



February 2, 2022

# Clemmons

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ACTS... All Care to Share

### CUMC Children's Ministry Updates

#### CUMC Kids T-Shirts Have Arrived

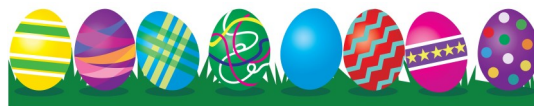
If you pre-ordered a 2021-2022 CUMC Kids T-shirt, they have arrived! You should have received an email about ways to pick them up and pay for them. Additional shirts have been ordered in various sizes as well. If you did not pre-order a T-shirt and are interested in having one, they will be available for purchase during Sunday School & Worship Care in the Chapel through the end of February. They are \$15 cash or check. Last year's theme T-shirts are also available for \$5 cash or check.

#### CUMC Kids Serving Saturday | March 12 | 1 p.m. in the Chapel

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

#### Spring Family Retreat | Saturday, March 26

Mark your calendars 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. More details coming soon. Registration will open on February 7. You don't want to miss it!



#### CUMC Kids Annual Palm Sunday, April 10 | Picnic Shelter & Field following the Easter Cantata

#### Easter Egg Hunt

Are you ready for a fun day with your entire family? Come join us at CUMC on Palm Sunday! We will have a church-wide breakfast\* in the Ministry Center followed by the Easter Cantata in the Sanctuary. 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 Minister ([smithS@clemmonsumc.org](mailto:smithS@clemmonsumc.org))

*\*Provided there are no protocol restrictions on serving food indoors.*

## Living the Fullness of Christ



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| <b>Feb. 6</b>  | “The Net”              | Rev. John Fitzgerald<br>Luke 5:1-11  |
| <b>Feb. 13</b> | “Love and Horseshoes”  | Amanda Batten<br>Matthew 19:14       |
| <b>Feb. 20</b> | “Love Your Enemies”    | Rev. John Fitzgerald<br>Luke 6:27-38 |
| <b>Feb. 27</b> | Transfiguration Sunday | Rev. John Fitzgerald<br>Luke 9:28-36 |



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

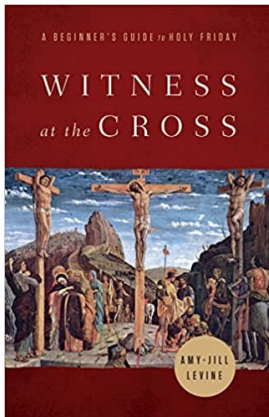
- Glenna Johnsen and family upon the death of her husband, Jim Johnsen, on January 19, 2022.
- Linda Davis and family upon the deaths of her brother, Olon Shuler, on January 19 and his wife, Sydney Shuler, on January 8, 2022.
- Tammy Clapp and family upon the death of her mother, Linda Sorensen, on January 23, 2022.
- Tim Howard and family upon the death of his father, Ron Howard, on January 25, 2022.
- Scott Fulton and family upon the death of his brother, Paul Fulton, on January 28, 2022.

### **Stephen Ministry—Are You in Need of Support?**



Are you in need of support? Have you thought about being matched with a Stephen Minister? CUMC's Stephen Minister team is here to provide confidential, one-on-one Christ-centered support and care for those who are going through illness, life transitions, or anything in between. Please contact Pastor Sara Smith at [smithS@clemmonsumc.org](mailto:smithS@clemmonsumc.org) to see if being matched with a Stephen Minister is right for you.

## Witness at the Cross: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Friday



Join us for a six-week study during the season of Lent starting March 3 and ending April 7 before Holy Week. We will meet on Thursdays via Zoom from 4:30-6 p.m. This Thursday afternoon group began over three years ago. The leadership has been passed from the original leader to Dave Lee. Now Dave is stepping away from the leadership role and into the participant one. We thank him profusely for his great dedication to the group. This study will be led by Jennifer Rogers and Kathy Giff.

Please note that while the title says a *beginner's guide*, it is somewhat misleading. All God's children know that each time we study His Word it is like a new beginning as we are continually growing spiritually. After all. It is the Living Word!

If you're interested in this study, contact Kathy Giff at [giffk@clemmonsumc.org](mailto:giffk@clemmonsumc.org) for the Zoom link and to be placed on a weekly email list. The books may be purchased on Amazon ([link](#)).

## Knocking on Heaven's Door Contemplative Ways of Opening to the Holy

*Due to the snow, our January session was cancelled. Please join us on Sunday, February 20 in the Conference Room/Parlor at 9:30 a.m. as we explore and experience Active Prayer.*

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.

Sessions are offered on the third Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor and each session stands alone. Come as you are able and bring a friend. **Be still and know that I am God.** Psalm 46:10

## Mission Outreach Support Team's first 2022 meeting February 15

The 2022 MOST meeting dates are February 15, May 17, August 16 and November 15. All meetings are Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Parlor Conference Room. If your ministry area, mission team or agency needs to submit fundraiser requests, scholarship request or funding grants, please do so at least seven days prior to the above meeting dates. All forms are available on the website under Get Involved > Mission & Outreach Ministries ([link](#)). Please reach out to Kathy Giff with any questions or for guidance at [giffk@clemmonsumc.org](mailto:giffk@clemmonsumc.org).

## Protocol Update

The last few months we have watched the impact of the Omicron variant of COVID-19. During this time, we have celebrated a wonderful Christmas Eve service together with family and special friends. As we move through January, we have seen a rapid increase in this virus infecting more and more people.

The information available for Forsyth County at this writing outlines a 45% increase in hospitalizations in the last 14 days with a 36% increase in positive tests. This does not include unreported positive at-home tests. While this data is disturbing, we are encouraged with vaccinations rising to 68% for ages 12 & up, 87% for people 65 & up, and overall vaccinations for all ages at 60% (usafacts.org & nytimes.com). These vaccinations do not prevent you from catching the virus but do lessen the severity of the illness.

With this information, the Protocol Team has decided to keep the mask requirement for everyone on the church campus and continue the suspension of all meals being served at indoor church events. We have reached out to Clemmons:One and the Weekday Children's Ministry to determine the best way to manage their groups.

Thank you for your support, patience, and understanding for what we hope will be a brief time addressing this recent surge. Please know that we will reassess the serving of meals as the trend declines.

## Spring Session of *A Journey of Learning*

**Sundays, March 6–April 3 | 9:45–10:45 a.m. | Commons Area Tables**

For Clemmons UMC guests receiving this newsletter, we hope that you already feel a part of our church family. As a way to help you in the decision of becoming a member at Clemmons UMC, we would like to invite you to our membership class. The class will meet 9:45–10:45 a.m. at the tables in the Commons Area from March 6 through April 3. On March 6, we will simply meet over coffee and get to know a little bit about each other.

Our 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, you will feel connected and equipped to do so. We hope that you will join us!

To sign up for this 5-week session, call the church office or sign up on our church website ([link](#)).

If you have any questions about *A Journey of Learning*, please contact Kathy Giff/Discipleship and Lay Ministry at 336-766-6375, ext. 145 or [giffK@clemmonsumc.org](mailto:giffK@clemmonsumc.org).

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



Sisters in Christ is a group of women who meet in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday mornings from 10 to 12 for Bible study as well as ongoing projects to support our church and community. Their next study is “Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today” by Adam Hamilton. Everyone is familiar with the 10 commandments. But what if these were not just a set of ancient rules but also a guide to experience the good life today? Join Sisters in Christ February 9 through March 9 to explore more deeply how our loving God gave these words to create order out of chaos and to protect us. For more information on the group please reach out to Linda Morgan at 336-416-6814 or [lmorgancrna@gmail.com](mailto:lmorgancrna@gmail.com).

## United Methodist Men | First Sunday each Month



The United Methodist Men are a diverse group of men in all ages and stages of life who love serving their church, their world and growing closer to God together. At this time they meet the first Sunday of each month at 8 a.m. in the Old Fellowship Hall. Once food restrictions are lifted, they will meet at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast before their program. If you would like more information or want to participate in the many UMM service projects, please contact Tom Miller at [tmiller4160@gmail.com](mailto:tmiller4160@gmail.com).



## 60+ Valentine's Day Concert | Sat., Feb. 12 @ 4 p.m.

The Senior Adult Ministry (60+) invites seniors to a Happy Valentine's Day Concert on Saturday, February 12 in the Fellowship Hall from 4–6 p.m. Bring your masks and dancing shoes, and enjoy our own Joni Hanna's musical entertainment!

## Shrove Tuesday Church-wide Pancake Dinner

Tuesday, March 1 | Fellowship Hall | 5:30-7 p.m.



**SHROVE  
TUESDAY**

The Children's Ministry, in collaboration with the Discipleship Committee and Methodist Men, invite you to a church-wide Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. We hope the COVID metrics improve and we are able to serve food indoors at that time. There will be all-you-can-eat pancakes, bacon, and sausage as we come together to celebrate Shrove Tuesday before the season of Lent officially begins. Information about our Zoe collection will be shared and our official 2022 Zoe boxes will be ready to pick up. There will also be resources and devotions on Lent for people of all ages to take home with them. This is a free event, though a Zoe love offering box will be present if you would like to contribute.

## Calendar of Events

Sun, Feb 6      8:00 a.m. Methodist Men Program  
3:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

Mon, Feb 7      6:30 p.m. GriefShare  
7:00 p.m. Staff-Parish Committee Mtg

Tues, Feb 8      9:30 a.m. Quilting  
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry  
7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study

Wed, Feb 9      10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ  
7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sat, Feb 12      4:00 p.m. Older Adult Valentine's Concert

Sun, Feb 13      3:30 p.m. Confirmation

Mon, Feb 14      6:30 p.m. GriefShare

Tues, Feb 15      9:30 a.m. Quilting  
7:00 p.m. MOST Committee Mtg  
7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study

Wed, Feb 16      10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ  
7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Connect Praise Rehearsal

Sun, Feb 20      9:30 a.m. Knocking on Heaven's Door  
2:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting  
3:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

Mon, Feb 21      6:30 GriefShare

Tues, Feb 22      9:30 a.m. Quilting  
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry  
7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study

Wed, Feb 23      10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ  
7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thurs, Feb 24      7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

Sun, Feb 27      3:30 p.m. Confirmation

Mon, Feb 28      6:30 p.m. GriefShare  
6:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee Mtg

Tues, Mar 1      9:30 a.m. Quilting Group  
6:00 p.m. Lenten Pancake Dinner  
7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study

Wed, Mar 2      10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ  
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service  
7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Connect Praise Rehearsal

Thurs, Mar 3      4:30 p.m. Witness at the Cross

Sun, Mar 6      8:00 a.m. Methodist Men Program  
9:45 a.m. New Covenant Partner Class

### **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](http://www.clemmonsone.org).

## From the Staff-Parish Relations Committee . . .

On behalf of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, I want to thank the congregation for stepping up in giving toward the end of 2021. When our budget and expenses looked a bit concerning, the decision was made to not include staff raises in the budget for 2022. However, when you were asked to prayerfully consider adding to your regular giving, so many of you responded that we were able to revisit that decision. We can now show our staff how much we appreciate all they do as well as help them financially as personal costs continue to rise. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated and loyal staff at Clemmons United Methodist Church. It is our pleasure to share with the congregation that a 3% raise for all staff was discussed and approved at the leadership board meeting in January. Again, thank you so much for being dedicated to the work of the Lord at CUMC.



The Staff-Parish Relations Committee would like to share with the congregation that there is a part-time job opening available at CUMC. This position is the Media Ministries Coordinator position. We would love to fill this position from within if there is someone in our congregation who has an interest in this area. If not, we need your help in identifying potential candidates. If you are interested or know of someone who might be, the full job description may be obtained from the church office or by visiting the church website under Get Involved > Employment Opportunities ([link](#)). To apply, a cover letter and resume should be sent to [cumchr@clemmonsumc.org](mailto:cumchr@clemmonsumc.org). In the interim, we are very fortunate to have Abby Smith and Jackson Busic who have agreed to fill this role until a permanent replacement can be found. Thank you Abby and Jackson!

## Clemmons United Methodist Church 2022 Financial Update Year-to-date results through January 30, 2022

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| Total Contributions and Other Receipts     | 137,032.15   |
| Total Ministry Expenses and Disbursements  | (100,755.01) |
| Increase in Financial Position for 2021    | 36,277.14    |
| Bank Balance (operating and special funds) | 407,070.52   |

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 March 2 and the deadline for articles to be submitted is Monday, Feb. 28. Please bring your articles by the Hunter House or email them to [griffinA@clemmonsumc.org](mailto:griffinA@clemmonsumc.org). If you would like to receive the newsletter, please email [office@clemmonsumc.org](mailto: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.



### Consider Signing up for Altar Flowers

If you'd like to place altar flowers in memory or in honor of someone, or to celebrate an event, please contact Amy at [griffinA@clemmonsumc.org](mailto:griffinA@clemmonsumc.org) or at the church office at 336-766-6375 x. 121. The cost is \$35 and you are welcome to take the arrangement home following the last worship service.

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#### **Church Staff**

|                                    |                                   |              |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Pastoral Leadership                | <a href="#">John Fitzgerald</a>   | Ext 123      |
| Discipleship, Equipping, Missions  | <a href="#">Kathy Giff</a>        | Ext 145      |
| Preschool & Afterschool Ministries | <a href="#">Tammy Clapp</a>       | Ext 135      |
| Children & Family Minister         | <a href="#">Sara Smith</a>        | Ext 141      |
| Youth Ministries                   | <a href="#">Amanda Batten</a>     | Ext 126      |
| Older Adult Ministries             | <a href="#">Barbara Turner</a>    | 336-766-5972 |
| Music Director                     | <a href="#">Bryon Grohman</a>     | Ext. 129     |
| Praise Leader                      | <a href="#">Karen Stutzman</a>    |              |
| Organist                           | <a href="#">Joni Hanna</a>        |              |
| Office Manager                     | <a href="#">Waynette Adamczak</a> | Ext 122      |
| Office Assistance                  | <a href="#">Amy Griffin</a>       | Ext 121      |
| Facilities Manager                 | <a href="#">David Mooneyham</a>   |              |

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