



GOOD NEWSLETTER

Clarendon United Methodist Church

June 2017

Living Love—Summer 2017

Summer...it's a time of backyard barbecues, homemade ice cream, splashing in the water and basking in the sun. Many of us will take road trips to see family and marvel at God's creation along the way. We may be headed many different directions, but the church will remain here faithfully going forward. It does not take a summer vacation and neither does God! Although some of CUMC's activities are put on hold (choirs, bells, and some Sunday School classes), we have many ways to practice *Living Love* all summer long. We encourage you to try something new; stay in touch; and reach out to someone in the church family that you haven't met. Here are some things to put on your list as you challenge yourself to *live love* this summer:



LOVE GOD, PRAISE GOD

Check out the Summer Choir beginning June 18th! Don't have time for weekly rehearsals? Show up at 10:30 am on Sunday mornings in the choir room to go over the anthem/hymns and then sing at the 11:00 am Worship Service.

LOVE WITHOUT BOUNDS

Join the CUMC book club as we will discuss *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion* by Gregory Boyle at 7:30 pm on July 11. Arranged by theme and filled with sparkling humor and glowing generosity, these essays offer a stirring look at how full our lives could be if we could find the joy in loving others and in being loved unconditionally.

LOVE BY PRAYING

Join CUMC's Prayer Team! This dedicated group meets on the first and third Mondays from 8:30-9:30 am in the Parlor to bring to God the heartfelt needs of our church family.

LOVE DIVERSITY

A summer "supper club" with a twist! We will be going to different international restaurants: June 27th: Korean, July 25th: Middle Eastern, and August 29th: Indian. All our welcome—contact Jane Dixon (jdixon580jd@gmail.com).

LOVE TO SERVE

Volunteer as a family or individually. AFAC has volunteer opportunities at its Nelson Street location on June 3 and August 5, and at CUMC on July 29. Consider being a Meals on Wheels delivery team or volunteer at CUMC in one of the many ministry areas.

LOVE THE COMMUNITY

Events are being planned for the whole family this summer! During June, hike on Roosevelt Island; in July, join us for a Minor League baseball game; at the end of the summer in August, let the kids watch a movie at CUMC while adults enjoy a Parents Night Out!

May “In Review”

MOTHER’S DAY BANQUET

On Saturday, May 13, the women of the church and their guests were treated to an “Evening at the Beach” provided by the Murky Men including a delicious five-course meal, excellent service, and light-hearted entertainment. There was music, poetry, jokes, and the highlight of the evening: a synchronized swimming display! Many thanks to the UMW (Meredith, Gloria, Noel, Dee, and others) for planning and decorating for this event. Thanks to Denny as the emcee and all of the men who chopped, diced, cooked, served, sang, and swam for this lovely tradition.

YOUTH CHOIR

The Youth Choir (28 members!) presented a beautiful offering of their love of God on May 14 with songs, reflections, readings, and solos on organ, guitar, flute, and French horn. It was inspiring to witness these young people present their artistry, time, and talent to worship the Lord. Thanks to Lisa Gibbs-Smith for her leadership and tireless example of discipleship to the Youth.

GIFT OF A CONCERT

The Hermitage Retirement Center in Alexandria received the gift of a concert from the Chancel Choir and Bells on Thursday, May 18. The ensemble, led by Fran Underwood and Mark Frazier, presented several hymns that had the residents singing along. The finale included Rusty Smith on trumpet. Thanks to all who gave their time and talents to these special residents.

Outreach

NO ONE LEFT BEHIND

No One Left Behind is on the ground in airports across the country, welcoming newly arriving Afghan and Iraqi combat interpreters with Special Immigrant Visas (SIVs) to resettle safely and connecting them with essential services: housing, food, transportation, and legal counsel. The Outreach Ministry at CUMC is exploring ways to work with this group to help these refugees find a welcome home after their years of service. Contact Catie Christiaanse for more information (cchristiaanse@gmail.com).

KITS FOR CONFERENCE

Each year, the Methodist Church comes together to create kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) for those in need. There are Layette Kits for new parents, health kits for the homeless, cleaning buckets for those after natural disasters, and school kits for children. Items for each kit can be found on the following website: www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies. Monetary donations are also accepted. Kits will be taken in June to the Annual Conference to be distributed by UMCOR.

Milestones

Congratulations to Iris Somberg and James Miller on their wedding on May 6th here at CUMC. Pastor Tracy officiated the wedding and said it was not dampened a bit by the rain!



Andrew Mitchell.....	1
Cheryl Scannell	2
Rosalind Ellis.....	4
Jim Belger.....	5
Carter Hetrick.....	5
Luke Shields.....	5
Rebecca Stewart.....	7
Sydney Kirkwood.....	8
J. Paul Lewis.....	8
Lisa Labella.....	9
Jennifer Clardy-Chalmers.....	11
Keith Whyte.....	11
Trent Cerritelli.....	14
Lydia Grotos.....	14
Theodore Melnick.....	14
Marshall Benjamin.....	15
Stephanie Smith.....	15
Kate Reynolds.....	16
Amy Barr.....	18
Susan Larson.....	19
Graham Glover.....	20
John Parker.....	22
Teresa Whelan.....	22
Stephanie Gray.....	23
Audrey Smith.....	24
Cooper Stevenson.....	25
Katie Bishop.....	26
Erin Cross.....	26
Emily Brown.....	27
Isabel Lamb.....	27
Benjamin Brown.....	28
Emery Parker.....	29
Brad Suddarth.....	30
Silvia Wang.....	30

Upcoming Events

JUNE 4: PENTECOST SUNDAY/GRADUATING SENIORS SUNDAY

We will celebrate Pentecost, remembering the birthday of the Church through the gift of the Holy Spirit given to the first disciples. We encourage you to wear red on June 4 as a symbol of God's spirit at work in the Church today. We will also celebrate our graduating youth who will be taking the next step to adulthood.

JUNE 6: WASHINGTON SUMMER SINGS! BRAHMS REQUIEM

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Join us in our intimate and inspiring church sanctuary. Each performance begins at 7:30 pm. Scores will be provided. A \$10 donation is suggested.

JUNE 11: PROMOTION SUNDAY, 9:45 AM

We will have a special time in Corry Hall to recognize both students and teachers, and see what each class has learned this year. There will be a performance by the Cherub and Children's choirs.

JUNE 18: CHILDREN'S SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

Paul: the Man, Message, and Mission

Our Summer Sunday school will combine all ages and grades from 2 years to 5th Grade, to meet, learn, and experience together the apostle Paul. We will meet from 9:45 am-10:45 am (and again from 11:00-12:00 pm) on the Parsonage lawn to learn of the dangers, courage, and beliefs of this great apostle. For more information, contact Diane Smith (childrensministry@clarendonumc.org).



Photos: (clockwise from top left) Mother's Day synchronized swimming performance; Laura and Charlotte London "at the beach"; Iris and James' wedding; choir and bells at the Hermitage.

JOIN US FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

August 14-18, 5:30-7:30pm

Take a trip with us to ROME and experience the early church with Paul as your guide. Families are invited to come together and share in learning about Paul and the early Christian church. The VBS runs all week with dinner, classes for both children and adults, and fellowship time with each other. Registration material can be found on the Church website.

GET IN THE KNOW!

Keep informed about all that is going on at CUMC—sign up for the church communications email distribution list. To be added to the list, send an email to:

office@clarendonumc.org



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:

8:30 am Informal Service

11:00 am Formal Service



ATTENTION ALL GREEN THUMBS: GARDENING OPPORTUNITY

We need gardeners who can help with CUMC's landscaping. If you love plants and are willing to work for an hour or so, please let us know. We can also use any extra bulbs you want to donate to our church. Look for an exciting new opportunity for all with green thumbs as we bring to CUMC a Plot Against Hunger Garden for AFAC. Contact the church office and we will pass along your desire to help.



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