Care to Share



Fall Bazaar

Friday, October 7
8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, October 8
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

“HOW CAN I HELP MY CHURCH?”

VOLUNTEER! WE NEED YOUR HELP! Volunteers are needed for the kitchen, men's clothing, clean-up crew and books! Email: cumcbazaar@clemmonsumc.org

Baked Goods – Please bring baked goods, or if you don't bake, bring something from local bakeries!

Coat Hangers – bring your old coat hangers to the church.

Solicit for Silent Auction donations – Ask your friends or local business owners for donations! We want the Silent Auction to be fun, exciting, and profitable!

Start bringing your donated items to the Bazaar Trailer. Here's the schedule:

Fridays
4-6 p.m.

Saturdays
10 a.m.– 2 p.m.

Sundays
12 noon—2 p.m.

Living the Fullness of Christ

Preaching Schedule

September 11	"The Spirit of Caleb" (There will only be one service at 11 o'clock following a catered breakfast/Mission & Ministry Fair from 9-11 a.m.)	Rev. John Fitzgerald Joshua 14:6-14
September 18	"Shrewd"	Rev. John Fitzgerald Luke 16:1-13
September 25	"You Are Somebody"	Dave Lee Isaiah 6:1-13
October 2 communion	World Communion Sunday	Rev. John Fitzgerald Luke 22:14-23
October 9	"A Sure Saying"	Rev. John Fitzgerald 2 Timothy 2:8-15



We extend our Christian sympathy to the following upon the death of a loved one:

- Nancy Busic and family upon the death of her brother, Andy Martin, on August 2, 2022.
- Chris Fitzgerald and family upon the death of her father, Sutt Alexander, on August 3, 2022.
- The family of Sara Braswell upon her death on August 5, 2022.
- Ellen Ringer and family upon the death of her brother, Doug Huffstetler, on August 16, 2022.
- JJ Jacobson and family upon the death of his wife, Rosie Jacobson, on August 26, 2022.
- Linda Fossier and family upon the death of her husband, Butch Fossier, on August 26, 2022.
- Deanna Jester and family upon the death of her sister, Janis Burgess, on September 2, 2022.
- Tom Brown and family upon the death of his wife, Carolyn Brown, on September 6, 2022.



Congratulations to Madison and Rusty Fisher upon the birth of their daughter, Haisley Gray Fisher, on August 17. Proud grandparents are Tony and Suzanne Marshall; great-grandparents are David and Mary Binkley.

Thank You Notes

Dear Church Family, we were overwhelmed by the beautiful flower arrangement you sent to my dad's memorial service. We are so lucky to be a part of a church that cares and loves so deeply. After the service they were added to the lobby of my mother's retirement village. They lasted an amazingly long time. Thank you for your kindness. — *Chris Fitzgerald*

Members and Friends of CUMC, thank you for your gift to Pass the Mantle in honor of Beverly and me. We cherish our nine years of ministry at Clemmons and continually pray for God's blessings on the mission and ministry of the church as you move into the future. — *Matthew Burton*

Living the Fullness of Christ

Sisters in Christ

Sisters in Christ is a group of women who meet on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. in the Ministry Center Fellowship Hall. We will begin on September 7 with a time to share our summer activities followed by a lunch with our church staff in celebration of our 20 years of fellowship and service. On September 14 we will begin a six-week study, "How Happiness Happens" by Max Lucado. Our culture tries to convince us that the way to happiness is to aspire, acquire, desire, and retire. We will look at several teachings in the Bible that reveal how the willingness to give and share what we have is the way to happiness. Please contact me at lmorgancrna@gmail.com or 336-416-6814 to order a study guide or for more information about our group. – *Linda Morgan*

Knocking on Heaven's Door contemplative ways of opening to the Holy

Creating a Rule of Life
Sunday, September 18 at 9:30 a.m.
We have moved spaces. Please join us in A-203

Connecting with God is one of the most important aspects of our relationship with God; however, it is also one of the hardest on which to stay focused and disciplined. There are many ways of deepening our relationship with God. Come learn some simple ways of creating space for God's grace as you nurture the process of inner-transformation. These teaching/worship sessions are designed to inform, engage, and inspire what some of the great mystics and spiritual writers call contemplation. Each session stands alone. Come as you are able and drawn. Consider bringing a friend.

After a summer break, we will return to our monthly sessions in the Room A-203 on Sunday, September 18 at 9:30 a.m. Our next exploration will be *Creating a Rule of Life*. The purpose of a Rule of Life is to help us as individuals engage with intentionality and consistency the spiritual practices that lead us deeper into the heart of God and allow God to do his work in us. Ruth Haley Barton, in her book *Sacred Rhythms: Arranging Our Lives for Spiritual Transformation*, says that a rule of life is "the structure that enables us to say yes to the process of transformation day in and day out" and that it seeks to address the question: How do I want to live so I can be who I want to be?

Upcoming Practices for Exploration:

October 16–Silence and Solitude

November 20–Walking with God through the Christian Year Using the Lectionary

Past Practices Explored: Breath Prayer; Praying With the Scriptures/Lectio Divina;
The Sacraments; The Examen

Please visit our Prayer Space located in Room A-206B to find handouts from previous sessions, as well as resources for learning more about each of these ways to become more intentional in our relationship with God. If you have any questions, curiosities or desire for deeper conversation, please reach out to me by email (giffk@clemmonsumc.org) or stop by for a visit (A-206A)

–*Kathy Giff, Ministry Leader of Discipleship, Missions and Congregational Care*

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Just
Wondering

If we offered a monthly Sunday morning class using various tools for self-awareness as a child of God, would anyone come? In this offering, we would use the spiritual gifts inventory, the enneagram, and the PEGS tools shared in our new covenant partner/member classes and potentially others to become more self-aware. In so doing, we can support each other in finding ways to serve in our church, community and beyond that feed our soul. We can begin to understand the whys of our behavior with others and reactions to different situations. Please let me know if this offering speaks to you!

If we offered monthly workshops to tap into your desire to creatively connect with God, would you join me on the journey of discovery? What a beautiful way to worship together as we explore the creative arts as a process to open space for the divine. No training necessary. Only a “beginner’s mind” is requested, meaning come to an experience with an openness and a willingness to be transformed. The space will be a judgment-free zone. Together, we will explore painting, collage-making, journaling, poetry writing, movement, song, photography, nature art, and whatever else presents itself . . . all as a way to engage art as prayer. I am considering a weekday morning offering or a Saturday morning one. Potentially, the workshops would last between two-three hours. Please let me know if this idea resonates with you!

–Kathy Giff, Ministry Leader of Discipleship, Missions and Congregational Care (giffk@clemmonsumc.org)

A Journey of Learning for Those Interested in Clemmons UMC

If you know someone who may be interested in Clemmons UMC, please let them know of our upcoming membership class. Our Fall class begins on October 2 from 9:45–10:45 a.m. around the tables in the Commons Area. We will simply meet over coffee and get to know a little bit about each other. From the first session together, the group will determine the number of weeks to meet moving forward. While we typically meet for five sessions, I am open to discussing other options since each group is unique. Clemmons UMC’s congregation is made up of those of us with various denominational upbringings, as well as longtime United Methodist ones. Sharing our journeys is a great reminder that we are all God’s children and are all called to serve others in His love. As part of this church family, we want potential members to feel connected and equipped to do so. To learn more about the class and to sign-up, please go to the homepage of our church website: www.clemmonsumc.org under “I’m New.” If you have any questions, please contact: Kathy Giff: 336-766-6375, Extension 145, giffk@clemmonsumc.org.

Returning Bible Study Groups



Pastor John’s Tuesday Night Bible Study returns on September 6 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The Zoom link will be available on the homepage of CUMC’s website.

Thursday Afternoon Bible Study returns on September 8 at 4:30 p.m. Please email Kathy Giff for Zoom link and more information: giffk@clemmonsumc.org

September Disaster Response Rebuilding Trip Postponed

Our scheduled building team trip to Canton/Cruso NC on September 11 has been postponed until Spring for two reasons. Firstly, we didn't have enough folks sign up to make a viable team. We will postpone our trip until Spring and publish the dates available well in advance, allowing everyone to schedule it on their calendars. Secondly, our tool trailer which we had stored in a seemingly well-secured spot was broken into and ransacked by thieves. We lost many of our most-used tools, including our generator, two miter chop saws, two skill saws, two air compressors and all our extension cords. The storage location (Triad Healthcare Preparedness Coalition, formerly, State Medical Assistance Team) was surrounded by a 10-ft chain link fence with barbed wire and had 24-hour camera surveillance. They were able to circumvent all security and cut locks off all doors. TriadHPC allowed us to park there without charge. The trailer was not damaged. Please direct any questions to me.

Seeking Tool Donations for Church Tool Trailer: Due to the afore-mentioned theft, we are seeking tool donations to restock our trailer. If you would like to donate gently used or new tools, please contact Al Burchett. We plan to have the trailer on-site during our September 11th Mission and Ministry Fair. You can bring tools to the church that day or call Al to have them picked up.

–Al Burchett (336-918-3214 / alburchett@live.com)

Clemmons:One Youth



Clemmons:One Youth Program: We invite all 6th-12th graders and their families into our Clemmons:One youth family. Stay connected with our program by visiting clemmonsone.org, liking our social media pages (Facebook: Clemmons:One / Instagram: clemmonsoneyouth), or by contacting me directly. From Sunday School, Sunday night youth programs, service projects, mission trips, mid-week Bible Studies and small groups, retreats, and more, we would love for you to be a part of this vibrant and missional group.



Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser: Pumpkins, pumpkins, and MORE pumpkins! Our Clemmons:One youth will be selling pumpkins to raise money for our mission trips this upcoming Summer. We would love for you to come and visit our pumpkin patch starting October 5th or 6th (depending on when pumpkins arrive) through October 31st. Also, we would love to partner with our Clemmons UMC family in helping to make this pumpkin patch an awesome experience for our community. If interested in helping to sell pumpkins, especially while school is in session, or alongside our youth after school, please visit clemmonsone.org to sign up OR sign up on the calendar located on the Commons Area table.

– Amanda Batten, Minister of Youth and their Families (battena@clemmonsumc.org / 919-389-6387)

CUMC Children's Ministry Updates

CUMC Kids Tee Shirts For Sale

Our 2022-23 Theme Tee Shirts are now ready for purchase. We have sizes YXS-2XL. They are \$15 and can be purchased on Sunday mornings in C-205. These shirts are an amazing way to share the love of God with the community, as well as a way to invite others to join CUMC Kids. Come get yours before we sell out of your size!



Tacos & Tie Dye: September 30th @ 6 p.m.

Get ready for some colorful family fun! Our first seasonal social of the year is Tacos & Tie Dye. We will have a taco bar dinner together at 6 p.m. in the Ministry Center, followed by a Tie Dye session outside under the picnic shelter. Plan to bring an item to tie dye. If you need a shirt, please let Pastor Sara know by September 26. Beef, chicken, and drinks will be provided, but we are asking for you to help provide the rest of the items for the taco bar. Please sign up using the link on the website ([link](#)).

Wednesday Night & Sunday Night Volunteers Needed

Pastor Sara is looking for people who would be interested in helping her lead activities for children on certain Wednesday and Sunday nights with the Children's Ministry. The activities would include arts and crafts, games, science activities, and mission projects. Wednesday nights would be from 5:45-6:45 and Sunday nights would be from 5-6:30. This would not be an every week commitment. You would be able to pick which weeks you would participate. If you are interested in being one of Pastor Sara's assistants, please contact her and she will give you a list of dates to pick from.

Trunk or Treat Candy Collection

Beginning October 2nd, the Children's Ministry will be collecting bags of candy for our annual Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat on October 26th. You can drop your candy donations in the buckets in the Commons Area or next to the Ministry Center doors. You can also make monetary donations to the church by putting "Children's Ministry Fall Festival" in the memo line. Thanks for helping to make our annual fundraiser for the Children's Ministry a success!



– Pastor Sara Smith, Children and Family Ministries (smithS@clemmonsumc.org)

60+ Adults: Trip to Three College Observatory



The 60+ Adults group is planning a trip to North Carolina's Three College Observatory on October 22. The observatory, located at a dark-sky location in central North Carolina, contains a 0.81-meter reflecting telescope, one of the largest in the southeastern United States! View the skies shortly after sunset and continue for approximately 60–90 minutes. The evening will be led by a UNCG faculty member. Look for more information on the Commons Area table soon!

Living the Fullness of Christ

Calendar of Events

Sun, Sept. 11	9:00 a.m. Stewardship Kick-off Breakfast and Mission & Ministry Fair	Tues, Sept 27	9:00 a.m. Quilting Group 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study
Mon, Sept. 12	7:00 p.m. Staff-Parish Committee Meeting	Wed, Sept 28	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ 6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. DivorceCare 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Tues, Sept. 13	9:00 a.m. Quilting Group 7:00 p.m. Bazaar Chairs Meeting 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study	Thurs, Sept. 29	4:30 p.m. Thursday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
Wed, Sept. 14	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ 6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. DivorceCare 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	Fri., Sept. 30	6:00 p.m. CUMC Kids Tacos and Tie Dye
Thurs, Sept. 15	4:30 p.m. Thursday Bible Study	Sun., Oct. 2	7:30 a.m. Methodist Men Breakfast & Program 2:00 p.m. Unloading trailer and set up for Fall Bazaar
Sun., Sept. 18	9:30 a.m. Knocking on Heaven's Door	Mon., Oct. 3	7:00 p.m. Leadership Board Meeting
Mon. Sept. 19	1:30 p.m. Knocking on Heaven's Door Planning Meeting	Tues., Oct. 4	7:00 p.m. Children's Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study
Tues, Sept. 20	9:00 a.m. Quilting Group 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study	Friday & Saturday, October 7 & 8 Fall Bazaar (see cover page)	
Wed, Sept. 21	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ 7:00 p.m. DivorceCare 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	Sunday Service Times 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service ~ Sanctuary 9:45 a.m. Connect Worship Service ~ Ministry Center 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service ~ Sanctuary	
Thurs, Sept. 22	4:30 p.m. Thursday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Discipleship Committee Meeting	Clemmons:One Youth Events: www.clemmonsone.org .	
Mon, Sept. 26	11:30 a.m. 60+ Luncheon		

Clemmons United Methodist Church 2022 Financial Update Year to date results through September 5, 2022

Total Contributions and Other Receipts	965,101.58
Total Ministry Expenses and Disbursements	(1,021,709.22)
Decrease in Financial Position for 2022	--56,607.64
Bank Balance	312,408.74

Note: The results presented above include only items that have cleared the bank as of the date indicated for operating and special fund related accounts. These results do not include the Clemmons UMC Endowment Investment Account.



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The next newsletter will be sent out Oct. 5 and the deadline for articles to be submitted is Monday, Sept. 26. Please bring your articles by the Hunter House or email them to griffinA@clemmonsumc.org. If you would like to receive the newsletter, please email office@clemmonsumc.org with "ACTS" in the subject line. In the body of the email indicate how you would like to receive "ACTS" by writing "email only," "postal mail only" or "both email and postal mail." Remember that receiving email copies saves the church postage and helps us all be better stewards of the resources that God provides.

Pilgrimage of Faith: A Journey Through Israel/Palestine

January 29–February 8, 2023 | Hosted by John and Chris Fitzgerald

More details on the Commons Area table and at the Church Office.

Seeking Gently-Used Glasses and Shoes

Donations of new and gently-used shoes and glasses are being accepted for the Guatemala Mission Team. Shoes up to adult size eight are needed for women, men and children. Glasses, both prescription and over-the-counter, are also welcome. Donations may be dropped off in the Ministry Center's "Mission Possible" area.

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