



December 17, 2014

Clemmons

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Christmas Eve Worship Services Wednesday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Praise Worship Service

6:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. Traditional Worship

Nursery available at the 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. services.

Our Christmas Eve offering will go to the Clemmons Food Pantry to help those in need in our community.

Luke 1:46-49: And Mary said:

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

*For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant;
For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.*

*For He who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is His name.”*

Living the Fullness of Christ



December 21	<i>The Power of the Most High</i>	Dr. J. Matthew Burton, Jr. Luke 1:26-38
December 28	<i>Christ is Born</i>	Rev. Paula Northrup Luke 2:22-40
January 4	<i>A Servant Leader</i>	Dr. J. Matthew Burton, Jr. Ephesians 3:1-12
January 11	<i>What Difference Does it Make?</i>	Dr. J. Matthew Burton, Jr. Acts 19:1-7

We extend our Christian sympathy to:



April Cagle and family upon the death of her father, Juan Starrett, on November 21.
David Rea and family, upon the death of his mother, Isabel Rea, on November 26.
Sam Dotson and family upon the death of his mother, Hazel Dotson, on November 28.
Richard Paynter and family upon the death of his son, Mike Paynter, on November 30.
Karen Perry upon the death of her mother, Kay Perry, on December 4.



Dear Church Family,

Charles and I want to express our deep appreciation to all of you who prayed for us, sent cards, flowers, gifts and brought meals to us during my stay in the hospital/rehab/home. It meant so much to us to have this support during a difficult time.

In Christ's Name,
Sue & Charles Thacker



The Church Administrator will be on vacation Monday, December 29 and Tuesday, December 30. If you need to make an end-of-the-year contribution, please drop your check through the back door mail slot of the church office. All 2014 contributions being brought to the church office must be turned in by **December 31 at 2:00 p.m.**; if you use the U.S. mail, please make sure mail is postmarked by December 31. For more information about end-of-the-year giving, please contact Scott Seagle at 998-3668.

Have you designated Clemmons UMC as a beneficiary in your will?

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FROM THE CENTER OF DISCIPLESHIP AND EQUIPPING FOR LAY MINISTRY:

OUR CLEMMONS UMC RESOURCE CENTER "FOOD FOR THOUGHT" IS NOW OPEN It is located in the Commons Area in the floating book shelves where you will find resources available for you to purchase at cost. Many folks have been asking how and where to pick out a devotion book, small group study, Bible study or just reading for spiritual growth; look no further, they are here for you. Your ministry staff has carefully chosen resources and Bibles that cover all avenues of the spiritual journey. Take time to look through these resources. Look at the table of contents, read the reviews and most importantly, have fun. Inside each book you will find an index card with the price of the book and basic information. When purchasing a book, attach the index card to either cash or your check (made payable to Clemmons UMC) and drop it in the lockbox located at the resource center. During the week there will be coffee available in the Commons Area for you to enjoy while you browse through the books. If you have any questions or are looking for something that is not here, please contact Gloria Hughes at hughesg@clemmonsumc.org. Keep an eye out for staff picks and monthly books reviews to begin after the first of the year. Let's be know as disciples who love the Lord our God with all our hearts, our MINDS, our soul and our strength.

NEW COVENANT PARTNER CLASS WILL BEGIN ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2015 AT 9:45

If you are interested in knowing more about who we are as United Methodists or are interested in exploring a deeper relationship with Clemmons UMC, please join us for this six to eight week journey. We will gather just past the elevator on the first floor of the Ministry Center. I will supply all the resources you will need for our time together. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Gloria Hughes at hughesg@clemmonsumc.org or 336-766-6375 ext. 45 I look forward to the journey together.

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE LENTEN JOURNEY. . . we have chosen a new study by Rob Fuquay titled "*The God We Can Know: Experiencing the I Am sayings of Jesus.*" Matthew Burton will be preaching from this series as well. There will be resource books available for purchase in the Commons Area Resource Center after the first of the year. The study also has a DVD component if your class is interested. Please contact Gloria at hughesg@clemmonsumc.org if your class would like a DVD to use for this study.

Bethel UMC Wednesday Program Needs Team Members



Drivers/riders for bus or van Leave Clemmons UMC at 3:45 p.m. to take children to Bethel UMC and take them home at 6:30 p.m. You will be back at CUMC around 7:30 p.m. Some training required.

Homework helpers to mentor 2nd to 6th graders. No experience needed. Help one or two children from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. doing their homework or exercises in a grade appropriate workbook. Come observe one night!

Please call Griff or Libby Harlow (336-745-5199) for information.



The 2015 Flower Calendar has arrived. Sign up today to place Altar flowers for your special Sunday in 2015. The cost of the flowers is \$35.00. For more information, please contact Waynette in the church office at 766-6375.

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The Clemmons Community Care Crew Invites You to Walk To Jerusalem

Last year the **Clemmons Community Care Crew's** "Walk to Jerusalem" was an exciting journey that helped participants focus on caring for their minds, bodies and spirits. This year we invite you to once again, to walk with us to Jerusalem beginning Saturday, January 31 and **arriving in Jerusalem by Palm Sunday, March 29**. Our goal will be to walk (cumulatively) from Clemmons, N.C. to Jerusalem (a total of 6,135 miles).

As we focus our minds, we will explore the places we will pass through along the way. We challenge you and your family to discover facts about the places we will travel, including the people, customs, major cities, geography, climate, form of government and other interesting facts. Try to discover information about the country today and during the time of the Roman Empire. Our trip will take us across the Atlantic Ocean to Algeria, Libya, Sudan and Egypt. As we leave Egypt, we will walk in the footsteps of the children of Israel as we cross the Red Sea before completing our journey in Jerusalem.

As we focus on our bodies, we walk the 6,135 miles to Jerusalem. To encourage everyone's participation on this journey, our definition of "walk" will be an expanded. **"Walking" one mile will equal 20 minutes of active physical exercise** for example: walking, jogging, and swimming, participating in any exercise class or sport. Children may include time in gym, dance class, gymnastics, sports practices/games and playing outside.

As we focus on our spirit, we will spend time in daily devotion and prayer. There will be scripture verses and reflections available to use during our journey.

As we preview of coming events, did you know it has been estimated that during his lifetime Jesus walked 21,525 miles? During 2015, in addition to the "Walk to Jerusalem," the **Clemmons Community Care Crew** will also be sponsoring other walking journeys. As we walk we will follow in the steps of Jesus's and Paul's ministry, go in search of the Wise Men and walk in the steps of Mary and Joseph as they travel to Bethlehem for the birth of the Savior. Come join us as we focus on caring for our minds, bodies and spirits during 2015. Watch the January newsletter for more details and registration information.

**Your soul's resting place is in God.
John Ortberg wants to take you there through . . .
*Soul Keeping Caring for the Most Important Part of You***



Join the Sisters in Christ for a six session study on the exploration of the soul from the perspective of someone who has struggled to understand and care for his own soul. We will meet on Wednesday, January 7 at 9:30 a.m. to kick off the New Year with this study plus we will assemble backpack snacks for the Easton Elementary School children and plan future projects. Call Linda Morgan at 766-1902 to register.



Save the Date! On Saturday, March 14, 2015 there will be a Carolina Cross Connection Inaugural Morning Watch 5k and Family Fun Run in Clemmons! This event will raise funds and awareness for Carolina Cross Connection, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that serves the residents and youth in Western NC and beyond who are in need.

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On the first Saturday of December each year, we hold the Angel Breakfast for preschoolers and their special guests. This year we had over 70 people in attendance. I would like to thank the many individuals who helped make the morning special for the sweet children in attendance. Our youth bell choir, the Chiming Children, the Joyful Noise Choir and the Choristers did a beautiful job providing musical entertainment. Many of the older children and youth even stayed to help serve breakfast and clean up. Thank you Lee and Carol Covington, Jenny Currie, Laurie Harless and Amy Cheney for leading these groups and parents to get them where they needed to be. Gratitude and thanksgiving to the following adults and youth for their help: Andrea Leon (mailings); Deidre and Rebekah Davis and Natasha Samuelson (decorating); Laura Leigh, Brendan, Carson and Olivia Mohr, Jay Clapp, Terri Lowe, Cristina Paterson, Cameron Tucker, Julie, Rebecca, Sarah and Emily Peterson (cooking, serving and clean up); Brendan and Jackson Cuthrell, Jay Esposito; Elizabeth Hartsell; and Olivia Tucker (activity guides, servers and clean-up); Brian Giff, Susie Marion and Tammy Clapp (clean-up); Shelia Hill and David Mooneyham (Greeter Angels); and Steve Hill (photographer). Hopefully, I did not leave anyone out!

*Blessings,
Kathy Giff*

Thanks

Thank you for your participation in the **Clemmons Community Thanksgiving service** on November 23. The total offering received amounted to \$529. A check in that amount was delivered to the Clemmons Food Pantry along with the sizable food offering collected.

— Rev. Ray Burke, Clemmons Moravian



Thank you for rallying around the newly formed **Honduras Mission Team**. Your support of our team was amazing. Special thanks to the Sisters in Christ for providing delicious desserts. Thanks also to David Mooneyham, Tim McGown, and Dale Jeanes for the support they provided in and out of the kitchen. A portion of the proceeds from our fundraiser will provide scholarships for our youth team members. Our Lord calls us to go out and do work for him. Thank you for helping our team answer that call. As a team, we are extremely grateful and appreciative of your support. We appreciate Libby Harlow and her dedication to helping our team.

*Then I heard the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"
And I said, "Here I am. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8*



POWDER PUFFS

(GIRLS)

Friday January 9th
7:00-9:00pm
3700 clemmons rd
FREE

register your team at
www.clemmonsone.com/game
BY JANUARY 6TH
Grades 7-12

ROWDY RUFFS

(GUYS)

FIVE PERSON TEAMS WITH A CHANCE TO WIN:

- + Girls - spa day at Utopia & gift cards
- + Guys - Meal at East Coast Wings & gift cards

WHO'S YOUR FIVE?

FORM A TEAM. CHOOSE YOUR FIVE!

ONE TEAM GETS THE GLORY; ONE PERSON PER COMPETITION



THE
GAMER



THE
DANCER



THE
INTELLECT



THE
ATHLETE



THE
STYLIST

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Calendar of Events

Sun, Dec 21	8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Praise Worship Service 9:45 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday School	Tues, Jan 6	9:30 a.m. Quilting Group
Wed, Dec 24	4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service	Wed, Jan 7	9:30 a.m. Sisters In Christ 5:45 p.m. Chiming Children 6:00 p.m. Angel Choir 6:00 p.m. Joyful Noise Choir 6:00 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Choristers for Children 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thurs, Dec 25	Church Office Closed – Holiday	Thurs, Jan 8	10:00 a.m. Prayer Group 10:00 a.m. Annie Alspaugh Circle 7:00 p.m. Dorcas Circle
Fri, Dec 26	Church Office Closed - Holiday	Sun, Jan 11	8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Praise Worship Service 9:45 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday School 6:00 p.m. Adult Handbells 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Handbells
Sun, Dec 28	8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Praise Worship Service 9:45 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday School		
Tues, Dec 30	9:00 a.m. Quilting Group		
Thurs, Jan 1	Church Office Closed – Holiday		
Sun, Jan 4	7:15 a.m. Methodist Men's Breakfast & Meeting 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Praise Worship Service 9:45 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday School 5:30 p.m. Clemmons:ONE		
Mon, Jan 5	6:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study		



*The church office will be closed on
December 25 and 26 in observance of Christmas.*



With winter on the way, it's time to think about snow and icy conditions. If we have inclement weather on a Sunday morning, we will offer the 11:00 worship service only. Please take every precaution while driving to church; your safety is of the utmost importance.



Celebrating Birthdays December 21 — December 27

Claire Davis, Michael Draugh, Scott Settelen, Pam Cole, Judy Wise, Andrew Fox, Kevin Fox, Madison Hines, Scharlot Angel, Becca Robertson, Stacy Ford, Michael Rowe, Taylor Medford, Barbara Samuelson, Joni Draughn, Heather King, Stuart Joyce, Joseph Twyman, Linda Morgan, Judy McLaughlin, Todd Ferguson, Becky Gibbs, Yvonne Combs, Bob Robertson, Gary Ray, Billye Jo Furches, Eric Shaffer, Gray Taylor and Emily Calloway

Celebrating Birthdays December 28 — January 3

Pam Davis, Eunice Davis, Susan Curl, Ken Miller, C.J. Johnson, Carol Bryson, Susanna Macfarlane, Jake Prince, Terry Tilley, Blanche Gallo, Mark Snow, Justin Tucker, Laura Adams, Carly Edean, Martha Warren, Nancy Dameron, Jenny Murtha, Winston Matney, Brenden Corder, Harper Kennedy, Emmeline White, Keith Bobbitt, Scott Fulton, Randy Currie, Lisa Sigmon, Melissa Harper, Kristen Esposito, Chad Felton, Lauren Kranis, Ethan Burchett, Ana Reutinger, Donna Fulton, Deidre Davis, Elizabeth Hartsell, Kinsley James, Julia Pruitt, George Ellarby, Beth Sawyer, Tim Convery, Diane Olsen, Matt Reece, Andrea Bray, Katie Manning, Jeff Davis, Emilee Jones, John Collins, Kathy Dotson, Karen Nealeans, Jeff Dosek, Drew Dosek, Christian Wheeler, Hollis Boardman, Thomas Paterson, Zoe Ohar, Glenda McCuiston, Karen Butchart, Tim Bohon, Karen Owen, Jessica Rodgers, MacKenzie Hostetter, Michele Roberts, Bill Shawcross and Sean Bell



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The deadline for all articles to be submitted for the next ACTS is one week prior to printing. Please feel free to bring your articles by the Hunter House or submit your articles to office@clemmonsumc.org. If you would like to begin receiving the newsletter, please send an email to 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 money and helps us all be better stewards of the resources God provides.



Missing anything? The CUMC Lost and Found has grown to take over the top two shelves of the mission bins/shelves located in the Ministry Center. There is a bed pillow, a pair of Topsider shoes, shirts, jackets and much more. The majority have been abandoned for several months.

All items will be purged by Tuesday, January 20 so please make your way to the Ministry Center before then to see if something belongs to you. After this date all remaining items will be given to others who are in need of them. Thank you!

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