

April 5, 2023



Clemmons

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ACTS... All Care to Share

Celebrating our past with an eye toward the future

Would you like to help plan our church's 150th Sesquicentennial?

That's right! While our congregation itself is considerably older, beginning in 2024, we have been worshipping God at 3700 Clemmons Road for 150 years.

Would you like to help? Email Chris Fitzgerald at chrisandjohnfitz@gmail.com or talk with Roger Bear or Rich Brown about:

- Ideas on ways to celebrate
- Volunteer to help
- Gather up your mementos, heirlooms, or old pictures of Clemmons or of our church to share



Sunday Preaching Schedule

April 9 Easter Sunday	"Born Again"	Rev. John Fitzgerald John 20:1-18
April 16	"Hands of Peace"	Amanda Batten John 20:19-31
April 23	"The Road to Emmaus"	Rev. John Fitzgerald Luke 24:13-35
April 30	"The Good Shepherd"	Rev. John Fitzgerald John 10:1-11
May 7 communion	How Do You Say Goodbye"	Rev. John Fitzgerald John 14:1-14



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

- Nancy Riden and family upon the death of her sister, Alice Smith, on March 5.
- Ed Coley and family upon the death of his sister, Billie Sue Warren, on March 24.
- Carole Carr upon the death of her sister, Norma Lee Reich, on April 2.



April 6 ~ Holy Thursday ~ 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Our Holy Thursday service will move from Palm Sunday to Holy Communion to Good Friday as we await the resurrection on Easter morning.

April 9 ~ Easter Sunday

8:30 and 11 a.m. ~ Traditional Worship Services in the Sanctuary

9:45 a.m. ~ Connect Worship Service in the Ministry Center

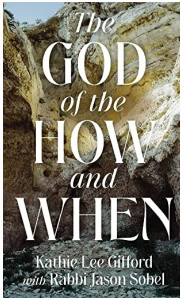


Please join us in flowering the cross as an offering of worship to the resurrected Christ. We invite you to bring wildflowers, flowers from your garden, or purchased flowers to add to the cross at the front of the church. Let's make our cross bloom as we celebrate Christ Is Risen!

Upcoming Studies

Sisters in Christ

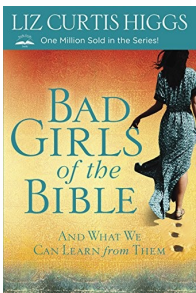
Wednesdays @ 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall



Sisters in Christ is a women's group who meet for Bible study, fellowship, and participation in service projects. After completing their current study on Lent, they will begin a six-week study on April 19, "The God of the How and When," by Kathie Lee Gifford and Rabbi Jason Sobel. These authors tell the stories of five people in Scripture – Abraham, Sarah, Moses, Joshua, and Mary who also wondered "how" and "when" God would come through them. Each of them had to step out in faith and trust in God's time. If you have any questions, contact Linda Morgan at 336-416-6814 or lmorgancrna@gmail.com.

Tuesday Evening Women's Book Study

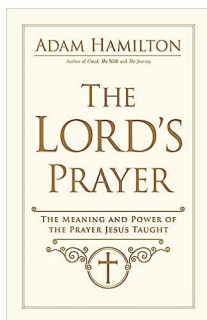
Beginning April 11 @ 7–8:30 p.m. in Room A-208



Join us for our upcoming study, "Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn From Them" by Liz Curtis Higgs. The book may be purchased at major booksellers ([one link](#)). No need to register—just show up! If you have any question, please contact Jennifer Rogers at 336-830-1927 / jennifer.rogers@developmentocean.com.

The Lord's Prayer Bible Study

Thursdays, April 20–May 25 @ 4:30 p.m. via Zoom



No other prayer is more important to Christians than this prayer. It is the Lord's prayer—the prayer he taught us to pray. There are a host of other prayers we overhear Jesus praying in the gospels. But only with this prayer does Jesus say, "Pray like this." Each word is saturated with meaning, a meaning that we often miss when we pray it by rote as we gather in our churches for worship. Each of its six petitions reflects the major themes from Jesus's life and ministry. The prayer is meant by Jesus to shape our lives and, through us, to shape and change the world.

– Adam Hamilton

The book may be purchased at major online booksellers ([one link](#)). For additional information, please contact Dave Lee @ davidmlee2006@aol.com or 219-455-0550.

Zoe Lenten Challenge Ends on Easter



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. CUMC's Zoe Lenten Challenge concludes on Easter. If you have not already contributed, you may drop a check in the offering plate; donate via our church website under [GIVE](#) (use the drop-down box for the Zoe fund) or bring your Zoe box and place it on the altar. Our request for the Zoe boxes: please count your change and either write a check for that amount or provide cash bills in the box when you bring it back on Easter Sunday. More info at clemmonsumc.org/zoe-project. Thank you!

During past Zoe challenges, our youth pastor Amanda Batten has added a new challenge for our church family by setting milestones and promises. So far she has been hit with whipped cream pies, kissed a pig, and camped out on the church roof! This year she has committed to the following:

- **If we reach \$8,500 for Zoe, Amanda will play her trumpet at ALL three worship services!** *Word has it that she has not played since high school.*
- **At \$10,000, Amanda will hold a tarantula!** *She is terrified of spiders, but will overcome that fear to support a mission near and dear to her heart and to the hearts of this amazing church family.*

Graduation Sunday | June 4

We Need Graduates' Names by May 14



We are very proud of our graduates from Clemmons United Methodist Church and want to recognize their accomplishment in our June newsletter. If you or a loved one has graduated or will be graduating this year, email Amanda Batten at battena@clemmonsumc.org by Sunday, May 14. Please let Amanda know the graduate's name, school graduating from, and degree (if college). We will recognize our High School seniors during our graduation service on Sunday, June 4, at 11 o'clock in the Sanctuary.

Spaghetti Fundraiser for Graduating Seniors

Sunday, April 23 in the Fellowship Hall



The United Methodist Men are hosting a spaghetti luncheon on Sunday, April 23, starting at 10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Donations will help fund scholarships for some of our graduating seniors for their post-high school education. Come enjoy the food and fellowship while helping support our graduating seniors. Takeout available. Can't make the luncheon? Consider donating to the UMM Scholarship fund [online](#) (choose UMM Scholarship from the drop-down menu) or via check, noting UMM Scholarship on the check memo line.



Coffee. Conversation. Connection.

Sunday, April 16 | 9:45–10:30 a.m. | Room A-205/208

Join us for a Q & A session about the
CUMC Mission Outreach Support Team/MOST

Led by Pam Davis and Kathy Giff.

2023 MOST Fundraiser Request Calendar

As of our first quarter meeting on February 15, these are the approved fundraisers so far for 2023. Other requests may be sent to giffk@clemmonsumc.org for distribution to our MOST committee members to review at our quarterly meetings: May 16, July 18, and November 14. Forms are found on the church website: www.clemmonsumc.org/mission-outreach-ministries.

Mission/Ministry	Date	Approved
Jamaica Building Team Chili Luncheon	January 15	11/2022
Zoe Lenten Challenge	February 21-April 9	11/2022
CCC: Home Repair Mission Trip Cookbook Sales	February 26-March 26	Waiting for further details and new dates
United Methodist Men Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser for HS Senior Scholarships	April 23	2/15/23
Guatemala Mission Building Team Shred Event	May 6	2/15/23
Children's Ministry Special Fund "Stuff the Children's Fund" Envelop Fundraiser	May 7	3/6/23
CCC: Honduras Mission Trip Pumpkin Patch	September 30-October 31	2/15/23
Children's Ministry and CUMC Preschool Trunk or Treat and Fall Festival	October 25	2/15/23
CCC: Urban Christmas Light Spectacular	December 8-10	2/15/23
Clemmons: One Middle School Mission Camp Spirit Night at Chick-fil-a	Open	2/15/23

CUMC Children's Ministry Updates

Dinner & Discipleship: All About Baptism: Sundays, April 16–May 7 @ 5-6:30 p.m.

Children will spend four weeks learning about Baptism. What is it? What does it look like? Why is it a sacrament in the UMC? Where are there stories of Baptism in the Bible? The classes will consist of dinner together (provided by the church), a lesson, games, and crafts. These classes are at no cost to you! Please register your child ([link](#)) so we will have enough supplies and dinner on hand. Registration closes Tuesday, April 11.



VBS Supply Collection: April 16–May 7

It is time to start prepping for this summer's VBS! To help the Children's Ministry have all the supplies we need for VBS, CUMC Kids are hosting a VBS Supply drive. Please stop by the VBS rocket ship in the Commons Area beginning April 16 and choose a star with a supply listed on it. Once purchased, please place your item in the bin near the rocket ship no later than May 7. Thank you so much for helping to make VBS a success!

3rd-5th Grade Day Out : Saturday, April 29

Last year's day out was a blast, so we decided to make it a tradition. Our 3rd-5th graders will ride church buses to the Greensboro Science Center, eat lunch at Zaxby's, grab an afternoon treat at Duck Donuts, then head back to the church to play outside. Registration ([link](#)) opens on March 20 and closes on April 14 (or when the spots are filled). Registrations will be limited to 25 kids due to bus seats. The cost is \$25 per child, paid by cash or check to the CUMC Kids Children's Ministry.



5th Sunday Family Worship & Field Day: April 30

Our next 5th Sunday Family Worship & Field Day will be April 30 at the 9:45 Connect service, and *children and youth are leading!* Click [here](#) to see some of the ways your child can be involved in leadership during the service. Also, note that the dance team and praise team will have practice time before April 30. We hope all families of children and youth will attend, and be sure to stay after worship for a fun cookout lunch and lots of games! It will be a fun day, and we look forward to seeing our children and youth sharing their gifts.

CUMC Kids Spring Fundraiser: Sunday, May 7

Did you know that the Children's Ministry has a special fund that helps provide mission opportunities to children, covers the cost of chaperones on CUMC Kids trips, provides scholarships for children, and helps buy items for the Children's Ministry spaces? Did you know that this special fund is solely funded by fundraisers and donations? We need your help! CUMC Kids will have their spring envelope fundraiser to help raise money for their special fund before a summer of camps and missions. On May 7 in the Commons Area, we will have a wall of 100 envelopes. Each envelope will be numbered 1-100. We are asking the church to fill the envelopes with the amount that is on each envelope. If you pick envelope #1, you would donate \$1, and so on. Bring your cash and checks on May 7 to help us stuff the CUMC Kids Special Fund!



Remember to sign your child up for VBS this summer (June 26-29 @ 9-12). Open spots are filling up fast! VBS is open to children ages 3 (potty trained) through rising 6th grade. And if you would like to volunteer at VBS summer, we would love to have you. More information and online registration can be found on the church homepage. Camper registration is [here](#) and volunteer registration is [here](#).

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

All are Invited to Monthly Dinner Meetups

Monthly GAP-sponsored dinner meetups are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. Just show up to enjoy a meal and fellowship. We hope to see you at one of the upcoming dinners:

- Tuesday, April 25 at Mi Pueblo in Clemmons
- Tuesday, May 23 at Ketchie Creek in Clemmons

60 + Adults Events



Young at Heart Luncheon and Program: April 17 @ 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall
Come hear CUMC's Linda Shawcross talk about Beekeeping! As always, Midgie will cater a delicious lunch, and the cost is \$10. The sign-up sheet will be on the table in the Commons Area, next to the water fountains. The deadline to sign up is Friday, April 14.



Weiner Roast with the Rock and Roll Soul Band: April 22 @ 4–6 p.m.
Bring a chair to the picnic shelter and enjoy great music and hot dogs with all the fixin's! In case of inclement weather, they'll move to the Ministry Center. There will be a \$5 per person charge payable at the door. Sign ups in the Commons Area until April 16.

Upcoming 60+ Events Hosted by the 60+ Committee

July 22– Bingo Game Night & Watermelon Party
November 11–Veterans Day Celebration with Chili

Clemmons United Methodist Church 2022 Financial Update Year to date results through April 2, 2023

Total Contributions and Other Receipts	390,124.60
Total Ministry Expenses and Disbursements	(424,006.62)
Decrease in Financial Position for 2023	33,882.02
Bank Balance	377,730.81

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.

Living the Fullness of Christ

Calendar of Events

Mon, Apr 10	Easter Holiday – Church Office Closed	Wed, Apr 26	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ Bible Study 2:30 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Tues, Apr 11	9:00 a.m. Quilting 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry 7:00 p.m. John’s Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Women’s Book Study	Thurs, Apr 27	7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. GAP Committee Meeting
Wed, Apr 12	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	Mon, May 1	7:00 p.m. Leadership Board Meeting
Mon, Apr 17	11:30 a.m. Young at Heart Luncheon 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting	Tues, May 2	9:00 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. John’s Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Women’s Book Study
Tues, Apr 18	9:00 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. John’s Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Women’s Book Study	Wed, May 3	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Wed, Apr 19	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Children’s Committee Meeting	Sat, May 6	10:00 a.m. Guatemala Fundraiser Shredding Event
Thurs, Apr 20	7:00 p.m. Called Finance Committee Meeting	Sun, May 7	7:30 a.m. Methodist Men Breakfast & Program
Sat, Apr 22	4:00 p.m. 60+ Wiener Roast	<u>Sunday Service Times</u>	
Sun, Apr 23	10:45 a.m. UMM Scholarship Luncheon	8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service ~ Sanctuary 9:45 a.m. Connect Worship Service ~ Ministry Center 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service ~ Sanctuary	
Tues, Apr 25	9:00 a.m. Quilting 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry 7:00 p.m. John’s Bible Study	Clemmons:One Youth: stay connected with all that our youth at their Clemmonsone.org website or via their social media pages (Facebook: Clemmons:One / Instagram: clemmonsoneyouth).	

Congregational Care Visitation Team: We are organizing a team, led by Barbara Samuelson, to visit and call folks who are homebound, in nursing homes, or hospitalized. If you are led to help, please call Barbara Samuelson (336-971-3786) or Barbara Turner (336-408-0522).

We have approximately 60 Revised Standard Version Bibles that we would like to donate to anyone who would like them. They are red and in great shape, but have been used. If you know anyone who would like a Bible (one or more), please contact Barbara Turner at 336-408-0522 or Kathy Giff at 336-766-6375.



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The next newsletter will be sent out May 3 and the deadline for articles to be submitted is Friday, April 21 due to vacation schedules. 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.



Shredding Event | Saturday, May 6 @ 10 a.m. | CUMC Parking Lot

Proceeds support the Guatemala Mission Building Team. \$5 per bag or box, though all donations welcome.

Be a Member of the 2023 Guatemala Mission Building Team. Pick your week: trips are Oct. 14-21 and Oct. 21-29. \$1,800 all inclusive. Be blessed as you bless others in Guatemala

For more details about the Guatemala Mission Building Team, contact Kathy Giff (giffK@clemmonsumc.org) or Cheryl & Bart Shaw (336-403-6966 / lornik@aol.com). But hurry — only eight of the 36 spots are still open.

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