



Nov. 1, 2023

Clemmons

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ACTS... All Care to Share

Let's help make this Christmas a very, merry one for families in our community!



ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree will be in the Commons Area on Sunday, November 19.

Return wrapped gifts with angel by Sunday morning, December 10.

CUMC's Angel Tree ministry has long been a favorite church-wide community service project focused on helping families needing a little extra support at Christmas time. We want the children and their families to have a magical and blessed Christmas.

Our Angel Tree will be set up in the Commons Area beginning Sunday, November 19. Each angel on the tree represents a gift that a child or family member has requested.

Please take one or more paper angels; buy the requested gift; wrap it with the angel attached on the outside of the gift; and place it under the tree no later than the morning of Sunday, December 10.

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

Living the Fullness of Christ

Sunday Preaching Schedule

November 5	“Together with the Lord”	Rev. John Fitzgerald Thessalonians 4:13-18
November 12	“Noisy Gongs”	Amanda Batten Amos 5:18-24
November 19	“Things to Think”	Rev. John Fitzgerald Philippians 4:1-9
November 26	“Reign of Christ”	Rev. John Fitzgerald Ephesians 1:15-23
December 3 communion	“Lord Come Down”	Rev. John Fitzgerald Isaiah 64:1-12



We extend our Christian sympathy to Rosanne Peacock and family upon the death of husband, Ken Peacock, on October 6.

Thank You Notes

Thank you, Jeff Meadows, for pressure washing the church office / Hunter House. It looks so much better and we appreciate your hard work! – *Hunter House's Pastor John, Waynette, and Amy*

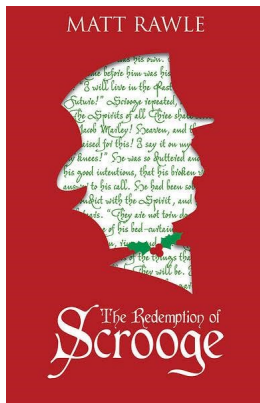
Gracias! ¡Gracias! Thank you! Thank you! The Guatemala Mission Building Team is very grateful for ALL the donations received for this year's team to serve in Guatemala. We collected from five churches – three in Forsyth County, one church in Watauga County, and one church in Virginia! We jam-packed TWENTY-THREE suitcases with shoes to distribute to underprivileged and marginalized people there. That's about 1,200 pounds of shoes! Suitcases, shoes, prayer blankets, money, New Testaments in Spanish, and PLENTY of prayers will enable us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to four churches with Bible Lessons, construction at two churches, and build four homes. We are also able to purchase goods for the new homeowners to set up housekeeping! We are so very humbled by the generosity of our God Family which enables us to bless our God Family in Guatemala as we ALL work together to further God's Kingdom. Although civil unrest postponed the 2023 Mission until January 20, 2024, we want you to know that you have blessed us, and that enables us to bless our God Family in Guatemala. We already have 15 dedicated people for the COMBINED team in January and await responses from many others! Praise God! Please PRAY for Guatemala as the people there seek peace, equity, and justice in their country.

¡Dios lo bendiga! God bless you!

Bart & Cheryl Shaw and the 2023/2024 Guatemala Mission Building Team

An Advent Study: The Redemption of Scrooge

A four-week study starting November 30 through December 21
Thursdays from 4:30 to 6 p.m. via Zoom



Is redemption possible for Ebenezer Scrooge? Pastor and author Matt Rawle believes so as he discovers the teachings of Jesus in the words of the Charles Dickens classic *A Christmas Carol*. Rawle dives deep into the dark, sad, greedy world of Scrooge and discovers a man in dire need of a second chance. Along with Scrooge, we meet the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future and in the process learn about living with and for others in a world blessed by Jesus. Rediscover and reinvigorate your Christian faith this Advent and Christmas season, and look at this familiar classic through the lens of faith.

Matt Rawle brings us to the intersection of Church and Pop Culture by drawing parallels between the iconic story and musical and our Christian calling, inspiring us to both understand our faith and live it out in the world.

One source of *The Redemption of Scrooge* by Matt Rawle is Amazon ([link](#)). For additional information and the Zoom link, please contact Dave Lee @ davidmlee2006@aol.com.

Advent Resources



Searching for an Advent Devotional Book? You will find complimentary ones on the bookshelves in the Commons Area. Please feel free to share with our church members who are unable to come to church. May your daily readings and prayer time be a special part of your Advent season.

Advent Studies for SS classes and Bible Study Groups. Is your Sunday School Class or Bible study group looking for an Advent study? Stop by the Resource Room (A-206) and browse through the selection. You will find a few new studies: *An Unlikely Advent* by Rachel Billups and *Experiencing Christmas* by Matt Rawle.



Mark your Calendar for the Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 10
11 o'clock in the Sanctuary



Sisters in Christ



Sisters in Christ is a women's group that meets on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. They participate in many community service projects as well as Bible study. Their current study is "Signs and Wonders" by Amy-Jill Devine, a study about the miracles of Jesus. Please call Linda Morgan at 336-416-6814 or more information.



United Methodist Men Breakfast & Program

Speaker: Michelle Butt, President and General Manager of WXII
Sunday, Nov. 5 at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Church Directory News

We're excited about releasing our church directory early next year in conjunction with Clemmons UMC's 150th Anniversary!

To complete the directory through Realm (CUMC's church management software), we will change your Realm profile to allow the address, phone number, and email to be viewed by anyone in the church who has a password-protected Realm log-in. This will allow us to include these elements in the printed church directory like in the past.

When we make this database change, on or around Thursday, November 30, you will most likely receive one or more automated emails titled "*Privacy Change Notification*."

No further action is required on your part unless you choose to limit any or all of your information (address, phone number, and/or email) in the church directory. To limit any of this information, please contact us by November 29 at directory@clemmonsumc.org.

Finally, unless otherwise notified by parents, we will not include any information about children other than their names if they are in a family picture.

If you have not provided an individual or family picture for the church directory, please email one to pictures@clemmonsumc.org no later than November 29. We know there are some good ones on your phone! We have really enjoyed seeing all the great photos so far and look forward to having more faces to put with names.



Clemmons United Methodist Church 2023 Financial Update Operating Fund Account

Donations Received through 10/27/23	\$768,800
Expenses Paid through 10/27/23	829,072
Net Loss 10/27/23	-60,272

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.

Living the Fullness of Christ

Calendar of Events

<p>Wed, Nov 1 10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir 6:30 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Divorce Care 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting</p> <p>Sun, Nov 5 7:30 a.m. Methodist Men Breakfast & Program</p> <p>Mon, Nov 6 7:00 p.m. Leadership Board Meeting & Charge Conference</p> <p>Tues, Nov 7 9:00 a.m. Quilting 3:00 p.m. Knocking on Heaven's Door Meeting 5:30 p.m. GAP Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. Women's Book Study 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study</p> <p>Wed, Nov 8 10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir 6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Divorce Care 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting</p> <p>Sat, Nov 11 12:00 p.m. 60+ Chicken Stew & Veteran Tribute</p> <p>Mon, Nov 13 7:00 p.m. Staff Parish Committee Meeting</p> <p>Tues, Nov 14 9:00 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. Women's Book Study 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. MOST Committee Meeting</p> <p>Wed, Nov 15 10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Divorce Care</p> <p>Tues, Nov 21 9:00 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. Women's Book Study 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study</p> <p>Wed, Nov 22 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting</p>	<p>Thurs, Nov 23 Thanksgiving Holiday- Church Office Closed</p> <p>Fri, Nov 24 Thanksgiving Holiday- Church Office Closed</p> <p>Tues., Nov 28 9:00 a.m. Quilting 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry 7:00 p.m. Women's Book Study 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study</p> <p>Wed, Nov 29 10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Divorce Care</p> <p>Thurs, Nov 30 4:30 p.m. Thursday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting</p> <p>Sun., Dec 3 7:30 a.m. Methodist Men Breakfast & Program 11:00 a.m. Children's Advent Workshop</p> <p>Mon, Dec 4 7:00 p.m. 150th Committee Meeting</p> <p>Tues, Dec 5 9:00 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. Women's Book Study 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study</p> <p>Wed, Dec 6 10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir 6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Divorce Care 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting</p> <p>Sunday Service Times 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 Clemmons: One Youth: stay connected with our youth at their via their social media pages (Facebook: Clemmons:One / Instagram: clemmonsoneyouth).</p>
--	--



Men's Guatemala Work Trip | April 6-14, 2024

Register by Jan. 1 by contacting Bart Shaw at 336-817-7325.



Clemmons

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ACTS... All Care to Share

The next newsletter will be sent out Dec. 6 and the deadline for articles to be submitted is Monday, Nov. 27. 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.

Charge Conference on November 6

Our annual Charge Conference meeting will take place immediately following the Leadership Board meeting on Monday, November 6 at 7 p.m. Both of these meetings will take place in the Chapel. During the charge conference, the pastor's salary and leadership board nominations will be presented. Other reports available include Trustees, Parsonage, Finance, Proposed Budget summary, Apportionments, Fund Balance Report (Audit) and Safe Sanctuary. Charge Conferences are open meetings in the United Methodist Church and everyone is welcome to attend.

CLEMMONS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Post Office Box 829, Clemmons, NC 27012

Church Office: (336) 766-6375
Preschool Office: (336) 766-9593
CUMC Website: www.clemmonsumc.org

Church Staff

Senior Pastor	John Fitzgerald	Ext 123
Discipleship, Missions, Congregational Care	Kathy Giff	Ext 145
Preschool Ministries	Tammy Clapp	Ext 135
Interim, Children's Ministries	Chris Fitzgerald	Ext 141
Youth Ministries	Amanda Batten	Ext 126
60+ Adults Ministries	Barbara Turner	336-766-5972
Music and Worship Arts	Bryon Grohman	Ext. 129
Contemporary Music Ministries	Karen Stutzman	
Office Manager	Waynette Adamczak	Ext 122
Office Assistant	Amy Griffin	Ext 121
Facilities Manager	David Mooneyham	Ext 125
Media Ministries	Ed Fisher	

Leadership Board: cumcleadershipboard@clemmonsumc.org

Prayer Concerns: prayers@clemmonsumc.org

Give: online at www.clemmonsumc.org/give or text 73256 to ClemUMC