

April 6, 2022



Clemmons

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ACTS... All Care to Share



Holy Week

April 10 | Palm Sunday

9:30 a.m. Potluck Breakfast ~ Ministry Center

Sign up potluck items online ([link](#)) or by calling the church office at 336-766-6375.

11 o'clock Easter Cantata ~ Sanctuary

There is only one service this day. Please note there will be no Elementary Sunday School or Worship Care. Nursery and preschool care will be available from 10:45 a.m. to 12 noon.

12:15 p.m. CUMC Kids Easter Egg Hunt ~ Picnic Shelter

April 14 | Holy Thursday: 7 p.m. ~ Love Feast and Communion ~ Ministry Center

Join us for a time to actively remember the Last Supper. We will worship through song, reading of Scripture, reflections on the Last Supper with Jesus, a simple meal and Holy Communion. There will also be an optional element in the service to serve by the action of washing one another's feet, just as Jesus did with His disciples. You may prayerfully observe or participate, depending on your comfort level and the Spirit's leading. All are invited to join around the table for this service of worship and remembrance.

April 15 | Good Friday: 9 a.m.–7 p.m. ~ Stations of the Cross ~ Outside

Walk our temporary Stations of the Cross for a reflective time of remembrance of Jesus' journey to the cross. Please look for the balloons near the front of the church where you will find a map with the location of each station.

April 17 | 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



April 10	Easter Cantata (There is only one service this day at 11 a.m.)	Dr. Bryon Grohman Festival Choir and Orchestra
April 17	"Easter Eternity"	Rev. John Fitzgerald John 20:1-18
April 24	"The Rest of the Story"	Dave Lee Psalm 46
May 1 communion	"Do You Love Me"	Rev. John Fitzgerald John 21:1-17
May 8	"Submit"	Rev. John Fitzgerald Ephesians 5:21-6:3



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

- Linda Riggsbee and family upon the death of her sister, Debbie Simon, on March 3, 2022.
- Joel Kimball and family upon the death of his sister, Patti Williams, on March 30, 2022.



Congratulations to Sarah Beth Keoleian and Austin Swanger upon their marriage on March 19, 2022. Sarah Beth is the daughter of Greg and Beth Keoleian.



Congratulations to TJ and Krystle McGown on the birth of their son, Jackson Reid McGown, on February 28, 2022. Proud grandparents are Tim and Karen McGown.



We want to thank our CUMC family for all the wonderful cards, calls, and words of comfort in the death of Tom's mother in February and for Tom's surgery in March. We truly appreciate all your gracious love and support.

— Tom and Donna Odom

From the Worship Planning Committee . . .

Share Your Mission or Ministry During Worship

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 Kathy Giff: giffk@clemmonsumc.org or 336-766-6375, ext. 145 to be placed on the MMM line-up.

Other Ways to Serve During Worship



The Worship Planning staff would love your help in **reading scripture** during either the 8:30 or 11 o'clock traditional worship services on Sunday mornings as a way to involve more of our congregants in ministry.



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 a.m. Traditional, 9:45 Connect, and 11 o'clock 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 a meaningful way. If you feel led to step up and participate in worship this way, please contact me.

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

Congregational Care: ways to care for each other

"Love one another as I have loved you."— John 15:12



Please take the opportunity to care for each other by writing a card or note of encouragement. If you are on campus on Sunday or during the week, please stop by the tables in the commons area and take advantage of the cards, address book and mailing opportunity. We are making it simple for you to show you care for each other.

If you are perhaps willing to visit our less active and mobile members, please let me know. I can offer suggestions, provide contact information, addresses and perhaps even directions. Or if you know someone who needs or desires a pastoral visit and perhaps communion, please let me know. We can make that happen!



Are you a prayer warrior? If so, please let me know if you would like to be added to our prayer team and Sunshine Card Ministry! You will receive a weekly prayer list for your intercessory prayer time.

Do you have a welcoming spirit and gift of hospitality? I would love to connect you with frequent visitors and new members to help them feel connected and welcomed at Clemmons UMC.

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

zoe empowers | CURRENT DONATIONS: \$2530

Remember: Youth Minister Amanda Batten has promised to kiss a pig in front of the church if we reach \$7,000 by Easter Sunday! If we reach \$10,000 she will sleep on the church roof.

The Zoe Lenten Challenge continues until Easter Sunday! You may make your donation by filling your Zoe box with change and placing it on the altar on Easter Sunday, or by sending your check to the church office at any time. Let's see which challenge we can meet . . . kiss the pig or sleep on the roof!

Guatemala Mission Building Team

The Guatemala Mission Building Team is scouting for new team members! If you feel that you are being called to serve our God Family in Guatemala this October, please contact either Cheryl Shaw (lornik@aol.com, 336-403-6966), Bart Shaw (bartkshaw@earthlink.net, 336-817-7325), or Kathy Giff (giffk@clemmonsumc.org). No skills are needed except the desire to serve the Lord!

Living the Fullness of Christ

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



Sisters in Christ is a group of women who meet weekly for Bible study, service projects, and fellowship. Their current study, "The Case for Easter," will continue through April 13. The next study, "The Prodigal Son" by John MacArthur, will begin on April 20. Jesus told a simple story about a father and his two sons – one rebellious and one self-righteous. This study provides fascinating insights into the parable and how each son could be a reflection of ourselves. Contact Linda Morgan (336-416-6814 or lmorgancrna@gmail.com) to order a study guide or for more information about the group.

Young at Heart | Monday, April 25 @ 11:30 a.m.



Young at Heart will meet on Monday, April 25 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. George "Trip" Payne, Attorney, will answer our questions about Wills and Trusts. He will cover: Why we need a will, What happens if we don't have a will, How often we should review our will, What's a Living Will, How changes in Estate Law in North Carolina might impact us, and answer any other questions you may have. We hope you will join the Young At Heart group of folks 60 years and over for this very important discussion. Lunch is provided at a cost of \$10 each. Please sign-up on the form provided in the Commons Area.

Small Group Opportunity for Women | May 8 @ 9:45 a.m.

Are you interested in being a part of a small group of Christian women? Do you 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? A fun way to connect with other women?

One of our CUMC members, Sylvia Benisek, is starting a small group for women of all ages and stages in their lives. The first meeting will be on Sunday, May 8 at 9:45 a.m. in Room A-203. Please email Sylvia at sylvie821@gmail.com if you are interested or have any questions.

Early Response Team (ERT) Training

The Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church has a Committee on Relief. This committee has three priorities: Readyng, Resourcing and Responding. Early Response Teams are designed to provide a caring Christian presence of relief and assistance within their own home, region, district, or conference. For anyone interested, a Basic ERT Training for the Yadkin Valley District is scheduled for Saturday, April 9 at Ardmore UMC in Winston-Salem. It will be held from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. and lunch will be provided. This class is mandatory for individuals who want to respond in the wake of a disaster. The cost is \$30. If you have questions or would like to register, contact Ben Rogers at brogers@wncumc.org.

CUMC Children's Ministry Updates

Palm Sunday Elementary Sunday School & Preschool Childcare

On Palm Sunday there will be NO ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL OR WORSHIP CARE. Families are encouraged to eat breakfast together at 9:30 and attend the Easter Cantata together at 11 o'clock. Worship Carts with activities are located outside of the Sanctuary. Nursery care and preschool childcare will be available from 10:45-12 noon.

Palm Branch Wavers Needed For Easter Cantata



Our annual CUMC 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 have them go to the Narthex at 10:45 a.m. to get their branch and line up. Parents of babies and young children are welcome to walk with their children to help them.

CUMC Kids Annual Easter Egg Hunt: 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 at 9:45 a.m. followed by the Easter Cantata in the Sanctuary. After the Cantata, 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.

VBS Volunteer & Camper Registration Opening Soon

We are so excited about VBS this summer. Plan to join us for a Food Truck Party on June 20-23. Volunteer Registration will open on April 4 and Camper Registration will open on April 18. VBS is open to rising Kindergartners through 6th graders. Nursery and preschool classes will be available to children of volunteers. Registration links can be found on the CUMC Kids church webpage.

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

Donations to Methodist Men's Scholarship Fund

Each year the United Methodist Men provide scholarships to some of our graduating seniors for their post-high school education. If you'd like to contribute to the scholarship fund, please send checks to the church office and note that your donation is for the UMM Scholarship Fund. If applicable, please let us know if your donation is in memory or in honor of someone. Thank you for your generosity to help allay some of those first-year expenses for our graduates.

Living the Fullness of Christ

Discipleship Committee News

To All Leaders of CUMC who are a part of one of the many community outreach connections, community support groups, international missions or statewide missions:

The Discipleship Committee, with the help of our staff, are asking for your help. June 5th is Pentecost Sunday, also known as the birthday of the Christian church. Traditionally the first Sunday in June is also recognition of high school graduates. This year, we are creating an amazing morning of *Being the Church!*

There will be one service at 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary led by Karen Stutzman, our Connect Praise Leader, and the praise band. Pastor John will preach and Amanda Batten will recognize our graduates. Senior tables, a long and wonderful tradition at CUMC, will be set up for viewing in the Commons Area.

Here's where you come in! We are planning an old-fashioned mission fair to give our congregation the opportunity to see all of the amazing ways we are the church in our local community, in our country, and in other countries in the world. There are so many ways we are being the hands and feet of Christ! We are asking each of you, with the support of your groups/teams, to create an information table to share about your outreach, your support, or your mission. Dream big! A tri-fold with pictures is great. Please have a person available to answer questions during the 11-11:30 a.m. time frame. The Discipleship Committee will provide a sign-up sheet for people interested in learning more about how to serve or support your group.

The church family will be asked to bring their own picnic and blanket for an old-fashioned church picnic outside on the back field to celebrate Pentecost and to fellowship together as one big happy family. A birthday cake will be provided for dessert as well as drinks! There will be games and perhaps a hot sauce competition (flames of fire) too!

Sound a little chaotic? Just imagine what the first Pentecost would have been like! Please respond to Kathy Giff if you can make your part happen on June 5th.

From the Staff-Parish Relations Committee . . .



The Staff Parish Relations Committee is excited and pleased to announce that our very own Ed Fisher has accepted the role of Media Ministries Coordinator. We are thrilled to have a very dedicated and committed member of our church in this role. Ed will be working with Abby Smith and Jackson Busic, our interim Technology Associates, to transition the role over the next several weeks. Please welcome Ed to the CUMC staff. We also want to express our appreciation to Abby and Jackson who served in the interim to fill the gap. They have done and continue to do an exceptional job and we are so very grateful for their service.



We also want to communicate with you that Kathy Giff has offered to take on the role of coordinating congregational care within our church. This was a gap that was created when Paula retired. We certainly have staff who are dedicated to certain ministries and Pastor John is available to us all, but if you are unsure of who to contact or not sure of the process to request care, please reach out to Kathy and she will make sure your need is met by sharing it with the appropriate staff member. We believe having a single point of contact for this coordination will make it easier and more efficient for our congregation as well as our staff. Thank you Kathy for seeing a need and stepping in to fill it.

Building a Faithful Financial Fortress

Tuesdays in April | 6:30–8:00 p.m. | Room A-205

Childcare provided if we know in advance

Each session stands alone, so come to one or all four seminars

The Stewardship Committee wants to give back by providing free seminars on financial education. "Building a Faithful Financial Fortress" is intended for anyone who wants to learn more about important financial life events. You may have seen the flyers in the Sunday bulletins or received an email about it.

Plan to attend one of the remaining Tuesday seminars:

April 12: Investment fundamentals—Jennifer Johnson from Three Magnolias Financial Advisors

April 19: Fundamentals of banking, money, and debt management—CUMC's Court Nealeans from Truist Bank

April 26: Estate plan fundamentals—Attorney Trip Payne from Kasper and Payne

We'll use materials from Financial Peace University and the Good Sense Budget Course. We'll also hear from experts who will share their experience and offer insights.

The seminars are free, but we request you sign up either online at www.clemmonsumc.org > Get Involved ([link](#)) or by contacting the church office: 336-766-6375; office@clemmonsumc.org.

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Shawcross at 336-817-9218 or whshawcross@gmail.com.

Clemmons United Methodist Church 2022 Financial Update Year to date results through April 3, 2022

Total Contributions and Other Receipts	354,536.57
Total Ministry Expenses and Disbursements	(318,178.71)
Increase in Financial Position for 2022	36,357.86
Bank Balance	407,141.24

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 May 4 and the deadline for articles to be submitted is Monday, April 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.



Fall Bazaar Scheduled for October 7 & 8!

The Bazaar Committee is excited to announce that the Fall Bazaar is scheduled for October 7 and 8 with a pre-bazaar work week beginning October 2. Please save the dates, save your donations, and save your time and energy to help others! Contact us at cumcbazaar@clemmonsumc.org with questions and to volunteer.

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