

March 6, 2024



Clemmons

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ACTS... All Care to Share



March 24 Palm Sunday



9-11 a.m. Potluck Breakfast in the Ministry Center

10 a.m. Kids Easter Egg Hunt ~ starts in the Ministry Center

PreK-5th graders are invited to participate in our Easter egg hunt! After the egg hunt, there will be special activities for K-5th graders in the Ministry Center. Nursery and pre-K care will be available in Rooms C-101 and C-105.

11 a.m. Palm Sunday Cantata ~ Sanctuary

At the beginning of the Cantata, there will be a palm processional down the sanctuary aisle. Children who wish to wave palms should meet in the Ministry Center at 10:50 a.m. After the processional, K-5th graders may continue activities in the Ministry Center. Nursery and pre-K care will be available in C-101 and C-105.

March 28 Holy Thursday Service ~ 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.

March 31 Easter Sunday



8:30 and 11 a.m. ~ Traditional Worship Services ~ Sanctuary

9:45 a.m. ~ Connect Worship Service ~ 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!



Living the Fullness of Christ

Sunday Sermons



8:30 AND 11 A.M. WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

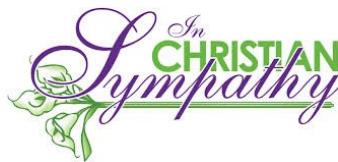
9:45 A.M. CONNECT CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP IN THE MINISTRY CENTER

March 10: "For God So Loved . . ." ~ John 3:14-21 ~ Rev. John Fitzgerald

March 17: "A Grain of Wheat" ~ John 12:20-33 ~ Rev. John Fitzgerald

March 24: Palm Sunday Cantata at 11; church-wide potluck 9-11 in Ministry Center
There will be no 8:30 or 9:45 service this day

March 31: Easter Sunday all three services



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

- The family of Eloise Rabb upon her death on February 10.
- Glenn Shaver and family upon the death of his wife, Cele Shaver, on February 20.

Thank You Notes

What a wonderful surprise to read about Ron and Deanna Jester donating and arranging to have two dogwoods planted on the church grounds in memory of Ken Peacock and in honor of Pastor John. As we watch the trees grow, we will be reminded of the Jesters' friendship and generosity.

—In Christ, *Rosanne Peacock and John Fitzgerald*

Thank you all for the cards, calls, prayers, and concerns during my recent illness. Pat and I are grateful to our CUMC family.

— *Richard Morris*

Dale and I want to thank all for your kind words, loving thoughts, and for the continued prayers for Dale's father, Dr. Opey D. Jeanes, during his recent declining health and recent passing. As we grieve, your phone calls, texts, cards, and emails are all so appreciated. Thank you so very much for your kindness and love.

—In Christ's Love, *Dale and Terry Jeanes*

Thank you so much to all of you who touched us with calls, cards, emails, texts and food while I recovered from surgery! Each one was precious and gave us such joy and encouragement. We truly feel blessed to belong to such a wonderful church family. Much love to everyone!

— *Robin and Doug Owen*

The CUMC Staff is very grateful to the Staff-Parish Relations Committee for the Valentine's Day card and goodies!

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Congratulations to Lisa Riggsbee and PJ Nee upon their marriage on February 10! Lisa is the daughter of Joe and Linda Riggsbee.



Congratulations to Hannah and John Collins upon the birth of their daughter, Lily Grace Collins, on February 2. Proud grandparents are Jeff and Leigh Meadows.



Sesquicentennial News

This month's history Sunday – March 31

The last Sunday of every month in 2024 will be dedicated to our amazing history which will be celebrated in story and song. In March, we will celebrate the years from 1810–1870.

In February, the Confirmation, Dinner & Discipleship Class, Joy Circle, and CUMC Preschool set a goal of collecting 150 cans each for the food pantry. Each group far exceeded their goal with a church-wide total of 1,186 cans! Thank you for your generosity!

What would you and your group like to do to help celebrate? Let us hear from you! As part of our ongoing sesquicentennial celebration, we wish to challenge you and your group to show your support of CUMC by participating in some way. Below are some ideas:

- Donate \$150 to the church in honor or memory of someone
- Volunteer at church for 150 hours or 150 minutes
- Volunteer to help with the October 5/6 event
- Be CREATIVE!

Interesting history fact for March – In the mid-1830s, our “Society” met in a school about 100 feet from where our property is now. The Clemmonsville Academy was built on the property belonging to Benton Clemmons, which he sold to the Academy trustees for \$1.00. You can still see the foundation stones at the entrance of the Peter Clemmons House driveway.

Save the date for Heritage Weekend — October 5-6!

150th Celebration Videos on Church Website

The last Sunday of each month we plan to show a video about our church's history. If you haven't seen the videos we have shown during worship in January and February, or want to see them again, you can find them on our website. Choose “150th Celebration Videos” ([link](#)). To date you may view:

Chapter 1 – 1750 thru 1785
Chapter 2 – 1785 thru 1810



10th Annual Zoe “Do Less” for Orphans Lenten Challenge Ends on Easter Sunday, March 31

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 ([link](#))
- The take-home Zoe boxes are no longer available. Watch for other containers for your family coin collection during Lent. 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.

Our goal this year is \$9,000 to start a new CUMC Zoe family, as we surpassed our goal in 2023 and completed our financial support of our 2022-2025 Zoe Upendo Murungene family! To learn more about Zoe Empowers and the ways this organization partners with orphans in Africa, visit www.zoeempowers.org!



Shredding Fundraiser Event

May 11 from 9 a.m. – noon (or until the big truck is full)

Back by popular demand, right after tax time! Have piles of important papers that you’ve been waiting to shred because they can’t be thrown away? Bring them to the church parking lot and support the Guatemala Mission Team. \$5 per bag/box. Stay in your car. We will unload for you to keep the traffic flowing.

Living the Fullness of Christ

60+ Adults

Our 60+ Adults group is looking forward to a great 2024. We are listing a few of our ideas, but we are always looking for ideas from you . . . things that you would like to do. We're open to any and all suggestions.

Several things we have in the works:

**Friday,
March 15**

We will travel to the Yadkin Arts Council in Yadkinville. One of our church members, Linda Fossier, is an artist who is exhibiting there, and we will go to see her work and that of the other artists. We plan to have lunch in Yadkinville. The Yadkin Arts Council is a jewel only about 30 minutes away. It offers a variety of entertainment, such as plays and movies, as well as art exhibits of various media, from painting to weaving, knitting, clay sculpture, quilting, etc. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Commons Area by the water fountains. We will take the church bus and leave at 10 a.m. **Sign-up deadline: March 14.**

**Tuesday,
May 14**

We will tour the Mrs. Hanes Cookie Factory. This is a 1 to 1-1/2 hour tour and costs \$6. We will take the bus and leave the church at 10 a.m. After our tour, we will go to lunch, place to be announced. **Sign up-deadline: May 10.**

**Saturday,
June 1**

Put on your dancing shoes and come to church with an appetite. We'll again have the Rock and Roll Soul Band from Kinderton playing oldies but goodies. We'll have a delicious hot dog meal with all the fixings. You are welcome to bring a guest. The sign-up sheet will be on the table in the Commons Area next to the water fountains. The cost is \$5 per person. Sign-ups will be later in the year.

**Saturday,
November 9**

We'll again honor all veterans in our church, regardless of age, with a fun chicken stew luncheon and exhibits of all of the memorabilia that each veteran would like to display. This is one of our most enjoyable get-togethers, and we love seeing the displays of our church veterans' heroism. Sign-ups will be later in the year.

Other ongoing and upcoming 60+ functions are:

- The **QUILT MINISTRY** meets each Tuesday morning from 9 until 11:30 a.m. We are making lap quilts for nursing home folks and quilts of all sizes for the Fostering Faith Foundation, which fosters children from birth through age 19.
- **DOWGs** (Dining Out Wednesday Group) meets at 5 p.m. at a different restaurant each Wednesday. Sometimes we go to fancy restaurants, sometimes an ethnic restaurant, sometimes a mom-and-pop place, but the goal is to connect and enjoy the company of our fellow church members. Each Wednesday, we pass around a sheet with the name of the next week's destination and a place to sign up. You are not obligated to come every time. Come when you can.

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- **YOUNG AT HEART** meets occasionally on the 4th Monday of each month, but this year, we are taking a break and only meeting if someone would like to have a meeting/luncheon. We are always open to ideas. We meet on the 4th Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall/Ministry Center. Please let us know if you would like a luncheon to learn about a specific topic or have someone who would like to entertain the group with song, music, information on a particular subject, etc. The programs last about 45 minutes. Lunch is always catered for \$10.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** . . . We have several Sunday school classes for our 60+ group. There are a few 60+ people in the Anchors in Christ Class. Also the other over 60's classes are the Crusaders, the Forum, and the Upper Room/Fellowship Class. Each of these groups would welcome you with open arms, so if you aren't involved in a Sunday morning class, please consider joining, learning more about the Bible, and meeting new folks. They meet from 9:45–10:45 a.m.
- **CHIHULY AT BILTMORE** . . . Later this year, we will travel to Asheville for an overnight trip to see the beautiful Chihuly glass exhibit at the Biltmore. All the glass pieces will be displayed this year in Amherst at Deerpark, the estate's exhibit center. The last exhibit, in 2018, was displayed throughout the grounds, which was beautiful, but it required a lot of walking. This year, everything will be in one place. We will visit downtown Asheville for shopping and lunch the next day. More information on this trip will be available closer to the date.

So, if you're over 60 years old, our church has many ways for you to become connected. We need you, we want you, and we look forward to having you join us.

Barbara Turner, Director of Older Adults and Bobbie Thacker, 60+ Adults Leader



Clemmons United Methodist Church Financial Update Operating Fund Account

Donations Received through 2/28/24	\$167,028
Expenses Paid through 2/28/24	142,692
Net Gain 2/28/24	24,336

For more detailed information on the church's finances, please visit our website to see the current Treasurer's Report. This report will also show balances of Special Funds.

Living the Fullness of Christ

Calendar of Events

<p>Wed, March 6 10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ 6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PALS</p> <p>Thurs, March 7 10:00 a.m. Spiritual Practices 4:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Study</p> <p>Tues, March 12 9:30 a.m. Quilting 10:00 a.m. The Cycle of Grace Book Study 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study</p> <p>Wed, March 13 10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ 6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting</p> <p>Thurs, March 14 10:00 a.m. Spiritual Practices 4:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Study</p> <p>Sun, March 17 12:00 p.m. Choir Luncheon 12:30 p.m. Cantata Rehearsal</p> <p>Tues, March 19 9:00 a.m. Quilting 10:00 a.m. The Cycle of Grace Book Study 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study</p> <p>Wed, March 20 10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ 6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Thurs, March 21 10:00 a.m. Spiritual Practices 4:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Study</p> <p>Sat, March 23 9:30 a.m. Cantata Rehearsal</p> <p>Sun, March 24 9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Potluck Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt 11:00 a.m. Easter Cantata</p>	<p>Sun, March 24 9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Potluck Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt 11:00 a.m. Easter Cantata</p> <p>Tues, March 26 9:00 a.m. Quilting 10:00 a.m. The Cycle of Grace Book Study 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study</p> <p>Wed, March 27 10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ 6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting</p> <p>Thurs, March 28 4:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday Service</p> <p>Mon, April 1 Church Office Closed – Easter Holiday 6:00 p.m. Staff Parish Committee Meeting</p> <p>Tues, April 2 9:00 a.m. Quilting 10:00 a.m. The Cycle of Grace Book Study 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study</p> <p>Wed, April 3 10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ 6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PALS</p> <p>Sun, April 7 7:30 a.m. Methodist Men's Breakfast & Program 10:45 a.m. Spaghetti Luncheon Fundraiser</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday Service Times</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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</p>
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Watchmen of the Streets Needs Coat Hangers



The Watchmen of the Streets has a clothing closet they maintain for our homeless friends, and they are in need of coat hangers. If you can help, please drop your hangers in the Watchmen bin in the Ministry Center. Look for the Mission Possible sign.



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The next newsletter will be sent out April 3 and the deadline for articles to be submitted is Monday, March 25. 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.



Clemmons UMC
Vacation Bible School
June 24-27, 2024
9am - 12 noon

Email Chris Fitzgerald for a registration form.

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