

August 4, 2021



Clemmons

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Clemmons:One Youth

Youth Sunday: August 15

We invite everyone to join us for our Clemmons:One Youth Sunday on August 15 at the 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00 worship services. Our Clemmons:One youth will be sharing about their mission trips with Carolina Cross Connection to Honduras; Asheville, NC; and Banner Elk, NC, as well as how they have experienced God throughout this past year.

Youth Sunday School: begins August 22

Our Middle and High School Sunday School classes will start back up on Sunday, August 22 at 9:45 a.m. At this time we will be meeting in the High School Room A-103 (enter into the Ministry Center and turn left after the elevator).

Youth Kick-Off: September 12

We invite all rising 6th through 12th graders and their families to our Clemmons:One Youth Kick-Off on Sunday, September 12 from 4-6:30 p.m. We will have an informational meeting with event sign-ups, a cook-out, and a parent vs. youth kickball tournament! We cannot wait to start a new year full of laughter, worship, and family.



Aug 8	“A Fragrant Offering”	Rev. John Fitzgerald Ephesians 4:24-5:2
Aug 15	Youth Sunday	Amanda Batten & Clemmons:One Youth
Aug 22	“The Armor of God Part I”	Rev. John Fitzgerald Ephesians 6:10-20
Aug 29	“The Armor of God Part II”	Rev. John Fitzgerald Ephesians 6:10-20
Sept 5 communion	“Grace in the Waiting”	Rev. Sara Smith Proverbs 3:1-6



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

- Bob Gammon and family upon the death of his daughter, Heather Gammon, on July 6, 2021.
- Matthew Burton and family upon the death of his mother, Peggy Gibbs Burton, on July 23, 2021
- David and Mary Binkley upon the death of their sister-in-law, Sheila Binkley, on July 26, 2021.
- Fred Scherle and family upon the death of his mother, Rosalie Scherle, on July 28, 2021.
- Ben Walker and family upon the death of his brother, Red Walker, on July 28, 2021.
- Bart Shaw and family upon the death of his father, Vance Shaw, on July 31, 2021.



Congratulations to Lauren and Tim Crook upon the birth of their son, Cole Edward Crook, on July 5. Grandparents are Randolph and Pam Cole; great-grandparents are Ed and Carolyn Wooton.



We celebrate the birth of Pastor John and Christine Fitzgerald’s granddaughter, Raelyn Christine Fitzgerald, on July 9. Congratulations to the parents, Ben and Mary Fitzgerald.

Staff Parish Relations Committee Updates

Director of Music and Worship Arts

Please welcome Dr. Bryon Grohman as the new Director of Music and Worship Arts. Bryon's start date will be August 16 and his debut will be Sunday, September 12. Bryon and wife Kristen Brouwer have four daughters: Anneke (11), Ava (9), Anneliese (7), and Adeline (5). He is the Assistant Professor of Voice at Wake Forest University, and the Choral Conductor at University of North Carolina School of the Arts. Bryon was the interim Choral Conductor at Knollwood Baptist Church from 2018 until 2019, and he was the Choral Conductor at Quail Ridge Chorus in Boynton Beach, Florida for 11 years. Bryon also is a dynamic performer of opera, oratorio, concert, and ensemble repertoire. He is a Christian who believes that music is unmistakably a powerful gift of God, and he shared Ephesians 5:19-21 in his statement of faith. Bryon believes that music in the church is vital to the church's spiritual well-being. He also believes music speaks to the world's pain and allows us a unique way to proclaim the healing of God in Christ. We are excited to have Bryon join our staff!

Technology Associate

Zac Covington resigned this position as of the end of June for a job in Greensboro. Mark Batten has since assumed the job responsibilities.

Associate Pastor

While remaining as Children and Family Minister, Sara Smith has resigned from the position of Associate Pastor as of July 26. The Associate Pastor position will not be filled at this time. Duties are being shared by the current staff.

Mission Outreach Support Team (MOST) Updates

The next meeting of MOST will be Tuesday, August 17 at 7 p.m. in Room A-213/Conference Room. If you have a grant, fundraiser or scholarship request needing approval, please return your completed form to Kathy Giff at giffk@clemonsumc.org no later than Friday, August 7. Forms are available on the church website under Get Involved > Mission & Outreach Ministries ([link](#)). Scroll to the bottom on the page.

Thank you to the Adult Sunday school classes that partnered with MOST to help fund a \$2,000 grant request for Bright Beginnings of the Jerry Long Family YMCA. MOST approved \$500 from their special fund, which in years' past was funded by proceeds from the Fall Bazaar. The Sunday school classes generously donated enough money to meet and surpass the \$2,000 request.

The Bright Beginnings program helps provide school supplies, a new outfit or two and new shoes for needy children in the Clemmons area. Each child is partnered with a volunteer adult for a group meal and shopping trip to Shoe Carnival and Target. The YMCA's goal is to serve at least 100 children. The program is called Bright Beginnings because every child deserves a bright beginning on their first day of school through both tangible items and the self-esteem felt from seeing that others care about them.



CALLING ALL 60+ ADULTS:

Dash Baseball Game Thursday, September 9 at 7 p.m.

Cost: \$22.00/person. This includes group seating, ballpark dinner (hot dogs, chicken tenders, chips, water, soft drinks and a rotation of either BBQ sandwich, mac and cheese, meatball subs or chicken pot pie).

Pre-registration is required. Contact Janie Hackney: 336-403-5585 / hackneyjanie@yahoo.com. There will also be a member of the Adult Ministry Committee in the Commons Area after each service to register you or give information. Tickets must be purchased through the church and paid for by August 7. Please make your checks payable to CUMC, write "DASH" in the memo line, and send to the church office.

Church bus: Depending on the number of participants, we will be taking the church bus(es). Each bus can transport 15 (including the driver). The bus will take us to the stadium and let us off at the Flow Club entrance. There is an elevator there that will take us to the first level for ease in managing all the entrance steps. If you choose to drive yourself, you may purchase a parking lot pass or park on the street.

MUSIC NOTES

CHANCEL CHOIR:

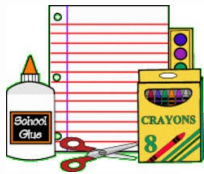
- The Chancel Choir will have practices on August 4 and August 18 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.
- We will be singing for 11 o'clock worship on August 8 and August 22. Please meet in the choir room at 10:40 a.m. to warm-up and review.
- Following our choir rehearsal on August 18, we will have an ICE CREAM SOCIAL outside to celebrate a fun summer together and to welcome any new or returning choir members. Please invite anyone interested to join us, including members of the 8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Choir!

PRAISE TEAM:

- The Praise Team will have practices on August 4 and August 18 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- We will be leading music for all five Sundays in August! We are still welcoming singers and instrumentalists of all ages!



CUMC Children's Ministry Updates



CUMC Kids Food Pantry School Supply Drive: through August 15

Each year the CUMC Children's Ministry collects backpacks and school supply items to donate to the Clemmons Food Pantry. The Food Pantry then gives the backpacks filled with supplies to children before the school year begins. For the past two years we have been able to donate 100 bookbags filled with supplies thanks to your generosity. Can we do it again this year? Please bring school supplies and backpacks to the Commons Area anytime through August 15 and drop them in the bin under the Luke 2:52 sign.



Blessing of the Backpacks: August 15

We invite all children, youth, college students, and school employees to bring their backpacks or bags to any of our three services on August 15 to be blessed by Pastor Sara. This is one of CUMC's favorite back-to-school traditions that you do not want to miss.



CUMC Kids Re-Launch: August 22

We are excited to announce the official Re-Launch of CUMC Kids. Indoor Sunday School, children's moments, and worship care will all begin back. We also have a great line up of activities and events for the year that we can't wait to share with you. Be on the lookout over the next couple of weeks for more exciting announcements regarding all things CUMC Kids. We can't wait to see your faces and give you big welcome back hugs!

— [Pastor Sara Smith](#), Children and Family Minister

Possibility of 2022 Spring Bazaar

Due to a lack of chairperson volunteers and our concern for not having enough additional volunteers in all areas, the Fall Bazaar will not be held this October. There is a possibility of a 2022 Spring Bazaar, so the Bazaar Leadership team would like to encourage everyone to save their donations.

Many considerations will go into the planning of a spring event, including the Delta COVID variant and our volunteer base.

The Bazaar Leadership Team would like to thank everyone who has faithfully served in the past, as well as all those who stepped up to volunteer this year. Thank you for your input! Please continue to let us hear your thoughts at cumcbazaar@clemmonsumc.org.

DISCOVERING OUR SPIRITUAL IDENTITY

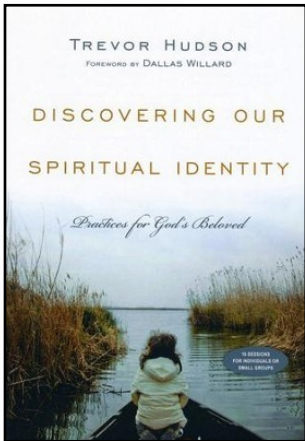
Practices for God's Beloved

a sixteen-week experience

Thursdays from 4:30-6 p.m. via Zoom

September 2 through December 23

In his book *Discovering Our Spiritual Identity*, Trevor Hudson states with utter simplicity and clarity the profound truths of Jesus Christ, about how we can live well and beautifully, no matter what our circumstances. Chapter by chapter, he takes the fundamental aspects of the life of faith in Jesus, the Master of Life, and spells them out in vivid language and practical procedures: finding our identity, hearing and speaking with God, speaking for God, the stewardship of our daily work and play, approaching our death and the world beyond, and living now as an apprentice of Jesus in the kingdom of God. Some books demand that we do more than just read them. They challenge us to interact with their ideas and soak our souls in them. Hudson's "Holy Experiments" do just that. What a beautiful invitation!



Trevor Hudson is a Methodist minister, pastoral therapist, and retreat leader in South Africa. He is the author of several books and travels widely to conduct conferences, workshops, and retreats.

Please join leaders Dave Lee and Nancy Bellamy for this 16-week experience. To sign up, email Dave Lee at davidmlee2006@aol.com. You may purchase the book at [Christianbook](#), [Cokesbury](#), [Thrift Books](#), or [Amazon](#).

For more details and to learn more about our facilitators, please visit www.clemmonsumc.org > Get Involved ([link](#)).

Sisters in Christ



Sisters in Christ is a women's group who meets for Bible study, fellowship, and outreach projects. We will begin our weekly meetings at 9:30 a.m. on September 8 in the Fellowship Hall. After sharing some summer memories, we will discuss several service projects for the coming months. On September 15, we will start a six-week study, "When the Game Is Over, It All Goes back in the Box." With his trademark humor and gift for storytelling, John Ortberg shows what it really takes to win at the game of life. Please contact Linda Morgan at 336-416-6814 or lmorgancrna@gmail.com to order a study guide or for any questions.



Seeking Gently Used Shoes and Glasses

The Guatemala Mission Building Team is accepting donations of GENTLY used glasses of any magnification and shoes up to adult size 8. (Please, nothing larger!) We especially need children's shoes. Donations can be dropped off until September 19 in the Ministry Center Fellowship Hall "Mission Possible" area.

Living the Fullness of Christ

Calendar of Events

Sun, Aug 8	8:30 a.m. Indoor Worship Service 9:45 a.m. Outdoor Praise Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Indoor Worship Service 11:00a.m. K-5th Grade Sunday School	Mon, Aug 23	7:00 p.m. GriefShare
Tues, Aug 10	9:30 a.m. Quilting	Tues, Aug 24	9:30 a.m. Quilting Group 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry
Wed, Aug 11	7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting	Wed, Aug 25	9:30 a.m. Sisters in Christ Movie Morning 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting
Sun, Aug 15	8:30 a.m. Indoor Worship Service 9:45 a.m. Outdoor Praise Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Indoor Worship Service	Sun, Aug 29	8:30 a.m. Indoor Worship Service 9:45 a.m. Outdoor Praise Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Indoor Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Children's Ministry Family Meal
Tues, Aug 17	9:30 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. MOST Committee Meeting	Tues, Aug 31	9:30 a.m. Quilting
Wed, Aug 18	5:30 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting	Wed, Sept 1	7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting
Sun, Aug 22	8:30 a.m. Indoor Worship Service 9:45 a.m. Outdoor Praise Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Indoor Worship Service	Sun, Sept 5	7:30 a.m. Methodist Men Breakfast/Program 8:30 a.m. Indoor Worship Service 9:45 a.m. Outdoor Praise Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Indoor Worship Service

Clemmons:One Youth information: www.clemmonsone.org

Support Groups

CUMC offers several support groups for our church family as well as those in the community:

- **DivorceCare** is a welcoming place of growth, care, and healing. It will be held on Wednesdays, September 8 through December 8, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room A-210.
- **GriefShare** offers a healing environment to help anyone who has lost a loved one. The next offering is Mondays, September 13 through December 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. in Room A-205.
- **PAL** gives hope to parents with a child addicted to drugs and/or alcohol. PAL meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Room A-203.

More details: www.clemmonsumc.org > Community Outreach, or call the office at 336-766-6375.

Clemmons United Methodist Church 2021 Financial Update Year-to-date results through July 24, 2021

Total Contributions and Other Receipts	581,052.34
Total Ministry Expenses and Disbursements	(702,917.01)
Bank Balance (operating and special funds)	276,458.46

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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The next newsletter will be sent out Sept. 1 and the deadline for articles to be submitted is Monday, August 23. 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 Food Pantry Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Friday, September 10 at Salem Glen



Clemmons Food Pantry's 8th Annual Drive Away Hunger Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, September 10 at Salem Glen Golf and Country Club. All proceeds benefit the Clemmons Food Pantry. **Registrations are due by September 3.** More information and registration forms may be found on the Clemmons Food Pantry website ([link](#)).

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