



GOOD NEWSLETTER

Clarendon United Methodist Church ————— April 2017

Our theme for the church in the coming year is Living Love. But what does that look like? How in our everyday, messy lives can we show, speak, demonstrate, and model Love? We must take our cue from Paul in his letter to the Corinthians.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

-1 Corinthians 13:4-7



As Holy Week approaches, we glimpse the embodiment of that perfect love in the person of Jesus Christ. We experience his compassion, his humility, his patience, his kindness, his faithfulness, and finally, his sacrifice for us. Come join us for Holy Week and be touched by the love of God through his only begotten son, Jesus Christ.

Holy Week Schedule

PALM SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday, April 9, 8:30 am & 11:00 am
Palm to Passion Service

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Thursday, April 13, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary
Last Supper reenactment and Communion

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, April 14, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary
Tenebrae Service with music and scripture

EASTER PRAYER VIGIL

Friday, April 14 at 8:00 pm-
Sunday, April 17 at 6:00 am
Help us pray in the Sanctuary. Sign up online (www.clarendonumc.org) or in Corry Hall.

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 16
6:30 am Sunrise Service
8:30 am Arise Service
9:45 am Breakfast
10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt
11:00 am Traditional Service

MESSIAH SING

Sunday, April 23, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary
Parts II & III of Handel's masterpiece.
Reception will follow

Please note: childcare is provided for all events.

New Bible Studies

HOMEBUILDERS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Most married couples survive by gritting their teeth and holding on. However, as Gary Thomas reveals in this six-session video Bible study, *CHERISH*, couples cannot only survive but actually thrive in marriage when they learn how to cherish one another—noticing, appreciating, honoring, and encouraging one another—can reverse old patterns of “going through the motions.” We meet in the Library on the second floor. No purchase of book needed. Contact Amber Vincent (boyd.amber@gmail.com) for more information.

MONDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

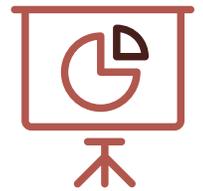
Set Apart: Holy Habits of Prophets and Kings; Mondays, 10:00 am–12:00 noon, Youth Room

Join this dynamic six-week study of 1 and 2 Kings that examines the holy habits of the prophets and kings who were set apart by their close walk with God. Each week we will explore the central story of one of these intriguing men of God and the specific practice each observed, as well as what the Bible teaches about this practice. Books are available for \$15.00. Contact Jane Dixon (jdixon580jd@gmail.com) for more information.

Communications Update

RESULTS OF COMMUNICATION SURVEY

During February, we asked our church family to take a survey to determine several things regarding our communication efforts at CUMC. Over 100 people took the survey and provided critical information to help us improve our communications both to our church family, and the surrounding community. The full report with graphs can be found in the Church Library, or you can contact Jane Dixon (jdixon580jd@gmail.com). Some key findings include:



- 25% of people who come to our church found us by walking, driving, or biking by the building.
- 22% found us through friends recommending the church to them.
- Over 55% have attended our church over 10 years, with 39% over 20 years. 33% have attended 5 years or less.
- 78% of those taking the survey are involved in worship and other activities.
- Half attend the 8:30 service and half the 11:00. 40% are involved in Spiritual Development.
- Other than written communications, 41% get information by “Word of Mouth” and 42% from “Announcements.”
- 73% are happy with the current effectiveness of Communications at CUMC.

ARE YOU CONNECTED?

If you are a regular at CUMC you should be receiving a weekly news blast on Friday afternoon from the office. This gives the latest news as well as links to other events coming up. If you are not receiving these emails, please contact Tanya in the church office (office@clarendonumc.org) to get connected.





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FAITH, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

April 13—No Meeting

April 27—Baseball: The American Sport

We will have baseball fan and enthusiast, Tom Carroll at CUMC.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

For the Easter Messiah Sing on April 23, we need ushers and greeters during the program, and food for the reception. If you can help set up, serve, or clean up that would be greatly appreciated, as well. It is a wonderful way to provide hospitality to our community. Please contact the church office if you can help. Thank you!

HONDURAS MISSION TEAM POTLUCK AND PRESENTATION

Saturday, April 1, 6:00 pm

Come hear from our returning Honduras Mission Team. Never in their wildest dreams did they think they'd be singing *Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious*—but they did! Hear from Karen Darner, Cathy Betts, and Karen and Glen Evans about that and other experiences at the pre-K to 6th grade Honduras Independent Bilingual School and their suggestions for others who might be interested in helping the students.

UMW JEWELRY SALE

The United Methodist Women had a successful Jewelry Sale at the beginning of March. Thanks again to those who worked on the sale and thanks to all of you shoppers. The UMW raised \$450.05 toward their 2018 budget.

SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK CLUB

Enrique's Journey, by Sonia Nazario

This Pulitzer Prize winning story tells of a boy's dangerous odyssey from Honduras to reunite with his mother and puts a face on the ongoing debate about immigration. Date for discussion will be late April or May.

STOP HUNGER NOW

Thanks to all those who helped at our Stop Hunger Now event. We had over 70 people come to scoop rice and other ingredients, weigh, seal, and pack 20,000 meals for people in Haiti. Volunteers included CUMC members, neighbors, and



friends who wanted to lend a helping hand. Our event was even featured in the Arlington Connection Newspaper!

OUTREACH UPDATE

The Outreach Ministry is pursuing many new and old initiatives in the coming months. To learn how you can become involved, please contact our Outreach Chair, Cate Christiaanse (cchristiaanse@gmail.com).



Wings of Caring

A fundraising campaign to aid this organization, a continuing missionary effort to provide fuel to help bring hope to remote areas of the Congo.

Just Neighbors

Work with this organization to provide training to help immigrants as they navigate uncertain times. Three members attended a session on this to gather information.

Plot Against Hunger

Work with AFAC to establish a garden on the church grounds that would go to feed the hungry.

No One Left Behind

We have reached out to this organization, which helps refugee interpreters when entering the US with essential needs, housing, legal services, and food.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:

8:30 am

Arise Service

11:00 am

Traditional Service



Clarendon UMC

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