

January 4, 2023



Clemmons

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ACTS... All Care to Share

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Sunday Preaching Schedule

Jan. 8	“Baptism of the Lord Sunday”	Rev. John Fitzgerald Matthew 3:13-17
Jan. 15	“Dividing Walls”	Rev. John Fitzgerald Ephesians 2:11-22
Jan. 22	“Follow Me”	Amanda Batten Matthew 4:12-23
Jan. 29	“Blessed – Part 1”	Rev. John Fitzgerald Matthew 5:1-12
Feb. 5 communion	“Blessed – Part 2”	Rev. John Fitzgerald Matthew 5:1-12



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

- Ximena Nunez and family upon the death of her father-in-law on December 13, 2022.
- Ginny Walton and family upon the death of her brother, Jonathan Radford, on December 14, 2022.
- Eveline Smart and family upon the death of her mother, Terry Laraia, on December 11, 2022.
- Kyla Sipprell and family upon the death of her father, Kyle Jones, on December 18, 2022.

Thank You Notes

Dear Church Family, my family and I deeply appreciate your expression of sympathy. We are grateful for friends like you at this time of sorrow. In Christ, Judy Wood.

Thank you Clemmons UMC for your incredible response to our Angel Tree this year. With your help we were able to share Christmas Joy and Love with 25 families within our local community. Thank you to those who donated money, gave gifts, wrapped presents, sorted presents, and helped deliver presents to families. We could not have done it without you. One family shared with us that they have never been able to give their child (who is 5) presents on Christmas. Because of your generosity that child was able to open gifts for the first time this year. What a blessing each of you are to so many! –*Pastor Sara Smith*

Clemmons UMC's staff is grateful for the love offerings, gifts, cards, luncheons and many other ways our congregation made our Christmas special. We are blessed.



Congratulations to Hannah and Eric Proctor upon the birth of their daughter, Claudia Clare Proctor, on December 15, 2022!

Committees Reporting to the Leadership Board

Trustee Committee

Chair: Jeff Meadows
Staff: David Mooneyham

Columbarium Foundation:

Tom Miller (Chair), Tom Odom, John Smith

Finance Committee

Chair: Ray Barnes
Treasurer: Court Nealeans
Financial Secretary: Scott Seagle
Liaison with SPRC: Aaron Rodgers
Staff: Waynette Adamczak

CUMC Foundation:

Ray Barnes, Roger Bear, Vince Gallo,
Bill McGee, Court Nealeans, Mackay Salley

Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Chair: Lynn Kennedy
Liaison with Finance: Aaron Rodgers
Staff: John Fitzgerald

Nominations Committee

Chair: John Fitzgerald

MOST Committee

Chair: Pam Davis
Staff: Kathy Giff

Worship Committee

Chair: Martha Mayse
Staff: Amanda Batten, John Fitzgerald, Kathy Giff,
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Communications/Technology Committee

Chair: Linda Shawcross
Staff: Ed Fisher and Amy Griffin

Children's Ministry Committee

Chair: Cristina Batista Paterson
Staff: Sara Smith

Youth Ministry Committee

Chair: Abby Smith
Staff: Amanda Batten
Youth Leaders: Tom Miller, Sylvia Benisek

Senior Adult Ministry Committee

Chair: Janie Hackney
Staff: Barbara Turner

GAP Committee

Chairs: Suzanne Howard and Jennifer Rogers
Staff: Kathy Giff and Karen Stutzman

Stewardship Committee

Chair: Lawrence Fletcher
Staff: John Fitzgerald

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 .

The GAP Committee's Fun Offerings to Kick Off 2023



Women's Book Study Starting January 10! Join us for an eight-week study of the book *Find Your People* by Jennie Allen, available on Amazon ([link](#)). This study is open to women of all ages and will meet in Room A-203 on Tuesdays from 7-8 p.m. beginning January 10. Please contact Suzanne Howard at timandsuz@triad.rr.com if you have any questions. You may sign up on the church website [here](#).



Skip cooking dinner and connect with fellow church members for a meal out on the 4th Wednesday of every month, starting January 25. It will be a great opportunity to meet new people, socialize with old friends, and sample local restaurants.

Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say

A five-week study of the book by Adam Hamilton
Thursdays, January 12–February 9 from 4:30–6 p.m. via Zoom

Join this book study where Adam Hamilton explores popular sayings that miss the point. They are simple phrases: “God helps those who help themselves,” “Love the sinner, hate the sin,” and others. They sound Christian – like something you might find in the Bible. We’ve all heard these words. Maybe we’ve said them. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways. Discover the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés with the wisdom found in Scripture.

The Chapters in *Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say*: 1. Everything Happens for a Reason; 2. God Helps Those Who Help Themselves; 3. God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle; 4. God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It; 5. Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin.

You may purchase the book online at Christianbook.com ([link](#)) or Amazon.com ([link](#)). Please note we are using the “regular” version, not the youth version.

This study will be facilitated by Dave Lee and Gayle Lacey. Contact Dave at davidmlee2006@aol.com if you have questions. He will provide Zoom information to participants the week before the class starts.

Jamaica Chili Lunch Fundraiser on Sunday, January 15

After a two-year break from their mission due to COVID, the Jamaica Building Team will return to Jamaica in February 2023 to work on the Cloisters Methodist Youth Camp and Conference Center located in St. Ann, Jamaica. They will expand the kitchen and clean up the sleeping areas so the center can reopen. They were locked down worse in Jamaica than we were here in the US and the camp has fallen into major disrepair. With the Building Team improvements, they can begin having events again where Jamaicans, both young and old, can gather together in fellowship.



On January 15 we'll have a Chili Lunch Fundraiser in the Fellowship Hall. It will start right after the Connect service with take-out or dine in. There will be a variety of chili as well as "kid friendly" sandwiches. We haven't attempted a lunch fundraiser since COVID so we hope everyone will come out and support our mission. The donations we receive will be used to purchase the building materials needed for the group's February mission trip. We cannot accomplish this mission without your support and help, so we are looking forward to seeing you on the 15th for some delicious chili and fellowship!

Want to support the Jamaican Building Team trip but can't come to the fundraiser? Please consider making a donation to the Jamaica Mission Special Fund by sending your check to the church office.

Spring Disaster Response Building Team

Our neighbors in Cruso and Canton in Western NC are still struggling to rebuild from the flood damage from tropical storm Fred that hit the area in August 2021. Many homes have been repaired, but a lot of work remains. Some homes were totally destroyed. Our Western NC UMC Disaster Response team needs our help to complete repairs and to build seven new homes. We have scheduled a mission trip for our Clemmons UMC team for the week of April 16–21. If you are interested in joining us or want additional information, please contact Al Burchett at 336-918-3214 or alburchett@live.com.

Support Groups at Clemmons UMC

Clemmons UMC offers the following support groups for our church family as well as those in the community. More details are on our church website under Community Outreach.



DivorceCare is a welcoming place of growth, care, and healing. Attendees have the opportunity to learn from others in the group as well as hear from our trained facilitators. The meetings are video-driven with time for discussion afterward. DivorceCare provides counsel to manage the emotional turmoil and practical tools for decision-making. The group will meet Wednesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. in Room A-210 starting January 11 an you may register [here](#).



PAL Program: Parents with a child addicted to drugs and/or alcohol can find hope in a support program called Parents of Addicted Loved-ones (PAL). The PAL at Clemmons UMC meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in Ministry Center Room A-203.

2022 Mission Outreach Support Team Report

In 2022, we were able to grant \$18,700 to the following agency partners in our community.

- Clemmons Food Pantry: Of the \$16,700 requested in November, we were able to grant \$3,000. This grant will be revisited in 2023. Funds came from the MOST Special Fund.
- Watchmen of the Streets: Of the \$15,000 requested in January, we were able to grant the full amount in two payments during the year. \$2,600 came from MOST Special Fund and \$12,400 from the Miscellaneous Missions/Operating Budget.
- YMCA Bright Beginnings: Of the \$2,000 requested in May, we gave \$700 from MOST Special Fund. The adult Sunday school classes donated \$1,300.

We were also able to grant \$14,500 to our foreign mission/building teams.

- Guatemala Building and Mission Team: Of the \$12,000 requested in May for building supplies, we were able to grant the full amount. Funds came from the Miscellaneous Missions/Operating Budget.
- Jamaica Building Team: Of the \$2,500 requested in November, we were able to grant the full amount. Funds came from MOST Special Fund.

MOST was also able to provide scholarships totaling \$4,100.

- Guatemala Building and Mission Team: One team member requested and received a full scholarship. A second team member requested and received a partial scholarship.
- Jamaica Building Team: One team member requested and received a full scholarship.

MOST approved the following fundraisers.

- Zoe Lenten Challenge: Held from mid-February until Easter.
- CUMC Fall Bazaar: Held in early October.
- Clemmons: One Pumpkin Patch: Held for the month of October.
- CUMP/K and CUMC Children Ministry Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat: Held at the end of October.
- Guatemala Building and Mission Team Sale of Goods: Held two consecutive Sundays, one in November and one in December
- Clemmons: One Lights Spectacular: Held three consecutive nights in mid-December.

MOST also approved a grant to provide seed money for the 2022 Fall Bazaar in the amount of \$5,000.

The Mission Outreach Support Team would like to thank Sylvia Benisek and Kenny Culver for their three years of service on our committee. You're the best! We look forward to welcoming new team members Chris Barnes, Keith Currie, Mary DePuy, Corey Galbaugh, and Tim Howard at our February 15th meeting!

CUMC Children's Ministry Updates



5th Sunday Family Worship, Lunch & Mission Project: January 29

Join us at the 9:45 Connect Praise Service. After worship we will eat lunch together. Lunch will be chicken pie, salad, fruit, and cookies. After lunch we will join together to pack "To Go Bags" for the Overnight Women's Shelter at St. Timothy's. Invite a friend. We can't wait to see you there!



Parent's Night Out: Friday, February 10 @ 5:30–8pm

The theme for our next Parent's Night Out is GLOW GAMES. Children will eat dinner together, play on the playground with flashlights and glowsticks, complete a mission project, and play indoor games that glow in the dark. We will end the night watching a show on the big screen together. This PNO is open to children ages 3 years–5th grade. Registration opens Jan. 17 and you can sign up online [here](#) beginning Jan. 17.



Parent's Night Out Volunteers Needed for February 10

We need your help to make our next Parent's Night Out a success! We are looking for volunteers to help set up (4-5 p.m.), clean up (8-9 p.m.), and lead rotations (5:30-8 p.m.). This is a great way to spend time with the children of the church and have fun! More information can be found through the sign up link ([here](#)) at on the church website.

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

Sisters in Christ



Sisters in Christ is a women's group who meet for Bible study, fellowship, and participation in service projects. They will begin the new year on January 18 with a six-week study "You Are Never Alone" by Max Lucado. God's presence and power are nearer than we think. We need only look to the miracles of Jesus as told in the Gospel of John to know this is true. Please contact Linda Morgan at 336-416-6814 or lmorgancrna@gmail.com if you have any questions.

United Methodist Men



The United Methodist Men are a group of men in all ages and stages of life who love serving their church, their world, and growing closer to God together. They generally meet the first Sunday of each month in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast and a program. In cases of holidays, like New Year's Day, they meet the following Sunday. The next meeting is Sunday, January 8, at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please join them!

60+ Senior Adult Ministry

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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY EVENT

February 11, 2023

Ministry Center Fellowship Hall

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

More Details to Follow!

Clemmons United Methodist Church 2022 Financial Update
Year to date results through December 31, 2022

Total Contributions and Other Receipts	1,526,661.65
Total Ministry Expenses and Disbursements	(1,485,782.20)
Increase in Financial Position for 2022	40,879.45
Bank Balance	411,612.83

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.

Calendar of Events

Sun, Jan 8	7:30 a.m. Methodist Men Breakfast & Program 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Family Covenant & Potluck	Tues, Jan 24	9:00 a.m. Quilting 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry 7:00 p.m. John's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Find Your People Bible Study
Mon, Jan 9	7:00 p.m. Leadership Board Meeting	Wed, Jan 25	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ Bible Study 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Divorce Care 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Tues, Jan 10	9:00 a.m. Quilting 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry 7:00 p.m. Find Your People Bible Study 7:00 p.m. John's Bible Study	Sun, Jan 29	3:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
Wed, Jan 11	7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Divorce Care	Tues, Jan 31	9:00 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. John's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Find Your People Bible Study
Sun, Jan 15	9:30 a.m. Knocking on Heaven's Door 10:45 a.m. Jamaica Fundraiser Luncheon	Wed, Feb 1	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ Bible Study 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Divorce Care
Mon, Jan 16	Holiday – Church Office Closed	Sun, Feb 5	7:30 a.m. Methodist Men Breakfast & Program 3:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
Tues, Jan 17	9:00 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. John's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Find Your People Bible Study	Sunday Service Times 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service ~ Sanctuary 9:45 a.m. Connect Worship Service ~ Ministry Center 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service ~ Sanctuary	
Wed, Jan 18	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Divorce Care 7:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Committee Mtg.	Clemmons:One Youth Events: www.clemmonsone.org .	
Sun, Jan 22	3:30 p.m. Confirmation Class		
Mon, Jan 23	11:30 a.m. 60+ Group Luncheon		



Would you like to sponsor altar flowers in 2023? If you'd like to place altar flowers in memory or in honor of someone, or to celebrate an event, please contact Amy Griffin at griffinA@clemmonsumc.org or 336-766-6375 x. 121. The cost is \$35 and you are welcome to take the arrangement home following the last worship service. Most dates are open this quarter.



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The next newsletter will be sent out Feb. 1 and the deadline for articles to be submitted is Monday, Jan. 30. 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.



Are you in need of support? CUMC's Stephen Ministers provide confidential one-on-one Christ-centered support and care for those experiencing life's difficulties. If you are interested in seeing if a Stephen Minister is right for you, please contact Pastor John Fitzgerald (fitzgeraldJ@clemmonsumc.org) or Pam Brown (pamb1065@hotmail.com).

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Children's Ministry	Sara Smith	Ext 141
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