



January 12, 2022

Clemmons

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ACTS... All Care to Share

Discipleship Updates

The Discipleship Team would like to thank everyone who took the time to respond to the small group survey in November. The information collected from your responses has been helpful in creating new opportunities for spiritual growth and faith formation within our congregation and community. I am very excited to share the following opportunities for 2022:

- **Proverbs: Pathways to Wisdom** led by Dave Lee: This is a four-week Zoom study that meets on Thursdays from January 13 through February 3 at 4:30 p.m.
- **Knocking on Heaven's Door: Contemplative Ways of Opening to the Holy through Contemplative Practice** led by Nancy Bellamy, Kathy Giff, Jennifer Rogers and Dave Lee. This once-a-month offering is on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:45 a.m. in the Parlor. The first session on January 16 is on Active Prayer.
- **Please Note: The Torah through Jesus' Eyes** study led by JJ Jacobson has been postponed due to unforeseen circumstances.

Here are some other small group ideas in the works:

- Sunday Morning All Women's small group
- Sunday Morning 30-50 year old adult small group
- Weekly small group with a book study focus
- Small group for parents of young children
- Morning Moms small group
- Parenting seminars, perhaps quarterly, to address concerns shared through the survey
- Small group focused on planning and implementing church-wide mission and service projects

PLEASE reach out to Kathy Giff if you are interested in being a part of the creation of any of the above groups: giffk@clemmonsumc.org.

While we will continue offering Bible and book studies, small groups are meant to have a shared responsibility in leadership and decision-making. What a great way to create community and lasting relationships as you come together over mutual interests and support of each other!

If you are in search of a Sunday morning class, our current list of the groups meeting from 9:45 until 10:45 each week are Adult Forum: A-212; Anchors in Christ: A-201; Crusaders: A-202; Family Journeys: A-211; Fellowship: A-205/208; FUNN (Fellowship under Ninety Nine); and A-210; Upper Room: A-204/209.

– Kathy Giff , Equipping & Discipleship Ministry (giffk@clemmonsumc.org)

Living the Fullness of Christ



Jan. 16	"I Can't Believe It!"	Rev. Sara Smith John 2:1-11
Jan. 23	"The Spirit of the Lord"	Rev. John Fitzgerald Luke 4:14-21
Jan. 30	"How to Get Thrown Out of Church"	Rev. John Fitzgerald Luke 4:21-30
Feb. 6 communion	"The Net"	Rev. John Fitzgerald Luke 5:1-11



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

- Debbie Dosek upon the death of her brother, Jim Dobesh, on November 30, 2021.
- The family of Betty Higgins upon her death on December 1, 2021.
- Georgia Kennedy upon the death of her sister, Brenda Hughes, on December 29, 2021.
- Jeff Cardwell upon the death of his father, Charles Delane Cardwell, on January 3, 2022.

Thank You Notes

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.

The Methodist Men and the entire church would like to thank JJ Jacobson for his generous donation of a professional grill to CUMC. It is a large grill towed behind a truck or car. The Methodist Men, Boy Scouts and the entire church will be able to use this for service and fundraising. The Methodist Men are planning a pork shoulder sale as a fundraiser in the spring. It will also be used by the entire church when we grill hot dogs and hamburgers for the Fall Festival, Vacation Bible School, Bazaar and other events. Thank you again, JJ. We can't wait to "get grilling"! — Tom Miller

Thank you for attending our first ever Chicken Stew and Songs! The Committee wants to thank each one of you for coming out and trying our chicken stew and most of all, for the fellowship! The Love Offering collected was donated to the church's general budget. Thank you ALL! — Janie Hacknet

Thank you to our Choir for the beautiful music you prepare for us each week! We are so blessed to have each one of you. We'd also like to thank the Decorating Committee for a beautiful Sanctuary we had at Christmas! It was a lot of hard work and it is much appreciated. — Dick and Sandra Davenport

A Thank You Note from Zoe Empowers

Dear Seekers Class and Clemmons UMC,

This year, the members of your Zoe empowerment group decided they wanted to send you a special Christmas greeting. This is not something we asked the groups to do; honestly, if every group did a card we would be a bit overwhelmed trying to send them all out!

On their own initiative, one group decided to create a card and the rest of the groups in the area followed their lead. They used a local cyber cafe and each group did their card at their own cost and then provided the document to the Zoe Empowers Kenya staff to pass on to me electronically. (*Verbiage in box below.*)

From all of us at Zoe, may the joy and peace of Christmas rest on you and your family.

— Laura Nemecek, Director of Program Communications, ZoeEmpowers.org

The card attached to the email above read:

Dear Clemmons (UMC),

Receive our greetings from Hope Marega. We take this chance to cordially express our gratitude to the support you have shown us. We do not take for granted. Your deeds will forever be in our mind.

We wish you and your family a merry Christmas and a happy new year. May God bless you.

Through the generosity of this church family during the 2021 Lenten challenge and additional donations, we have our first and second year commitment already paid in full. Going into 2022 with Hope Marega, we have a balance of \$7,542.87.

The 2022 Lenten Challenge will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 2.



Congratulations to Elizabeth and Dalton Faulds on the birth of their son, Henry Gerard Faulds, on November 24. Proud grandmother is Sandy Zoubek.

CONFIRMATION Returns

On January 23, the following youth and adult mentors will begin their 3-year journey of Confirmation.

Youth: Campbell Baldwin, Indiana Byington, David Currie, Lauren Davis, Wesley Doerfer, Preston Fox, David Howell, Andrew Howell, Ethan Lee, Cooper Rogers, Ian Ross, Sadie Rudert, Hayden Slusher, Carter Walton and Joseph Yakos

Mentors: Mark Batten, Jack Busic, Kathy Giff, Janie Hackney, Leigh Howell, Travis Howell, Holly Lee, David Lee, Chase Smith, Ginny Walton, and Kathy Wilheit

Please be in prayer for these young people and mentors as they grow in their faith relationships.

MOST New Members and Meeting Dates

The Mission Outreach Support Team (MOST) welcomes our newest members for 2022. Thank you for saying “Yes” to joining the team, Tim Combs, Billy Merriman and Leslie Monteith!

The 2022 MOST meeting dates are February 15, May 17, August 16 and November 15. All meetings are Tuesday evenings at 7 pm in the Parlor Conference Room. If your ministry area, mission team or agency needs to submit fundraiser requests, scholarship request or funding grants, please do so at least seven days prior to the above meeting dates. All forms are available on the website under Get Involved/Mission & Outreach Ministries ([link](#)). Contact Kathy Giff with any questions or guidance: giffk@clemmonsumc.org.



Stephen Ministry—Are You in Need of Support?

Are you in need of support? Have you thought about being matched with a Stephen Minister? CUMC's Stephen Minister team is here to provide confidential, one-on-one Christ-centered support and care for those who are going through illness, life transitions, or anything in between. Please contact Pastor Sara Smith at smithS@clemmonsumc.org to see if being matched with a Stephen Minister is right for you.



2022 Clemmons UMC Leadership Board

Chair: Ken Peacock

Recording Secretary: to be decided

Representative to Annual Conference: Tom Miller (Lisa Miller, Reserve)

Trustee Chair: Tom Miller

Finance Chair: Ray Barnes

Stewardship Chair: Suzanne Hess

Church Treasurer: Court Nealeans

Staff-Parish Relations Chair: Lynn Kennedy

MOST Chair: Pam Davis

Worship Chair: Martha Mayse

Communications/Technology Chair: Linda Shawcross

Children's Ministry Chair: Cristina Batista Paterson

Youth Ministry Chair: Jackson Busic

Adult Ministry Chair: Janie Hackney

Discipleship Chair: Dave Monteith

At Large Members

2022

Becky Combs
Susie Marion
Ken Peacock
Tom Miller
Ed Fisher
George Stewart

2023

Will Tuttle
Carole Carr
Ann Raines
Jeff Meadows
Becky Cook
Parks Engstrom

2024

Joel Morgan
Larry Coble
Heather Magaha
Betsy Cochrane
Jan Hodges
Alan Nealeans

Committees Reporting to the Leadership Board

Trustee Committee

Chair: Tom Miller
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:
Roger Bear, Vince Gallo, Patton Lowe,
Bill McGee, Jake Newsome, 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, Bryon Grohman, Sara Smith,
Karen Stutzman

Children's Ministry Committee

Chair: Cristina Batista Paterson
Staff: Sara Smith

Youth Ministry Committee

Chair: Jackson Busic
Staff: Amanda Batten
Youth Leaders: Tom Miller, Sylvia Benisek

Communications/Technology Committee

Chair: Linda Shawcross
Staff: Amy Griffin

Children's Ministry Committee

Chair: Cristina Batista Paterson
Staff: Sara Smith

Youth Ministry Committee

Chair: Jackson Busic
Staff: Amanda Batten
Youth Leaders: Tom Miller, Sylvia Benisek

Senior Adult Ministry Committee

Chair: Janie Hackney
Staff: Barbara Turner

Discipleship Committee

Chair: Dave Monteith
Staff: Kathy Giff, Tammy Clapp

Stewardship Committee

Chair: Suzanne Hess
Staff: John Fitzgerald

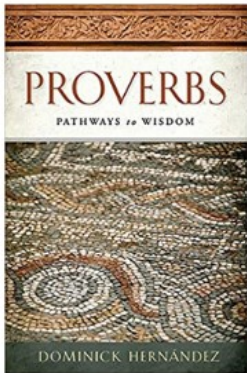
For a full list of Committee Members, visit the church website under the "Get in Touch" tab ([link](#)) or call the church office at 336-766-6375.

You may contact the Leadership Board at cumcleadershipboard@clemonsumc.org.

Proverbs: Pathways to Wisdom

A four-week study of Proverbs via Zoom

Thursdays: January 13, January 20, January 27, February 3



The book of Proverbs is a book written for people like us—parents, children, friends, and coworkers. It's a collection of biblical sayings and wisdom that are intended to help us with practical matters in our lives. Inside we encounter the wise and the foolish, and instructions for the journey to find the wisdom that comes from God alone.

Proverbs: Pathways to Wisdom, by Dominick Samuel Hernández, explores the context, language, and interpretation of the book of Proverbs. Each chapter covers well-known verses and examines prevalent themes throughout the book. From the fear of the Lord to the Woman of Valor in Proverbs 31, Hernández explores an array of verses and reveals literary and historical details that supply profound insight into familiar passages.

This study will meet Thursdays (4:30–6:30 p.m.) from January 13 through February 3, 2022 and will be facilitated by Dave Lee via Zoom. Please contact Dave at davidmlee2006@aol.com to sign up. *Proverbs: Pathways to Wisdom* may be purchased from Amazon ([link](#)).

Support Groups

Clemmons UMC offers several support groups for our church family as well as those in the community. Please join us or let others know about these groups if you think they could benefit.

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 meets Wednesdays until April 13 from 7-8:30 p.m. in Room A-210.

GriefShare is a Christian support group that is open to anyone who has lost a loved one, whether it be a parent, spouse, sibling, child or friend. The group meets Mondays until April 4 from 6:30–8:30 p.m. in Room A-205. Each week features a different video topic and is self-contained, so please join any time. Grief is easier when it is shared.

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.

More details are on our church website under Community Outreach. Direct links: [DivorceCare](#), [GriefShare](#), [PAL](#).

Living the Fullness of Christ

Calendar of Events

Mon, Jan 17	Holiday – Church Office Closed 6:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee Mtg 6:30 p.m. GriefShare	Wed, Feb 2	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Connect Praise Rehearsal
Tues, Jan 18	9:30 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. Pastor John’s Bible Study	Fri, Feb 4	5:30 p.m. Parents Night Out
Wed, Jan 19	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Connect Praise Rehearsal	Sun, Feb 6	8:00 a.m. Methodist Men Program 3:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
Thurs, Jan 20	7:00 p.m. Discipleship Committee Meeting	Mon, Feb 7	6:30 p.m. GriefShare 7:00 p.m. Staff Parish Committee Mtg
Sat, Jan 22	1:00 p.m. Children’s Serving Saturday	Tues, Feb 8	9:30 a.m. Quilting 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry 7:00 p.m. Pastor John’s Bible Study
Sun, Jan 23	3:30 p.m. Confirmation Class	Wed, Feb 9	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Mon, Jan 24	6:30 p.m. GriefShare	Sun, Feb 13	3:30 p.m. Confirmation
Tues, Jan 25	9:30 a.m. Quilting 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry 7:00 p.m. Pastor John’s Bible Study	Sunday Service Times 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service ~ Sanctuary 9:45 a.m. Connect Worship Service ~ Fellowship Hall 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service ~ Sanctuary	
Wed, Jan 26	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	Clemmons:One Youth Events: www.clemmonsone.org .	
Sun, Jan 30	3:30 p.m. Confirmation		
Mon, Jan 31	6:30 p.m. GriefShare		
Tues, Feb 1	9:30 a.m. Quilting Group 7:00 p.m. Pastor John’s Bible Study		



Sisters in Christ

Join Sisters in Christ for Max Lucado’s study “Before Amen” on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sisters in Christ welcomes women of all ages to join in Bible study, service and fellowship. Please reach out to Linda Morgan at 336-416-6814 or lmorgancma@gmail.com if you have any questions.

CUMC Children's Ministry Updates

Serving Saturday, January 22 @ 1-2 p.m. in the Chapel

It is time for our quarterly service project! This quarter we will be coming together to pack lunches to deliver to the Women's & Children Overnight Shelter at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church. We will be decorating, packing, and praying over 20 bagged lunches. This is a great opportunity to serve as a family. All ages are welcome.

January's 5th Sunday Family Worship Canceled

The Western NC Conference of the United Methodist Church made protocol recommendations to its member churches on how best to show love and protect members during the upswing in pandemic numbers. One of those recommendations is to discontinue indoor eating events for the month of January. Our church protocol team has also adopted this protocol. **Because of this, our next 5th Sunday Family Worship & Lunch is now canceled.** Instead, on January 30, elementary students will have a Bible Trivia tournament during Sunday School, and will have a church scavenger hunt during the 11:00 Worship Care time.

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

IRA Distributions and Stock Donations

If you have an IRA and are required to make an RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) annually, please consider making your contribution to the church using a portion of these funds from your IRA. The amount you donate will reduce your taxable income. Simply have your IRA account manager send your donation to the church when you make your withdrawal. You can have Scott Seagle our Financial Secretary specify how you want your donation to be allocated. For example, you can apply your donation to various funds such as the Operating Fund, Methodist Men's Scholarship Fund, Clemmons Food Pantry, Watchmen of the Streets, etc.

Another excellent option is to donate stock. There are brokerage firms who can provide direct transfer of marketable securities (shares of stock) as well. Please contact Waynette Adamczak at 336-766-6375 ext.122 or adamczakw@clemmonsumc.org so she can be aware of this transaction and provide you with our account and DTC number.

— Art Duncan, Finance Committee Member

Clemmons United Methodist Church 2021 Financial Update

Year-to-date results through December 25, 2021

Total Contributions and Other Receipts	1,216,138.48
Total Ministry Expenses and Disbursements	(1,247,202.54)
Decrease in Financial Position for 2021	(31,064.06)
Bank Balance (operating and special funds)	367,259.07

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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ACTS... All Care to Share

The next newsletter will be sent out Feb. 2 and the deadline for articles to be submitted is Monday, Jan. 24. 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.

Seeking Technology Support Volunteers

Mark Batten, Interim Technology Associate, who has served CUMC in extraordinary fashion is stepping down due to the demands of his regular job and family commitments. In order to continue to provide a high level of technology support for our Sunday Worship Services and meet the other technology needs of our church, we are seeking volunteers in our congregation who would be willing to be trained to help support this work. Please do not feel that you have to be extremely knowledgeable when it comes to technology, but only willing to learn and to serve the church. If you would be willing to participate, please contact the church office at 336-766-6375 or office@clemmonsumc.org. Thank you.

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Children & Family Minister	Sara Smith	Ext 141
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Praise Leader	Karen Stutzman	
Organist	Joni Hanna	
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Facilities Manager	David Mooneyham	

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