

August 3, 2022



Clemmons

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Clemmons:One Youth

Youth Sunday – August 21

Join us for our Clemmons:One Youth Mission Sunday on August 21. Our Clemmons:One youth have had an incredible, God-filled summer of mission trips in Honduras working with children's homes, in Asheville working with community friends experiencing homelessness, in Avery and Watauga counties building safe-access projects and house and yard upkeep for those in need, and building a wheelchair ramp and completing service projects in our own community of Winston-Salem. 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 28

We invite our rising 6th–rising 12th grade youth and their families to join in our Clemmons:One Youth Kick-Off on Sunday, August 28 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 2023, a potluck cookout, and our parent vs. youth kick-ball tournament (youth have taken the win for the past two years).

Promotion Sunday – August 28

Welcome all 6th graders to Middle School youth and all 9th graders to High School youth on Sunday, August 28. Sunday School for 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.

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

Living the Fullness of Christ



August 7 communion	"Faith"	Rev. John Fitzgerald Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
August 14	"Faith for the Good Times"	Rev. John Fitzgerald Hebrews 11:29-12:2
August 21	Youth Sunday	Amanda Batten
August 28	"Horse Racing in the Jungle of Jordan"	Rev. John Fitzgerald Jeremiah 12:1-5
September 4 communion	"Clay Pots"	Amanda Batten Jeremiah 18:1-6



We extend our Christian sympathy to Melissa Kelly and family upon the death of her mother, LaVerne Hand Kelly, on July 9, 2022.



Congratulations to Art Duncan and Ellen Satterwhite who were united in marriage on July 23, 2022.



Congratulations to Matt and Leanna Webb and big brother, Owen, upon the birth of Hudson John Webb on July 18, 2022. Proud grandparents are Chuck and Leisa Morrison.

Returning Bible Study Groups

Pastor John's Tuesday Night Bible Study returns on September 6 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The Zoom link will be available on the homepage of CUMC's website.

Thursday Afternoon Bible Study returns on September 8 at 4:30 p.m. Please email Kathy Giff for Zoom link and more information: giffk@clemmonsumc.org.



Thank you to our wonderful church family for all of your prayers, cards, calls, and well wishes during each of our hospital stays and our recovery! We are so blessed to be a part of Clemmons UMC!

–Robin and Doug Owen

Thank you for all the expressed love, compassion, and most of all prayers during these past five years. We received a “cancer free” report this past week from Larry’s oncologist. Again, our heartfelt thanks for all your support. With love and gratitude,

–Larry and Marty Kiger

A hearty thank you for the thoughts and prayers of all my church friends during my recent hospital stay! Your cards and phone calls were deeply appreciated!

–Sue Whiteside

Stewardship Campaign Kickoff Sunday, September 11

9-11 a.m. catered breakfast/Mission and Ministry Fair
One service at 11 o’clock

On Sunday, September 11 we will celebrate the kickoff for the 2022 Stewardship Campaign. The theme is **How Miracles Happen: Our Giving is God’s Gift to Others**. The Stewardship Committee is hosting a catered breakfast along with a Mission and Ministry Fair from 9-11 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 a strolling one—grab a plate of finger foods and move about the space to learn and to visit. At 11 o’clock there will be one service in the sanctuary.

Pilgrimage of Faith: A Journey Through Israel/Palestine

January 29–February 8, 2023 | Hosted by John and Chris Fitzgerald

More details on the Commons Area table and at the church office.



Knocking on Heaven's Door contemplative ways of opening to the Holy

Creating a Rule of Life
Sunday, September 18 at 9:30 a.m.

Connecting with God is one of the most important aspects of our relationship with God; 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. Each session stands alone. Come as you are able and drawn. Consider bringing a friend.

After a summer break, we will return to our monthly sessions in the Parlor Conference Room on Sunday, September 18 at 9:30 a.m. Our next exploration will be Creating a Rule of Life. The purpose of a Rule of Life is to help us as individuals engage with intentionality and consistency the spiritual practices that lead us deeper into the heart of God and allow God to do his work in us. Ruth Haley Barton, in her book *Sacred Rhythms: Arranging Our Lives for Spiritual Transformation*, says that a rule of life is "the structure that enables us to say yes to the process of transformation day in and day out" and that it seeks to address the question: How do I want to live so I can be who I want to be?

Upcoming Practices for Exploration:

October 16–Silence and Solitude

November 20–Walking with God through the Christian Year Using the Lectionary

Past Practices Explored: Breath Prayer; Praying With the Scriptures/Lectio Divina;
The Sacraments; The Examen

Please visit our Prayer Space located in Room A-206B to find handouts from previous sessions, as well as resources for learning more about each of these ways to become more intentional in our relationship with God. If you have any questions, curiosities or desire for deeper conversation, please reach out to me by email (giffk@clemmonsumc.org) or stop by for a visit (A-206A)

–Kathy Giff, Ministry Leader of Discipleship, Missions and Congregational Care
(giffk@clemmonsumc.org)

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Just Wondering

If we offered a monthly Sunday morning class using various tools for self-awareness as a child of God, would anyone come? In this offering, we would use the spiritual gifts inventory, the enneagram, and the PEGS tools shared in our new covenant partner/member classes and potentially others to become more self-aware. In so doing, we can support each other in finding ways to serve in our church, community and beyond that feed our soul. We can begin to understand the whys of our behavior with others and reactions to different situations. Please let me know if this offering speaks to you!

If we offered monthly workshops to tap into your desire to creatively connect with God, would you join me on the journey of discovery? What a beautiful way to worship together as we explore the creative arts as a process to open space for the divine. No training necessary. Only a “beginner’s mind” is requested, meaning come to an experience with an openness and a willingness to be transformed. The space will be a judgment-free zone. Together, we will explore painting, collage-making, journaling, poetry writing, movement, song, photography, nature art, and whatever else presents itself . . . all as a way to engage art as prayer. I am considering a weekday morning offering or a Saturday morning one. Potentially, the workshops would be between 2-3 hours. Please let me know if this idea resonates with you!

—Kathy Giff, Ministry Leader of Discipleship, Missions and Congregational Care (giffK@clemmonsumc.org)

Sisters in Christ

Sisters in Christ is a group of women who meet for fellowship, Bible study, and participation in service projects. This September marks their 20th anniversary and they will celebrate this occasion on Wednesday, September 7. Join them in the Ministry Center Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m. to share summer memories followed by a luncheon including our wonderful church staff. On September 14, they will begin a six-week study called “Finding Balance: Loving God with Heart and Soul, Mind and Strength.” The study will examine narratives of New Testament women and how to better follow the teachings of Jesus. Please contact Linda Morgan at 336-416-6814 or lmorgancrna@gmail.com to order a study guide or for more information.

Disaster Response Rebuilding Team

Many of us who have been participants in past disaster response rebuilding are eager to get back to work. Our NC coast has been blessed not to have experienced damaging storms over the past two years, so we will not be going to the coast. On the other hand, Haywood County west of us suffered substantial flooding damage from tropical storm Fred last August. The towns of Cruso and Canton are still recovering. We have scheduled a rebuilding trip to that area beginning Sunday, September 11 and ending Friday, September 16. Our plans are contingent on the COVID virus continuing to ramp down and will be subject to change accordingly if cases increase. We don’t have all the details on living arrangements, but have been assured that we can be accommodated. If you are interested in joining us or want more information, please contact me at 336-918-3214 or alburchett@live.com. — Al Burchett

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60+ Adults . . .

Are you YOUNG AT HEART, over 60 years old, or 60+? There has been a bit of confusion of the different titles, so from now on all of our folks who are 60 and older will be known as 60+. The word PLUS means many things. In “60+” it means 60 years old or older, “adding more to our lives,” and Merriam-Webster’s definition of plus as “algebraically positive,” “having, receiving or being in addition to what is anticipated,” and “falling high in a specified range greater than that specified.” Well, folks, that’s us . . . 60+. As the old saying goes, “You’re not getting older, you’re getting better!”

From now on, any activity labeled 60+ will be for all of those folks 60 years of age and older. We encourage you to join us! We have a lot of ideas of things and activities we’d like to bring to the group, but most of all, we encourage YOU to give us ideas of things you would like to do, see or hear about. We are here to serve you!

Monthly Luncheon: On the 4th Monday of each month (outside of summer) we meet in the Ministry Center Fellowship Hall from 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. with a catered lunch (\$10.00) and a program of some kind. If there’s a program you would like to have, let us know and we’ll do our best to make it happen. In the past this group was called Young at Heart, but going forward we’ll be known as 60+.

Dining Out Wednesday Group: There is a group called the DOWGs (Dining Out Wednesday Group) which is simply a social group that gets together each Wednesday at 5 p.m. at a different local restaurant to “catch up” with each other and enjoy some fellowship. We meet at 5 p.m. in order for anyone who is in the choir to get back to church in time for practice. We decide each Wednesday night where we want to go the following week, and a sign-up sheet is passed around. We encourage you to join us!

Quilt Ministry: We have a Quilt Ministry that meets each Tuesday at 9 a.m. in room A-210. We make quilts and blankets for veterans, Watchmen of the Streets, battered women and children, Storehouse for Jesus, those undergoing treatment, and for anyone who needs one. We supply the fabric and supplies, and we just need you to supply the manpower. No experience needed! If quilting isn’t your thing, you may also knit or crochet prayer shawls or Christmas tree decorations for small trees for our friends in nursing homes.

Day Trips: We take day trips and occasionally an overnight trip. We encourage you to let us know where you would like to go. We have access to the church bus and often share the cost of the gas with those who go. A few of our past outings have been to the DASH baseball games, the Biltmore House, and fall leaves viewing near Boone. Soon we will be going to Lake Norman to tour the lake on the Catawba Queen riverboat. At church we have recently enjoyed two ice cream socials, a chicken stew, a Valentines party and we are planning a day to honor our veterans and another delicious chicken stew luncheon in the fall.

More: We have a few people who we can count on to visit shut-ins, but we would like to have a much larger group willing to visit folks who might be lonely. We would also like to have a team willing to prepare meals for people who are sick, those who have been in the hospital, for a family who has lost a loved one or have family members who are not well. Quite often, the Sunday morning altar flower arrangement can be broken down into small vases to deliver to our shut-in or sick friends.

I think it’s so important to become involved in church. By meeting others, sharing your faith, sharing your talents and sharing your stories, your life will be so much richer. We’re looking forward to a wonderful year of faith, fun and fellowship with all of our 60+s!

In Christ’s love,

Janie Hackney, Leader of the 60+ Group and Barbara Turner, Staff Liaison

Seeking Gently Used Glasses and Shoes

Donations of new and gently used shoes and glasses are being accepted for the Guatemala Mission Team. Shoes up to adult size eight are needed for women, men and children. Glasses, both prescription and over the counter, are welcome as well. We love seeing the faces of the people when they find a “new to them” pair of shoes sent by a member of CUMC. Donations may be dropped off until September 30 in the Ministry Center “Mission Possible” area.

Clemmons Food Pantry Fundraiser

Clemmons Food Pantry's 9th Annual Drive Away Hunger Golf Tournament will be held Friday, September 23 at Salem Glen Golf and Country Club. Whether you want to play, sponsor or donate, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved. All proceeds benefit the Clemmons Food Pantry. You may obtain an entry form and Sponsor level information from the church office. Registrations are due September 16. For more information about this important fundraiser, please contact John Kovack (276-340-3982/ jekovack55@gmail.com) or Kathy Kovack (336-406-0882 / kathykovack@gmail.com).



Get your donations together! BOX, BAG and TAG IT !

Bazaar Donation Trailers will be here September 2nd! LET'S FILL THEM UP!

There are lots of tasks to be done! Please volunteer to:

- Accept donations at the trailer
- Unload the trailer on October 2;
- Sort donations the week of October 3 (a few hours makes a big difference)
- Bake items for the Bakery and Treat Shoppe
- Join the clean up crew
- Help the Truck Team pick up furniture donations
- Ask for a Silent Auction item from a vendor or business you know

Sign up now! All men, women and kid power is needed! Send an email to let us know how you plan to participate: cumcbazaar@clemmonsumc.org

“The Bazaar is a chance for people to get involved, meet new friends, and connect to the church. It’s also a chance to serve God, our community, and to fund missional outreach.”

*Come and serve,
Pastor John*

CUMC Children's Ministry Updates



Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to the new Children's Ministry Sunday School room. I've written personal thank notes to those who identified themselves on their Amazon orders, but some folks have sent wonderful items via Amazon anonymously. Deepest gratitude for all the love shown to our CUMC Kids. We cannot wait to open the new space (Room C-205) on August 28!



Backpack Blessing: Sunday, August 21 @ all three services

It is time for our annual CUMC Backpack Blessing Sunday. Are you a student, educator, or school system employee? Come to any of the three services to have your backpack blessed and receive a backpack tag for the upcoming school year. Invite a friend along if you'd like. We can't wait to see you there!



CUMC Kids Kick Off: Saturday, August 27 @ 5-7 p.m.

Let's kick off the new ministry year together! Chick-fil-A and Sunset Slush will be on site for you to buy dinner and dessert. The playground will be open and we will have a bounce house. There will also be information about CUMC Kids programming, all of the parent forms to sign, volunteer sign-ups, and this year's new children's ministry tee shirt for sale. You don't want to miss this fun event!



Promotion Sunday: August 28

- ✝ Children birth through two-years-old will be in the Nursery (C-101)
- ✝ Children who have turned two by September 1st through PreK will be in the preschool Sunday School classroom (C-105)
- ✝ Elementary children will be in the Elementary Sunday School room (C-205)
- ✝ 6th graders will move up to Youth Sunday School (meet in the Ministry Center)

We will spend the morning talking about our summer, getting to know one another, singing songs, and playing games. We will also talk about our new theme for the 2022-2023 ministry year, the fun activities we have planned, and learning about the new routines the elementary kids will have each Sunday morning. Invite a friend and come join the fun.

– Pastor Sara Smith, Children and Family Ministries (smithS@clemonsumc.org)

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Calendar of Events

Sun, Aug 7	7:30 a.m. Methodist Men Breakfast & Program	Tues, Aug 30	9:00 a.m. Quilting
Tues, Aug 9	9:00 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. Bazaar Planning Meeting	Wed, Aug 31	7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal
Wed, Aug 10	7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal	Sun, Sept 4	7:30 a.m. Methodist Men Breakfast & Program
Tues, Aug 16	9:00 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. MOST Meeting	Mon, Sept 5	Labor Day Holiday – Church Office Closed
Wed, Aug 17	7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	Tues, Sept 6	9:00 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. John’s Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Bazaar Planning & Chairs Meeting
Mon, Aug 22	2:00 p.m. KOHD Team Meeting	Wed, Sept 7	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ 5:30 p.m. Children’s Choirs 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Divorce Care
Tues, Aug 23	9:00 a.m. Quilting 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry	Sun, Sept 11	9:00 a.m. Stewardship Kick-off Breakfast and Ministry Fair
Wed, Aug 24	7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	Sunday Service Times	
Thurs, Aug 25	7:00 p.m. Nominations Committee Meeting	8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service ~ Sanctuary	
Sat, Aug 27	5:00 p.m. Kids Ministry Kick-Off	9:45 a.m. Connect Worship Service ~ Ministry Center	
Sun, Aug 28	4:00 p.m. Clemmons:ONE Youth Kick-Off	9:45 a.m. Sunday School	
Sun, Aug 29	6:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting	11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service ~ Sanctuary	
		Clemmons:One Youth Events: www.clemmonsone.org .	

Clemmons United Methodist Church 2022 Financial Update Year to date results through July 31, 2022

Total Contributions and Other Receipts	734,730.03
Total Ministry Expenses and Disbursements	(746,977.04)
Decrease in Financial Position for 2022	-12,247.01
Bank Balance	358,536.37

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. 7 and the deadline for articles to be submitted is Monday, Aug. 29. 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.

Support Groups

Clemmons UMC offers the following 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 7–December 7, from 7–8:30 p.m. in Room A-210. ([link for details](#))



PAL (Parents of Addicted Loved Ones) 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. ([link for details](#))

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