



November 2, 2022

Clemmons

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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ANGEL TREE

Will be in Commons Area Sunday, November 27
Return gifts by Sunday morning, December 18

CUMC's Angel Tree ministry, a favorite church-wide community service project, seeks to help children in need at Christmas. 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 27. Each angel on the tree represents a gift that a child or family member has asked for.

Please take one or more angels, 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 18.

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

Living the Fullness of Christ

Preaching Schedule

November 6	"Daniel's Vision"	Rev. John Fitzgerald Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
November 13	"Joseph's Brothers"	Rev. John Fitzgerald Genesis 50:15-21
November 20	"Give Thanks to God"	Rev. John Fitzgerald Colossians 1:11-20
November 27	"Go Tell it on the Mountain"	Rev. Sara Smith Isaiah 2:1-5
December 4 (communion)	"Ox and Donkey"	Rev. John Fitzgerald Isaiah 1:1-6



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

- The family of Shirley Reeder upon her death on October 4, 2022.
- Sandy Scherle and family upon the death of her mother, Julia Heider, on October 24, 2022.

Thank You Notes

To those who donated items, the Methodist Men, Boy Scouts, Trustees, Sunday School classes, Youth, everyone who donated Baked Goods, the Planning Committee, the Chairs/Co-Chairs and organizers of sales areas, Bazaar volunteers -- and EVERYONE who worked so diligently to make this event a success, a heartfelt THANKS. We are blessed to have raised just a little under \$30,000 for church missions! —*Rosanne Peacock, Priscilla Robinette, Chris Fitzgerald, Deanna Jester*

To the people of Clemmons UMC: Thank you so much for the kindness you showed us at Jo's (JJ Jacobson's) service. Our Bible Fellowship class from Calvary Baptist Church provided a meal for the Jacobson family after the service. Your members and staff were so helpful and extremely kind to us. Amanda, Debbie, and David went out of their way to be of service to us. We really appreciate it. Your love for Christ shines! Love in Christ, *Mike and Tanya Hamm*



Congratulations to Noella and Luis DePuy, and big brother Hadley, upon the birth of Eleanor "Ellie" DePuy on October 11, 2022. Proud grandparents are Craig and Mary DePuy.

Waynette Adamczak Celebrates 20 Years at CUMC!

It is our pleasure to announce that on November 18, Waynette Adamczak will complete her 20th year of service at Clemmons United Methodist Church! Waynette as our Office Manager does so much behind the scenes to keep our church running smoothly, including budgeting, payroll, completing audit and conference reports, financial tracking, maintaining office equipment leases, tracking and reporting church attendance, new employee orientation, ordering supplies, and a multitude of other functions that most of us don't even realize need to be performed. Waynette, you are an unsung hero, and we so much appreciate your loyalty and longevity to our church!

—*Staff-Parish Relations Committee*



Food Collection for the Clemmons Food Pantry Families

November 13—Nonperishable foods. Pick up a “Bumper Crop of Caring” bag located around church on November 6 (or use your own) and fill it with nonperishable foods such as canned goods. On Sunday, November 13, bring the filled bag to church and leave it at your car bumper. Your bag will be collected while you're at church!

November 20—please bring bags of potatoes, sweet potatoes, oranges, and apples to place in front of the altar at the beginning of each of our three services on Sunday, November 20. The fresh food will be handed out the week of Thanksgiving. Thanks for sharing your bounty!

Mission Outreach Support Team

Mission Outreach Support Team (MOST) meets on Tuesday, November 15 at 7 p.m. in the Parlor Conference Room for our final meeting of 2022. If you are in need of scholarships for mission trips; a grant for your mission or ministry; an agency grant for your non-profit; or scheduling a fundraiser, please reach out for the appropriate form and any questions to Kathy Giff at giffk@clemmonsumc.org. Deadline for completed forms is Tuesday, November 8.

Our MOST members would like to say THANK YOU for the many hours and hard work that went into this year's successful Fall Bazaar. The funds raised help to fund such missions as the Guatemala Building and Mission Team, Watchmen of the Streets, Bright Beginnings, the Jamaican Building Team, Carolina Cross Connection, and Clemmons Food Pantry to name a few from over the years.



Don't forget to purchase your Clemmons UMC baseball caps and “Go Be the Hands, Feet and Heart of Christ” t-shirts from the shelves in the Commons Area. Caps are \$15. Youth t-shirts are \$15. Adult t-shirts are \$20. Proceeds also support the missions of CUMC. Please place your cash or checks in the wall-mounted lockbox.

—*Kathy Giff, Ministry Leader of Discipleship, Missions and Congregational Care*

60+ Young at Heart Luncheon & Program on Nov. 14



CYBER SECURITY FOR SENIORS—Plan to attend our next Young at Heart luncheon on Monday, November 14 at 11:30 a.m. in the Ministry Center Fellowship Hall. Please note: We are changing the date due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Chris Fitzgerald will talk to us about Cyber Security for Seniors. We need to do everything we can to protect ourselves from online predators who are extremely skillful at hacking our accounts and possibly doing a lot of damage to our bank accounts and/or our reputations. The cost of our catered meal is \$10 and there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Commons Area. If you can't get to church to sign up, you may email me at bturner1@triad.rr.com or call (336) 766-5972. Please leave a message if necessary. **The sign-up deadline is Nov. 11.** —Barbara Turner, Senior Adults Ministries

Sisters in Christ Every Wednesday at 10 a.m.



Sisters in Christ is a group of women who meet on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for Bible study, fellowship, and participation in service projects. On Nov. 2 the group began a six-week study, "The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught" by pastor and author Adam Hamilton. The study explores each line and its meaning in the Bible, and how this prayer is a model of how we should live as Jesus' followers. For more information, please contact Linda Morgan at lmorgancrna@gmail.com or 336-416-6814.



Advent studies for SS Classes and Bible Study Groups

Advent studies for Sunday school classes and weekly Bible study groups are available to borrow from our Resource room in A-206. Simply make your choice and sign it out on the sheet located on the display table. Free devotionals are available first come first serve on the shelves in the Commons Area.

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

Sunday, November 20 from 9:30–11 a.m. in Room A-203

Praying and Connecting with God Using the Lectionary Readings

A Disciple's Journal: A Guide for Daily Prayer, Bible Reading, and Discipleship for YEAR A by Steven Manskar will be available for purchase if you feel led to begin this practice with the new church year.

Please join us and bring a friend!



SOUNDING JOY

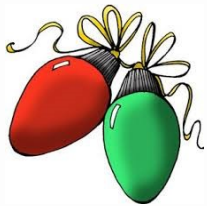
A Connect Christmas Special

Sunday, December 11, 2022
9:45 am
Clemmons UMC Ministry Center

Experience the joy of the Christmas season through God's Word, song, dance, instruments, drama and fun surprises. Featuring our preschool and elementary children, youth, adults, praise team and special guests, including our emcee, Mr. Kenny Beck.

[C:O] Clemmons:One Youth

Christmas Light Donations for Clemmons:One



While we are just now welcoming the Fall season, it is also that time to start thinking and planning for our Clemmons:One Christmas Spectacular where the youth transform our CUMC prayer trail into a winter wonderland of lights and Christmas decorations along with a live nativity and Santa photo-op. This year we're adding a Christmas movie and s'mores. Do you have any old (but still good), gently-used, or new Christmas decorations (both outside and inside) that our youth can use for our Christmas Light Spectacular from Friday, December 9–Sunday, December 11? If so, please contact me.

Seeking Christmas Progressive Dinner Hosts on Dec. 17

Over the past few years our Clemmons:One youth have celebrated Christmas together through our progressive dinner where youth travel to separate homes for appetizer, a main course, and then dessert followed by a gift exchange at the church. As our youth program continues to grow, we are in need of additional persons/families interested in opening their home for a group of around 11-15 awesome youth and adults on Saturday, December 17. If interested in opening your home and helping to provide appetizers, a main course, or dessert, please contact me.



— Amanda Batten, Minister of Youth and their Families (battenA@clemmonsumc.org or 919.389.6387)

CUMC Children's Ministry Updates



Soup, Sandwiches & S'mores: Friday, November 18 @ 6 p.m.

We will celebrate Friendsgiving with a fellowship meal of soup and sandwiches, followed by a Thanksgiving family craft, and then a time of making s'mores around the fire pits. All CUMC Kids and their families are invited. All s'mores ingredients and drinks will be provided. We need your help with the soup and sandwiches! Please see the church website for more information and to sign up! ([link](#)).



Advent Wreath Making: Sunday, November 27 @ 4 p.m.

Families with children and youth are invited to come and make a family advent wreath together. There will be cookies and hot chocolate as well! Afterwards we will complete a service project together. Invite a friend and join us in the Ministry Center.



Angel Breakfast: Saturday, December 3 @ 10 a.m.

Our Angel Breakfast is a special treat for children two years old through kindergarten. On December 3, from 10-11 a.m. in the Ministry Center Fellowship Hall, there will be Christmas crafts, heavenly goodies, and a reading of the Christmas story. Each child may bring one special adult or youth guest. Please register next week on the church website at www.clemmonsumc.org/kids. The registration deadline is November 30.

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

Mark Your Calendar for December 11

- At the 8:30 and 11:00 services in the Sanctuary, our choir will present its Christmas Cantata.
- At 9:45 in the Ministry Center, our Connect team will present *Sounding Joy, A Connect Christmas Special* (see page 5 for more details).

Clemmons United Methodist Church 2022 Financial Update Year to date results through October 30, 2022

Total Contributions and Other Receipts	1,233,682.70
Total Ministry Expenses and Disbursements	(1,255,827.64)
Decrease in Financial Position for 2022	-22,144.94
Bank Balance	346,871.44

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

Sun, Nov 6	7:30 a.m. Methodist Men Breakfast & Program	Thurs & Fri, Nov 24 & 25	Holiday – Office Closed
Mon, Nov 7	7:00 p.m. Leadership Board Meeting and Charge Conference	Sun, Nov 27	4:00 p.m. Kids Advent Wreath Event
Tues, Nov 8	9:00 a.m. Quilting 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry 7:00 p.m. John's Bible Study	Tues, Nov 29	9:00 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. John's Bible Study
Wed, Nov 9	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Divorce Care	Wed, Nov 30	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ Bible Study 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Divorce Care
Thurs, Nov 10	7:00 p.m. GAP Committee Meeting	Sat, Dec 3	10:00 a.m. Angel Breakfast
Sat, Nov 12	12:00 p.m. 60+ Veterans Day Chicken Stew	Sun, Dec 4	7:30 a.m. UMM Breakfast & Program
Sun, Nov 13	1:00 p.m. GAP Mystery Dinner	Tues, Dec 6	9:00 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. John's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Children's Committee Mtg
Mon, Nov 14	11:30 a.m. 60+ Luncheon 7:00 p.m. Staff Parish Committee Mtg	Wed, Dec 7	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ Bible Study 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Divorce Care
Tues, Nov 15	9:00 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. MOST Committee Mtg 7:00 p.m. John's Bible Study	Sat, Dec 10	8:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
Wed, Nov 16	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ Bible Study 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Divorce Care	Sun, Dec 11	8:30 and 11 a.m. Choir Cantata Sunday 9:45 a.m. A Connect Christmas Special 4:30 p.m. CPR Training
Fri, Nov 18	6:00 p.m. Kids Social	<u>Sunday Service Times</u>	
Sun, Nov 20	9:30 a.m. Knocking on Heaven's Door	8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service ~ Sanctuary	
Tues, Nov 22	9:00 a.m. Quilting 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry 7:00 p.m. John's Bible Study	9:45 a.m. Connect Worship Service ~ Ministry Center	
Wed, Nov 23	7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	9:45 a.m. Sunday School	
		10:00 a.m. Agape Deaf Ministry	
		11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service ~ Sanctuary	
		Clemmons:One Youth Events: www.clemmonsone.org .	

Charge Conference on November 7: Our annual charge conference meeting will take place immediately following the 7 p.m. Leadership Board meeting on Monday, November 7. Both of these meetings will take place on Zoom with the same link. During the charge conference, pastors' salary and leadership board nominations will be presented. Other reports available are Trustees, Parsonage, Safe Sanctuary, Finance, Apportionments, Proposed Budget and Fund Balance Report (Audit). Charge conferences are open meetings in the United Methodist Church. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 336-766-6375 for more information and the Zoom link.



Sign-up link for Gap Mystery Lunch: https://bit.ly/mystery_lunch



Welcome our new Zoe family: Upendo "Love" Murungene Group, Kenya! We are partnered with this new group from July 2022 to June 2025. CUMC has embraced this ministry so powerfully and we are honored to have entered our 5th Zoe Empowerment Group Partner Pledge. Due to your generosity during the 2022 Lenten Challenge, we have already been able to donate 99% of our first-year pledge! The Upendo "Love" Murungene family is made up of 25 households and 82 total children. They have been meeting since July, so they have already completed their dream chart and are now starting to see how their dreams will come true! Watch for the 2023 Clemmons annual Zoe "Do Less" for Orphans Lenten Challenge! It will be our 9th one! You can learn more about Zoe at <https://zoeempowers.org>.



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The next newsletter will be sent out Dec. 7 and the deadline for articles to be submitted is Monday, Nov. 28. 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.

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