



GOOD NEWSLETTER

Clarendon United Methodist Church ————— July 2018

Highlights from June

VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

A small contingent of CUMC leaders (Pastor Tracy, Pam and Paul Gibert, and Fran Underwood) attended the 236th Annual Conference in Hampton, VA. In speaking with Paul (CUMC's Lay Leader) and his wife Pam, the main points gained from the three-day event are that the Methodist church is 1) Connectional, 2) Democratic, and 3) Diverse. The conference was filled with lots of meetings and the worship was rich with incredible music. There were moving moments when those ministers who had passed on were honored and when the Bishop laid hands on the newly ordained ministers. Thanks to all who attended and are serving this church.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

— 1 Peter 4:10



WASHINGTON SUMMER SINGS

Clarendon hosted a sanctuary full of basses, tenors, sopranos, and altos for four Tuesdays in June. Guest conductors, accompanists, and soloists presented classical works each week and music lovers came to sing from all over the area. A big thank you to all who greeted, helped direct people from the Metro, worked in the parking lot, and provided a welcome reception after the concert. Over \$4,500 in donations was collected, the proceeds of which will go towards supporting future musical endeavors. Thanks to Lisa Gibbs-Smith for coordinating and being a gracious hostess.

YOUTH CHOIR IN MISSION

Twenty-four members of our Youth Choir went to Ohio at the end of June to lead worship, served in a food bank, sang at two nursing homes and enjoyed fellowship and good times at Cedar Point Amusement Park. Thank you to the eight adult chaperones that helped make this trip possible!



WINGS OF CARING

On Sunday, June 24th, Jacques Umembudi, missionary to Central Congo Wings of Caring, spoke at both services about the important work that Wings of Caring is providing to the citizens of the Central Congo region. With less than 1,000 miles of paved road in an area that is roughly equal to three times the size of the State of Texas, the services that the mission plane provides—transporting medicine to the people that need it and transporting people to hospitals in emergency situations—are truly critical.

CUMC supports Jacques' critical work, and is soliciting donations specifically to cover the cost of fuel for the aircraft, with the goal of being able to purchase a year's worth of fuel in advance, as the specific fuel is becoming more and more difficult to obtain. To support the mission, please donate at their GoFundMe page: www.gofundme.com/wingsofcaring.

Milestones

WELCOME NEW MEMBER NII ARMAR!

At the 8:30 am service on June 24, we welcomed Nii Armar as he joined our congregation. His aunt was in attendance to celebrate this milestone with him. May God bless him as he joins us.



lawn. The Michael family appreciates the love and support from Clarendon through various milestones in their lives.

BON VOYAGE TO THE SCHILLERS

Brian, Marci, and Mark Schiller will be leaving in July for Equatorial New Guinea, Africa in a new assignment for Brian. We wished them well with a party hosted by the Melnick family.

PASSING OF JEAN COOK

Our beloved Jean Cook went to be with God the evening of Monday, June 25. She was at home surrounded by family. Jean taught Sunday school for 50 years, loved the UMW, her acolytes, all children, and anything Clarendon related. She was all loving; a huge heart in a little package. We will miss her dearly.

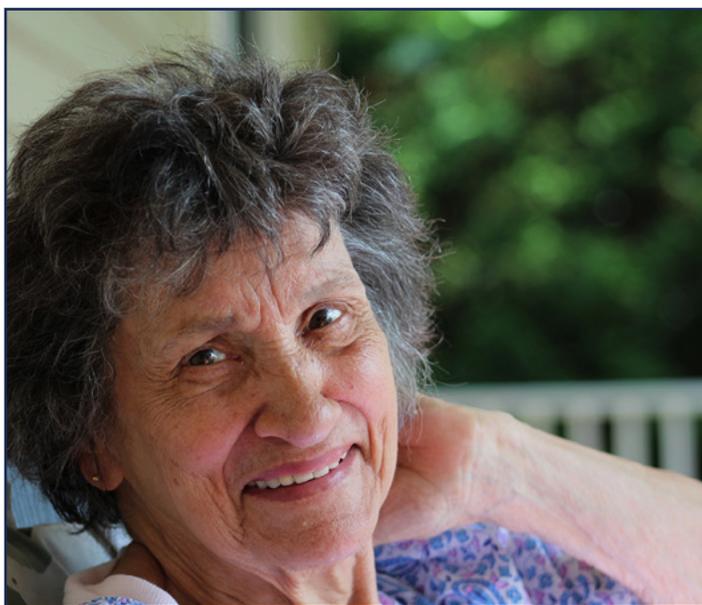
PASSING OF JERRY MICHAEL

Jerry, a long-time member of CUMC died on May 10th. His wife, Irene was very involved in adult Sunday school and their children (Sharon, Dan, and Rebecca) were involved in the youth program. For many years, Jerry brought a donkey to CUMC from his dairy farm on Palm Sunday and would tie it to the tree on our



TEXAS WELCOMES JEFF AND SILVIA

Jeff Pehl and Silvia Wang made it to Texas! They were warmly received by their churches on July 1st. Silvia is now pastor of Archer City First United Methodist Church, and Jeff is now pastor of First UMC Iowa Park. Many blessings to them on their future endeavors!



Top: Jacques Umembudi, missionary to Central Congo Wings of Caring. Middle: Jean Cook. Bottom: Farewell party for the Schillers.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:
BABYLON: DANIEL'S COURAGE IN CAPTIVITY**
August 13-17, 5:30-7:30 pm

A week of lions, danger, and faith as Daniel lives a life of obedience to God. There will be dinner each night from 5:30-6:00 pm followed by stories, crafts, music, and games. There will be an adult class from 6:15-7:20 pm. Please register by July 15 at www.clarendonumc.org.

July Birthdays



Janet Pike	2
Carter Bain	5
Chuck Pike	5
James Brown	6
Henry Blanton	8
Juliette Bearden	11
Samuel Parker	11
Archie Sabin	12
Hannah Parker	14
Roger Blanton	16
Denny Edelbrock	16
Olivia Stevenson	16
Mary Ann Wood	16
Leah Brown	17
Kirstin Smith	17
Laura Calderon	18
James London	18
Luke Underwood	18
Austin Bannach	19
Karen Evans	19
Shelby Taylor	20
Chloe Myrick	21
Micah Vincent	21
Claire Rosenthal	22
Kerin Seward	22
Lloyd Calderon	23
Laura Bannach	24
Merri Hankins	27
Marshall Scott	27
Jim Turpin	28
Brian Dyer	30

Upcoming Events

SUMMER CHOIR

The Chancel Choir that sings at 11:00 am has officially transitioned into “Summer Mode.” There are no weekly rehearsals on Thursday evenings and no robes are required. Please join for a brief rehearsal before the service (10:30 am–11:00 am) in the choir room. All are welcome and encouraged to explore singing. For more information contact Mark Frazier (mark@clarendonumc.org).

CULTURE CUISINE

4th Thursdays at 7:00 pm

Once again this summer we will be exploring restaurants of different ethnicities and cultures. All are welcome to join us. We will offer carpooling from the CUMC parking lot. Suggestions of places for the latter dates are welcome. Contact Jane Dixon (jdixon580jd@gmail.com) if interested. Come join in fellowship and good food!
Thursday, July 26; 7:00 pm (Indian, TBD)
Thursday, August 23, 7:00 pm (Turkish, TBD)

SAVE THE DATE!! COMBINED WORSHIP— SUNDAY, JULY 29, 10:00 AM

On Sunday, July 29 we will have one combined worship service at 10:00 am. We will be welcoming the Highroad Choral Camp to Clarendon as they join us in worship. The choir features many of our own CUMC youth choir members, and promises to be a worship and music highlight for your summer! They will also sing at an afternoon recital at 2:00 pm. Please plan to attend—it is always uplifting to see the joy and enthusiasm of these amazing kids!



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:

8:30 am Informal Service

11:00 am Formal Service