

March 2, 2022



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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“Do Less” for Orphans

It's time to start our Zoe Lenten Challenge! CUMC has been supporting children through the Zoe program since 2015. Zoe is an empowerment program that works with orphans in Africa and India, with the goal of helping these children and youth break the cycle of poverty and become self-sufficient.

We have already supported four groups that have completed the three-year program, and are in the second year of supporting the “Hope” Marega group. We have consistently met our three-year commitment of \$24,000 ahead of schedule. The commitment for this group is \$25,500. We have already contributed \$19,036.19 and that's during a challenging few years brought on by the pandemic!

For the Lenten Challenge, we ask that you “Do Less” for the Zoe children. In other words, by “doing less” and donating the cost of a few luxuries (think Starbucks, eating out, and even Fortnite V-bucks) to Zoe, we can easily raise the remaining \$6,466.81 needed to completely fund our current group ahead of schedule! Any additional money raised will go towards our next group.

If you did not pick up a Zoe collection box at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, you may find them around the church and contribute to it throughout Lent. On Easter Sunday, please bring your filled boxes to the altar as your donation to Zoe. You may also give online at zoeempowers.org by clicking on the green “Donate” button, selecting “Make a Pledge Payment” then “Give towards a Current Pledge.” Please type “Clemmons UMC” when prompted.

Thank you for your continued support of this important mission. For more information, visit www.clemmonsumc.org/zoe-project or contact Tim or Suzanne Howard at timandsuz@triad.rr.com.

Living the Fullness of Christ



March 6 communion	“Wrestling with Temptation”	Rev. John Fitzgerald Luke 4:1-13
March 13	“Whom Shall I Fear?”	Amanda Batten Isaiah 43:1-3a
March 20	“The Gardener of Our Hearts”	Rev. Sara Smith Luke 13:1-9
March 27	“New Creations”	Rev. John Fitzgerald 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
April 3 communion	“Anointing with Love”	Rev. John Fitzgerald John 12:1-8
April 10	Easter Cantata (there will be just one service at 11 o'clock)	Festival Choir



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

- Heather Dirks and family upon the death of her mother, Wanda Clark, on February 1, 2022.
- Tom Odom and family upon the death of his mother, Martha “Martie” Odom, on February 3, 2022.
- Anne Stegall and family upon the death of her sister, Linda Wright, on February 5, 2022.
- John Collins and family upon the death of his mother-in-law, Alberta Harpe, on February 17, 2022.



Congratulations to Robert Brandt and Connie Harr who were united in marriage on February 26, 2022.

Thank You Notes

Thank you very much for all of the generous donations to Trellis Supportive Care (Hospice) of Winston-Salem in memory of my father, Terry Tuttle. Trellis and their staff did a wonderful job keeping my dad comfortable during his final days. Thank you also for your support, friendship, and prayers for him over many years. — Melissa Tuttle

I want to express my gratitude to everyone for the flowers, food, cards and words of comfort in the death of my sister. I am deeply grateful for my friends at CUMC. — Anne Stegall

Thank you for the loan of the wheelchair from the CUMC's medical lending closet. It is a wonderful ministry and is much appreciated. — Anonymous

Thanks to the Clemmons UMC church family for the cards, phone calls and prayers during Wendell's recent hospitalization and home recovery. We appreciate so much all of your concerns during this time. — Wendell and Betty Eller

The Senior Adult Ministry would like to thank all of those who participated in the first Valentine's Day Concert on February 12. We especially want to thank Joni Hanna for her wonderful music and entertainment as well as her special guest, Byron Grohman.

Sisters in Christ | Every Wednesday @ 10 a.m.



Sisters in Christ is a women's group who meet weekly for Bible study, service projects and fellowship. They will continue "The 10 Commandments" study through March 16. On March 23, they will begin a four-week study, "The Case for Easter." Author Lee Strobel, a former investigative journalist, had covered plenty of cases about people who had died. But he had never seen anyone come back to life. The evidence he discovered about Jesus' death and resurrection forever changed his life. This study invites you to consider why Easter is so important to your faith. For more information, please contact Linda Morgan at 336-416-6814 or lmorgancrna@gmail.com.

Small Group Opportunity for Women

Are you are interested in being a part of a small group of Christian women? Do want to be in on the planning of what such a group would look like? In your imagination, would it be mission-driven? A study of the Bible? A book study? Evolving as the women grow spiritually? Supportive of the life stages you are in? Fun way to connect with other women? One of our CUMC members, Sylvia Benisek, is interested in forming a small group for women of all ages and stages in their lives. Please contact her by email (sylvie821@gmail.com) if you are interested and share what meeting time works best for you. Are you interested in Sunday mornings at 9:45 or 11 o'clock, after services at 12 noon, or perhaps meeting during the evening? If so, what evening and what time? Any and all suggestions are more than welcome!

We Need You. Can You Help?

The Worship Planning staff would love your help in **reading scripture** during either the 8:30 or 11:00 traditional worship services on Sunday mornings as a way to involve more of our congregants in ministry. If you feel led to step up and participate in worship this way, please contact me.

We are also asking for congregants who are willing to serve as **communion stewards** the first Sunday of every month at all three services: 8:30 Traditional, 9:45 Connect and 11:00 Traditional. Parents and youth are encouraged to serve together. Mentors and confirmands are encouraged to serve together. We welcome all who desire to serve their church in this meaningful way. If you feel led to participate in worship this way, please reach out to me.

As a way to share the many ways we as a church are serving as Jesus in our community and beyond, we are working towards a regular **Mission and Ministry Moment (MMM)** calendar. We are also compiling an updated list of all missions and ministries of which we are involved and of which we offer. Here's where we need your help:

- Set up a time to share your mission or ministry during the three services. We can allow you to speak with a time limit or to be filmed by one of our interim technology associates.
- Create a display or bulletin board to be set up in the commons area.
- Create a portable display to be shared at upcoming church-wide events.
- Reach out to confirm that your ministry or mission is included on the list. Copies of the current one will be available in the commons area.

It's powerful to see all the ways we are serving others through community outreach, community support, international missions, statewide missions and more! The list will grow as small groups, age-related ministries, Sunday morning classes and study groups are added. Please contact me to be placed on the MMM line-up.

–Kathy Giff, Discipleship & Missional Engagement (giffk@clemonsumc.org / 336-766-6375, ext. 145)

Knocking on Heaven's Door

Contemplative Ways of Opening to the Holy

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.

Our next session meets in the parlor conference room on Sunday, March 20 at 9:30 a.m. We will explore and experience *Praying the Scriptures*.

Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10

CUMC Children's Ministry Updates

CUMC Kids Serving Saturday: March 12 @ 1 p.m. in the Chapel

It is time for our next Serving Saturday! We will be coming together to help serve the families that are receiving support at Trellis Supportive Care. We plan to make cards for the residents and their families as well as support bags for the nurses and doctors who are working there.

HELLO
My name is

Spring Family Retreat: Saturday, March 26

Plan to attend CUMC's Spring Family Retreat, hosted by CUMC Kids. The theme this year is "Hello My Name Is..." This retreat is designed for families with children and youth. It will be a day filled with fun and fellowship as we come together to discover who we are as parents, as people, and as followers of God. There will be games, a service project, worship, food, and breakout sessions for all ages. For more details and to register your family, please visit the children's ministry page on the church website: www.clemmonsumc.org > Get Involved > CUMC Kids ([link](#))



Palm Branch Carriers Needed For Easter Cantata on April 10

Our annual Easter Cantata will be on Palm Sunday, April 10, at 11 o'clock. At the beginning of the service, children and youth will carry palm branches from the narthex to the front of the sanctuary, before returning to their seats. If your child would like to wave a palm branch during the beginning of the service, please meet in the narthex at 10:45 a.m. to get your branch and line up. Parents of babies and young children are welcome to walk with their children in order to help them.



CUMC Kids Annual Easter Egg Hunt: Sunday, April 10 at the Picnic Shelter & Field following the Easter Cantata

Are you ready for a fun day with your entire family? Come join us on Palm Sunday! We will have a church-wide breakfast in the Ministry Center Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. followed by the Easter Cantata in the Sanctuary at 11. Once the Cantata has finished, bring the whole family out to the picnic shelter and field where we will have our annual church Easter Egg Hunt. There will also be games, crafts, and snacks to enjoy!

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

Living the Fullness of Christ

Calendar of Events

Sun, Mar 6	7:30 a.m. Methodist Men Breakfast & Program 9:45 a.m. New Covenant Partner Class 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class Potluck & Service	Wed, Mar 23	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Divorce Care 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Mon, Mar 7	2:00 p.m. KOHD Leaders Mtg 6:30 p.m. GriefShare 7:00 p.m. Leadership Board Mtg	Sat, Mar 26	10:00 a.m. Spring Family Retreat
Tues, Mar 8	9:30 a.m. Quilting 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study	Sun, Mar 27	9:45 a.m. New Covenant Partner Class
Wed, Mar 9	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Divorce Care 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	Mon, Mar 28	11:00 a.m. Young at Heart 6:30 p.m. GriefShare
Sat, Mar 12	1:00 p.m. Kids Serving Saturday	Tues, Mar 29	9:30 a.m. Quilting Group 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study
Sun, Mar 13	9:45 a.m. New Covenant Partner Class	Wed, Mar 30	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ 7:00 p.m. Divorce Care 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Connect Praise Rehearsal
Mon, Mar 14	6:30 p.m. GriefShare	Sun, Apr 3	7:30 a.m. Methodist Men Breakfast & Program 9:45 a.m. New Covenant Partner Class
Tues, Mar 15	9:30 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study	Mon, Apr 4	6:30 p.m. GriefShare 7:00 p.m. Staff Parish Committee Mtg
Wed, Mar 16	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Divorce Care 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Connect Praise Rehearsal	Tues, Apr 5	7:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Committee Mtg
Thur, Mar 17	7:00 p.m. Discipleship Committee Mtg	Wed, Apr 6	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Divorce Care 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Sun, Mar 20	9:45 a.m. New Covenant Partner Class	Sat, Apr 9	9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
Mon, Mar 21	6:30 p.m. GriefShare	Sun, Apr 10	9:30 a.m. All Church Breakfast 12:15 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt
Tues, Mar 22	9:30 a.m. Quilting 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study		

Sunday Service Times

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service ~ Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Connect Worship Service ~ Fellowship Hall
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service ~ Sanctuary

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

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YOUNG AT HEART will soon meet for the first time in two years. We have certainly missed being together!

In most cases, we will meet on the 4th Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We do not meet in the summer months because the church is being used for youth and children's summer programs.

Our first meeting will be a "Meet and Greet" on Monday, March 28. We will join together, catch up on all of our news and make plans for upcoming meetings.

On April 25, Roger and Barbara Bear will conduct the meeting. The program will be about our church endowment fund, changes in state laws concerning our wills, and adding our church to your will.

The next meetings for 2022-2023 will be May 23, September 26, October 24, November 28, December (to be decided), January 23, February 27, March 27, April 24, and May 22.

Midgie Ergenbright will once again cater our lunches. We always look forward to her delicious meals! The price of the meal will be \$10.

I look forward to seeing you on Monday, March 28 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you haven't regularly attended Young at Heart, please come and enjoy informal church fellowship, an informative and/or fun program, and a delicious meal. As in the past, a sign-up sheet will be on the table in the Commons Area.

–Barbara Turner, Older Adults Ministries (bturner1@triad.rr.com or 336-766-5972)

Clemmons United Methodist Church 2022 Financial Update

Year-to-date results through February 19, 2022

Total Contributions and Other Receipts	226,017.57
Total Ministry Expenses and Disbursements	(176,928.46)
Increase in Financial Position for 2022	49,089.11
Bank Balance (operating and special funds)	419,872.49

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 April 6 and the deadline for articles to be submitted is Monday, March 28. 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.



April 10

Mark Your Calendars!

- Church-wide Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- Easter Cantata in the Sanctuary at 11 o'clock (*only one service this day*)
- CUMC Kids Annual Easter Egg Hunt following the Cantata

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