

January 10, 2024



# Clemmons

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Announcing our church's sesquicentennial worshipping at 3700 Clemmons Road for 150 years! While our congregation is much older (approximately 243 years old), we have been in our current location for 150 years.

Each month this year, we will designate a **Heritage Sunday**, which will acquaint you with our amazing history through activities, videos, and musical concerts. On October 5 and 6, we will have a **Heritage Weekend** on the church grounds that will be fun for all ages and stages, so please save the date.

What's happening in January? We will celebrate our history from 1750 to 1785.

- Monday, January 22 – 60+ Young at Heart free luncheon with speakers from the United Methodist Foundation (see full announcement on page 6).
- Sunday, January 28 – Heritage Sunday with a History Video Moment during worship and period hymns.

**Interesting historical fact for January:** Did you know that our congregation actually predates the formation of the Methodist Church in America? Early **methodists** began forming groups called Methodist Societies while we were still part of the Church of England or "Anglican" church.

More information is coming soon to the newsletter, social media, and the church website.

## 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**

Jan 14: "Factions" ~ Galatians 5:16-26 ~ Rev. John Fitzgerald

Jan. 21: "A Whale of a Tale" ~ Jonah 3:1-5, 10 ~ Rev. John Fitzgerald

Jan. 28: "What Have You to Do with Us?" ~ Mark 1:21-28 ~ Rev. John Fitzgerald

Feb. 4: "Healed to Serve" ~ Mark 1:29-39 ~ Rev. John Fitzgerald (communion)

Feb. 11: "Transfiguration" ~ Mark 9:2-9 ~ Rev. John Fitzgerald



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

- Ruby Watson and family upon the death of her husband, Kenneth Watson, on December 18.
- Ted Inman and family upon the death of his wife, Pat Inman, on December 21.
- Jo Stables and family upon the death of her husband, Jim Stables, on January 1.

### Thank You

We are grateful for the love offerings, gifts, cards, luncheons and many other ways our congregation made our Christmas special. In Christ, *Clemmons UMC Staff*

Thank you to everyone involved in providing Angel Tree gifts to families in need this Christmas. The recipients were so very appreciative of your generosity!



Congratulations to Madeline Seagle and Jake Clary who were united in marriage on December 30, 2023. Madeline is the daughter of Scott and Melissa Seagle.



Congratulations to Mandy Nealeans for winning Teacher of the Year at Clemmons Elementary School! Mandy teaches Kindergarten at CES.

## 2024 Clemmons UMC Leadership Board

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### At Large Members

#### 2024

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Joel Morgan

Rick Willard

#### 2025

Christine Fitzgerald

Susie Marion

Tom Miller

Donna Odom

Melanie White

#### 2026

Rob Ball

Leigh Howell

Rob Howerton

Lynn Kennedy

Matt Scoggin

For a full list of Committee Members, visit our website ([link](#)) or call the church office at 336-766-6375.

You may contact the Leadership Board at [cumcleadershipboard@clemmonsumc.org](mailto:cumcleadershipboard@clemmonsumc.org).

## 2023 Mission Outreach Support Team Committee Yearly Report

In 2023, we were able to grant \$41,600 to the following agency partners in our community.

- **Clemmons Food Pantry:** This year, we were able to grant **\$13,700**. Four thousand came from the MOST Special Fund and the remaining \$9,700 came from the Miscellaneous Missions line item in the Operating Budget. [www.clemmonsfoodpantry.org](http://www.clemmonsfoodpantry.org)
- **Deeper Journey Ministries:** A new non-profit came to us this year asking for funds in support of their spiritual formation ministry, the Sacred Invitation. We voted to grant them **\$2,000** from the Miscellaneous Missions line item in the Operating Budget. [www.thelydiagroup.com](http://www.thelydiagroup.com)
- **Jerry Long YMCA Bright Beginnings:** Of the **\$2,500** requested, we gave the full amount. Funds came from the MOST Special Fund.
- **SPARK:** This year was our first one supporting this local non-profit with an agency grant. Our church has partnered with SPARK for item collections and activities. We were able to grant **\$2,000** in support of their afterschool program at Peace Haven Estates. Funds came out of the Miscellaneous Missions line item in the Operating Budget. [www.spark-community.org](http://www.spark-community.org)
- **Watchmen of the Streets:** We continue to support this homeless ministry through item collection, volunteers and funds. This year MOST granted a total of **\$21,400** with payments throughout the year. Five thousand came from the MOST Special Fund and the remaining \$16,400 came from the Miscellaneous Missions line item in the Operating Budget. [www.watchmenofthestreets.com](http://www.watchmenofthestreets.com)

We were able to grant \$9,500 to our foreign mission/building teams.

- **Guatemala Building and Mission Team:** Of the \$7,000 requested for building supplies, we were able to grant the full amount. Funds came from the MOST Special Fund. *Note: The team had to postpone their October trip until January 2024.* Bart and Cheryl Shaw, [lornik@aol.com](mailto:lornik@aol.com)
- **Jamaica Building Team:** Of the \$2,500 requested for building supplies, we were able to grant the full amount. Funds came from the MOST Special Fund. Tom Miller, [tmiller4160@gmail.com](mailto:tmilller4160@gmail.com)

MOST was also able to provide scholarships totaling \$7,836.

- **Guatemala Building and Mission Team:** Two team members requested and received scholarships of \$1,800 each. The **\$3,600** came out of the MOST Special Fund.
- **Jamaica Building Team:** One team member requested and received a scholarship of **\$1,600**. The funds came out of the Miscellaneous Missions line item in the Operating Budget.
- **Zoe Interest Mission Trip:** One team member requested and was approved for a **\$2,636** scholarship. Funds came from the MOST Special Fund.

## (continued) 2023 Mission Outreach Support Team Committee Yearly Report

### **MOST approved the following fundraisers:**

- Jamaica Building Team Chili Luncheon held on January 15.
- Zoe Lenten Challenge held from February 21-April 9.
- United Methodist Men Spaghetti Lunch for High School Seniors Scholarships held on April 23.
- Guatemala Building and Mission Team Shred Event held on May 6.
- Children's Ministry Special Fund "Stuff the Children's Fund" Envelope Fundraiser held on May 7.
- CCC: Honduras Mission Trip Pumpkin Patch held from September 30-October 31.
- Children's Ministry and Clemmons United Methodist Preschool and Kindergarten Truck or Treat Fall Festival held on October 25.

**Through the generosity of our church family and our community, Clemmons UMC was able to support the above missions and ministries through grants and scholarships totaling \$58,936 (\$26,000 from the Miscellaneous Missions line item in the Operating Budget and \$32,936 from the MOST Special Fund).**

The MOST committee will meet the following dates in 2024: February 13; May 14; July 16; and November 12 at 7 p.m. All request forms are due one week prior to the meetings. All forms are located on the church website: [clemmonsumc.org](http://clemmonsumc.org) under Get Involved/Mission and Outreach Ministries ([link](#)).

## **CLASS Lunch Buddy Program: January Recruitment**

Want to impact the life of a child in our community? Then, we want you as a mentor!

**Who:** Any caring adult who wishes to impact the life of a child with love, guidance, and friendship in our Clemmons/Lewisville community. Tutoring is not required, and no experience is necessary! The best part about being a Lunch Buddy...it's actually a lot of fun!

**What:** Option for 1:1 or 1:3 mentoring program that meets once a week during the lunch period. Flexibility on day and time. Training and support are provided! The January training is Thursday, January 18, from 7-8 p.m. in Room A-213.

**Where:** Programs take place at Morgan Elementary, Ward Elementary and Lewisville Elementary.

**How:** Email Lexi Scoggin, CLASS Community Engagement Facilitator, at [ascoggin2@gmail.com](mailto:ascoggin2@gmail.com) or 330-881-0969 for the WSFCS Volunteer application.

*The Clemmons and Lewisville Action for Student Success is a coalition of faith-based and community organizations and schools that work together to benefit school-aged students, their families, and the school staff who support them.*

## Jamaica Chili Lunch Fundraiser on Sunday, January 21



On January 21, we will have a Chili Lunch Fundraiser in the Fellowship Hall with a variety of chili as well as “kid-friendly” sandwiches. It will start right after the Connect service with take-out or dine-in.

The donations we receive will be used by the Jamaica Mission Team to purchase materials needed for the group’s February mission trip. This year, we’ll be building an addition to a schoolhouse at Stetten Methodist Church in Jamaica, so there will be lots of block and cement. We cannot accomplish this mission without your support and help, so we look forward to seeing you on the 21<sup>st</sup> for some delicious chili and fellowship!

Want to support the Jamaican Mission Team trip but can’t come to the fundraiser? Please consider donating to the Jamaica Mission Special Fund by sending your check to the church office. We hope everyone will come out and support our mission.

—Tom Miller (tmliller4160@gmail.com)



*Above are pictures of the schoolhouse at Stetten Methodist Church in Jamaica. The Jamaica Mission Team will build an addition to the schoolhouse next month.*

## Way to Explore and Grow Your Spirituality

**THE CYCLE OF GRACE: LIVING IN SACRED BALANCE** is a six-week study using the book and videos with the same title written by Trevor Hudson and Jerry Haas. Our deep desire to live in Sacred Balance will serve as our inspiration as we open to God's grace. Jesus faced amazing pressure and overwhelming demands throughout his ministry, but he did not experience the burnout so common in our culture, especially among Christian leaders within churches and nonprofits. Despite a very demanding lifestyle, Jesus stayed spiritually strong. Using contemplative and creative practices, we will explore: Burnout, Jesus & Grace; Sustaining Grace; You Are a Sign; Fruitfulness & the Cycle of Works; A Grace-Filled Way to Live; Congregational Vitality and the Cycle of Grace.

Sessions start on Tuesday, January 23, from 10-11 a.m. in Room A-213. Please contact Kathy Giff with any questions and to sign up for the study at [giffk@clemmonsumc.org](mailto:giffk@clemmonsumc.org). Sessions will be led by Nancy Bellamy, who was trained by the authors themselves.

## 60+ Adults: Young at Heart Lunch and Program

### *Invitation to celebrate 150 years of Clemmons UMC!*

Kickoff the year-long celebration of 150 years of Clemmons UMC at 3700 Clemmons Road at the 60+ Young At Heart luncheon on Monday, January 22, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The lunch is FREE and will feature comments from the United Methodist Foundation of North Carolina in Huntersville about How to Meet Financial Goals as you acquire lifetime income, lower your taxes, and create a generous legacy through gift planning. It's fitting that the first of the Sesquicentennial Celebrations include those of us who've been around longest, so come and enjoy the launch of the Clemmons UMC Sesquicentennial. Please RSVP by Friday, January 19 so we don't run out of food! There's a sign-up sheet in the Commons Area beside the water fountains.

## Clemmons United Methodist Church 2023 Financial Update\* Operating Fund Account

Donations Received through 12/23/23	\$934,748
Expenses Paid through 12/23/23	987,855
Net Loss 12/23/23	-53,107

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.

\* As of January 4, 2024 we do not have 2023 end-of-the-year figures due to contributions still arriving in the US mail. For more information, please contact Waynette Adamczak at 336-766-6375 ext 122.

## Living the Fullness of Christ

### Calendar of Events

Wed, Jan 10	6:00 p.m. Children's Choir 6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting	Sun, Jan 28	3:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 5:30 p.m. Clemmons:ONE Youth Meeting
Mon, Jan 15	Holiday- Church Office Closed	Tues, Jan 30	9:00 a.m. Quilting 10:00 a.m. Cycle of Grace Study 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study
Tues, Jan 16	9:00 a.m. Quilting 6:00 p.m. GAP Dinner Meet Up 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study	Wed, Jan 31	6:00 p.m. Children's Choir 6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Wed, Jan 17	6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting	Sun, Feb 4	7:30 a.m. Methodist Men Program & Breakfast 3:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 5:30 p.m. Clemmons:ONE Youth Meeting
Sun, Jan 21	10:45 a.m. Chili Luncheon - Jamaica Fundraiser 3:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 5:30 p.m. Clemmons:ONE Youth Meeting	Mon, Feb 5	6:45 p.m. Staff Parish Committee Meeting
Mon, Jan 22	11:30 a.m. Young at Heart Luncheon	Tues, Feb 6	9:00 a.m. Quilting 10:00 a.m. Cycle of Grace Study 5:30 p.m. GAP Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study
Tues, Jan 23	9:30 a.m. Quilting 10:00 a.m. Cycle of Grace Study 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Staff Parish Committee Meeting	Wed, Feb 7	6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting
Wed, Jan 24	6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting	<b>Sunday Service Times</b> 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	



**Mark your Calendars!** Our Ash Wednesday service will be held on Wednesday, February 14 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



**We're excited to announce that CUMC's church directory will be available next month!**





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The next newsletter will be sent out Feb. 7 and the deadline for articles to be submitted is Monday, Jan. 29. 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.



### January Dinner Meetup

**Tuesday, January 16 @ 6 p.m. | Los Muelles Mexican Seafood and Grill in Clemmons**

Los Muelles Mexican Seafood and Grill is located at 2391 Lewisville Clemmons Rd. in Clemmons. All are invited to our dinner meetups; just show up to enjoy a meal and fellowship. We hope to see you there!

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