



GOOD NEWSLETTER

Clarendon United Methodist Church ————— February 2017

Welcome to Mark Frazier

Clarendon UMC welcomes Mark Frazier, Associate Director of Worship Arts, to our church on Sunday, February 5, 2017. Mark will be the organist at the 11:00 am service and direct the Chancel Choir and Wesley Ringers I. Mark will also work with the Praise Band and provide accompaniment for other services as needed. Mark has a long history as a church musician with his most recent work at Millian



UMC in Rockville, MD. With a musical background which includes diverse experiences from Music Theater to Broadway to Choral to Organ Literature, Mark sought to bring all of those different experiences to bear in the life of Millian Church. He seeks to bring those same experiences here to Clarendon. His music program strives to be one which encourages everyone to participate, regardless of musical background. He encourages everyone to take part in this essential human expression of faith. There will be a special reception for us to get to know Mark after each worship service on Sunday, February 5.



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A Decade of Devotionals

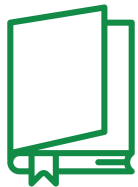
Ten years ago, Garey Eakes and the late Linda Thomas began publishing a CUMC Lenten Devotional. Members of our church family wrote short reflections based on a scripture passage or life lessons, and they were put into a book for people to read each day of the Lenten season. As time went on, the devotions were also made available on our website. We need your help this year to continue this beloved expression of our love of Jesus and our willingness to witness in His name. You can sign-up to write a devotion either online or on the sign-up sheet in Corry Hall. Please visit www.ClarendonUMC.org and click on *Lenten Devotional*. The deadline to complete your entry is February 10. If you have questions, please contact Lindsey Kirkwood (lindsey.kirkwood@gmail.com).

Happenings

NEWCOMER'S DINNER

Friday, February 3, 6:00 pm, Corry Hall

All those new to our church are welcome to come join in a meal and time of fellowship with other newcomers and get to know members who have called CUMC home for decades. Childcare is provided. Please contact the church to join us at office@ClarendonUMC.org.



BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, February 7, 7:30 pm, Library

Telling the Truth: The Gospel as Tragedy, Comedy, and Fairy Tale. Copies are available in the workroom behind the church office for \$12. For more information, contact Laura Bishop (ljbishop1@gmail.com).

EXPLORING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Saturday, February 11, 9:00 am-12:00 pm, Corry Hall

If you would like to learn more about becoming a member at CUMC, come to this 3-hour informal session with Pastor Tracy. Childcare is available. The deadline for registration is February 8. Please RSVP to office@ClarendonUMC.org or 703-527-8574.



HANDBELL CHOIR CONCERT

Sunday, February 12, 12:30 pm, Corry Hall

In celebration of Valentine's Day, the six CUMC Handbell choirs will host a concert of love songs, both religious and secular. There will be appetizers and desserts to enjoy while listening to the youngest ringers, the Angel Ringers, all the way to the adult Chancel Ringers. A free-will offering will be taken during the concert to raise money to purchase additional bells needed to support our growing program. For more information, contact Fran Underwood (cumc.adwa@gmail.com).

FAITH FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

February 9, 12:00 noon-2:00 pm—60's & 70's Sing-a-Long

Celebrate Valentine's Day a bit early with sing-a-long favorites brought to you by Carl Gold and our very own grand piano.



February 23, 12:00 noon-2:00 pm—Author Toby McIntosh

Local author Toby McIntosh presents his new novel, *Apple Picking, Tobacco Harvesting and General Lee*, which describes the WPA-era murals in the Clarendon post office and their unusual muralist.



MARDI GRAS PANCAKE DINNER

Tuesday, February 28, 6:00 pm, Corry Hall

Pancakes, music, games and more. Kids will decorate their wagons and parade through Corry Hall. Fun for the whole family!



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, March 1, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

The beginning of the Lenten season is marked with an Ash Wednesday service, in which we reflect on our Lord's sacrifice and journey to the cross.

SUPPER CLUB SIGN UP

Deadline to sign up is February 5th!

The Supper Club is a way to get to know others in the church over a delicious meal. You sign up and then we create groups of 6-8 people who go to eat at one of the group member's homes for a pot-luck dinner. If you would like to be a part of this informal, fun opportunity, please contact Jane Dixon (jdixon580jd@gmail.com) or sign-up in Corry Hall.



COFFEE CLUB SIGN UP

CUMC is known for its welcoming and warm atmosphere, which is shown each Sunday after the Worship service when we enjoy coffee, snacks and fellowship in Corry Hall. We need help in keeping this tradition alive. There is a sign-up in Corry Hall as well as on-line at: www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054eaba72eab9-coffee

STOP HUNGER NOW

Saturday, March 11 (Rescheduled)

We have rescheduled Stop Hunger Now after postponing due to threatening weather in January. Saturday, March 11 is the new date. Please stay tuned for more information on how to sign up to help volunteer for this event.



Milestones

BAPTISMS

On New Year's Day, we welcomed **Cora Keene** with infant baptism at the 10:00 am combined service. She is the youngest daughter of Matt Keene and Antoinette Quagliata, and little sister to Chiara. What a blessed way to begin the year.

On January 22, we welcomed **Brooke Petersen** into the church family with an infant baptism at the 11:00 am service. She is the youngest daughter of Anne and Kevin Petersen, and sister to Campbell and Colin.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Dave Backus (age 70), a long-time member of CUMC, died of cancer on December 12, 2016. Dave and his wife, Maxine were active in the Glencarlyn Neighborhood Association where Dave traced his family back to 1890's. His well-attended memorial service was held at Clarendon UMC on December 22.



Top picture: Cora Keene with her family

Bottom picture: the baptism of Brooke Petersen

GET IN THE KNOW!

Make sure to sign up for both our CUMC listserv and the church communication email distribution list. This will keep you informed about all that is going on in the church. To be added to the lists, send an email to:

office@clarendonumc.org



HONDURAS MISSION TRIP

On February 5, a group of adults from CUMC will travel to Honduras for a week long mission trip to help at the Honduras Independent Bilingual School (HIBS) in the rural town of Quimstan, just outside of San Pedro Sula, Honduras. This offshoot of Art for Humanity strives to serve the whole student by including both a nurse and psychologist on its staff, as the ultimate goal of HIBS is to address the body, mind and spiritual needs of the students as they struggle with poverty. We will look forward to hearing about this amazing trip from them next month.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:

8:30 am Informal Service

11:00 am Formal Service



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