

November 3, 2021



Clemmons

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ACTS... All Care to Share



ANGEL TREE

Clemmons UMC's Angel Tree ministry seeks to help children in need at Christmas. We want the children and their families to have a magical and blessed Christmas.

This year, CUMC is partnering with Clemmons Elementary School to provide Christmas gifts to families. Our Angel Tree will be set up in the Commons Area beginning Sunday, November 7. Each angel on the tree represents a gift that a child or family member has asked for.

Please take an angel (or two), buy the requested gift, wrap it **with the angel attached on the outside of the gift**, and return it under the tree no later than the morning of Sunday, December 5. Angel Tree families will be picking up their gifts that afternoon.

Thank you for supporting this ministry and blessing those in need.

Living the Fullness of Christ



Nov. 7 communion	"All Saints Day"	Rev. John Fitzgerald Revelation 21:1-7
Nov. 14	"Love and Good Deeds"	Rev. John Fitzgerald Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25
Nov. 21	"The Life That is Truly Life"	Rev. John Fitzgerald I Timothy 6:11-21
Nov. 28	"The Days are Surely Coming"	Rev. John Fitzgerald Jeremiah 33:14-16
Dec. 5 communion	"Fire and Soap"	Rev. John Fitzgerald Malachi 3:1-4



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

- The family of Loraine Scott upon her death on August 26, 2021.
- Betty Hicks and family upon the death of her brother, William Bartholomew, on October 2, 2021.
- Bonnie Paschal and family upon the death of her sister, Nita Bullard, on October 6, 2021.
- Vermalee Martz and family upon the death of her husband, Bob Martz, on October 21, 2021.
- Jane Pack and family upon the death of her brother, Philip Satterfield, on October 26, 2021.
- Fred Osbourne and family upon the death of his mother, Madelyn Osborne, on October 26, 2021.



Congratulations to Danielle Elizabeth Winter and Adam Carson Lay who were united in marriage on October 10, 2021. Dani is the daughter of Keith and Diane Winter.

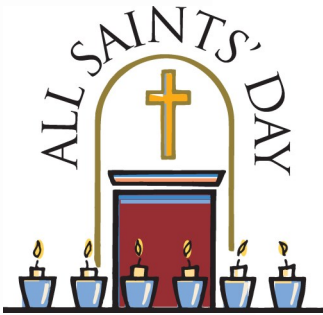


Congratulations to Claire and Taylor McKain on the birth of their twins, Miller Noll McKain and Rosie Marie McKain, on October 9, 2021. Grandparents are Bob and Jan Hodges.

Thank You Note

The Guatemala Mission Building Team extends a huge thank you in appreciation for your support, whether it be financial, shoes, glasses, dresses, T-shirts, sporting equipment or prayers. With your blessings, we built two homes, held Bible lessons for approximately 450 children, and helped stucco the sanctuary at La Santidad, "The Ladies' Church." We hope you followed us on the church social media pages for video feeds and pictures throughout the week! We've got that "joy, joy, joy, joy down in our hearts" to share with our God Family in Guatemala.

All Saints Sunday on November 7



On November 7, our church family will remember the faithful who entered heaven over the last 12 months. Many of their families were unable to hold a celebration of life for a loved one due to the restrictions of the pandemic. As a way to celebrate the lives of the faithful, there will be a simple display for each person based around their obituary and placed on the bookstore shelves in the Commons Area. You will find cards nearby on which you can share a favorite memory or story about those we have lost. Once written, place them by the person's display. They will be given to surviving spouses or other family members as a remembrance. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Giff at 336-766-6375, ext.145 or giffK@clemmonsumc.org.

Seeking Mentors for Elementary Children

Interfaith Alliance of Clemmons and Lewisville (IACL) is looking for caring adults to serve as mentors for children at Morgan and Ward Elementary Schools. IACL is partnering with Big Brothers Big Sisters to make an impact in the lives of local children. Children need compassionate, consistent and dependable adults who believe in them. Will you help make a difference? Please contact either Kathy Giff (giffK@clemmonsumc.org) or Lexi Scoggin (ascoggin2@gmail.com). Training and background checks are a given.

Other Ways to Help: We have added a collection box for IACL on our **MISSION POSSIBLE** shelves in the Ministry Center Fellowship Hall. Our local schools have ongoing needs for their students. Please consider donating any of the following items: earbuds; coloring books for all school ages; crayons; markers; colored pencils; journals; composition books; Playdoh; Poppits; Tangles; fidget toys; stickers; and full-size hygiene products such as shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, and dry shampoo.

OTHER MISSION POSSIBLE NEEDS:

- Watchmen of the Streets: Batteries of all sizes (AAA, AA, C, D, 9 volt)
- Clemmons Food Pantry: Someone to deliver the grocery bags and food items
- Spark: pajamas sized from 12 months to adult XXL

CUMC Children's Ministry Updates



CUMC Kids Friendsgiving Dinner: Nov. 5 @ 6 p.m.

It's the season for caring and friendship. What better way to celebrate than with a CUMC Children's Ministry family meal. To keep everything COVID-friendly, families will have their own table during meal time. Each meal will be individually boxed as well. After the meal there will be story time followed by fun thanksgiving games and crafts. Please contact Pastor Sara for more information or sign up [here](#).

Family Advent Bags for CUMC Kids

CUMC Children's Ministry is offering Family Advent Bags that will contain all the supplies CUMC Kids need to count down to Christmas and remember the reason for the season. The Bags will include a weekly advent overview and song; a family advent calendar and devotional book; a weekly family activity (sugar cookie kit, Christmas book to read as a family, hot chocolate packs, and a family ornament craft); a Christmas morning letter; and a magnetic advent wreath. Bags will be available for pickup on Sunday, November 21. Please sign up for your family's advent bag by November 5 [here](#).

Serving Sunday: November 14



Instead of our normal Serving Saturday this quarter, we will have a Serving Sunday on November 14. We will provide a meal for the Clemmons:One Youth between 5:30 and 6 p.m. and need your help providing the food items for a baked potato bar as well as help serving. (Sign up [here](#).) Please have your food items to the church by 5 p.m. We will begin serving at 5:30 p.m.

Passportkids Camp Sign-Ups

This summer, CUMC Kids will be taking a group of children to Passportkids camp at Montreat Camp & Conference Center from July 5 through July 8. Passportkids is a fun, meaningful, and faith-growing opportunity for children who are currently in 3rd-5th grade. Pastor Sara worked at Passport for four summers! You can learn more about the camp from her or at www.passportcamps.org/kids-camps. A \$50 deposit is required by November 19 to hold your spot. You can mail or drop off your deposit (cash or check) to the church office. The remaining \$300 will be due in the spring. Please let Sara know if you need a scholarship as we don't want any child to miss out due to financial reasons. Please register your child by November 19.

Angel Breakfast: December 4 @ 10 a.m.



Our annual Angel Breakfast for three- and four-year-olds will be held this year in the Ministry Center on December 4 at 10 a.m. We invite all children ages three and four to bring a special adult, wear your favorite pajamas, and come and join us for a COVID-friendly morning of Christmas crafts, fun games, and heavenly treats. There will also be a special reading of the Christmas story. RSVP information and sign-up links will be available on the church website soon.

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

[C:O] Clemmons:One Youth

Clemmons:One Friendsgiving: Our Clemmons:One Youth will be sharing Thanksgiving goodies with several of our homebound friends of CUMC on Saturday, November 13. **We are in need of donations of Thanksgiving goodies** such as turkey and mashed potatoes. Please visit www.clemmonsone.org for additional information and to sign-up by Wednesday, November 10. Thanksgiving goodies can be dropped off in the kitchen that is adjacent to the Parlor (2nd floor of Ministry Center) any time between Friday, November 12, through 1 p.m. on Saturday, November 13. We are hoping to deliver goodies to around 10 families/persons.

Donations needed for Christmas Light Spectacular Fundraiser: Our Clemmons:One Youth are holding our Christmas Light Spectacular from December 10 through December 12 for our Clemmons/Lewisville community that takes you on a walk down our CUMC prayer trail decorated from top to bottom with beautiful Christmas lights and decorations. Santa Claus will also be in attendance for some wonderful Christmas cheer. This year we will also have a live nativity to share in the wonderful story of our Savior's birth! This fundraiser is in support of next summer's CCC:Honduras mission trip. To make this wonderful weekend happen, we are in need of your help. Do you have any Christmas decorations that you would be willing to let us borrow or donate to our youth program? Do you have any generators that you would be willing to let us borrow or donate? As Christmas decorations start showing up on store shelves and as you clean out your storage and garages for the Fall, please keep our Christmas Light Spectacular in mind! If you have any questions or have items to donate, please contact Amanda Batten.

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

The Discipleship Committee Needs Your Input!

Our team has been exploring and learning about small group ministry as a way to create opportunities for you, as covenant partners and guests, to grow deeper in your faith, build lasting relationships, and discover your gifts through serving together. As a team we have been reading *The Class Meeting: Reclaiming a Forgotten (and Essential) Small Group Experience* written by Kevin M. Watson. In our discussions we have recognized that while the adult Sunday School option meets the needs of many of our adults, there are many adults of all ages who feel disconnected from the church family as a whole.

As we continue to pursue best practices for getting a small group ministry started in 2022, we would like your feedback! We will be emailing a simple survey to all church members the first week of November. Please take the time to fill out and submit the survey. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Giff at giffK@clemmonsumc.org. Thanks in advance! – The Discipleship Committee

Stephen Ministry Training



Are you interested in becoming a Stephen Minister? If so, consider attending our Stephen Ministry training that begins weekly on Monday, January 10, from 6–8:30 p.m. and runs through the end of May. For more information or to sign up for this training, please contact Rev. Sara Smith at smithS@clemmonsumc.org.

Living the Fullness of Christ

Calendar of Events

Sun, Nov 7	7:30 a.m. Methodist Men Breakfast & Program 9:45 a.m. New Covenant Partner Class 4:00 p.m. CPR Classes	Tues, Nov 23	9:30 a.m. Quilting Group 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study
Mon, Nov 8	7:00 p.m. GriefShare 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Mtg	Wed, Nov 24	7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Tues, Nov 9	9:30 a.m. Quilting 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Trustees Committee Mtg 7:00 p.m. Joy Service & Fellowship Mtg	Thurs, Nov 25	Holiday - Church Office Closed
Wed, Nov 10	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal	Fri, Nov 26	Holiday - Church Office Closed
Sat, Nov 13	12:00 p.m. 60+ Adults Chicken Stew Event	Mon, Nov 29	7:00 p.m. GriefShare
Mon, Nov 15	7:00 p.m. Griefshare	Tues, Nov 30	9:30 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study
Tues, Nov 16	9:30 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. MOST Team Meeting	Wed, Dec 1	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal
Wed, Nov 17	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal	Sat, Dec 4	10:00 a.m. Angel Breakfast
Mon, Nov 22	7:00 p.m. GriefShare	Sun, Dec 5	7:30 a.m. Methodist Men Breakfast & Program 3:00 p.m. Family Advent Event

Sunday Service Times

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Connect Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

Clemmons:One Youth Events: www.clemmonsone.org.

Final MOST Meeting of 2021

The Mission Outreach Support Team will hold its final meeting of the year on November 16 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. If your mission team or agency would like a grant reviewed by MOST, please return your completed request to Kathy Giff (giffK@clemmonsumc.org) by Thursday, November 11. The forms can be found on our church website under Get Involved/Mission & Outreach Ministries ([link](#)).



Chicken Stew & Songs for 60+ Adults

The 60+ Adults Committee is holding a Chicken Stew & Songs event on Saturday, November 13 from noon to 2 p.m. under the picnic shelter. There will be delicious stew ready to warm your bellies and music will be provided by the acoustic band Rain Check. Love offerings will be accepted. Sign up by November 7 in the Commons Area between worship services.

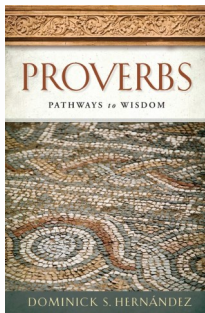
Knocking on Heaven's Door Contemplative Ways of Opening to the Holy

Connecting with God is one of the most important aspects of our relationship with Him; however, it is also one of the hardest on which to stay focused and disciplined. There are many ways of deepening our relationship with God. Come learn some simple ways of creating space for God's grace as you nurture the process of inner-transformation. These teaching/worship sessions are designed to inform, engage, and inspire what some of the great mystics and spiritual writers call *contemplation*. We'll be learning and experimenting with...

Simple prayer . . . Scripture . . . The Examen . . . Holy Listening . . . and many others.

Knocking on Heaven's Door begins January 2022 and will meet the third Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. Each session stands alone, so come as you are able and bring a friend.

Proverbs: Pathways to Wisdom A four-week study of Proverbs via Zoom



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 8 through February 10, 2022 and will be facilitated by Dave Lee via Zoom. Please contact Dave at davidmlee2006@aol.com if you have any questions or to sign up. *Proverbs: Pathways to Wisdom* may be purchased from Amazon ([link](#)).

Clemmons United Methodist Church 2021 Financial Update Year-to-date results through October 30, 2021

Total Contributions and Other Receipts	938,028.49
Total Ministry Expenses and Disbursements	(1,082,210.35)
Decrease in Financial Position for 2021	(144,181.86)
Bank Balance (operating and special funds)	254,141.27

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 Dec. 1 and the deadline for articles to be submitted is Monday, Nov. 22. 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.

We Invite You to Sing in Our December 12th Christmas Cantata

Whether you normally participate in music or not, we invite you to sing in our Christmas cantata on December 12 at the 11 o'clock worship service. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

If you're interested, contact Bryon Grohman at grohmanB@clemmonsumc.org or 812-340-1353.

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