

September 6, 2023



Clemmons

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ACTS... All Care to Share

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

World Communion Day & Stewardship Campaign Kickoff

9–11 A.M. CATERED BREAKFAST/MISSION AND MINISTRY FAIR

ONE SERVICE AT 11 O’CLOCK WITH HOLY COMMUNION

On Sunday, October 1, we will celebrate World Communion Day and the kickoff of our 2023 Stewardship Campaign.

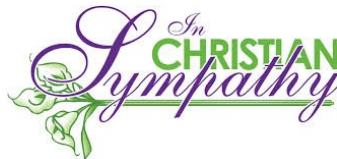
The Stewardship Committee will host a catered breakfast and a Mission and Ministry Fair from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Ministry Center Fellowship Hall. The idea is to bring us together as a church to celebrate the MANY ways we are in ministry and mission as a church family. The breakfast will be strolling one—grab a plate of finger foods and move about the space to learn and to visit.

At 11 o’clock, we will have a unity service in the Sanctuary that includes the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Please join us!

Sunday Preaching Schedule

September 10	“Conflict Resolved”	Rev. John Fitzgerald Matthew 18:15-20
September 17	“Forever Forgiving”	Rev. John Fitzgerald Matthew 18:21-35
September 24	“Paul’s Prison Ponderings”	Rev. John Fitzgerald Philippians 1:21-30
October 1 communion	“Good Stewards” (one service; see cover page)	Rev. John Fitzgerald 1 Peter 4:10



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

- Doug Gardner and family upon the death of his mother, Karen Diedrich Gardner, on July 26.
- The family of Jane Lewis upon her death on August 8.
- Nora Hensley and family upon the death of her husband, Bob Hensley, on August 12.
- Kay Hutchens and family upon the death of her brother, Howard Hickman, on August 18.
- The family of Sandra Woodard upon her death on August 25.



Congratulations to Christian and Tori Keoleian who were united in marriage on August 12. Christian is the son of Greg and Beth Keoleian.



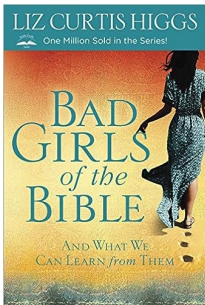
Clemmons-Lewisville Action for Student Success (CLASS) wants to thank this congregation for providing amazing support to students in our community through your generous donations of school supplies and hygiene items, as well as monetary donations. Over 130 students were able to choose a backpack and fill it with school supplies at a No Cost Back-to-School Event, all because of your generosity! The social worker and guidance counselor at Ward Elementary School now have a well-stocked hygiene pantry to support their students. Collection will continue through September so that we can help other schools in our community.

With great appreciation,
Kathy Giff and Lexi Scoggin

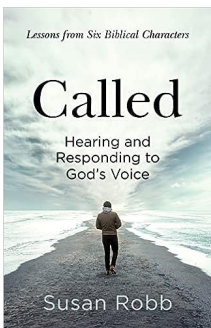
Returning Study Groups



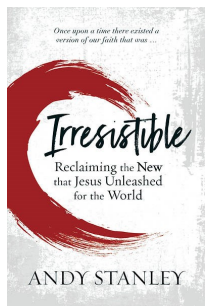
Pastor John's Tuesday Night Bible Study has returned on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The link is available at clemmonsumc.org > Get Involved > Pastor's Bible Study. ([link](#))



Women's Tuesday Book Study resumes on Tuesday, September 12 from 7 to 8 p.m. in Room A-205. They will be reading *Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn From Them* by Liz Curtis Higgs, available on most online bookstores ([link](#)). This study will run through November 14.



Thursday Afternoon Bible study begins September 21 from 4:30-6 p.m. via Zoom. The six-week study, *Called: Hearing and Responding to God's Voice* ([link](#)) by Susan Robb, examines the lives of six seemingly ordinary biblical persons – Abraham, Samuel, Esther, Mary Magdalene, Jonah, and the beloved disciple – and how God interrupted them by calling and empowering them to lives of service that they could never have imagined on their own! More importantly, participants will also discover how to hear and respond to God's unique call on each of our lives to bring hope and transformation to the world. Please contact Jennifer Rogers at jennifer.rogers@developmentocean.com or 336-830-1927 for details.



Sisters in Christ

Sisters in Christ is a women's group that meets on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. They resumed meeting on September 6 and, on September 13, will begin a six-week study titled *Irresistible: Reclaiming the New that Jesus Unleashed for the World* by Andy Stanley. For more information, please contact Linda Morgan at 336-416-6814.

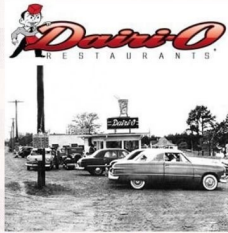
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Fall Women's Retreat
September 15 - 17, 2023

For more information or to sign up, contact Jennifer Rogers at
336-830-1927 or jennifer.rogers@developmentocean.com

Women of Clemmons UMC, we have some additional spaces available for a weekend full of rest and fellowship. If you are interested in attending and would like more information, please contact Jennifer Rogers at 336-830-1927 or jennifer.rogers@developmentocean.com.

GAP DINNER MEETUPS - 6:00 PM CELEBRATING AMERICAN CLASSICS



September 19
6325 Clemmons Point Dr.
Clemmons



October 17
6305 Allegacy Way
Clemmons

FRIDAY FILL UP

Ladies time of fellowship and devotional to
kick off the weekend.



3560 Clemmons Rd Suite B, Clemmons, NC 27012

Support Groups

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

- **DivorceCare** meets Wednesdays until December 13 (except November 22), from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room A-210. For more information, please visit clemmonsumc.org/divorcecare or divorcecare.org.
- **PAL (Parents of Addicted Loved Ones)** meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Room A-203. More information is on our church website ([link](#))

Welcome!

May all who enter as guests, leave as friends.

New Opportunity to Serve: Coming to a church for the first time can be daunting. Not to mention confusing. Most churches have multiple entrances and added-on buildings. As we see an increase in the number of new people visiting our church on Sunday mornings, we recognize a need for greeters at the entrance to the Ministry Center from 10:30 to 11 a.m. If you are interested in sharing your love for our church and for others, please contact Kathy Giff at giffk@clemonsunc.org or 336-766-6375, ext.145.

A New Opportunity to Serve with CLASS

2023-2024 School Year Lunch Buddy Program

We are looking for 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! You can help shape a child's future for the better by empowering them to achieve. And the best part of being a Lunch Buddy is it's actually a lot of fun!

The Lunch Buddy Program is typically a 1:1 mentoring program (sometimes 1:2) that meets during the lunch period on a weekly basis. Training and support are provided. Programs take place at Morgan and Ward Elementary in Clemmons and Lewisville Elementary in Lewisville.

If you are curious or already committed, please join us for a training and interest session on Thursday, September 21 at 7 p.m. in Room A-204. Contact: Lexi Scoggin at ascoggin2@gmail.com.

The Clemmons and Lewisville Action for Student Success (CLASS) 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.

Children's Department Volunteers Needed!

—Enter to Win a free week in the NC Mountains—

Sign up for a Nursery or Sunday School slot in the Children's Department for Fall 2023 and automatically enter a chance to win a FREE WEEK in the NC Mountains! Your name will be entered every time you volunteer. The cabin sleeps eight, has a real wood-burning fireplace, outdoor fire pit, outdoor hot tub, spectacular views, and is close to Stone Mountain, NC, with excellent hiking trails, waterfalls, and trophy trout streams. Drawing will take place on December 24, just in time for Christmas. A link to sign up is on the home page of the church's website ([link](#)).

Living the Fullness of Christ

60+ Adults

Hi to all of my 60+ folks! During the remainder of 2023 and most of 2024, instead of having monthly luncheons with a program, we will be venturing out and taking local and possibly some overnight trips! Below are some of the planned outings. Sign-up sheets and additional information are on the Commons Area table next to the water fountains.

Friday, Sept. 15 Reynolda House

*Sign-up Deadline
Monday, Sept. 11*

In September, we've planned a tour of the Reynolda House to learn about the mysterious death of Zachary "Smith" Reynolds. To this day, it is not known whether Smith, a 20-year-old heir and renowned aviator, died by suicide, accident, or murder. At this time, plans are to take the 10 a.m. tour and have lunch on the grounds.

Thursday, Oct. 19 Ghost Walking Tour

*Sign-up Deadline
Sunday, Oct. 1*

In October, the month of ghosts and goblins, we will go on a Ghost Walking Tour of Winston Salem's Historic West "Endings." This is a 90-minute tour guided by the eerie glow of candlelight. You'll learn about local history, haunts, superstitious customs, and sites where some of Winston Salem's former residents continue to have an everlasting presence. Plans at this time are to meet at the church at 4 p.m., go to dinner, then join the tour at roughly 7 p.m. Details will be finalized closer to the date.

Thursday, Dec. 7 Old Salem Candle Tea

*Sign-up Deadline
Sunday, Sept. 10*

In December, we'll go to Old Salem's Candle Tea. The tour is approximately 90 minutes and includes an introduction, a carol singing in the saal accompanied by the 1787 pipe organ, a candle-making demonstration, the putz (miniature historic Salem scene), and the Nativity. The cost is \$8.50 per person, paid to the church. Note: Old Salem's historic buildings are not handicapped accessible, and there are at least three steep flights of stairs.

Please sign up for each activity you think you might be interested in attending, and then I'll be able to give the venue a "more or less" head count. Signing up now doesn't mean you're obligated to go. After I'm able to give you more specific information, I'll then ask for your confirmation that you're going. Please call me for any questions and ideas for future outings.

—Barbara Turner, 60+ Adults Ministries (bturner1@triad.rr.com / 336-408-0522.)

Collecting Shoes/Luggage for Guatemala Mission Trip



The 2023 Guatemala Mission Building Team is collecting gently used (not worn-out) and new shoes for our October mission trip. We accept men's, women's, and children's shoes up to adult size 8 (38 Eur). Donations may be placed in the Guatemala Mission bin in the Fellowship Hall. We are also in need of donations of a few LARGE pieces of luggage in which to pack the shoes for the trip. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Giff (giffk@clemmonsumc.org) or Cheryl Shaw (lornik@aol.com). Donations will be accepted until September 30. Thank you!

Chancel Choir Invitation

Your voice matters, and there's a place for you in the choir. We are excited to extend an invitation to all who have a passion for music and a desire to worship together through choral singing. We warmly welcome ALL levels of talent. Join us in the music room (A-207) for rehearsal every Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. as we gather to create beautiful music and grow together spiritually. Don't worry if you haven't sung in years; the choir is a place where everyone is welcome regardless of his or her singing background. Youth through older adults are encouraged to participate. Whether you wish to sing at the 8:30 or 11:00 Sunday service, come and discover the harmony of music and faith with us! Please contact Bryon Grohman with any questions at grohmanb@clemmonsumc.org.

One Ringy Dingy: Handbell Choir Is Back ...



... or would like to be! We've missed the handbell choir and are eager to bring it back to worship. Those interested in playing are encouraged to contact Bryon Grohman (grohmanb@clemmonsumc.org) or Jenny Riddle (jennifermyers@yadtel.net). Alternatively, you can indicate your interest through the form linked [HERE](#). No previous experience is required. If you've never heard the angelic sound of handbells, now is your chance to experience its creation firsthand. Come and make a joyful noise!

Children's Music: Wednesdays @ 6 p.m. beginning September 13

Children's music will return to Wednesday nights from 6 to 6:45 in the music room (A-207) beginning September 13. This year, in addition to children's choir, we look forward to adding a percussion ensemble (drums, chimes, and xylophones) as we learn basic music reading and singing skills in the context of worship. We invite all K through 5 kids to join us! We can't wait to get started! If your children have never participated in children's music, please complete the form linked [HERE](#). If you have any questions, please contact Bryon Grohman at grohmanb@clemmonsumc.org.

Clemmons United Methodist Church 2023 Financial Update Operating Fund Account

Donations Received through 8/30/23	\$643,764
Expenses Paid through 8/30/23	685,105
Net Loss 8/30/23	-41,341

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.

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Calendar of Events

<p>Wed, Sept 6 10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Divorce Care 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting</p> <p>Thurs, Sept 7 2:00 p.m. 60+ Adult Committee Meeting</p> <p>Mon, Sept 11 7:00 p.m. Staff Parish Committee Meeting</p> <p>Tues, Sept 12 9:00 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Committee Mtg 7:00 p.m. Women's Book Study 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study</p> <p>Wed, Sept 13 10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Children's Music 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 Divorce Care 7:00 p.m. Nominations Committee Meeting</p> <p>Tues, Sept 19 9:00 a.m. Quilting 6:00 p.m. Dinner Meetup at Dairi-O 7:00 p.m. Women's Book Study 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study</p> <p>Wed, Sept 20 10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Children's Music 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Divorce Care 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting</p> <p>Thurs, Sept 21 4:30 p.m. Thurs. Afternoon Bible Study</p> <p>Tues, Sept 26 9:00 a.m. Quilting 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry 7:00 p.m. Women's Book Study 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study</p>	<p>Wed, Sept 27 10:00 Sisters in Christ Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Children's Music 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Divorce Care</p> <p>Thurs, Sept 28 4:30 p.m. Thurs. Afternoon Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting</p> <p>Sun, Oct 1 9:00 a.m. Stewardship Kick-Off Breakfast & Mission and Ministry Fair 11:00 a.m. World Communion Worship Service (one service only)</p> <p>Mon, Oct 2 7:00 p.m. Leadership Board Committee Meeting</p> <p>Tues, Oct 3 9:00 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. Women's Book Study 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study</p> <p>Wed, Oct 4 10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Children's Music 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Divorce Care 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting</p> <p><u>Sunday Service Times</u> 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service ~ Sanctuary 9:45 a.m. Connect Worship Service ~ Ministry Center 9:45 a.m. Sunday Schools 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service ~ Sanctuary 11:00 a.m. Sunday School ~ Room A-103</p> <p>Clemmons:One Youth: stay connected with our youth at their via their social media pages (Facebook: Clemmons:One / Instagram: clemmonsoneyouth).</p>
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Church Family Directory

We are working on the Church Family Directory and will keep you informed of our progress. If you haven't taken or submitted a family or individual picture, please email one to pictures@clemmonsumc.org. Also, if you do **not** want to be included in our church directory, please email Amy at griffin@clemmonsumc.org. Thank you!



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The next newsletter will be sent out Oct. 4 and the deadline for articles to be submitted is Monday, Sept. 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.



SEPTEMBER ITEM OF THE MONTH: AA & AAA BATTERIES

Our homeless friends need batteries for lanterns, flashlights and hand-held fans. Our Watchmen teams give out about 500 batteries each trip! Please consider helping this ministry by purchasing a pack or two and drop them off in the Watchmen of the Streets bin under the Mission Possible sign in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks so much!!

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