

Feb. 7, 2024



# Clemmons

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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### Sesquicentennial News

#### This month's history Sunday – Feb 25

The last Sunday of every month in 2024 will be dedicated to CUMC's amazing history. In January, we saw Chapter 1 of our history. On February 25, we will view Chapter 2 in all three worship services. Each month, we will explore a period of our history through story and song. In February, we will celebrate the years from 1785 to 1810.

On Feb. 11 (Super Bowl Sunday), our Confirmation and Dinner & Discipleship Classes will collect 150 cans of soup for the Clemmons Food Pantry. ***What would you and your group like to do?*** As part of our ongoing sesquicentennial celebration, we wish to challenge you and your group to show your support of CUMC by participating in some way.

Below are some ideas:

- Donate \$150 to the church in honor or memory of someone
- Volunteer at church for 150 hours or 150 minutes
- Volunteer to help with the October 5/6 Heritage Weekend event
- Be CREATIVE!

**Interesting history fact for February** – McKnight's Meeting House was our congregation's first home. In 1789, the first Methodist magazine was drafted by Francis Asbury at McKnight's Meeting House, making our church the first Methodist publishing house in America. The United Methodist Publishing House and Cokesbury (retail arm of the Publishing House) are named for Thomas Coke and Francis Asbury. The UM Publishing House currently serves more than 13 million members and over 43,000 churches worldwide.

**Save the date for Heritage Weekend — October 5-6!**

## Living the Fullness of Christ

### Sunday Sermons



**8:30 AND 11 A.M. WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY**

**9:45 A.M. CONNECT CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP IN THE MINISTRY CENTER**

Feb. 11: "Transfiguration" ~ Mark 9:2-9 ~ Rev. John Fitzgerald

Feb 18: "Noah's Promise" ~ Genesis 9:8-17 ~ Rev. John Fitzgerald

Feb 25: "Take up Your Cross" ~ Mark 8:31-38 ~ Rev. John Fitzgerald

March 3: "A Well-Storied Life" ~ John 4:5-42 ~ Rev. Kirk Lejune (communion)

March 10: "For God so Loved . . ." ~ John 3:14-21 ~ Rev. John Fitzgerald



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

- Patti Gurysh and family upon the death of her mother, Jeanne Denzer, on January 9.
- Ellen Barnes and family upon the death of her father, William Balance, on January 12.
- Dale Jeanes and family upon the death of his father, Opey Jeanes, on January 17.

### Thank You Notes

Thank you to my CUMC family for all the wonderful meals, cards, texts and emails wishing me well after my surgery on January 15. Tom and I truly appreciate all of your thoughts, prayers, love and support.

— Donna Odom

I want to thank all of Clemmons UMC for your continued support of the Jamaica Mission Team by attending the Chili Lunch Fundraiser. This year we are adding two classrooms to an existing school building at Stettin Methodist Church. If you look at a map of Jamaica, we are way up in the mountains, away from the tourist areas. We will be buying hundreds of blocks plus tons of steel and cement. Your generous donations will help buy the supplies needed for this job. School will be in session while we are working, so wish us luck! Please keep praying for the Jamaican people as you help send us to do God's work. We love Clemmons UMC!

— Tom Miller, the Jamaica Mission Team

### Ash Wednesday and Lenten Resources

Lent starts on February 14 with our Ash Wednesday Service at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Lenten Studies are available for Sunday school classes and Bible Study groups. Check the selection out in the Resource Room (A-206). Lenten devotionals are available on the shelves in the Commons Area. No cost!

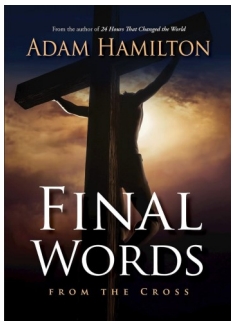
### Lenten Bible Study

Thursdays, Feb. 22-March 28 | 4:30-6 p.m. via Zoom

In life and in death, Jesus' words were powerful and meaningful. Despite the serious effort and increased pain required for Jesus to speak as he hung on the cross, Jesus spoke seven "final words" statements that have much to teach us about Jesus, his Father, and ourselves:

- "Father, Forgive Them." • "Behold Your Son....Behold Your Mother."
- "My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?" • "Today You Will Be with Me in Paradise"
- "I Thirst." • "It Is Finished." • "Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit."

In *24 Hours That Changed the World*, Adam Hamilton took us on a Lenten journey through the last day of Jesus' life. Now in this inspiring follow-up book, *Final Words From the Cross*, Hamilton explores these final words as seen and heard through the eyes and ears of those who stood near the cross.



Each chapter begins with the biblical account followed by a first-person story as might have been told from the viewpoint of one of the characters at the cross. Then the chapter explores the meaning of Jesus' dying words for our lives today. Following the last statement, a postscript recounts the words Jesus spoke following his resurrection, including what truly were the final words Jesus spoke while walking this earth.

The study will start on Thursday, February 22 and continue through Maundy Thursday, March 28, from 4:30-6 p.m. via Zoom. There is an optional Easter Sunday session that we will decide as a group if we would like to do that study on the Thursday after Easter, April 4. Copies of the *Final Words From the Cross* by Adam Hamilton can be found on Amazon or at Christian bookstores online. Please feel welcome to join us even if you have to miss some of the weeks. For more information, contact Dave Lee at [davidmlee2006@aol.com](mailto:davidmlee2006@aol.com).

### Sisters in Christ



Sisters in Christ is a women's group who meet on Wednesday mornings from 10 to 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. We have various Bible studies and also do many service projects for our church, individuals, and our community. Join us March 6 as we begin an eight-week study, "Ask: Faith Questions in a Skeptical Age," by Scott J. Jones and Arthur D. Jones. For more information, contact Linda Morgan at 336-416-6814 or [lmorgancrna@gmail.com](mailto:lmorgancrna@gmail.com).



## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Zoe “Do Less” for Orphans Lenten Challenge

Zoe is an empowerment program that works with child-headed households and their families impacted by the global orphan crisis. Through a three-year program, participants become safe and healthy, skilled for long-term success, and able to lead meaningful lives within a supportive community.

For our Zoe Lenten Challenge, we ask that you “Do Less” for the Zoe children. In other words, by “doing less” and donating the cost of a few luxuries to Zoe during Lent, we can support these orphans toward self-sufficiency.

Ways to Give to Zoe:

- Write a check to CUMC with “Zoe” in the notation.
- Give online under GIVE. Please use the drop-down box for the Zoe fund.
- The take-home Zoe boxes are no longer available. Watch for other containers for your family coin collection during Lent. Our request this year is that you count your change and either write a check for that amount or provide cash bills when you bring your box back on Easter Sunday.

Our goal this year is to raise enough to start a new CUMC Zoe family, as we surpassed our goal in 2023 and completed our financial support of our 2022-2025 Zoe Upendo Murungene family!

To learn more about Zoe Empowers and the ways this organization partners with orphans in Africa, visit [zoeempowers.org](http://zoeempowers.org)!

## United Methodist Men Receive Check from CUMC Endowment Fund for Youth Scholarships



During the 60+ Adults meeting on January 22, A.J. Thomas, Director of Client Relations of the United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina, presented a check from the Clemmons UMC Endowment Fund to the United Methodist Men’s (UMM) Youth Scholarship Program. This UMM program benefits CUMC youth’s post-high school education. The Endowment Fund grows through financial gifts from members of the church.

## GO BE THE HANDS, FEET AND HEART OF CHRIST

### Ways to Share God's Love with Others in Our Community

#### Items needed for students in Clemmons and Lewisville:

- Deodorant or deodorant wipes; toothpaste
- Snacks: peanut butter crackers, Pringle chips individual servings, gummy fruits
- Playdough
- Headphones for elementary-aged children

Please place your donations in the CLASS (Clemmons Lewisville Action for Student Success) bin in the fellowship hall. Contact person: Kathy Giff, CLASS Community Leader, [giffk@clemmonsumc.org](mailto:giffk@clemmonsumc.org).

#### Items needed for our homeless friends:

- AA and AAA batteries (Special request: If buying in bulk, please create Ziploc bags of six batteries to save time for the volunteers visiting our homeless)
- Hand warmers through the winter months

Please place items in the Watchmen of the Streets bin in the fellowship hall. Contact person: Al Burchett at [alburchett@live.com](mailto:alburchett@live.com).

#### Monetary donations requested to support the following school needs:

- Amazon gift cards for Ward Elementary Behavior and Attendance Incentive program
- Walmart gift cards to purchase snacks and backpack food items for Morgan Elementary, Ward Elementary, Meadowlark Elementary, and Meadowlark Middle

Contact person: Kathy Giff, CLASS Community Leader, [giffk@clemmonsumc.org](mailto:giffk@clemmonsumc.org).

#### Specific items needed for the setup of Ward Elementary Clothing and Hygiene Closet:

- Children's hangers
- Shelving for shoe display
- Clear plastic storage carts for underwear, socks, and hygiene items
- Reusable shopping bags
- Size tags for clothing racks

Contact person: Kathy Giff, CLASS Community Leader, [giffk@clemmonsumc.org](mailto:giffk@clemmonsumc.org).

#### Ways to give of your time:

- Volunteer at Ward Elementary to set up the Family Clothing and Hygiene Closet
- Prepare and serve a meal for The Shalom Project's Flourish program at Green Street UMC. This opportunity is a great way to serve as a group. The Flourish Initiative is dedicated to developing innovative pathways for low-income individuals to achieve financial self-sufficiency. More information at [theshalomprojectnc.org](http://theshalomprojectnc.org) › flourish.

Contact person: Kathy Giff, CLASS Community Leader, [giffk@clemmonsumc.org](mailto:giffk@clemmonsumc.org).

*Let all that you do be done in love.*

**1 Corinthians 16:14**



## Trees Planted on CUMC Campus in Memory of Ken Peacock and in Honor of Pastor John Fitzgerald

The Clippers group is pleased to announce that Ron and Deanna Jester have donated and arranged to have two white Kousa dogwoods planted on the church grounds. The tree planted at the front of the Hunter House (church office) is to honor John Fitzgerald for his steadfast dedication to CUMC, and the tree planted outside the Ministry Center is in memory of Ken Peacock for his years of friendship and service to CUMC. Thank you Ron and Deanna Jester!

## Scouting Info

**Boy Scout Pine Straw Sale.** BSA Troop 731 is taking orders for pine straw through Sunday, February 25. To preorder your bales for a Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> pickup or delivery, please contact Brandi Taylor (336-409-3121 or btaylormackcole@att.net) or Brian Schoonover (301-466-5167 or schoonover.bd@gmail.com). The pine straw costs \$6/bale if you pickup at CUMC or \$6.50/bale (20 bales minimum) for delivery. There's a \$2/bale spreading fee with a 20 bale minimum. Each bale of straw covers between 50-60 square feet. The scouts thank you!



The scouting program at Clemmons United Methodist Church, with the Rotary Club of Clemmons, is growing! They are in the process of starting an all-girl BSA troop with 731 and looking for girls, ages 12-17, that would be interested in becoming a part of the amazing scouting community. There will be an open house this spring, date to be determined, so be on the lookout for information.

## Clemmons United Methodist Church Financial Update Operating Fund Account

Donations Received through 1/30/24	\$99,823
Expenses Paid through 1/30/24	83,285
Net Gain 1/30/24	16,538

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

Wed, Feb 7	6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting	Fri, Feb 23	Confirmation Retreat Weekend
Fri, Feb 9	Confirmation Retreat Weekend	Sun, Feb 25	3:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 4:00 p.m. Kids Dinner & Discipleship 5:30 p.m. Clemmons:ONE Youth Meeting
Sun, Feb 11	3:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 4:00 p.m. Kids Dinner & Discipleship 5:30 p.m. Clemmons:ONE Youth Meeting	Tues, Feb 27	9:00 a.m. Quilting 10:00 a.m. The Cycle of Grace Book Study 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting
Mon, Feb 12	7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting	Wed, Feb 28	6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting
Tues, Feb 13	9:30 a.m. Quilting 10:00 a.m. The Cycle of Grace Book Study 7:00 p.m. MOST Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study	Thurs, Feb. 29	7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
Wed, Feb 14	6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting	Sun, March 3	4:00 p.m. Clemmons:ONE Youth Meeting
Sun, Feb 18	3:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 4:00 p.m. Kids Dinner & Discipleship 5:30 p.m. Clemmons:ONE Youth Meeting	Mon, March 4	7:00 p.m. Leadership Board Meeting
Tues, Feb 20	9:00 a.m. Quilting 10:00 a.m. The Cycle of Grace Book Study 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study	Tues, March 5	9:00 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study
Wed, Feb 21	6:00 p.m. Children's Choir 6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	Wed, March 6	6:00 p.m. Children's Choir 6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PALS

#### 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



### Vacation Bible School June 24-27

Camp Firelight VBS will be held June 24-27, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. For more information or to register, please email Chris Fitzgerald at [fitzgeraldc@clemmonsumc.org](mailto:fitzgeraldc@clemmonsumc.org).



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The next newsletter will be sent out March 6 and the deadline for articles to be submitted is Monday, Feb 26. Please bring your articles by the Hunter House or email them to [griffinA@clemmonsumc.org](mailto:griffinA@clemmonsumc.org). If you would like to receive the newsletter, please email [office@clemmonsumc.org](mailto: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.

### SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY



Feb 11

**IN HONOR OF OUR  
150TH, WE ARE  
COLLECTING 150  
CANS OF SOUP FOR  
THE CLEMMONS  
FOOD PANTRY**



Confirmation and  
Dinner & Discipleship Classes

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