

May 2024

Clemmons Presbyterian Church

Believing, Belonging, Becoming and Branching Out

Grace and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! As the month of April has lavished us with the bright fluorescence of dogwood and a kaleidoscope of flowering blossoms, it only seems appropriate to turn our hearts and minds to Earth Day and Care of Creation Sunday.

It seems inappropriate that we only take one Sunday out of the whole liturgical year to contemplate the interconnectedness of life and reflect on God, the giver of every good gift, who created and sustains the universe and the complex web of life that beautifies the earth, magnifies God's grandeur, and displays the sacramental dimension of God's care for humans. Yet, even as I contemplate these things, I realize the web of creation is tenuous. Those species that reflect God's grandeur and magnificence are vulnerable- subject to pollution, abuse, and decay.

I don't have to tell you that climate change is altering the earth: accelerating the warming of our planet, the melting of polar ice caps, and spurring more traumatic weather patterns. Sadly, humankind is spurring this process along because of its dependence on fossil fuels, its resistance to changing existing technology, and its inability to garner and elicit international collaboration and cooperation among world powers with respect to emission standards and coordinating mitigating efforts.

What is humankind to do other than throw up their hands and plead for God's mercy? Not all is lost, luckily, people of faith can make a tremendous difference through utilizing their (and their community's) agency and affecting their sphere of influence. We can recycle, plant native species and blossoms that attract pollinators. We can reuse grocery bags, carpool with friends, and reduce our consumption of single-use plastics. There is a lot we can do individually and as a community to honor God's creation, to tune our hearts and minds to the God who has endowed creation with an abundance in earth, wind, sky, sea, plant and animals.

And, last but not least, we can take time for an environmental sabbath, "to notice the lilies of the field" (Matthew 6: 28). We can take time to attune our minds and hearts from the means of production that we are invested in and focused on six days out of the week, to contemplate the God who in Genesis gave us the production of the world, and on the seventh day rested.

We rest in this God who cares and upholds all living things in a complex web of destiny we are all attached to and cannot separate ourselves from. In recognition of our small place within the wide expanse of God's cosmos, we realize we are blessed to be in communion with a love that transposes our finiteness and opts for God's grandeur in the planetary exercise of God's grace. Or, in the words of Walt Whitman:

"We are Nature—long have we been absent, but now we return;
 We become plants, leaves, foliage, roots, bark;
 We are bedded in the ground—we are rocks; 5
 We are oaks—we grow in the openings side by side;
 We browse—we are two among the wild herds, spontaneous as any;
 We are two fishes swimming in the sea together;
 We are what the locust blossoms are—we drop scent around the lanes, mornings and evenings;
 We are also the coarse smut of beasts, vegetables, minerals;
 We are two predatory hawks—we soar above, and look down;
 We are two resplendent suns—we it is who balance ourselves, orbic and stellar—we are as two comets;
 We prowl fang'd and four-footed in the woods—we spring on prey;
 We are two clouds, forenoons and afternoons, driving overhead;
 We are seas mingling—we are two of those cheerful waves, rolling over each other, and interwetting each other;
 We are what the atmosphere is, transparent, receptive, pervious, impervious:
 We are snow, rain, cold, darkness—we are each product and influence of the globe;
 We have circled and circled till we have arrived home again—we two have;
 We have voided all but freedom, and all but our own joy."

May it be so! Yours in Christ,

Leigh



CPC Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will eat at **Venezia Italian Restaurant** on Thursday, **May 2** at 12:00 pm. Please RSVP to Brent Eaton at brent_a_eaton@yahoo.com, by text to 336-865-2524, or by calling the church.



Golf Fellowship

The next CPC First Saturday Golf will be Saturday, **May 4** at Tanglewood (Reynolds Course). We will have 12 spots available. For more info contact Art Blackwood at art.blackwood.3@gmail.com or by text at 336-391-6636.



Tuesday Troubleshooters

Attention retired men! On **May 7 & 21** at 9:00am we'll gather in room 206 for a short devotion, then proceed to trouble shoot/work on areas of the church that need our attention.



Christian Creations

We have so much talent in our church! Knitters, crocheters, quilters, cross stitchers, and sewers! Please join us on **May 9** at 11 am (immediately after the Thursday morning Bible study).



Cookies and Lemonade

Plan to stop by the after the worship service on Sunday, **May 12** as the property committee hosts cookies & lemonade.



Party Bridge

Join us for fellowship and bridge at CPC! **May 14 & 28** at 1:00 pm in the parlor. For more information contact Carolyn Haggerty at 336-391-8117 or Susan Allred at 336-671-0104.



The Ruth Circle will meet on **May 21** for their annual celebration picnic. The meeting place for the carpool to be formed will be in the front parking lot of the church. The carpool will leave promptly at 5:00 pm, so please arrive before 5.

The Ruth Circle will not meet in June or July, but will resume meeting in August.



Our next **men's breakfast** is coming up! Join us on **May 18** at 8:30 am in the fellowship hall. All men are invited, please scan the QR code to RSVP or visit <https://clemmonspresby.flocknote.com/signup/164953>.

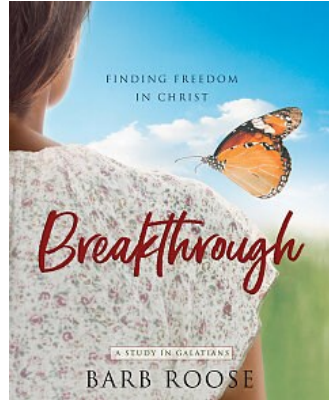


The deadline to submit articles for the May newsletter is **Wednesday, May 28** Please send articles to cpc@clemmonspresbyterian.org.

Christian Education

Thursday Women's Bible Study

April 25 was the beginning of a new study called *Breakthrough: Finding Freedom in Christ* by Barb Roose. This author is familiar and loved by the women's class, and this new material should be no different. What is it about? "In this six-week Bible study of Galatians, Barb Roose shows us that even the believers in the early church struggled to let go of rule-keeping and performance in order to embrace God's free gift of grace."



This class gathers in room 206 at 10:00am on Thursdays. Please contact Char Holloway by email at holloway42003@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Please consider serving in our nursery! Even once a quarter!

To serve in our nursery, you must have completed our child protection policy training as well as filled out the form for a background check. This may seem daunting, but we have made this as accessible as possible by offering the training on our website, which you can complete at home! Please consider taking this training, as this is the best way we can protect our children at church. Visit our website, and check under the "ministry" tab to find the policy. You can also follow this link <https://www.clemmonsprebyterian.org/protection-policy.html>.

Children's Church: what is it?

Children's church is a special time for children in 1st grade through 5th grade to learn about the Bible during worship service. They will leave worship at the designated time with their teachers and head down to the nursery wing for a lesson. Parents can pick them up following the service.

We also have a new group, "mini" children's church that is for friends ages 3—kindergarten!

It takes place at the same time as regular children's church but is geared toward a younger audience. Each week we will teach a new Bible story and make a craft.



Music Makers!



The Music Makers have been busy learning how to read notes on a treble clef staff! I have been so impressed with how quickly they are understanding this essential musical skill! One Wednesday night the kids played "music note toss." To win a point the Music Maker had to toss a bean bag on a giant music staff and name the note! I look forward to watching them progress and begin to grow their musical technique! We would love for any interested 2nd through 6th grader to join us on Wednesday evenings after dinner for fellowship, fun, and music!

Joyful Noise!

This group is for ages 3 through 1st grade and also gathers on Wednesday evenings to sing, dance, and play instruments together!





Group of Youth—Grades 6-12

GOOTH Happenings

GOOTH is short for “Group of Youth.”

GOOTH is a community of faith for young people that worships, learns, grows, serves, and plays together.

“Sunday’s Palms are Wednesday’s Ashes”

Our youth spent Palm Sunday burning some palm leaves that had been drying in the church for the past few years. This was our opportunity to really dig into what the journey from Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday to Easter is really about, and to allow our students to have a hand in our future Ash Wednesday services, where these ashes will be used.



We’ve enjoyed some fellowship time together this spring around the table, on the bleachers of the lacrosse field, and on walks in nature.

Sometimes when life is busy and stressful, spending time in fellowship is the most useful thing we can do with the time we have together. We’re looking forward to a summer of sharing meals and heading out on youth trips.

A note from Kaylee:

Hi everyone! As I prepare to be on maternity leave in the late summer months, I wanted to ask that you all prayerfully consider ways you may be willing to support our GOOTH during my absence. They are an incredible group of students, and while the plans will be in place, there is still a need for adult support for leading, hanging out, or providing snacks.

Do you have a skill or passion you would like to share with them? Let us know! It could be a really special Sunday evening opportunity for them to learn something new or create something with you. The best way we can be the church is by working together.

Do you have questions about GOOTH?

Contact our youth director Kaylee Hilston by email at khilston@clemmonspresbyterian.org or by text at 336-517-7227

Or email our youth elder Shannon Spencer skspencer1@gmail.com

Are you receiving weekly GOOTH emails and text messages?

If not please let Kaylee know ASAP so she can fix that!



May 5: Summer Trip Meeting (5:30pm)

May 12: Mother’s Day, no GOOTH, do some chores

May 19: End of Year Party! (we’re going bowling!)

May 26: Memorial Day, No GOOTH

Come to the church picnic on June 15!!!

**in lieu of GOOTH Eats, plan to come to Wednesday night dinners and we can sit together! GOOTH Eats will return in the summer!*

ATTENTION

Retired Men

Tuesday Troubleshooters
1st & 3rd Tuesdays 9am-12pm

Attention retired men! Your wives have been secretly asking the church office to start up a group to get you out of the house and out of their hair for half a day, twice a month. The group will be called the Tuesday Troubleshooters, and meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. The first meeting is May 7.

We will get together at 9 am (in room 206), have a short devotion, then proceed to troubleshoot/work on areas of the church that need our attention. This could be painting a room, repairing a faucet, or replacing a swing on the playground. We will not be doing anything strenuous, but we might agree as a group to work offsite if we have caught up on the needs around the church, such as if someone needs a handicapped ramp built. At noon, we will quit work for the day and go somewhere for lunch together. All skill levels are welcome!

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Save a Life, Give Blood

Our next **blood drive** is Thursday, **May 9** from 2:30-7:00 pm. We are in particular need of Power Red donors. Don't know what that is? Go to www.redcrossblood.org/powerred for more info.

The July 11 blood drive is now online and available for scheduling. If you have a preferred appointment time you might want to sign up now before someone else takes it.

For an appointment to either drive you may contact Sam Boger (336-830-4034 phone/text). You can also sign up at www.redcrossblood.org or on the Red Cross donor app (free at your app store).

stephen MINISTRY®

Stephen Ministers are **lay congregation members**, specially trained to provide one-to-one Christian care to people in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. A Stephen Minister typically meets with you once a week to listen, care, pray, encourage, and offer emotional and spiritual support. We all experience challenges in life—times when we could benefit from a listening ear, care, and support. God doesn't expect you to bear your burdens alone. For more information or to request a Stephen Minister, contact Clemmons Presbyterian today at 336-766-4631.

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

Pentecost Offering—May 19

This is one of the four church wide special offerings. This year CPC will collect this offering on Pentecost Sunday, May 19.

The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost Offering is retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support at-risk children, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.



Donations may be given online at

<https://onrealm.org/>

[ClemmonsPresbyterian/give/pentecost](https://onrealm.org/ClemmonsPresbyterian/give/pentecost)

or in-person on May 19.



“I am coming to you.”

Christ shared these simple but powerful words to assure us that He will always be at our side. This is the hope and inspiration that carries us forward, and is fundamental to our faith.

Instilling this understanding is a gift we pass to our children. The Pentecost Offering helps our youth begin life with a strong start in the years from childhood through young adulthood that will last a lifetime.

40%

STAYS WITH YOUR CONGREGATION to support ministries with children, youth, and young adults.

25%

SUPPORTS YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEERS (YAV), serving in communities around the world, and growing as leaders through transformative Christian service.

25%

SUPPORTS MINISTRIES WITH YOUTH including the Presbyterian Youth Triennium.

10%

IS DEVOTED TO CHILDREN AT-RISK and supports to improve education and provide safe havens.

El Buen Pastor
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**MEXICAN FOOD,
REFRESHING SOFT DRINKS,
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AND MORE**

**MAY 26, 2024
11 AM - 3 PM**
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Scan the QR code for the list of participating restaurants

Crisis Control
MINISTRY

HOPE du jour

MAY 7, 2024

Plan to eat on Tuesday, May 7 for the 33rd annual Hope du Jour, where participating restaurants donate 10% of their proceeds to Crisis Control Ministry, Forsyth County's largest non-profit provider of emergency assistance.

Missions

Lenten Project Final Update:

Although the 2024 CPC Lenten Project ended on Easter Sunday, the results of the last two weeks weren't finalized until April. The missions committee gives very many thanks to the congregation for your support and generosity throughout Lent.

Week 6—El Buen Pastor: The large amount of the varied art supplies for El Buen Pastor is very difficult to quantify. The donated items covered two of the long tables in the atrium.

Week 7—One Great Hour of Sharing: CPC gave \$1,375.35 to the One Great Hour of Sharing this year.



Food Pantry Needs

The May CPC food donations will go to A Storehouse for Jesus.

The requested needs for this month are:

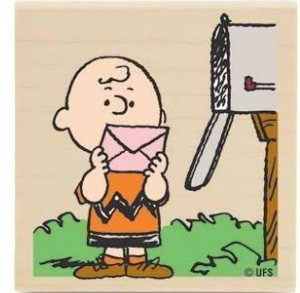
- Any food items
- Baby diapers (sizes 3-6)
- Healthy snacks
- Women's sanitary products
- Soap, shampoo, or cleaning products

In the mail...

A Note From Ken & Helen

How do I say "thank you" for the loving support you have given Ken and me these many, many weeks following the beginning of Ken's medical problems? The many, many prayers, offers of help, friendship, cards, notes, food, visits, and all the other reminders of your love and support. How do people who do not have a church fellowship to provide support during times of trouble "face each day"? Please keep our names on your prayer list!

Helen and Ken Lynde



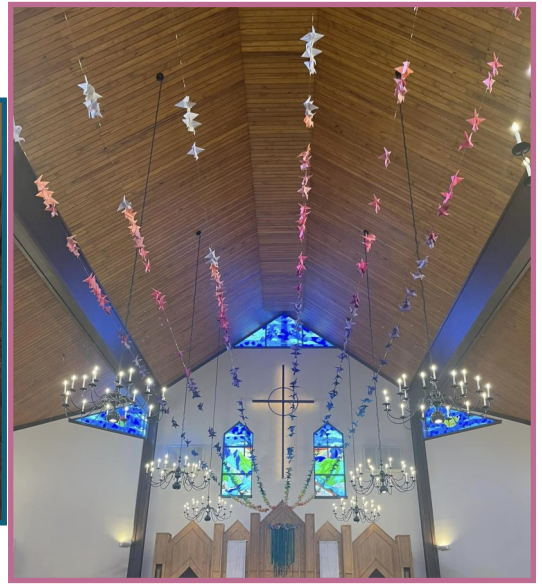
A Note From Steve Moss

I want to thank everyone, members, friends, and staff, for your concern, calls, and prayers, during my recent knee replacement surgery. It all went well, I am now partially recovered (and able to walk a bit), and I expect a full recovery – just in time to do the other knee. God has been gracious. Again, thank you.

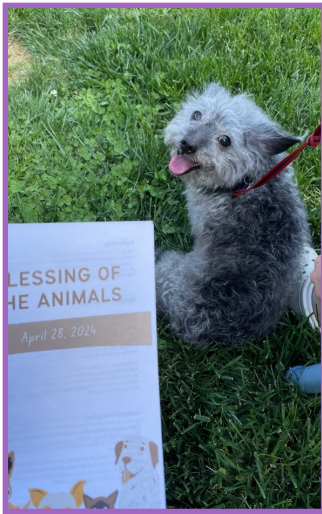
Steve Moss

Care of Creation & Blessing of the Animals

On April 28 we celebrated Care of Creation Sunday at Clemmons Presbyterian. Our sanctuary was adorned with 600 paper cranes hand-made by Austin Beasley and water color flowers made by the children at CPC.



That afternoon the GOOTH hosted a Blessing of the Animals service on the front lawn.



Wed. Night Dinner

The menu will be printed in the highlights sheet each week

WEEKLY
5:15
PM



Please RSVP (each week) at www.clemmonspresbyterian.org/dinner or by scanning the QR code





On April 14 congregational care hosted cookies & lemonade and provided demonstrations on using a defibrillator (AED), as well as information on NARCAN® and LifeVac.



May Birthdays



Shannon Spencer	2	Maggie Simcik	8	Will Perkins	22
Jean Reilly	2	Natalie Lyons	9	Zachary Hyman	24
Kathryn Sherwood	3	Virginia Bushnell	10	Austin Beasley	25
Pat Boger	3	Tate Smith	11	Peggy Hinshaw	25
Alexander Swaim	4	Isaiah Milam	11	Bonnie Nicol	25
Samantha Ingraham	4	Patty Chidester	13	Luke Smith	26
Doug Knighton	4	Don Moffet	15	George Fitzgerald	29
Kevin Sherwood	6	Kathy Hedrick	15	Colleen Brown	29
Syd Cuningham	6	Bruce Wold	16	Reva Oakley	29
Tripp Saxton	6	Ann Oates	17	Norm Gleason	30
Chris Campbell	7	Don Baker	20	Anne McGehee	30
Barry Holmes	7	Margaret Moore	20	Ted Boyer	31
Emily Lovell	7	Dave Tosi	20		
Roger Smith	8	Max Jacobs	22		

Clemmons Presbyterian Prayers

CPC Members to Remember in Your Prayers

Bonnie Nicol, Frank Smith, Steve & Sally Seawright, Bob Kisel, Jim Farlow, Gail Sellers, Marissa Blizard, Alison Caputi, Charlie Stone, Steve Moss, Ken Lynde, Margaret Moore, Jan Royer, Kerry Mowery, Nancy Shelton, Ann Oates, Larry Gregory, Mary Brookwell, George Jensen, Patty Chidester

Relatives & Friends:

John Davis' Family (friend of the Tosi's)
 Jack Tosi (grandson of the Tosi's)
 Jana Halver (Cheryl Halver's granddaughter)
 Trudy Motsinger (friend of Syd and Ann Cuningham)
 Callahan Oler (infant relative of Ben Wallace)
 Terry Shuman (nephew of Sonja Jensen)
 Irma Jean Shelton (Agnes Thoma's friend)
 David Baker (Katie McDowell's friend)
 Kelly Belcher (Winn and Frankie Muse's friend)

Kent and Jane Wold (Bruce Wold's parents)
 Heather McSwain (Roger & Cyndy Hartsfield's family)
 The family of Barbara Ratzlaff (Nate Ratzlaff's mother)
 Cathy Williamson (Carolyn Brown's sister)
 Henry Hayes (Dave Westlake)
 Beverley McPherson (Bessie Belcher's sister)
 Bob Lingerfelt (Carolyn Brown's brother)
 Jennifer Thomas (Carolyn Brown's niece)
 Hiroyuki Koyama (Cyndy Hartsfield's daughter-in-law's father)

Special Prayer Concerns:

Peace, All Military Service People & their families,
 Salem Presbytery Hispanic Mission, CPC members seeking jobs, Rev. John McCall (the PCUSA Mission Worker CPC helps support in Taiwan)

**Please contact the church office
office@clemmonspresbyterian.org with
 updates to the prayer list.**

Condolences to and prayers for:

Austin Beasley upon the death of his grandfather on April 11.



JOIN US FOR A



BABY
SHOWER

IN HONOR OF

Kaylee Hilston

JUNE

SUNDAY

02

11:00 AM

2024

JOIN US AFTER
WORSHIP IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL
TO SHOWER THE
MOTHER-TO-BE
WITH GIFTS AND
BLESSINGS!



View kaylee's registry at
[https://tinyurl.com/
kaylee-shower](https://tinyurl.com/kaylee-shower)

eSpace Software Launches at CPC



We are starting to roll out a new software program that will allow the congregation and the community to more easily reserve space at CPC, request Zoom for a meeting, add an event to the church calendar and MUCH more!

Looking to have your kids birthday party at CPC? Does your committee need Zoom for your meeting? Do you see something broken, leaking, or burned out?

Check out the following links, which can all be found on the church website under the "CONTACT" drop down.

Our new church calendar can be found at www.clemmonsprebyterian.org/calendar

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Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Friday 8:30 am - 2:00 pm
(Closed for lunch from 12:30-1:00 pm)



Vacation Bible School
needs you!
June 18-21

Please mark your calendars and make plans to come
volunteer or bring your children.

Sign ups are now live on the church website!
www.clemmonspresbyterian.org/vbs