

March 1, 2023



Clemmons

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ACTS... All Care to Share

9th Annual Zoe “Do Less” for Orphans Lenten Challenge!

Zoe is an empowerment program that works with child-headed households and their families impacted by the global orphan crisis. Through a three-year program, participants become safe and healthy, skilled for long-term success, and able to lead meaningful lives within a supportive community. For our Zoe 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 to Zoe during Lent, we can support these orphans toward self-sufficiency.

Ways to Give to Zoe:

- Write a check to CUMC with “Zoe” in the notation.
- Give online under GIVE. Please use the drop-down box for the Zoe fund.
- Collect change in the take-home Zoe boxes found around the church. Our request this year is that you count your change and either write a check for that amount or provide cash bills when you bring your box back on Easter Sunday.

During past Zoe challenges, our youth pastor Amanda Batten has added a new challenge for our church family by setting milestones and promises. So far she has been hit with whipped cream pies, kissed a pig, and camped out on the church roof! This year she has committed to the following:



If we reach \$8,500 for Zoe, Amanda will play her trumpet at ALL three worship services! *Word has it that she has not played since high school.*



At \$10,000, Amanda will hold a tarantula! *She is terrified of spiders, but will overcome that fear to support a mission near and dear to her heart and to the hearts of this amazing church family.*

Thank you for your support of our Zoe family as they learn to grow independent!



Living the Fullness of Christ



Welcome our new Zoe family: Upendo "Love" Murungene Group, Kenya! We are partnered with this new group from July 2022-June 2025. The Upendo "Love" Murungene family is made up of 25 households and 82 total children. They have been meeting since July, so they have already completed their dream chart and are now starting to see how their dreams will come true!

Sunday Preaching Schedule

March 5 communion	8:30 & 11:00: "Born Again"	Rev. John Fitzgerald John 3:1-17
March 12	"The Woman at the Well"	Amanda Batten John 4:4-14
March 19	"The Works of God"	Rev. John Fitzgerald John 9:1-11
March 26	"Jesus Wept"	Rev. John Fitzgerald John 11:18-35
April 2	8:30 "Hosanna" 11:00 Palm Sunday Cantata	Rev. John Fitzgerald Matthew 21:1-11

9:45 a.m. Connect Worship Service | Ministry Center Remaining Sermon Series for Lent

March 5	"Aslan: Not Safe But Good"	Guest Speaker
March 12	"The Spell Begins to Break"	Amanda Batten
March 19	"Deep Magic from the Dawn of Time"	Sara Smith
March 26	"Deeper Magic from Before the Dawn of Time"	Amanda Batten



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

- Jim Ringer and family upon the death of his wife, Ellen Ringer, on February 3.
- Aaron Rodgers and family upon the death of his father, Denny Rodgers, on February 10.
- Alex Blackman and family upon the death of his mother, Theresa "Bit" Furches, on February 10.
- The family of Ruth Anne Livengood upon her death on February 18.

HOLY WEEK



April 2 ~ Palm Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary with Pastor John**
- 9:45 a.m. Potluck Breakfast in the Ministry Center Fellowship Hall**
Sign up your potluck items online ([link](#)) or call the office at 336-766-6375.
- 11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Cantata in the Sanctuary**
Choir presents Dan Forrest's powerful *Requiem for the Living* with orchestra
- 12:15 p.m. CUMC Kids Easter Egg Hunt**
Come to the picnic shelter and field after church for an Easter snack, an Easter craft, and the Easter Egg Hunt! Each child will also receive an Easter goodie bag.

April 6 ~ Holy Thursday ~ 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Our Holy Thursday service will move from Palm Sunday to Holy Communion to Good Friday as we await the resurrection on Easter morning.

April 9 ~ Easter Sunday

- 8:30 and 11 a.m. ~ Traditional Worship Services in the Sanctuary**
- 9:45 a.m. ~ Connect Worship Service in the Ministry Center**



Please join us in flowering the cross as an offering of worship to the resurrected Christ. We invite you to bring wildflowers, flowers from your garden, or purchased flowers to add to the cross. Let's make our cross bloom as we celebrate Christ Is Risen!

Thank You Note

The Jamaican Building Team is back and what a great mission we had. Our job was to get the Cloisters Youth Camp in St Ann's back open. We enlarged the kitchen, repaired termite damage, fixed roof leaks, painted, cleaned and got the Children's camp we were working on ready to accept campers. We couldn't have done it without you and the generous support of the whole church. I want to thank each and every one of you. Your prayers and financial support made this all possible. At our "going away" dinner, the Bishop was thrilled with the progress and will be opening the camp this summer for the first time in six years. Thank you again for supporting the Jamaica Building Team as we "go to be the hands, feet and heart of Christ." – *Tom Miller*

Sisters in Christ



Sisters in Christ is a women's group who meet for Bible study, fellowship, and participation in service projects. On Wednesday, March 1, we will begin a seven-week study, "A Journey through Lent: Reflecting on Christ's Sacrifice for Us." Dr. Timothy Keller presents a series of sermons on the psalms that will lead us to prepare our hearts for reflection and repentance as we approach Easter Sunday. Contact Linda Morgan at 336-416-6814 or lmorgancrna@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Mission Outreach Support Team (MOST) 1st Quarter Report

MOST met on February 15th. The team approved the following requests:

Fundraisers: United Methodist Men's Scholarship Fund Spaghetti Lunch on April 23; Guatemala Building and Mission Team's Shred Event on May 6; Youth Ministry CCC: Honduras Pumpkin Patch from September 30-October 31; Children Ministry and Weekday Ministry Trunk or Treat and Fall Bazaar on October 25; Youth Ministry CCC: Urban Christmas Lights Spectacular from December 8-10; and Clemmons: One Middle School Mission Camp Spirit Night at Chick-fil-a on TBD.

Scholarship: One scholarship for \$2,636 for the Zoe Kenya trip.

Agency Grants: Each year we receive large grant requests from several 501-3c agencies. In order to be good stewards of our church's finances, we give out funds for approved grants in increments. This quarter, we approved \$4,000 to Clemmons Food Pantry and \$5000 to Watchmen of the Streets.

Thank you for the support of the missions and community outreach through your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness!

CUMC Children's Ministry Updates



CUMC Kids Family Hike: March 11

Dust off your hiking shoes and get ready to breathe in some fresh mountain air. CUMC Kids and their families are going hiking! We will meet at the picnic shelters by the waterfall trail at 12 noon for a bring-your-own picnic. Once we are done eating, we will hike up to the top of Hanging Rock. Invite a friend along. We can't wait to see you there!



Be A Palm Waver: April 2 @ 11:00 service

All children birth-5th grade are invited to be palm wavers at the beginning of our Palm Sunday Cantata. If your child would like to be a palm waver, please meet outside of the front doors of the Sanctuary at 10:50 a.m. Parents of infants and preschoolers, please plan to walk with your child as they wave their palm. We can't wait to see you there!



CUMC Kids Easter Egg Hunt: April 2 @ 12:15 p.m.

Who is ready for our annual CUMC Kids Easter Egg Hunt?! Come to the picnic shelter and field after church on April 2. We will have an Easter snack, an Easter craft, and the Easter Egg Hunt! Each child will also get an Easter goodie bag to take home with them. Invite a friend!



CUMC Kids Dinner & Discipleship: All About Baptism April 16–May 7

It is time for our Spring Dinner & Discipleship class! This time around we will be focusing on Baptism. Why does the Bible say it is important? What does the UMC say about Baptism? Where in the Bible are there stories about Baptism? Do other denominations and religions practice baptism? We will discover all of the answers together. We will meet on Sundays from 5-6:30 p.m. in rom C-205. This class is open for 3rd-5th graders. Dinner will be provided. Registration will open March 20.

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

[C:O] Clemmons:One Youth



Clemmons:One Summer 2023 Mission Trips

Our Clemmons:One youth family has a busy summer ahead with service and missions both locally and globally. Our Middle School mission camp week is from June 12-14 (rising 6th–rising 9th graders) here in Winston-Salem and our Carolina Cross Connection mission trips are to Asheville (Urban) from July 9-15; Sherrils Ford (Home Repair) from July 16-22; and Honduras from July 24-31. More information can be found regarding our Summer missions at clemmonsone.org/summer-mission-trips ([link](#)). We would love to have you join one of our teams as a youth or youth leader.



Clemmons:One Youth Meals

Do you love to cook, experience fellowship, and enjoy a night with awesome youth? Our remaining youth dates have been published up through summer, so if you're interested in helping to provide a meal for our youth, please sign up online ([link](#)).

–Amanda E. Batten, Minister of Youth & Their Families (battenA@clemmonumc.org)

60+ Young at Heart Luncheon and Program

Monday, March 27 @ 11:30 a.m. ~ A DAY ON BROADWAY ~ Fellowship Hall

This month Karen Stutzman will entertain our group with A DAY ON BROADWAY. Come and be prepared to tap your toes, sing along with oldies but goodies, and if you want to, take a spin around the room. Karen is beyond talented on the piano and other musical instruments, and she has a beautiful voice! Let's take a stroll together down memory lane! Midgie will cater a delicious lunch, and the cost is \$10. Folks, if you sign up to come, but can not make it, please let either Barbara Turner or Midgie Ergenbright know before Friday March 24; otherwise, you will be counted and a meal will be prepared for you, and we kindly ask that you pay the lunch fee of \$10. As always, if you want to come for the program but not have lunch, there is no charge, and you are always welcome to do that. Note: For each Young at Heart meal, the final sign-up is the Friday before the Monday programs.

The graphic is a dark-themed banner for the 'A Day on Broadway' event. On the left, the title 'A DAY ON BROADWAY' is written in large, bold, white letters. Below it, in smaller white text, it says 'WITH KAREN STUTZMAN' and 'Come and listen to music from Broadway across the decades!'. In the center, there is a stylized illustration of two theatrical masks (one white, one black) and the date 'MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023'. Below the date are two yellow buttons: the top one says 'CLEMMONS UMC' and the bottom one says '11:30-1:00'. On the right side, the text 'A DAY ON BROADWAY' is written vertically in white, with 'CLEMMONS UMC' written vertically below it. There are also three yellow dots above and below the vertical text.

The March Young at Heart program mentioned above as well as our upcoming April program are going to be very special since we will be entertained by our own CUMC talent. Mark you calendar for:

April 17 Linda Shawcross will give us a program on Beekeeping. ****Please note that in April, our lunch/meeting will be on the third Monday instead of the fourth.****

As always, the sign-up sheet will be on the table in the Commons Area, next to the water fountains. See you at Young at Heart!!!

— Barbara Turner, Senior Adult Ministries (bturner1@triad.rr.com)

Upcoming 60+ Events Hosted by the 60+ Committee

- April 22—Weiner Roast
- July 22— Bingo Game Night & Watermelon Party
- November 11—Veterans Day Celebration with Chili



Coffee. Conversation. Connection.*

Join our foreign mission leaders on Sunday, March 19 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Commons Area to learn about the many ways our church body is being the hands, feet and heart of Jesus in the world.

- Guatemala Building and Mission Team
- CCC: Honduras Mission Team
- Jamaica Building Team
- Zoe Empowers Mission

We will also highlight the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) foreign support, as it is UMCOR Sunday on March 19.

*** Watch for future Coffee Conversation Connection topics on 3rd Sundays from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Commons area. In the works: Meet and Greet for new and long-time guests to learn about CUMC and membership; Highlight of Community Outreach Partnerships; Mission Projects through Ministry Areas; Small groups; and Sunday school Information.**

These sessions come out of a desire to connect our church body beyond our worship and study spaces. If you are an 8:30 worshiper, stop by after the service. If you are a Connect worshiper, venture upstairs to the Commons area following the service. If you are an 11:00 worshiper, arrive early and spend some time with a cup of coffee, conversation and make some new connections. --- any questions contact Kathy Giff: 336-766-6375, x145 or giffk@clemmonsumc.org.

Clemmons United Methodist Church 2022 Financial Update Year to date results through February 26, 2023

Total Contributions and Other Receipts	260,653.98
Total Ministry Expenses and Disbursements	(269,700.56)
Decrease in Financial Position for 2023	9,046.58
Bank Balance	402,566.25

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.

Living the Fullness of Christ

Calendar of Events

Sun, Mar 5	7:30 a.m. Methodist Men Breakfast & Program	Wed, Mar 29	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Divorce Care
Mon, Mar 6	7:00 p.m. Leadership Board Meeting		
Tues, Mar 7	9:00 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. John's Bible Study		
Wed, Mar 8	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Divorce Care	Sat, Apr 1	10:00 a.m. Cantata Rehearsal
		Sun, Apr 2	9:45 a.m. All Church Potluck Breakfast 11:00 a.m. Cantata 12:15 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt
Tues, Mar 14	9:00 a.m. Quilting 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry 7:00 p.m. John's Bible Study	Mon, Apr 3	7:00 p.m. Staff Parish Committee Meeting
		Tues, Apr 4	9:00 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. John's Bible Study
Wed, Mar 15	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Divorce Care	Wed, Apr 5	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Divorce Care
Sun, Mar 19	9:30 a.m. Coffee. Conversation. Connection.	Thurs, Apr 6	7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service
Tues, Mar 21	9:00 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. John's Bible Study		
Wed, Mar 22	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Divorce Care 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal		
Sun, Mar 26	12:30 p.m. Cantata Rehearsal		
Mon, Mar 27	11:30 a.m. Young at Heart Luncheon		
Tues, Mar 28	9:00 a.m. Quilting 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry 7:00 p.m. John's Bible Study		

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

Clemmons:One Youth: stay connected with all that our youth are doing, experiencing, and learning at their Clemmonsone.org website or via their social media pages (Facebook: Clemmons:One / Instagram: clemmonsononeyouth).



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The next newsletter will be sent out April 5 and the deadline for articles to be submitted is Monday, March 20. 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.

IT'S TIME TO UPDATE OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY

Here's how to participate:



On the first Sunday of the month (remaining dates: March 5 and April 2) come to the Commons Area between 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. and we will take your or your family's photo or you can instantly share one with us at that time from your mobile device.

OR

Send us your photo anytime until April 2 at pictures@clemmonsumc.org.

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