



September 1, 2021

Clemmons

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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CUMC Children's Ministry Updates

VBS Update: Vacation Bible School was held outdoors this year from August 2-5. We averaged around 50 campers each day as we journeyed up to North Castle to find the armor of God. Lots of fun was had by all as we played games, danced to our theme song, ate delicious snacks, did mission projects for local organizations, made crafts, and heard the word of God. Our service project this year was to collect school supplies for the Clemmons Food Pantry. Our goal was to collect 500 school supplies. With the generosity of our amazing campers and church members, we collected over 1,400 school supplies. With these supplies and donations we were able to fill and donate 100 backpacks to the Clemmons Food Pantry. Thank you to all who made VBS such a successful week!

Children's Sunday School Meeting Spaces: Children's Sunday School is back in action after officially relaunching on August 22. Following is where each age group is meeting on Sunday.

- **Nursery (C-101):** Available during all three services. For ages birth through two years.
- **Preschool (C-105):** Available during 9:45 & 11 o'clock services. For children who have turned two by August 22 through Pre-K.
- **Elementary (Chapel):** Available during the 9:45 service.
- **Elementary Worship Care (Chapel):** Available during the 11 o'clock service. Children will be guided out of the sanctuary after the Children's Moment to the Chapel for a lesson, craft, and game. Parents will pick up their children in the Chapel when the service is over.

Serving Saturday: Our first Serving Saturday of the new ministry year will be on September 11 at 10 a.m. in the Chapel. In honor of the 20th anniversary of 9/11 we will be celebrating our local First Responders. We will read a story about courage and make goodie bags to give to the Fire Department, Sheriff's Office, and Police Department.

2nd Grade Bible Presentations: On Sunday, September 19 during the 11 o'clock service, we will present Bibles to our 2nd graders. Please join us in celebrating as they reach this important Children's Ministry milestone.

How to Connect With CUMC Kids: There are multiple ways to connect to the Children's Ministry here at CUMC. Join us on our different social media platforms to keep updated on everything that we're doing each week.

- **Facebook:** Search *CUMC Children's Ministry*
- **Instagram:** Search *cumc.kids*
- **Remind App:** Search *CUMC Kids* OR text @ea9cf6k to 81010 to be automatically added
- **Newsletter:** Visit www.clemmonsumc.org/kids for weekly updates through our CUMC Kids Newsletter

—[Pastor Sara Smith](#), Children and Family Minister

Living the Fullness of Christ



Sept 5 communion	"Grace in the Waiting"	Rev. Sara Smith Proverbs 3:1-6
Sept 12	"Taming the Tongue"	Rev. John Fitzgerald James 3:1-12
Sept 19	"Draw Near to God"	Rev. John Fitzgerald James 3:13-4:3, 7,8
Sept 26	"PPAC with God"	Rev. John Fitzgerald James 5:13-20
Oct 3 communion	"World Communion Sunday"	Rev. John Fitzgerald Mark 14:12-24
Oct. 10	"The Greatest Shall Serve"	Rev. John Fitzgerald Mark 10:35-45



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

Ben Walker and family upon the death of his son-in-law, Ric Kasulas, on August 9, 2021.

Scott Fulton and family upon the death of his sister, Bette Williams, on August 12, 2021.

*Thank
you* 

Dear Church Friends,

Thank you so very much for all the prayers, cards, calls and love you have shown to Pat and me. God has truly surrounded me with his love during this time of illness.

God bless to all,
Richard Morris

To all the people who have taken time to write encouraging greeting cards for people like me, I'm very grateful for each and every one. Thank you CUMC for your caring!

Sincerely,
Sue Thacker

Welcome Reception for Bryon Grohman



Please join us Sunday, September 12 for a reception to welcome Bryon Grohman, our new Director of Music and Worship Arts. The reception will take place in the Commons Area immediately after the 11 o'clock worship service.

Thank you from the MOST Team



The Mission Outreach Support Team would like to say a really BIG THANK YOU to the Sisters In Christ women's group as well the following Adult Sunday School classes who stepped up and helped MOST support the Bright Beginnings Program of the Jerry Long YMCA: Adult Forum, Anchors In Christ, Crusaders, Family Journeys, Fellowship, and Upper Room.

In order to be cognizant of our financial concerns going forward, MOST was able to grant \$500 of the \$2,000 Agency Grant Request. As a creative way to educate and garner financial support for a wonderful event to help impoverished children start school with new clothes, shoes, book bags and confidence, we reached out to the Adult Sunday school classes for additional financial support. With your generosity, CUMC was able to send \$2,250 to the Jerry Long YMCA Bright Beginnings program! Watch for a Ministry and Mission Moment in September to hear more about this special way that CUMC served as a community partner!

From the Protocol Team

Until the Delta variant quiets down among both vaccinated and unvaccinated people, the Protocol Team is asking everyone to wear their masks at all indoor ministry activities including worship services and Sunday School classes.

We are moving from "encouraging" to "requiring" masks to be worn to keep each other safe due to the high contagion rate of this variant. The Delta variant is infecting both vaccinated and unvaccinated people. Hopefully, we can move back to less restrictions sooner rather than later, but for now, wearing a mask is a small price to pay to help protect our fellow Christians. For September, communion will be served by using the sealed kits.

Young at Heart



Young at Heart will not meet in September due to the rise in the COVID variant. I will assess the situation monthly and let you know when we will be able to meet once again. Midgie has agreed to cater our luncheons, so I know we will be looking forward to that. I have a program lined up for the first time we do meet, but I welcome any suggestions you have for future programs. Just get in touch with me by phone (336-408-0522/cell or 336-766-5972/home) or email at bturner1@triad.rr.com. Stay safe! — Barbara Turner, Older Adults Ministries

Pastor's Bible Study



Pastor, John Fitzgerald will host a weekly Bible Study Tuesdays at 7 p.m. beginning September 14. The Zoom link is posted on our website under Get Involved ([link](#)). Mark your calendars and plan to join him!

Sisters in Christ



Sisters in Christ is a women's group who meets for Bible study, fellowship, and outreach projects. They will begin their weekly meetings at 9:30 a.m. on September 8 in the Fellowship Hall. After sharing some summer memories, the Sisters in Christ will discuss several service projects for the coming months. On September 15, they will start a six-week study, "When the Game Is Over, It All Goes back in the Box." With his trademark humor and gift for storytelling, John Ortberg shows what it really takes to win at the game of life. Please contact Linda Morgan at 336-416-6814 or lmorgancrna@gmail.com to order a study guide or for any questions.

Support Groups

Following are support groups that Clemmons UMC offers for our church family as well as those in the community. You may find more details about these programs on our website under Community Outreach.

- [DivorceCare](#) is a welcoming place of growth, care, and healing. It will be held on Wednesdays, September 8 through December 8, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room A-210.
- [GriefShare](#) offers a healing environment to help anyone who has lost a loved one. The next offering is Mondays, September 13 through December 6, at 7 p.m. via Zoom.
- [PAL](#) (Parents of Addicted Loved Ones) gives hope to parents with a child addicted to drugs and/or alcohol. PAL meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Room A-203.



Clemmons UMC also offers one-on-one support through our **Stephen Ministry** program. Stephen Ministers are caring, supportive Christians who are trained and commissioned to serve members of our congregation and community who may be experiencing life difficulties such as grief, loneliness, illness, job loss, divorce, pandemic fatigue or other areas of concern. They offer their time to listen, to pray with you and for you, and to offer resources and referrals when needed. Please contact Pastor Sara Smith at smiths@clemmonsumc.org if you are in need of a Stephen Minister.



Clemmons:One Youth

Clemmons:One Youth Kick-Off

We invite all 6th–12th graders and their families to join us for our Clemmons:One Youth Kick-Off celebration on Sunday, September 12 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Join us for an informational meeting (e.g. event and mission trip sign-ups, youth calendar, youth forms, t-shirt orders), a cook-out, and a parent vs. youth kickball tournament! Our kick-off will be outdoors in the field behind the Ministry Center and in the parking lot by the preschool wing (under shade). We cannot wait to fellowship with everyone! Invite and bring a friend!

Clemmons:One Sunday School

We are so excited to be back together for youth Sunday School and are looking for one to two additional Sunday School teachers who could teach once a month. We meet in the Fellowship Hall for worship at the beginning of our 9:45 a.m. Connect contemporary service and then move into our High School room (A-103) for our lesson and announcements. Curriculum will be provided for leaders! Please reach out to Amanda Batten at battena@clemmonsumc.org if interested.

Carolina Cross Connection Summer 2022 Mission Trips

Yes, we are already talking about next Summer! If you are interested in joining one of our Summer 2022 CCC mission trips as a youth or adult, please mark your calendar and reach out to Amanda Batten. Sign-ups officially open on September 12.

CCC:Overseas (Honduras) ~ June 27–July 4 ~ \$2,100 (open to rising 9th graders and up)

CCC:Urban (Asheville) ~ July 10–16 ~ \$375 (open to rising 8th graders and up)

CCC:Home Repair (Banner Elk) ~ July 17–23 ~ \$465 (open to rising 8th graders and up)

— [Amanda E. Batten](#), Minister of Youth and their Families

Praise Team Rehearsals for September

Praise Team rehearsals will take place at 7 p.m. on September 1, 15, and 29 in the Connect Worship space (Ministry Center Fellowship Hall). If you are interested in joining us as a vocalist or instrumentalist, please contact Karen Stutzman at stutzmank@clemmonsumc.org.

Movie Event About Anxiety in Children and Teens



As a community, let's come together to start a conversation about stress and anxiety, how it affects our children and teens (and those around them), and share helpful tips and resources to give HOPE to all. This event involves a viewing of the movie *Angst* followed by a panel discussion. It will be held Sunday, September 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. at River Oaks Community Church. All are invited (ages 10+). Registration in advance is suggested. For more information and to register, visit <http://bit.ly/AngstEvent9-12-21> ([link](#)).

Help Others Through Prayer and Financial Means

All information can be found on the conference website at www.wnccumc.org.

Tropical Storm Fred impacted churches in the Western NC Conference and communities located in the Blue Ridge and Smoky Mountain Districts were heavily damaged. Please pray for the people in these areas as they are faced with many challenges ahead of them. If you feel led to offer monetary assistance to help with the recovery process, please send gifts or offerings to the conference office payable to "WNCC UMC" and identified as "Tropical Storm Fred." Mail to WNCC UMC; 13924 Professional Center Dr #200; Huntersville, NC 28078. Thank you for your consideration!

Haiti Earthquake Support: The United Methodist Committee on Relief is working with partners in Haiti on how best to meet the immediate needs of survivors following the August 14th devastating earthquake. Please consider making a donation to UMCOR to help the people of Haiti. 100% of your donation reaches those in need from this most recent disaster. Donations can be made online at www.umcmiissions.org.

Offer Prayer for the people of Afghanistan

Afghan Prayer Guide, August 2021

Afghanistan today: On one hand, suffering and sadness beyond measure. On the other, a God who measures the Heavens with his fingers and the Earth on a balance (Isaiah 40.12). Let's bring those hands together in prayer for Afghanistan this week.

Monday: The Vulnerable Ask God to help and comfort all for whom the rug has been ripped out from under them by the Taliban takeover. Women, children, the disabled, girls, friends of former regimes, helpers of various militaries, and normal, half-hearted Muslims just trying to feed their families.

Tuesday: The Taliban As they lead Afghanistan, ask God to give them wisdom to govern civilly. Ask him to hold back their arm of violence that Afghans may "live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness" (1 Timothy 2.2). Pray for radical transformation.

Wednesday: The Afghan Church Can we even begin to imagine what it's like for Afghans who follow Jesus? Ask the Holy Spirit to fill them with peace, power and wisdom to navigate these days. Some will leave. Some will stay. Some will die. May God use their faith in trial to spark a great turning to Jesus.

Thursday: Refugees Upwards of 70,000 Afghans will seek asylum based on their service to the U.S. military. God alone knows how many more will simply run for their lives. Pray for safe passage. Pray for neighboring countries as they receive newcomers. Pray for our hearts, homes and wallets to be open to help Afghans find new lives in the U.S.

Friday: The Kingdom of God Imagine what the fullness of the Kingdom of God in Afghanistan would look like and ask God for what you see. Pray in line with Jesus's prayer, "Our Father. . . let your kingdom come and let your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven" (Matthew 6.9-10). Peace, security, joy, hope, freedom from fear, corruption, oppression. The abundant life of Jesus. Yes, Father, let your kingdom come, your will be done in Afghanistan.

Living the Fullness of Christ

Calendar of Events

Sun, Sept 5	7:30 a.m. Methodist Men Breakfast & Program	Mon, Sept 27	7:00 p.m. GriefShare
Mon, Sept 6	Holiday – Church Office Closed	Tues, Sept 28	9:30 a.m. Quilting
Tues, Sept 7	9:30 a.m. Quilting		6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry
Wed, Sept 8	9:30 a.m. Sisters in Christ		7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting	Wed, Sept 29	9:30 a.m. Sisters in Christ
	7:00 p.m. DivorceCare		7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting
Thurs, Sept 9	5:30 p.m. Adult Ministries to DASH Game		7:00 p.m. Nominations Committee Mtg
Sat, Sept 11	10:00 a.m. Kid's Serving Saturday		7:00 p.m. DivorceCare
Sun, Sept 12	12:00 p.m. Reception for Bryon Grohman		7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
	4:00 p.m. Clemmons:ONE Youth Kick-off	Sun, Oct 3	7:30 a.m. Methodist Men Breakfast & Program
Mon, Sept 13	7:00 p.m. Griefshare	Mon, Oct 4	7:00 p.m. Leadership Board Mtg
	7:00 p.m. Staff Parish Committee Mtg		7:00 p.m. GriefShare
	7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Mtg	Tues, Oct 5	9:30 a.m. Quilting
Tues, Sept 14	9:30 a.m. Quilting		7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m. Trustees Committee Mtg	Wed, Oct 6	9:30 a.m. Sisters in Christ
	7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study		7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting
Wed, Sept 15	9:30 a.m. Sisters in Christ		7:00 p.m. DivorceCare
	7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting		7:00 p.m. Nominations Committee Mtg
	7:00 p.m. DivorceCare		
	7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal		
	7:00 p.m. Nominations Committee Mtg		
Mon, Sept 20	7:00 p.m. GriefShare		
Tues, Sept 21	9:30 a.m. Quilting Group		
	7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study		
Wed, Sept 22	9:30 a.m. Sisters in Christ Movie Morning		
	7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting		
	7:00 p.m. DivorceCare		
	7:00 p.m. Nominations Committee Mtg		

Sunday Service Times

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

9:45 a.m. Connect Worship Service

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

Clemmons:One Youth Events: www.clemmonsone.org.

Clemmons United Methodist Church 2021 Financial Update

Year-to-date results through August 28, 2021

Total Contributions and Other Receipts	699,707.42
Total Ministry Expenses and Disbursements	(857,878.92)
Bank Balance (operating and special funds)	240,151.63

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. 6 and the deadline for articles to be submitted is Monday, Sept. 27. 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.

Music and Worship Arts Announcement: Do you have musical and artistic talents you are willing to share in worship? CUMC has opportunities for children, youth, and adults to connect through music, acting, and dance. If you haven't done so, please check your email from Friday, August 27, titled "Worship Participation" for a [brief survey](#) from our new Director of Music and Worship Arts, Bryon Grohman. This survey will help us get to know members who have been active in the worship ministry as well as anyone interested in getting involved for the first time. If you prefer, call the church office (336-766-6375) and we'll fill out the survey for you.

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