



March 6, 2019

# Clemmons

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ACTS... All Care to Share



### **“DO LESS” FOR ORPHANS**

It's time for another Zoe Lenten Challenge! CUMC is entering our 5<sup>th</sup> year as a ZOE Hope Companion, and our partnership has grown from one working group to four.

Zoe is a program that works with orphans in Africa and Central America with the goal of helping these children and youth break the cycle of poverty and become self-sufficient. The children entering the ZOE empowerment program face a daily struggle to survive; ZOE provides a safe environment and three years of supplies and training in skills that prepare them to provide for themselves. They earn money by learning skills such as planting crops, sewing/tailoring, animal husbandry, business management and saving plans, carpentry, welding, etc.

Our first working group, called Amani (“Peace”), consisted of 131 children who recently graduated from the program. In 2016, we supported two additional working groups with over 200 children, and in 2018 added a new group, Baraka Yetu (“Our Blessing”) of 86 children. All together, we have supported over 400 children through the Zoe program!

To support each working group, we commit to provide \$8,000 each year for three years. For our first three groups, we have collected donations to fund all three years in no more than two and a half years! This commitment is primarily funded through our annual Lenten Challenge, which is a challenge to “Do Less” for Orphans. In other words, by “doing less” and donating the cost of a few luxuries (think Starbucks, eating out, and even Fortnite V-bucks!) to Zoe, we have been able to fund the majority of our commitment each year.

Help us to continue this important ministry by taking home one of the Zoe boxes around the church and filling it with your “Do Less” donations. Keep that up throughout Lent, and then bring your boxes back on Easter morning. With CUMC support, the ZOE ministry is changing lives! For more information visit [www.clemmonsumc.org/zoe-project](http://www.clemmonsumc.org/zoe-project) or contact Tim and Suzanne Howard at [timandsuz@triad.rr.com](mailto:timandsuz@triad.rr.com).



**A Year with the Apostle Paul: The Prison Letters**

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
March 24	“Grown-Up Christianity”	Rev. Clark Chilton Ephesians 4:11-16
March 31	“Off with the Old, On with the New”	Dr. J. Matthew Burton, Jr. Ephesians 4:17-24
April 7	“The Kindness that Imitates God Himself”	Dr. J. Matthew Burton, Jr. Ephesians 4:25-5:2



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

Sandy Scherle and family upon the death of her father, John Heider, on February 9.  
Jay Mayer and family upon the death of her husband, Bob Mayer, on February 15.  
Robin Wilson and family upon the death of his mother, Betty Wilson, on February 27.



Congratulations to Nathan and Stephanie Myers upon the birth of their son, Camden Lee Myers, on January 8. Proud grandparents are Hank and Sharon Myers. Great-grandparents are Lois and Harry Myers.

Congratulations to Brian and Stephanie Ranson upon the birth of their daughter, Asher Sky Ranson, on February 13. Proud grandparents are Jerry and Karen Ranson.

## Living the Fullness of Christ

### Thanks

Dear Patricia and the Prayer Blanket Ministry, thank you for the love and kindness you shared with Marion Kranis during your visit, and for the lovely blanket you presented to her. It stays on her chair and she uses it daily; we know it brings her warmth and comfort each day.

Much gratitude,  
The Kranis family

*Following is a portion from a thank you letter the Jamaican Mission Team received from the Rev. Audrey Knott of the Mt. Olive District, Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas.*

It was a beautiful journey to grow with the Lord and to grow close relationships with everyone as we mixed rocks, sand and cement, hammering boards and saw the expansion of our chapel taking shape. The moments of worship, fun, food and fellowship in sharing your culture and ours has been a journey I will never forget. I love you my brothers and sisters in Christ. The time was just great. God is everything. I will continue to pray for each and everyone and your missions as you continue to serve in this way. This is a heartfelt thank you for bringing joy and love to us by adding your special touch. Thank you for your encouraging words and prayers, your individual and combined support, your presence and your financial gifts. Some hearts reveal a love for God in the most beautiful and inspiring ways. May God continue to comfort and bless you all as you continue to serve and glorify Him,

Your sister in Christ,  
Rev. Audrey Knott



**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](mailto:lmorgancrna@gmail.com) for more information.



The next **YOUNG AT HEART** meeting will be in the Ministry Center Fellowship Hall on Monday, March 25 at 11:30 a.m. In gearing up for spring, Eva Miller, a landscape designer and former employee at L.A. Reynolds Garden Center, will give ideas on design as well as which plants and flowers will withstand the various North Carolina elements. Eva has wonderful ideas and a wealth of knowledge, and you won't want to miss her. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Commons Area. Lunch will be catered for \$8.00. Spring is almost here, and the flowers are beginning to bloom. Let's find out from Eva how to care for them.

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

#### Reaching out with God's love...

Our Winter New Covenant Partner class ended recently with plans for 14 people to become covenant partners. Part of the group will come in as covenant partners on March 17 and the others on March 24. I look forward to introducing each of them to our family. Thank you for praying for the group as they discerned their journey with our church family.

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

Our 2019 Bible study *The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul* taught by Dr. Matthew Burton recently started on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. The classes will meet through April 9. Please note that we will not have class on March 19. **If you are unable to attend the night sessions, several adult Sunday morning classes are doing the study. Please contact Kathy Giff if interested.**

If you are looking for ways to grow spiritually this Lenten season, I have added several new books to the *Food for Thought* Bookstore: *Because of this I Rejoice: Reading Philippians during Lent* by Max O. Vincent; *The Case for Easter* by Lee Strobel; and *Entering the Passion of Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine. You will also find several five dollar selections from years past: *A World Worth Saving*; *24 Hours That Changed the World*; *Parables and Passion*; and *Easter from the Backside*.

**Food For Thought Book Review:** *The Wounded Healer* by Henri Nouwen is a hope-filled book that speaks directly to those who want to be of service in their church or community, but have found traditional ways often ineffective. In this book, Nouwen combines creative case studies of ministry with stories from diverse cultures and religious traditions in preparing a model for compassion-filled service focused on profound "hospitality." This model begins with the realization of a fundamental woundedness in human nature that can serve as a source of strength and healing when counseling others. Nouwen proceeds to develop his approach to service with an analysis of sufferings: a suffering world, a suffering generation, a suffering person, and a suffering minister. A short book written in 1972 (and recently updated), *The Wounded Healer* is filled with examples from everyday experience and will be welcomed by anyone engaged in the service of others. After a lifetime of seeking, the author found his home in Canada as pastor of L'Arche Daybreak where intellectually handicapped people and their caregivers live together in community.

— reviewed by Neil Griffin

**Gifted as a teacher? Feeling called to lead a Bible study?** I am in the discernment process for future discipleship opportunities and would love your help in making Bible and book studies available throughout the year. Please contact Kathy Giff to learn more.

#### Serving in the world...

Curious about starting a new outreach ministry or mission? Not sure how to fund one? Want to hold a mission fundraiser? The CUMC Mission & Outreach Support Team (MOSTeam) is here to help! MOSTeam was created in 2018 to oversee and support 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 team meets quarterly. Upcoming meetings are at 7 p.m. on May 28, August 27 and November 26 in Ministry Center Room A-210. All grant and fundraising requests are due the 15<sup>th</sup> of the above months in order to be reviewed at the meetings.

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

**Moments of Mission and Ministry:** During all of our worship services each week, you have the opportunity to learn about 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 mission or ministry that our congregation may not know exists.

Kathy Giff, Discipleship and Lay Ministry: [giffk@clemmonsumc.org](mailto:giffk@clemmonsumc.org) 336-766-6375, x145

### 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. The next workshops will be held Sunday, March 10 from 4-6 p.m. and Saturday, March 16 from 9:30 to 12 noon. For more information, please contact Patricia Dance at [d.d14@aol.com](mailto:d.d14@aol.com) or 704-806-2728.

Since our last newsletter, prayer blankets that have been on the altar rail were made for Lynne McIntyre, Mike Melton, Mary Hulbert, Betty Reeves Johnson, Buddy Reeves, Ann Raines and John McPherson.

### Alzheimer's-Dementia Support Group

If you are the caregiver for an Alzheimer's-Dementia loved one, please consider joining a support group that will meet the fourth Monday of each month. The next meeting is March 25 at 2 p.m. in Ministry Center Room A-213/Parlor and the topic is "Navigating Medical Providers and Care Facilities Part II." 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.

#### Clemmons UMC Budget Update 2/23/2019

Tithes and Offerings	\$140,043
Expenses	\$148,001
Budget Year-to-Date	\$153,899

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.



### March 31 is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday . . .

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

### Curriculum Overview for Children

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

#### 9:45 Sunday School

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

### The Lord's Prayer Challenge

Each Sunday in the month of March we will be exploring the Lord's Prayer, as well as other ways we can pray. We are challenging all our children to learn the Lord's Prayer; if children already know it, we challenge them to pray it daily. Check our Children's Ministry Facebook page for creative ideas and suggestions.



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

Contact Abby Hedgecock at [hedgecocka@clemmonsumc.org](mailto:hedgecocka@clemmonsumc.org) or 336-766-6375 x. 141 for more information.

# Living the Fullness of Christ

## Calendar of Events

Sun, Mar 10	8:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal <b>8:30 &amp; 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship</b> <b>9:45 a.m. Praise Worship Service</b> 9:45 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday School 4:00 p.m. Prayer Blanket Workshop	Mon, Mar 25	11:30 a.m. Young at Heart Luncheon 2:00 p.m. Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group 7:00 p.m. GriefShare
Mon, Mar 11	7:00 p.m. GriefShare	Tues, Mar 26	9:00 a.m. Quilting Group 6:30 p.m. The Call Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry
Tues, Mar 12	9:00 a.m. Quilting Group 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry 6:30 p.m. The Call Bible Study	Wed, Mar 27	9:30 a.m. Sisters in Christ 5:45 p.m. Children's Choir 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PAL Meeting
Wed, Mar 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	Thur, Mar 28	5:00 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. C3 Conversation
Thur, Mar 14	10:00 a.m. Dorcas Circle 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group 5:00 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. C3 Conversation	Sun, Mar 31	8:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal <b>8:30 &amp; 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship</b> <b>9:45 a.m. Praise Worship Service</b> 9:45 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday School 7:00 p.m. GriefShare
Sat, Mar 16	9:30 a.m. Prayer Blanket Workshop	Mon, Apr 1	7:00 p.m. GriefShare
Sun, Mar 17	8:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal <b>8:30 &amp; 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship</b> <b>9:45 a.m. Praise Worship Service</b> 9:45 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday School	Tues, Apr 2	9:00 a.m. Quilting Group 6:30 p.m. The Call Bible Study
Mon, Mar 18	7:00 p.m. GriefShare	Wed, Apr 3	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
Tues, Mar 19	9:00 a.m. Quilting Group	Thur, Apr 4	5:00 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. C3 Conversation
Wed, Mar 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, Apr 7	7:15 a.m. Methodist Men Program & Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal <b>8:30 &amp; 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship</b> <b>9:45 a.m. Praise Worship Service</b> 9:45 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. UMM Spaghetti Luncheon Fundraiser
Thur, Mar 21	5:00 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. C3 Conversation		
Sun, Mar 24	8:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal <b>8:30 &amp; 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship</b> <b>9:45 a.m. Praise Worship Service</b> 9:45 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday School		

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[www.clemmonsone.com/parentemail](http://www.clemmonsone.com/parentemail)



Save the date! The annual **Methodist Men's Spaghetti Dinner** will be held on the first Sunday, April 7. The proceeds from the dinner are used to provide a number of scholarships for our graduating high school seniors. Thanks!



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The next newsletter will be sent out April 3, and the deadline for articles to be submitted is March 26. Please bring your articles by the Hunter House or email them to [office@clemmonsumc.org](mailto:office@clemmonsumc.org). If you would like to begin receiving the newsletter, please send an email to [office@clemmonsumc.org](mailto: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.



*Thank you for your help in taking care of our less fortunate neighbors. YOU are making a big difference in our community.*

### The Pantry always needs these items:

- Canned Meat (tuna, beef stew, chili with meat)
- Canned Fruit
- Bisquick/Biscuit Mix
- Dry White Rice
- Dry Beans (pinto, lima, black or northern)
- Canned Spaghetti Sauce
- 2 lb. bags of Sugar or Flour
- Canned beans (pork & beans, black beans, refried beans)

**There is a collection bin in the MISSION POSSIBLE area of the Ministry Center Fellowship Hall.**

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