



May 7, 2025

Clemmons

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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PENTECOST SUNDAY – JUNE 8

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. Please join us as we all celebrate together.

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. One Combined Worship Service in the Sanctuary

There will be no services at 8:30 or 9 a.m.

12:00 p.m. Potluck Lunch

We hope to have our lunch on the grounds, but we will make that determination closer to the date based on the weather. Please sign up on the church website to bring your favorite lunch item to share!

We hope to see you June 8th for Potluck & Pentecost!

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Sunday Sermons

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

9 A.M. CONNECT CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP IN THE MINISTRY CENTER

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

May 11	"A Mother's Prayer" ~ 1 Samuel 1:9-20 ~ Rev. John Fitzgerald
May 18	"Easter People" ~ Acts 4:1-4, 13-20 ~ Rev. John Fitzgerald
May 25	"The Man from Macedonia" ~ Acts 16:6-15 ~ Rev. John Fitzgerald
June 1	"Drawing From the Well" ~ John 4:1-15 ~ Jennifer Rogers ~ communion
June 8	Pentecost Sunday — one combined service at 11 a.m. (see cover) "Promised Spirit" ~ Acts 2:1-12 ~ Rev. John Fitzgerald



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

- Cheryl Gray and family upon the death of her husband, Jim Mackley, on April 8.
- The family of Bill Magness upon this death of April 9.
- Jerry Ranson and family upon the death of his mother, Jean Ranson, on April 9.

We Reached our Zoe Goal — Thanks!

Our new Zoe family: Victory *Murinya* Empowerment Group of Kenya appreciates our support through your generous giving for the 2025 Lenten Challenge. We will not have final numbers until mid-May, but it appears we will reach (or perhaps surpass) our yearly goal of \$9,000! We are partnered with this new group from July 2024-June 2027. With your generous giving for the 2024 Lenten Challenge, our church was able to send \$9,000 for the first year commitment. During this first year, the children in the Victory *Murinya* Empowerment Group are creating their dream plans and healing from the devastating lifestyles of survival as orphans. Self-worth as you can imagine is a major focus this first year! Thank you for recognizing the value of the Zoe Empowers mission work.

Visitation Ministry Re-Forming

Do you have good listening skills and want to be part of a fun and needed ministry? Please consider sharing your time and empathy with those who may need a visit. CUMC is re-forming a visitation ministry, and we want you! For more information, please contact Chuck Smith at 727-266-9994 or pastorchucksmith14@gmail.com. Our goal is to visit our church family. There is no pressure; visit as much or as little as you want. We like people with a willing heart and spirit of caring.

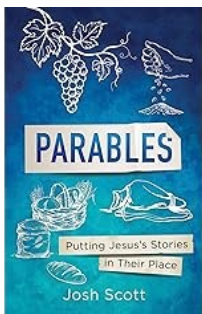
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Spiritual Gifts Inventory

The Stewardship Committee invites you to complete a Spiritual Gifts Inventory by May 19 either online ([link](#)) on the church website or using the printed copies found in the Commons Area, the Narthex, and the Connect Welcome Table. Whether you choose the online version or a printed copy, in addition to the inventory, you will find a list of stewardship opportunities offered at our church, as well as a "Sharing My Gifts" form that you can return to share with the church what your gifts are, and where and in what ways you might be feeling God's nudge to share those gifts. Please complete the Spiritual Gifts Inventory and return your "Sharing My Gifts" form by May 19. If using a printed form, you may place it in the basket on the table outside of Jennifer Rogers's office (Room 206-A). We will celebrate our church's many Spiritual Gifts on Pentecost Sunday, June 8, in a combined worship service and fellowship meal afterwards.

Bible Study via Zoom

Parables: Putting Jesus's Stories in Their Place



A Bible study based on Josh Scott's book, *Parables: Putting Jesus's Stories in Their Place*, will be held via Zoom from 4:30–6 p.m. on the following Thursdays: June 5, June 12, June 19, June 26, July 10 and July 17.

When Jesus taught in parables, he was doing more than telling simple morality tales. His stories were grounded in the world in which he lived and his vision of the Kingdom of God. This book explores six parables that give us a window into Jesus's message and movement, and, once they are heard in their own context, ask what they might mean for us today. Parables include: the New Wine and Wineskins, the Mustard Seed, the Leaven, the Wedding Party, the Workers in the Vineyard, and the Wicked Tenants.

Copies of the book may be found on Amazon or other Christian bookstores, and the Zoom link will be on the church website closer to the date. Please join us even if you will miss some of the weeks. For more information, contact Dave Lee at davidmlee2006@aol.com for more information.

Sisters in Christ



Sisters in Christ meets Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for Bible study, fellowship, and participation in service projects. They are studying *Help Is Here* by Max Lucado until May 20 and will graciously host a lunch for the church staff on May 28. The group will then take a summer break before resuming in the fall.

50+ Adults



The 50+ Adult Ministries is planning an outing to Truist Stadium on Thursday, June 12 to watch the Winston-Salem Dash play the Bowling Green Hot Rods. Tickets will cost \$20 which includes one hotdog, chips and a drink. Watch for more information and a signup sheet in the Commons Area. The deadline to sign up is May 13.

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CLASS Thanks CUMC Lunch Buddy Mentors

CLASS (Clemmons Lewisville Action for Student Success) would like to thank the following CUMC members who have served as Lunch Buddy mentors this 2024-2025 WSFCS year:



Cecilia Davis: Lewisville Elementary
Brian Giff: Ward Elementary
Kathy Giff: Morgan and Ward Elementary
Neil Griffin: Morgan Elementary

Griff Harlow: Morgan Elementary
Mark Hess: Ward Elementary
Susan Vaden: Lewisville Elementary

You have made a difference in a child's life by answering the call to care for one of God's children! CLASS is always looking for new lunch buddies. Prayerfully consider serving in your community schools as a mentor for one hour per week. Training and support are provided. Contact CLASS's Leader, Kathy Giff, for more information: giffk@clemmonsumc.org or 336-416-1314.

Community Outreach Opportunity to Serve with SPARK (Spreading Kindness and Rekindling Peace)

Each summer, SPARK hosts youth groups from around the country to serve the homeless in Forsyth County. As a church family, we have the opportunity to serve a meal to one of these youth groups! We are looking for volunteers to prepare, cook, and serve on Saturday, June 14, at Sherwood Forest UMC. The meal needs to be ready to serve the group of 60-70 youth and adults at 6 p.m. What a fun way to serve together in our community as we support youth beyond our church! For more information, contact Kathy Giff: giffk@clemmonsumc.org or 336-416-1314.

CUMC has partnered with SPARK on several different projects in the past, as well as financially through the approval of agency grants.

Guatemala Mission

God With Us, the Guatemala Mission YOUTH Team, and the Guatemala Mission Building Team are collecting gently used and new shoes until October 5. Shoes will be distributed during the YOUTH Team in June and the Guatemala Mission Building Team in October. Please place your shoe donations in the labeled bin in the Fellowship Hall, under the "Mission Possible" sign.

The Guatemala Mission Building Team is accepting applications until for the October 2025 team. If you're interested in more information, please call or text Bart or Cheryl Shaw at 336-403-6966, or email them at GodWithUsCharity@gmail.com.

Interested in Becoming a Security Greeter?

If you're interested in serving as a Security Greeter, please sign up at clemmonsumc.org or contact Jeff Meadows at 336-575-4322 / jeffmeadows231@gmail.com.

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Calendar of Events

Wed, May 7	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Adult Handbells 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting	Tues, May 27	9:00 a.m. Quilting 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry
Mon, May 12	2:00 p.m. 50+ Committee Meeting	Wed, May 28	10:00 a.m. Sisters In Christ studyluncheon 6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Adult Handbells 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting
Tues, May 13	9:00 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. MOST Committee Meeting	Mon, June 2	6:00 p.m. Staff-Parish Committee Meeting
Wed, May 14	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Adult Handbells 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting	Tues, June 3	9:00 a.m. Quilting
Tues, May 20	9:00 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. Pastor John's Bible Study	Wed, June 4	6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Adult Handbells 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting
Wed, May 21	10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Connect Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Adult Handbells 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting	Sun, June 8	11:00 a.m. Pentecost Worship Service 12:00 p.m. Potluck Luncheon
Mon, May 26	Memorial Day Holiday – Office Closed	<p><u>Sundays</u></p> <p>8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service 9:00 a.m. Connect Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service</p> <p>Please visit clemmonsoneyouth.org for youth group activities.</p>	

Studies on Summer Break

- Pastor John's Bible Study will break after May 20, and resume after Labor Day.
- Tuesday Table Talk is already on summer break and will resume September 2.



Clemmons United Methodist Church Financial Update Operating Fund Account

Donations Received through 4/26/25	\$324,573
Expenses Paid through 4/26/25	306,695
Net Gain 4/26/25	17,878

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.



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The next newsletter will be sent out June 4 and the deadline for articles to be submitted is Monday, May 26. 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.

VBS! Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace



Monday-Thursday, June 23-26 @ 9 a.m.–12 noon with Special Sunday Celebration for all on Sunday, June 29. For ages 3 (potty trained only, please) through grade 5. Please visit the church website for more details and to register. Want to help turn CUMC into ancient Egypt? See below for ways to help, and email Chris Fitzgerald at fitzgeraldc@clemmonsumc.org if you have any questions.

You are invited to help turn CUMC into Ancient Egypt!

June 15 @ 4 p.m.

- Pyramid Construction Party in the Chapel.
- Participants will tape cardboard shipping boxes to make Pyramid building blocks for VBS.
- All supplies will be provided.

June 22 @ 2 p.m.

- VBS Set Up.
- Meet in the Ministry Center.
- Come help set up rooms and stations with supplies provided.

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