

May 1, 2024



Clemmons

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ACTS... All Care to Share

PENTECOST SUNDAY – MAY 19

Pentecost, celebrated on the fiftieth day after Easter, commemorates the beginning of the Christian church and the proclamation of its message throughout the world. It is often referred to as the birthday of the church. We look forward to being all together on this day at CUMC.

9:45 a.m. One Unified Worship Service in the Sanctuary

There will be no Sunday School, nor services at 8:30 or 11 o'clock.

11:00 a.m. Potluck Lunch in the Ministry Center Fellowship Hall

Let us know what you are bringing via our church website ([link](#)) or by contacting Kathy Giff at giffk@clemmonsumc.org. Please bring your food to the Fellowship Hall before the 9:45 service and our potluck team will assist you. A birthday cake for the church will be provided.

12:00 noon Town Hall-Style Meeting in the Ministry Center Fellowship Hall

For those who choose to stay, we'll discuss the proposed changes to our Worship and Sunday School times. Detailed information was mailed to active members and it is on our website. Childcare will be provided.

Proposal 1

- 8:45–9:45 Traditional Worship
- 9:15–10:10 Contemporary Worship
- 10:15–11:05 Unified Sunday School
- 11:15–12:15 Traditional Worship

Proposal 2

- 8:30–9:30 Traditional Worship
- 9:45–10:45 Unified Sunday School
- 10:50–11:50 Contemporary Worship
- 11:00–12:00 Traditional Worship

We hope to see you on Pentecost, the birthday of the church!

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



- May 5: "Ascension Sunday" ~ Acts 1:1-11 ~ Rev. John Fitzgerald (communion)
- May 12: "Rekindling the Gift" ~ 2 Timothy 1:1-7 ~ Rev. John Fitzgerald
- May 19: "Pentecost" ~ Acts 2:1-12 ~ Rev. John Fitzgerald
(There is only one service this day. Please refer to the cover for details.)
- May 26: "Let Freedom Ring" ~ John 3:1-17 ~ Dave Lee
- June 2: "Clay Pots" ~ 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 ~ Rev. John Fitzgerald (communion)



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

- Corey Galbaugh and family upon the death of her father, Raymond Westpfahl, on April 17.
- Leigh Howell and family upon the death of her father, Ed Ellis, on April 26.



Congratulations to Melissa and Stephen Schwartz upon the birth of their daughter, Allie, on April 11!

Thank You Notes

Thank you so much for all that you did to make our mother's/mother-in-law's celebration of life so special. From the support of so many with cards, calls, texts, and emails, from the privilege of using CUMC for the service and family meal, from the use of the CUMC staff who reserved the space, arranged tables and chairs, prepared the program, prepped and operated the multimedia, arranged a pianist, and helped plan and lead the service, and from the bereavement committee for the wonderful reception following the service, we were shown the true blessing of having a loving and supportive church family. With much humility and gratitude, *Ernie & Lynn Kennedy*

Thank you to Susie Marion and the Sisters in Christ for the ongoing refresh of the Hunter House porch. It's beautiful!

Sesquicentennial News



We are taking a break during the last Sunday of the month in May as it is Memorial Day weekend. Videos and other celebrations will pick back up in June.

What would you and your group like to do to help celebrate? Let us hear from you!! 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 event
- Be CREATIVE!

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

From the Staff-Parish Relations Committee . . .

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is extremely pleased and excited to share the news of the hiring of our new Director of Youth Ministries, Michael Dell’Arena. Please meet Michael in his own words . . .



“Hello everyone! My name is Michael Dell’Arena. I am 21 years old from Kernersville, North Carolina. The best way I like to spend my time these days is out in nature with my beloved dog, Otis. Any mountain hike or river ride will instantly put a smile on my face. Like many of you, I am a major music lover! I have collected lots of vinyl in past years, with records in every genre imaginable ranging from the 1920s-2020s. More importantly, I have found immeasurable peace, joy, and understanding through my personal spiritual development. From my experience, I hope to be a positive influence to bring that same joy and understanding of Jesus to the youth of today. Also, I will be graduating from The University Of North Carolina Greensboro in May of 2024. I will be easy to recognize around the church since I am 6’10” tall.

As your Director of Youth Ministries, my main focus is on the individual development of our youth in their faith, accomplished through an open and understanding culture designed to come together as a group to support one another. It is of the utmost importance to me that the future generations feel led to live for the Lord during this time of their lives for both their individual well-being, as well as for the good of the community. My former Youth Group was a big influence during my early years in faith. I hope to create an inclusive and engaging environment to emulate and continue the blessings I received. I am so excited to join the church family, even more so to do my best to make our youth feel at home at Clemmons UMC!”

Living the Fullness of Christ

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 study, "Forgiveness: Finding Peace through Letting Go," runs from May 1 to May 22. In this study, author Adam Hamilton shows how to receive the freedom that comes with forgiving—even if we are the ones who need forgiveness ourselves. If you would like a copy of the book, please call Linda Morgan at 336-416-6814.



Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith

4:30 to 6 p.m. on Thursdays, May 16– June 27
with exception of May 30, week of Memorial Day
via Zoom

Does your faith make room for questions? Everyone has doubts. Where is God when bad things happen? Does God hear our prayers? Is there a heaven? How can we know? Often we treat such questions as the enemy of faith. But uncertainty doesn't mean our belief is lacking. Doubt can be a path to a deeper, richer encounter with God.

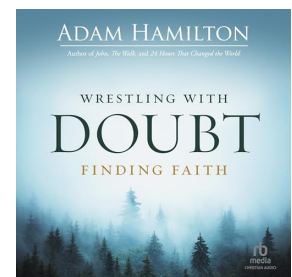
In *Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith*, join best-selling author and pastor Adam Hamilton as he discusses some of our most significant sources of doubt and shows how a steady trust in God can emerge from them. You will delve into questions like:

"Does God exist? How can I know?" | "Is the Bible true?" | "Why do prayers go unanswered?"

Hamilton approaches these sources of doubt with honesty and insight, drawing on the rich wisdom of the Bible, Christian tradition, and his experience walking with thousands of people on their spiritual journey. Whether you're a longtime Christian or someone brand new to faith, this book will lead you to a trust in God that is unafraid of hard questions. Wrestle with doubt and find faith-belief and trust, not certainty; mystery rather than simple answers.

Sessions:

1. Is There a God?
2. The Good Book? Wrestling with the Bible
3. Are all non-Christians going to hell?
4. Is Heaven Real?
5. When Prayers Go Unanswered
6. Why do the Innocent Suffer?



The book may be purchased at Amazon ([link](#)) or at Christian bookstores online. For more information and to sign up, please contact Dave Lee at davidmlee2006@aol.com.

Mission Outreach Support Team Committee

The Mission Outreach Support Team (MOST) will meet on Tuesday, May 14 at 7 p.m. in the Parlor Conference Room to review any scholarship, grant, and fundraiser requests. If you have a request, please go to the church website under Get Involved > Mission & Outreach Ministries ([link](#)) for the correct form to fill out. Please return it to Kathy Giff by email at giffk@clemmonsumc.org or to her office at Room A-206A. Completed forms are due by May 6.



TOGETHER WE MADE IT HAPPEN!! Thank you to everyone who donated towards a new ZOE Empowers family. We surpassed the goal of \$9,000. Over \$13,000 was raised during the Zoe Lenten Challenge. Once we receive the name of our new family, it will be shared on our website, on a slide, and in the newsletter.

Shredding Fundraiser Event

May 11 from 9 a.m. – noon (or until the big truck is full)



Have piles of important papers that you've been waiting to shred because they can't be thrown away? Bring them to the church parking lot and support the Guatemala Mission Team. \$5 per bag/box. Stay in your car. We will unload for you to keep the traffic flowing.

Are you interested in joining the Guatemala team on one of their mission trips, on either Oct 12-19 or Oct. 19-27? If so, contact either Bart Shaw (336-817-7325) or Cheryl Shaw (336-403-6966) for more details.

We Need Graduates' Information by May 17



We are very proud of our graduates from Clemmons UMC and want to recognize their accomplishment in our June newsletter. If you or a loved one has graduated or will be graduating this year, please reach out to the church office at 336-766-6375 or office@clemmonsumc.org by Friday, May 17. Let us know the graduate's name, the school graduating from, and their future plans. Thank you!

60+ Adults Events

Mrs. Hanes' Cookie Factory on Tuesday, May 14

Some of us have lived here for years and have never seen how the cookies are made at Mrs. Hanes' Cookie Factory. Now is your chance! We're taking the bus on Tuesday, May 14, to tour the factory and smell those delectable cookies being baked. The tour costs \$5.35 and lasts anywhere from 60 to 90 minutes. (We might get to sample some of them!) When the tour is over, we'll all go to lunch, and then we'll return to the church. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Commons Area. I hope you will be able to join us! The bus holds 15 people, but the Cookie Factory is not far away, so we'll take cars if we have more than 15. Please be ready to get on the bus at 10 a.m. Our tour starts at 10:30.

Hot Dog Supper with Rock 'n Roll Soul Band on Saturday, June 1

Don't forget to mark your calendars for June 1, from 4 to 6 p.m., for the Hot Dog Supper with the Rock 'n Roll Soul Band. It will take place in the parking lot behind the Fellowship Hall—the same place as last year. We will have hot dogs, all the fixings, baked beans, chili, chips, drinks, and homemade desserts. What can be better than eating hotdogs and listening and dancing to the oldies but goodies! There's a sign-up sheet on the table in the Commons Area next to the water fountains and the cost is \$5 per person. This was such a fun event last year that we're all really looking forward to it again. I hope to see you there!

Barbara Turner, Director of Older Adults and Bobbie Thacker, 60+ Adults Leader

Clemmons United Methodist Church Financial Update Operating Fund Account

Donations Received through 4/25/24	\$290,502
Expenses Paid through 4/25/24	288,230
Net Gain 4/25/24	2,272

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.

Calendar of Events

Wed, May 1	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ 6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting	Wed, May 22	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ 6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting
Sun, May 5	7:30 a.m. Methodist Men's Breakfast & Program 3:00 p.m. Guatemala Interest Meeting	Thurs, May 23	4:30 p.m. Wrestling with Doubt Bible Study
Mon, May 6	7:00 p.m. Leadership Board Meeting	Mon, May 27	Memorial Day Holiday – Church Office Closed
Tues, May 7	9:00 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study	Tues, May 28	9:00 a.m. Quilting 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry
Wed, May 8	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ 6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PALS	Wed, May 29	6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Sat, May 11	9:00 a.m. Shred Event- Guatemala Fundraiser	Sat, June 1	4:00 p.m. 60+ Hot Dog Supper & Band
Tues, May 14	9:30 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. MOST Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study	Mon, June 3	6:00 p.m. Staff-Parish Committee Meeting
Wed, May 15	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ 6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PALS	Tues, June 4	9:00 a.m. Quilting
Thurs, May 16	4:30 p.m. Wrestling with Doubt Bible Study	Wed, June 5	6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting
Sun, May 19	9:45 a.m. Unified Worship Service 11:00 a.m. All Church Potluck Luncheon 12:00 p.m. Town Hall Meeting	Thurs, June 6	4:30 p.m. Wrestling with Doubt Bible Study
Tues, May 21	9:30 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study		

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



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The next newsletter will be sent out June 5 and the deadline for articles to be submitted is Monday, May 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.



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