

August 2, 2023



Clemmons

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Clemmons:One Youth

Youth Mission Sunday – August 20

Join us for our Clemmons:One Youth Mission Sunday on August 20. Our Clemmons:One youth have had an incredible, God-filled summer that included mission trips to Honduras working with children's homes, to Asheville working with community friends experiencing homelessness, to Catawba, Lincoln, and Gaston counties building safe-access projects, and here in Forsyth county where our Middle School mission camp built two wheelchair ramps. Our youth will be sharing at each service (8:30/9:45/11:00), so no one will miss out on hearing how we experienced miracles this summer!

Clemmons:One Youth Kick-Off – August 27

We invite our rising 6th – rising 12th grade youth and their families to join together for our Clemmons:One Youth Kick-Off on Sunday, August 27 from 4-6 p.m. We will have a welcome/information meeting with details and sign-ups for the upcoming youth year, mission trip details for Summer 2024, a potluck cookout, and our parent vs. youth tournament!

Promotion Sunday – August 27

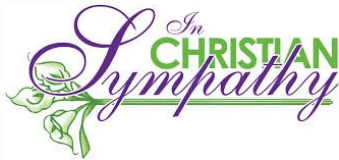
We welcome all 6th graders to Middle School youth and all 9th graders to High School youth on Sunday, August 27. Sunday School for middle school youth will be held in room A-103 in the Ministry Center. From 9:45-10 a.m., youth meet in the Ministry Center for worship in the Connect Service. Following the opening set of music, youth will move to A-103 for the remainder of their Sunday School hour. We look forward to welcoming back new and returning youth to Sunday School. A message about High School Sunday School (and its changes) will be shared in the middle of August.

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

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Sunday Preaching Schedule

August 6 communion	"Feeding 5000"	Rev. John Fitzgerald Matthew 14:13-21
August 13	"Walking on Water"	Rev. John Fitzgerald Matthew 14:22-33
August 20	Youth Sunday	Amanda Batten
August 27	"Who Am I?"	Rev. John Fitzgerald Exodus 3:1-15
September 3 communion	"Hem of His Garment"	Rev. John Fitzgerald Mark 5:24b-34



We extend our Christian sympathy to Cecelia Davis and family upon the death of her mother, Jennie Lee Peoples, on July 18, 2023.

Thank You Note

My heart was touched by angels. I am so happy to help my friends at church and find great joy in sharing my cooking and decorating skills with everyone. It gives me pleasure in so many ways. To have altar flowers placed in my honor on July 2nd is the best gift I have ever received. I thank you so very much from my heart and my soul. You have made me very happy. I do not deserve so much attention and praise. The flowers and compliments will be an everlasting memory of you, the angels of Clemmons United Methodist. I could not accomplish so much without the help of many volunteers. A special thanks to Ann Raines and Karen Owen, who show up when not even asked. They are special angels. I enjoy giving my time and energy to CUMC. It is hard work but is also an opportunity to meet with so many church friends. I am ever so grateful for those who so graciously help me. Also, I am overwhelmed with the kind words in the July 5th newsletter, though there is a correction as I was given way too much credit for the kitchen. Ann Raines was the leader that coordinated everything and continues to keep the kitchen clean and organized! Sisters in Christ did the initial cleaning and donated towels, potholders, etc. Carole Carr researched and ordered the work table with drawers for silverware, and Jeff Meadows was our brains to add a shelf to existing tables. Jeff and Tom Miller were kitchen problem solvers. Tom handled the purse strings, the Methodist Men installed our new stainless steel tables, David Mooneyham helped assemble, carry, and advise, and Jane Pack made the pantry signs. It was and is a team effort. THANKS TO ALL! Enjoy God's World,

—Midgie Ergenbright

Returning Bible Study Groups

Pastor John's Tuesday Night Bible Study returns on September 5 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The Zoom link will be available soon on the home page of CUMC's website.

Women's Tuesday Evening Book Study resumes for fall on Tuesday, September 12 from 7–8 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 ([one link](#)). This study will run through November 14.

From Pastor Sara

As my time comes to a close at Clemmons UMC, I wanted to take a moment to say thank you. Thank you for welcoming me into your community four years ago with open arms. Thank you for trusting me with growing your children's faith and allowing me to be a part of their lives. Thank you for letting me pray for you and your families in times of need and celebrate with you and your families in times of joy. Working with the CUMC Kids Community has been full of beautiful moments and I am a better person because of it. I will carry with me many memories and stories that will always bring a smile to my face when I think of them. Seasons come and seasons go. And it is now my time to move forward from Clemmons UMC and trust in God's perfect timing to lead me down the next path of wherever the Holy Spirit calls. That is what we are called to do whether we work in ministry or not. Listening to the still small voice of God and following where God leads us is sometimes hard, but always rewarding in the end. As our time together ends may I leave you with our family's favorite Irish blessing..."May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind always be at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of God's hand." Blessings and peace to you my friends. I will miss you dearly and think of you often. – *Pastor Sara Smith*

From the Staff-Parish Relations Committee: We are excited to announce that Chris Fitzgerald has agreed to serve in the interim role of Ministry Leader for Children and their Families. The summer is a difficult time to recruit, and having Chris serving as interim in this position gives us time to recruit for and prayerfully consider the perfect person for our church and for our children. Chris has a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education and has many years of teaching experience in Union and Guilford County schools as well as preschool experience with Covenant Methodist Church in High Point. SPRC is so very grateful for this God-gift. Please let Chris know how much we appreciate her for her generous offer of service to our Lord, our church, and our children. Also, please continue to help us recruit for a permanent replacement for this important ministry.

August Dinner Meetup

Tuesday, August 15 @ 6 p.m. | Mediterraneo Pizza and Grill in Clemmons



All are invited to our monthly dinner meetups. Simply show up to enjoy a meal and fellowship. We hope to see you there!

Back to School Supply Drive

Collection Period: July 9-August 13

Drop-off in labeled bins in the Commons Area and at the entrance to the Ministry Center.

- Glue sticks
- Pencil top erasers
- Pencil pouches
- Washable markers
- 16-count crayons
- Highlighters
- Pre-sharpened pencils or mechanical pencils
- Ink pens: red and black
- Expo dry erase markers
- Notebook paper: wide ruled and college-ruled
- Composition notebooks: wide ruled and college-ruled
- Solid color plastic 3-prong pocket folders



Your donations will be given to 130 students in need living in our community. If you're unable to shop but want to help, please consider making a monetary donation. We can shop for you! Thanks for your generosity, Kathy Giff (giffk@clemmonsumc.org).



To sign up to help bake and/or to provide ingredients, please [use this signup genius link](#). Even if you can't provide an ingredient, still join us! We look forward to being the hands, feet and heart of Christ together! If you'd like to learn more about H.O.P.E, please visit their website: hopews.org.

Watchmen of the Streets Item for August: Mosquito Repellent

The spring rains mean lots of mosquitos for the summer, so our item of the month for August is the same as July—mosquito repellent. Our homeless friends battle with these little pests around the clock. Please consider purchasing a bottle or two of repellent and drop off in the Watchmen of the Streets bin under the Mission Impossible sign in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks so much!

Collecting Shoes 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!



Living the Fullness of Christ

Calendar of Events

<p>Sun, Aug 6 7:30 a.m. Methodist Men Breakfast & Program</p> <p>Mon, Aug 7 7:00 p.m. Leadership Board Meeting</p> <p>Tues, Aug 8 9:00 a.m. Quilting</p> <p>Wed, Aug 9 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting</p> <p>Mon, Aug 14 7:00 p.m. Nominations Committee Meeting</p> <p>Tues, Aug 15 9:00 a.m. Quilting 6:00 p.m. GAP Dinner Meet Up</p> <p>Wed, Aug 16 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Thurs, Aug 17 2:30 p.m. KOHD Leaders Meeting</p> <p>Sat, Aug 19 10:00 a.m. GAP- Hope Baking Project</p> <p>Mon, Aug 21 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting</p> <p>Tues, Aug 22 9:00 a.m. Quilting 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry</p> <p>Wed, Aug 23 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Thurs, Aug 24 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting</p>	<p>Sun, Aug 27 4:00 p.m. Clemmons:One Youth Kick-Off</p> <p>Tues, Aug 29 9:00 a.m. Quilting</p> <p>Wed, Aug 30 6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Sun, Sept 3 7:30 a.m. Methodist Men Breakfast & Program</p> <p>Mon, Sept 4 Labor Day Holiday – Church Office Closed</p> <p>Tues, Sept 5 9:00 a.m. Quilting</p> <p>Wed, Sept 6 7:00 p.m. Divorce Care 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday Service Times</p> <p>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 Clemmonsone.org website or via their social media pages (Facebook: Clemmons:One / Instagram: clemmonsoneyouth).</p>
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Clemmons United Methodist Church 2023 Financial Update Operating Fund Account

Donations Received through 7/28/23	\$568,605
Expenses Paid through 7/28/23	618,518
Net Loss 7/28/23	-49,913

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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The next newsletter will be sent out Sept. 6 and the deadline for articles to be submitted is Monday, Aug. 28. 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.

Save Those Travel-Sized Toiletries: A local school has asked for help collecting travel-size toiletry items for their Hygiene Pantry. Please consider donating those hotel items we all bring home from our travels, as well as the toothbrushes and travel-size toothpaste/floss received from your dentist visits. You may drop off the items in the CLASS collection bin under the "Mission Possible" sign in the Fellowship Hall. The social worker and counselors at Ward Elementary will be very grateful! *The Clemmons Lewisville Action for Student Success (CLASS) seeks to identify what resources various faith communities can provide to schools in a collaborative way – helping kids, staff, and the community. Contact Kathy Giff for more details.*

Clemmons Food Pantry's 10th Annual Drive Away Hunger Golf Tournament will be held Friday, September 22 at Salem Glen Country Club. Whether you want to play, sponsor, or donate, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved. You may obtain an entry form and Sponsor level information from the church office or at www.clemmonsfoodpantry.org. Registrations are due September 12. For more information, visit the Clemmons Food Pantry ([link to golf tournament details and forms](#)).

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