

February 6, 2019



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ACTS... All Care to Share



The Journey Begins...

Have you ever played the game in which the players in turn say, "I'm going on a journey and I'm taking with me..." and then they have to mention something they would bring on a journey? Of course, the really fun part of the game is that then the players have to repeat—in order—what everyone else has said they would take on the journey.

For any journey, we know it's wise to prepare, to take something with us. We need some things, some knowledge, some skills, and some people to travel with us. We may have a destination in mind, but we also know that getting there is a big part of the experience and can be fun in itself!

So it is with Confirmation. Confirmation is part of a journey—a faith journey. On January 13, as our three Confirmation groups, mentors, and families gathered for a Covenant Service and meal, we asked the youth to think of their faith journey as paralleling their life. They have already passed several points before they arrived here, and there will be many more to come. But during this time called Confirmation, they will be picking up additional knowledge and skills, some things, and some people to move them along their faith journey.

What is the destination? A life that increasingly reflects a deep relationship with God who created us, loves us and desires the very best for us.

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, called the journey toward that destination "going on to perfection," because God's grace in Jesus Christ gives us the power to be completely restored to a loving relationship with God and other people.

So get ready! We are going on a journey together, and we are taking with us each other (youth, parents, mentors, and leaders), **our community of faith** (that's all of us), and God's grace! As a God family, you are part of this journey as well! Please be in prayer each week for the 31 youths, 28 adult mentors and six adult leaders involved in this ministry.



A Year with the Apostle Paul: The Prison Letters

February 10	“Two into One Will God”	Dr. J. Matthew Burton, Jr. Ephesians 2:11-16
February 17	“Unveiling the New Temple”	Rev. Paula Northrup Ephesians 2:17-22
February 24	“God’s Secret Plan Unveiled at Last”	Dr. J. Matthew Burton, Jr. Ephesians 3:1-7
March 3	“Wisdom for the Rulers”	Dr. J. Matthew Burton, Jr. Ephesians 3:8-13
March 10	“God’s Love, God’s Power — In Us”	Dr. J. Matthew Burton, Jr. Ephesians 3:14-21
March 17	Live Up to Your Calling	Dr. J. Matthew Burton, Jr. Ephesians 4:1-10



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

- Sylvia Benisek upon the death of her father, Ed Pichler, on January 1.
- The family of Ken Hoglund upon his death on January 5.
- The family of Kay Padgett upon her death on January 5.
- Kevin Kranis and family upon the death of his father, Tom Kranis, on January 12.
- Cecil Johnson and family upon the death of his sister, Josephine Willey, on January 15.

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Thanks

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your thoughts, prayers, cards, and for the prayer blanket I received during the recent loss of my mother, Loretta Floyd. I feel blessed to be a part of a loving, caring church family.

Thank you,
Karen McGown

Thank you for the prayer blanket. I have been really cold since I got sick, and the blanket warmed me both inside and out.

Terry Preston

I want to thank all of you for the prayer blanket I received. I have put it to good use already. I thank my brother Dick Jarvis for putting me on the prayer list, and for all of the hands that were involved in making this blanket. I have put my trust in God as I travel down the road He has laid out in front of me. Your love and generosity is overwhelming. I love each and every one of you. Thank you so much.

In Christ's love,
Craig Bradfield



Sisters In Christ — *The Sisters in Christ are a group of women who meet on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 for Bible study, fellowship, and community service projects.*

WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY?

If only I had. . . if only I drove. . . if only I wore . . . if only I knew. . . if only I won . . . if only . . .

For many of us, happiness is conditional and unsustainable. In Andy Stanley's six-week study, *What Makes You Happy*, he reveals what makes one truly happy, and what three things happy people have in common. Then he describes how these three things can be realities for you as well. Join the Sisters in Christ beginning Wednesday, March 13 at 9:30 am. in the Ministry Center Fellowship Hall for this informative study. Please contact Linda Morgan at 336-416-6814 or lmorgancrna@gmail.com for more information or to sign up for this study.



Young at Heart will meet on February 27 at 11:30 a.m. in the Commons Area. The speaker will be Bethany Harry Fields, a physical therapist and CUMC church member who owns Complete Motion Therapy. Bethany will talk about physical therapy, dry needling, massage therapy, and how to prevent injuries when doing everyday activities. Lunch is \$8. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Commons Area.

DOWGS—Dining Out Wednesday Group. There is an older adult group (DOWGS) that gets together every Wednesday at 5 p.m. to go to dinner. They choose a different restaurant each week and would love for you to join them. Please call Barbara Turner at 336-766-5972 for more information.

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From the Center of Discipleship and Equipping for Lay Ministry and Outreach

Our winter New Covenant Partner class started on January 20 with 16 of us enjoying getting to know each other. The group meets for five consecutive Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in Ministry Center Room A-213/Parlor. Please be in pray for our guests as they discern their journey with our church family.

Moments of Mission and Ministry

Each week during our worship services we usually show a video that features the many ministries and missions in which our covenant partners are involved. Please contact Kathy Giff if you would like to share your passion for any missions or ministries that our congregation may not know exist.

Connecting and equipping all as transformed disciples of Jesus Christ . . .

Our 2019 Bible study *The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul* starts Tuesday, February 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Join Dr. Matthew Burton as he teaches from Adam Hamilton's book *The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul*. The classes will meet February 26; March 5, 12, and 26; and April 2 and 9. Please note that we will not have class on March 19. Books are available in the *Food for Thought* bookstore for \$7. A class sign-up sheet is located on the table outside of Ministry Center Room A-206A/Discipleship and Lay Ministry Office. Please contact Kathy Giff for more information.

Food for Thought Bookstore

There are several new books written by N.T. Wright which go along with the 2019 sermon lessons from the Apostle Paul's prison letters: *Paul: The Prison Letters* and individual study guides for Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians & Philemon. They are available for purchase along with Adam Hamilton's *The Call* in the Food for Thought bookstore.

Serving in the world...

In 2018, the CUMC Mission & Outreach Support Team was created. MOSTeam oversees and supports CUMC missions and outreach through promotion of effective ministry strategies and support of new and existing ministry initiatives. This is accomplished by providing tools, support, counsel and connections to further and enhance the potential viability and success of CUMC missions. The first meeting of the year for the MOSTeam is Tuesday, February 26 at 7 p.m. in Ministry Center Room A-210. All fundraising requests, mission or ministry grant applications, and agency grant applications are due by February 15 in order to be reviewed this quarter. The MOSTeam has already received applications from several agencies which they will review at this meeting. To request appropriate forms, please contact Kathy Giff.

—Kathy Giff, Discipleship and Lay Ministry: giffk@clemmonsumc.org 336-766-6375, x145

Spring Disaster Relief Building Team Trip

The date and location are now set for the week-long Spring Disaster Relief Team trip. The team will travel to Washington, NC on Sunday, March 31 and will stay in a former boy scout camp. It is equipped with cabins and trailers with bunk beds. Nineteen people have indicated interest in going and we can still accommodate a few more. If you have any questions or would like to be a part of this team, please contact Al Burchett at alburchett@live.com or 336-918-3214.

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Curriculum Overview for Children

Below is the curriculum lineup for February through May for our children:

9:45 Sunday School

February – Fruits of the Spirit
March – The Lord's Prayer
April – Holy Week and Easter
May – Armor of God

11 o'clock Lego Hour

Holy Moly Old Testament Lessons including Abraham, Joseph and David

March 31 is a 5th Sunday.

Enjoy worshipping together as a family! There will be NO Sunday School at 9:45 or 11 o'clock.

Summer Plans!

Save the dates of **June 24, 25, and 26** for a new and exciting hands-on mission experience! Our elementary school-aged children will be engaging in hands-on mission projects. Details will follow soon!

In partnering with our through the week ministries, we invite our preschool aged children to participate in a week of CUMP summer camp! We are also excited to partner with our After School Care ministry in their summer camp offerings as well.

Look for details and how you can register your children for one of these summer offerings.

Contact Abby Hedgecock at hedgecocka@clemmonsumc.org or 336-766-6375 x. 141 for more information.

Calling all Current 8th Graders and Older!



Sign up for CCC 2019! Service Week is July 21-27 and CCC Asheville is July 7-13. Spend a week serving throughout Western NC and making a difference! Deposits for both trips are \$145 and are due March 1. Details, video and online registration for both trips are on our Clemmons:One website at www.clemmonsone.com. Invite a friend and sign up today! Adult leaders are also needed for both trips (no cost to you). If you are age 25+ and want to attend, or have general questions about CCC 2019, contact Clark at chiltonc@clemmonsumc.org.

Compassion Fund Ministry, Furniture Ministry, and Pots and Pans Ministry Reports 2018

The Clemmons United Methodist Church Compassion Fund Ministry continues to serve those less fortunate in our church and community, including Bethel UMC members. Between 2003 and the end of 2018, this ministry has interviewed and served 306 families. (Some of these 306 families were given help more than one time for a total number of 488 services through this ministry.) Compassion Fund Ministry team members are available on Tuesdays between 2 and 4 p.m. and are on call whenever there is an emergency need for help. Those who come for our help may receive full or partial payments for rent, mortgage, and/or utilities. (All payments are made by check to the billing agency and not to the client.) In addition, gas and grocery cards donated by CUMC members may be given to clients. In 2018, Clemmons United Methodist Church made a difference to many families who received payments for rent (12) and utilities (11). Your generosity to the Compassion Fund Ministry was a wonderful gift to them because renters are usually evicted from their homes if their payment is more than one month behind for either their rent or utilities. Some families were also given gas (5) or grocery (9) cards. In addition, the Compassion Fund Ministry gives information to the clients about other agencies that can provide help such as the Clemmons Food Pantry, Crisis Control, Social Services, Forsyth Tech, and Salvation Army. When there is an extreme need, and with the client's permission, contact is made to members and groups at CUMC. The response at these times is always wonderful!

The Furniture Ministry was started by Terry Jeanes as an outgrowth of the Compassion Fund Ministry. Many homes have been completely furnished with both gently used and new furniture, appliances, mattresses and box springs, lamps, rugs, and so many other needs for the home. In 2018, 30 deliveries have been made to help families. The members of this ministry are constantly picking up donations and then delivering them to families. Because of this ministry, many adults and children actually have a bed to sleep on. Recently, a grandmother desperately needed help because she wanted her grandchildren to live with her rather than be placed in foster care. Unfortunately, her home furnishings did not meet Social Services requirements. Thanks to the CUMC Furniture Ministry, the grandchildren are living with their grandmother. Your faithful donations are such a blessing to those in need in our community!

About seven years ago the Pots and Pans Ministry began with a CUMC Sunday School Class, Family Journeys. Through the Compassion Fund Ministry, the members learned of two single moms who lived next door to each other and were sharing a pot and frying pan to cook for their families. In a few days, both families had the needed pots and pans as well as linens and other household items. As further needs were realized, the Pots and Pans Ministry became a part of CUMC's outreach to the community. We are grateful to the members of CUMC, who continue to donate to this ministry!

All of these ministries are wonderful examples of Clemmons UMC members not just coming to church, but going out from the church in Christ's service to provide for those who are less fortunate. The families always express their appreciation for your help and see Clemmons United Methodist Church as a symbol of hope and care for others during difficult times.

If you have any questions or want more information about the Compassion Fund Ministry, the Pots and Pans Ministry or the Furniture Ministry, please contact the church office (336-766-6375) or Terry Jeanes (Terryj7@earthlink.net). We are grateful for your prayers and donations and for all volunteers and wish to thank CUMC for making all of these ministries possible.

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Calendar of Events

Sun, Feb 10	8:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:45 a.m. Praise Worship Service 9:45 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. New Covenant Partner Class 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class	Tues, Feb 26	9:00 a.m. Quilting Group 6:30 p.m. The Call Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry 7:00 p.m. MOST Team Meeting
Mon, Feb 11	7:00 p.m. GriefShare	Wed, Feb 27	9:30 a.m. Sisters in Christ 11:30 a.m. Young at Heart Luncheon 5:45 p.m. Children's Choir 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting
Tues, Feb 12	9:00 a.m. Quilting Group 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry	Thurs., Feb 28	10:00 a.m. Prayer Group 5:00 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. C3 Conversation
Wed, Feb 13	9:30 a.m. Sisters in Christ 5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting	Sun, Mar 3	7:15 a.m. Methodist Men Breakfast/Program 8:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:45 a.m. Praise Worship Service 9:45 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday School 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
Thurs., Feb 14	10:00 a.m. Prayer Group 10:00 a.m. Dorcas Circle 5:00 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. C3 Conversation	Mon, Mar 4	7:00 p.m. GriefShare 7:00 p.m. Leadership Board Meeting
Sun, Feb 17	8:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:45 a.m. Praise Worship Service 9:45 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. New Covenant Partner Class 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class	Tues, Mar 5	9:00 a.m. Quilting Group 6:30 p.m. The Call Bible Study
Mon, Feb 18	7:00 p.m. GriefShare	Wed, Mar 6	9:30 a.m. Sisters in Christ 5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting
Tues, Feb 19	9:00 a.m. Quilting Group	Thurs., Mar 7	10:00 a.m. Prayer Group 5:00 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. C3 Conversation
Wed, Feb 20	9:30 a.m. Sisters in Christ 5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting	Sun, Mar 10	8:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:45 a.m. Praise Worship Service 9:45 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday School
Thurs., Feb 21	10:00 a.m. Prayer Group 5:00 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. C3 Conversation		
Sun, Feb 24	8:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:45 a.m. Praise Worship Service 9:45 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday School 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class		
Mon, Feb 25	2:00 p.m. Alzheimer's-Dementia Caregivers Support Group 7:00 p.m. GriefShare		

Find YOUTH EVENTS at
www.ClemmonsOne.com or sign up for weekly emails at
www.clemmonsone.com/parentemail



Clemmons UMC's Ash Wednesday service will be held Wednesday, March 6 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please join us.

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Calling all Gardeners



Clemmons UMC Clippers would like to expand their membership so that two teams could alternate church gardening every two weeks from mid-March to mid-November. This means each team would only work once per month. The Clippers glorify God through working with His beautiful flowers. Their morning meetings are informal and they do spend time on their knees. The Clippers plant, prune, water, shovel and rake. And, yes, they also clip. If you love this work and worship, consider joining Clemmons UMC Clippers. For more information, please contact Ann Raines at 336-766-9901.

Quilters/Knitters/Crocheters

The Golden Needles is a group that meets every Tuesday morning from 9 to 11:30 in Ministry Center Room A-210 to quilt, knit and crochet. They make quilts for homeless veterans as well as for battered women and their children. Some of the quilts are commissioned for private use. The money received for commissioned quilts goes towards the church's Compassion Fund. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please call Barbara Turner at 336-766-5972. They are a great group of people who enjoy each other as much as they enjoy helping the community.

Prayer Blanket Ministry Group

One way our church continues to reach out to our members and others is through prayer blankets we make for individuals in hospitals, hospice or recuperating at home, for graduating seniors, and to send with our mission teams. This is a tangible means of sensing our church's prayers and God's presence. Prayers start when someone is lifted up, when the fleece is purchased, and when the blanket is prepared and placed on the altar rail. Prayers continue when our congregation comes to the altar before or after worship service or during the last song in the service, and ties a double knot with the top and bottom strips while praying for its recipient. All are welcome to join us as we make prayer blankets. For more information, please contact Patricia Dance at d.d14@aol.com or 704-806-2728.

Since our last newsletter, prayer blankets that have been on the altar rail were made for Tony and Marsha Adams, Billie Jean Ellington, Marion Kranis, Greg Jarvis, Susan Fleming and the Jamaican Mission Team.

Alzheimer's-Dementia Caregivers Support Group

If you are the caregiver for an Alzheimer's- Dementia loved one, please consider joining a support group that meets the fourth Monday of each month. The next meeting will be on Monday, February 25 at 2 p.m. in Ministry Center Room A-213/Parlor. Meetings last 90 minutes with time allocated for professional information regarding care and services. There will be also be an opportunity to share concerns with other caregivers on this journey. Please contact Dawn Wooten at 336-414-0579 for more information.

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Scouts BSA



On February 1, 2019 Boy Scouts of America launched its new program, Scouts BSA for boys and girls in grades 5-12. The boys and girls will have separate troops, but will both have the same requirements and all can obtain the rank of Eagle.

Cub Scouts will keep the same name, but will be open to both boys and girls. While they will all be in the same pack, the boys and girls will be separated into boys dens and girls dens.

We understand this is not easily understood. The leadership of Troop 731 and Pack 731 are dealing with the same questions. We welcome your thoughts and ideas on this subject while we search for ways to make our program most successful.



Need Pine Straw? Contact Scouts BSA Troop 731 through February 23 to preorder your pine straw bales for a Saturday, March 2 pickup or delivery. The pine straw costs \$5 per bale. Orders of 20 or more bales can be delivered for a \$5 delivery charge per order. For more information, contact any member of the Troop 731 or Doug Sidney at 336-712-1068. The scouts thank you for your support.

Clemmons UMC Budget Update 1/26/19

Tithes and Offerings	\$73,777
Expenses	\$65,647
Budget Year-to-Date	\$65,957

The General Budget is our first funding priority and represents our base of ministry.
Thank you for making it the first priority in your giving.

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The next newsletter will be sent out March 6, and the deadline for articles to be submitted is February 26. Please bring your articles by the Hunter House or email them 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 and helps us all be better stewards of the resources that God provides.

From the Clemmons Food Pantry . . .

Pantry client numbers have increased steadily and the last few months were particularly difficult with work halted due to two hurricanes, record rainfall and a surprise snowstorm. Rain and snow often affect laborers who are unable to work in inclement weather. In addition, some food donations were diverted to areas with severe flooding from the hurricanes. This has left our shelves lighter than usual. Although we currently are meeting the need, we do have a very serious concern for the summer months when donations are historically very low and stockpiled food dwindles. We would like to ask our community church partners to continue working food drives into their schedules between February and June to help bridge the gap until the school year begins next fall and food collections start to come in again. We are always appreciative of all we receive but we are concerned about meeting the need this summer. Thanks to all.

— *Kathy Kovack*, Clemmons Food Pantry

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