

October 6, 2021



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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[C:O] Clemmons:One Youth

Youth Dinner Sign-Ups: On Sunday evenings when our Clemmons:One youth meet, we have a combined dinner with both the High School and Middle School groups between 5:30 and 6 p.m. This is a wonderful time of fellowship amongst our Clemmons:One family as well as with our church family. Would you be interested in helping to provide a meal for our youth as an individual, family, Sunday School class, Covenant group, or other program of the church? If so, please contact me or sign up on our church home page for a specific date ([sign-up link](#)). We anticipate between 45-65 youth for dinner. I will reach out to each group providing dinner before their anticipated date with a more approximate number of youth and more specific details. Thank you for your support!

Clemmons:One Youth & CODA Invitation for 6th–12th graders: If you are interested in joining us on Sunday evenings for our youth programs, we would love to welcome you into our family! Our youth group meets most Sundays with High School meeting 4-5:30 p.m., a combined dinner 5:30-6 p.m., and Middle School 6-7:30 p.m. On most nights of our Clemmons:One youth program we will also have our CODA program running (Clemmons:One Drama and Arts). Our CODA program runs opposite of youth group, meaning our Middle School will meet for CODA 4-5:30 p.m. and High School will meet for CODA 6-7:30 p.m. Our CODA program is working on a Christmas drama to perform for our CUMC children. We would love for you to join us for youth group, CODA, or in the Clemmons:One praise band! Our Clemmons:One youth schedule is posted at www.clemmonsone.org.

Clemmons:One Events and Mission Trips: If you are interested in staying up-to-date with our Clemmons:One calendar, events, service projects, retreats, and mission trips, please visit our youth website at www.clemmonsone.org or our Facebook and Instagram social media pages. Sign-ups for our Summer 2022 mission trips are already filling up so make sure to check in and sign-up if interested in CCC:Overseas (Honduras) / CCC:Urban (Asheville) / CCC:Home Repair (Avery and Watauga counties).

Donations needed: Christmas Light Spectacular Fundraiser: Our Clemmons:One youth are holding our Christmas Light Spectacular from Dec. 10–12 for our Clemmons/Lewisville community. This event takes you on a walk down our CUMC prayer trail decorated from top to bottom with beautiful Christmas lights and decorations. Santa Claus will also be in attendance for some wonderful Christmas cheer, and this year we will have a live nativity to share in the wonderful story of our Savior's birth. Our fundraiser is in support of our CCC:Honduras mission trip from June 27–July 4, 2022. To make this wonderful weekend happen, we are in need of your help! Do you have any Christmas decorations that you would be willing to let us borrow or donate to our youth program? Also, do you have any generators that you would be willing to let us borrow or donate? As Christmas decorations start showing up on store shelves and as you clean out your storage and garages for the Fall, please keep our Christmas Light Spectacular in mind! Please reach out to me with any questions or donations.

—Amanda Batten, Minister of Youth and their Families (battenA@clemmonsumc.org)

Living the Fullness of Christ



Oct. 10	"The Greatest Shall Serve"	Rev. John Fitzgerald Mark 10:35-45
Oct. 17	"Children's Sunday"	Rev. Sara Smith Joshua 1:9
Oct. 24	"Now I See You"	Rev. John Fitzgerald Job 42:1-6
Oct. 31	"An Audience of One"	Rev. John Fitzgerald 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Nov. 7 communion	"All Saints Day"	Rev. John Fitzgerald Mark 14:12-24



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

- Vicki Hauser and family upon the death of her husband, David Hauser, on September 9, 2021.
- Melissa Kelly and family upon the death of her father, Dwight Colin Kelly, on September 16, 2021.
- Doug Owen and family upon the death of his mother, Viola Owen, on September 23, 2021.
- Ruby Watson and family upon the deaths of her sisters: Rachel Ward on August 29 and Sylvia Ketner on September 29, 2021.



Congratulations to Ali Kathryn Ranson and Samuel Bradford Soots who were united in marriage on September 17. Ali is the daughter of Jerry and Karen Ranson.

Thank You

A big thank you to all who attended the Adult Ministry Committee's 60+ outing to the Winston-Salem Dash on Thursday, September 9. Special thanks to Jay Clapp and David Mooneyham for driving the church buses and getting us there and back! We had a wonderful time. The evening was perfect and we were treated to an unexpected double-header! And by the way, the Dash came back and won the second game! January is coming and we hope to get together again then. Our committee welcomes any and all ideas for our winter get-together, so please let us know what you would like to do by emailing Janie Hackney at hackneyjanie@yahoo.com. We welcome your input!

– Adult Ministry Committee 60+

New Covenant Partner Class

If you know someone who may be interested in Clemmons UMC, please let them know of our upcoming New Covenant Partner Class. Covenant Partnership is their way to join us in ministry!

Our Fall class begins on October 10 from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. around the tables in the Commons Area. The group will meet for five sessions for ***A Journey of Learning Together***.

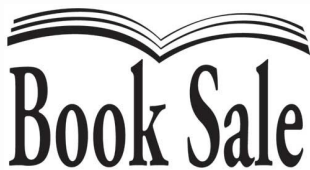
- **Oct. 10** (First Session): Learning about Each Other, led by Kathy Giff
- **Oct. 17** (Second Session): Learning about Being a Christian and a Methodist, led by Chris and John Fitzgerald
- **Oct. 24** (Third Session): Learning about Clemmons UMC, led by Tammy Clapp
- **Oct. 31** (Fourth Session): Learning about Ourselves, led by Kathy Giff
- **Nov. 7** (Fifth Session): Learning about the Vows of Covenant Partnership, led by Kathy Giff

To learn more about Covenant Partnership (membership), please contact Kathy Giff, Equipping & Discipleship Minister, at giffK@clemmonsumc.org or 336-766-6375 ext.145. You may sign up for the Fall New Covenant Partnership class on the church website ([sign-up link](#)).

Confirmation for 6th or 7th Graders

Is your sixth or seventh grader ready to learn more about the Christian faith and his/her own faith journey? Consider enrolling them in our three-year Confirmation ministry. Our Confirmation Team is excited to be planning for the 2022 sessions meeting in January and February with retreats in late February and March. Pastor Sara Smith will facilitate our first-year group as they learn about the basics of the Christian story. Kathy Giff and Tammy Clapp, with the help of Pastor John Fitzgerald, will lead the second-year group through the core beliefs, practices, and emphases of United Methodist Christians; and Amanda Batten will guides our third-year group through an exploration of the vows they will take if they choose to be confirmed as full covenant partners. Adult mentors/faith friends travel on this three-year journey with the confirmands.

To register your youth or to ask questions, please contact Kathy Giff, Equipping and Discipleship Minister at giffK@clemmonsumc.org or 336-766-637, ext. 145.



Sunday, Oct. 17
9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Conference Room and Parlor

The year 2020 was not only difficult for people, it was hard on our Food for Thought bookstore books! Their pages have yellowed and their covers have curled, but their content and message are still intact, so the Discipleship Committee decided to hold a Book Sale. It will be held 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 17 in the Conference Room and Parlor. Great prices! Great books! The proceeds of this sale will go to the Operating Fund.

CUMC Children's Ministry Updates

Children's Sunday: Oct. 17 during the 11 o'clock service

Come and join us in supporting the Children's Ministry as the children take over leading our morning service.



Trunk or Treat Candy Collection: Oct . 10–24

We will be collecting candy to pass out at this year's Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat. Please place your candy donations in the bins located in the Commons Area and inside the Ministry Center doors.

Trunk or Treat Sign-Ups

Would you like to participate in this year's Trunk or Treat (see below) by decorating your car and handing out candy? For more information or to sign up, please contact Pastor Sara or visit the church website: www.clemmonsumc.org > Get Involved > CUMC Kids ([sign-up link](#)).



Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat Fundraiser: Thursday, Oct. 28 @ 5–7 p.m.

Come support the CUMC Children's Ministry and Preschool at our Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat Fundraiser. \$5 per person with a \$20 family maximum. Your ticket gets you a hot dog supper and access to games, prizes, a bounce house, and trunk or treating. The food and game area will be open from 5–6 p.m. At 6 p.m. we will have a costume parade as we walk over to trunk or treat together.

CUMC Kids 5th Sunday Family Worship & Lunch: Oct. 31

In lieu of traditional children & youth Sunday School, on 5th Sundays we invite families to worship together at the 9:45 Connect Service in the Fellowship Hall, and then join us at the picnic shelter for a picnic lunch. RSVP on the church website ([RSVP link](#)) so we can plan on having enough food for everyone. Nursery & Preschool care will still be provided in the children's wing.



CUMC Kids Friendsgiving Dinner: Nov. 5 @ 6 p.m.

It is the season of caring and friendship. What better way to celebrate than with a CUMC Children's Ministry family meal. To keep everything COVID-friendly, families will have their own table during meal time. Each meal will be individually boxed as well. After the meal there will be a story time and fun thanksgiving games and crafts. Sign-ups will come out soon.

—Pastor Sara Smith, Children and Family Minister (smithS@clemmonsumc.org)

CUMPK Scholarships



Clemmons United Methodist Preschool and Kindergarten (CUMPK) is weathering the COVID storm well in many ways! We are open this year for two-year-olds through kindergarten and they are all so excited to be back in school, even in masks. Classes are full, although they are smaller to allow for social distancing. We are still offering scholarships to those who are in need and this is where the Preschool Ministry could use your help! Sunday School classes, Bible study groups, or anyone who love little ones, please prayerfully consider claiming a month to cover the discrepancy of \$360 for lost income. Having to close for COVID in 2020, as well as only having fours and older last year, has made the financial need to cover the loss more urgent. We thank you in advance and you can reach out to me if you have any questions!

— Tammy Clapp, Coordinator of Weekday Ministries
Clemmons United Methodist Preschool and Kindergarten
336-766-9593 | clappT@clemmonsumc.org

Sisters in Christ



Sisters in Christ is a women's group that meets for Bible study, fellowship, and outreach projects. They will begin a six-week study, "The Rock, the Road, and Rabbi," on Oct. 27 through Dec. 8. Kathie Lee Gifford and Rabbi Jason Sobel, a messianic Jewish rabbi, provide a deeper understanding of Jesus and his life through knowledge of the original Hebrew and Greek text along with actually seeing the ancient paths of Israel. Please join Sisters in Christ for this insightful journey. Contact Linda Morgan (336-416-6814 or lmorgancrna@gmail.com) for more information or to sign up for a study guide.



Praise Team Rehearsals

Praise team rehearsals are held on alternating Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and all are welcome to attend and/or join. This month the praise team will rehearse on Oct. 13 and 27. Bring an instrument or simply your voice and come join in!

*We are looking to add brass (trumpet, trombone) or string (violin, cello) instruments to our band for special occasions. If you or someone you know plays, please contact Praise Leader Karen Stutzman at stutzmanK@clemmonsumc.org.

Living the Fullness of Christ

Calendar of Events

Mon, Oct 11	7:00 p.m. GriefShare 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Mtg 7:00 p.m. Staff Parish Committee Mtg.	Wed, Oct 27	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Nominations Committee Mtg
Tues, Oct 12	9:30 a.m. Quilting 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study	Thurs, Oct 28	5:00 p.m. Fall Festival & Truck or Treat
Wed, Oct 13	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Nominations Committee Mtg.	Sun, Oct 31	9:45 a.m. New Covenant Partner Class 11:00 a.m. Children's Ministry Family Meal
Sun, Oct 17	9:45 a.m. New Covenant Partner Class	Mon, Nov 1	7:00 p.m. GriefShare 7:00 p.m. Leadership Board/Charge Conference
Mon, Oct 18	7:00 p.m. GriefShare	Tues, Nov 2	9:30 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study
Tues, Oct 19	9:30 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study	Wed, Nov 3	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Wed, Oct 20	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Nominations Committee Mtg	Fri, Nov 5	6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Family Meal
Sun, Oct 24	9:45 a.m. New Covenant Partner Class	Sun, Nov 7	7:30 a.m. Methodist Men Breakfast & Program 9:45 a.m. New Covenant Partner Class
Mon, Oct 25	7:00 p.m. GriefShare	Sunday Service Times 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	
Tues, Oct 26	9:30 a.m. Quilting Group 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study	Clemmons:One Youth Events: www.clemmonsone.org .	

Charge Conference on November 1

Our annual charge conference meeting will take place immediately following the Leadership Board meeting on Monday, November 1 at 7 p.m. Both of these meetings will take place on Zoom with the same link. During the charge conference, pastors' salary and leadership board nominations will be presented. Other reports available are Trustees, Parsonage, Safe Sanctuary, Finance, Apportionments, Proposed Budget and Fund Balance Report (Audit). Charge conferences are open meetings in the United Methodist Church. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 336-766-6375 for more information and the Zoom link.

Clemmons United Methodist Church 2021 Financial Update
Year-to-date results through Sept. 25, 2021

Total Contributions and Other Receipts	776,505.87
Total Ministry Expenses and Disbursements	(932,602.83)
Decrease in Financial Position for 2021	(156,096.96)
Bank Balance (operating and special funds)	242,226.17

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.

The following was emailed to the congregation on Sept. 20, 2021:

Dear CUMC Family and Friends,

As we come out of the summer months and enter into the fall quarter, Clemmons United Methodist Church is behind in our financial giving. More specifically, we are \$129,000 (*as of 9/20/21*) behind where we need to be at this time. Because we received a Payroll Protection Plan government grant during the pandemic shutdown, our checking account at this time is down \$22,000. \$22,000 is a reachable goal, but what we really need to do is prayerfully consider giving to the operating fund of our church. If we pull together at this time, we can put ourselves in a position where we will have a strong finish for the year. Please remember that we will not have the Payroll Protection Plan grant in 2022. This means that we need to give now in order to put ourselves in a stronger position for the upcoming year.

There are many ways that you can give. You may mail offerings to the church office (P.O. Box 829, Clemmons, NC 27012), drop offerings by the church office, place offerings in the baskets on Sunday morning, or give in other ways outlined at www.clemmonsumc.org/give.

Let's all prayerfully consider giving to the operating fund of our church. If we pull together now, we can make 2022 our best year yet.

In Christ,
John Fitzgerald

Thank you to those who have answered the call to give to the operating fund. We appreciate you.



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The next newsletter will be sent out Nov. 3 and the deadline for articles to be submitted is Monday, Oct. 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's Stephen Ministry is made up of caring individuals who have each completed a minimum of 50 hours of training in listening and helping others determine solutions to problems. Stephen Ministers are assigned by the same gender to those who are referred or are self-referred to this program. Confidentiality is paramount. Stephen Ministers do not acknowledge their Care Receivers or their situations to others, but Care Receivers are free to speak out if they wish. Could you or someone you know benefit from a Stephen Minister's help through a difficult time? If so, please contact Rev. Sara Smith at smithS@clemmonsumc.org or call the church office at 336-766-6375.

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