



News from the Pews

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Breaking Through- A New Season

There is an air of excitement at CUMC! The Holy Spirit is on the move! We are still actively discerning where God is leading us with our *Living Love* focus, we are working with District leaders as participants in the *Next Level Innovations* program, and we continue to welcome visitors, new members, and new discipleship and mission opportunities.

On Pentecost Sunday, May 20, Pastor Tracy invited us to join in a “breakthrough prayer” initiative. The goal is to unite in prayer as a community of faith and ask God to transform us and usher in a new season of Spirit-driven ministry. Everyone is encouraged to join in praying together at the same time every day. Our street address is 606 North Irving, so we are choosing to pray at **6:06 am or 6:06 pm**, or both. If you haven’t picked up one of the prayer cards at church yet, the prayer is written below, and there are some cards available in the side narthex. Get ready for a change in season as God responds to our commitment to prayer!

Breakthrough Prayer

*Faithful God,
pour out your Spirit upon us.
Empower us to break through
toward a new season of faithfulness
and fruitfulness at
Clarendon United Methodist Church.
Fill us with the living love of Jesus
and give us courage to claim and pursue
your vision, without limit, for the church
and for our lives. Amen.*

PRAYERS *We have a designated, focused, prayer team that intentionally brings the concerns of the congregation before the Lord. If you would like someone added to the prayer list, or if you would like to be a part of this essential ministry, please contact the team by emailing us at clarendonprayerteam@gmail.com or calling the church office.*

HEALTHY CONGREGATIONS WORKSHOP June 2, 8:30 am–12:30 pm, Corry Hall

Clarendon UMC will be hosting a workshop in conjunction with NOVA UMC and the Lombard Peace Center. The Healthy Congregations workshop is designed to equip leaders to respond to the presence or potential threat of anxiety in a congregational system in ways that prevent destructive conflict and help the church stay focused on its unique mission and purpose. It is designed for groups of both clergy and laity. All are encouraged to attend. This event costs \$25/person for workbook and materials. Register [online](#), or visit www.novaumc.org for more info.

MUSIC OF THE BAROQUE: United States Army Concert Saturday, June 2, 3:00pm

The Historic Ensemble of the U.S. Old Guard Fife & Drum Corps will join with members of the U.S. Army Orchestra to present a concert of music from the Baroque period. A reception will follow.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY: Sunday, June 3, 11:00am

Our 2018 Confirmation Class will be introduced to the congregation at the 8:30am service, but will officially join the church at the 11:00 service on June 3. Over 12 weeks, the class has studied the history of the United Methodist Church, faith in the lives of Christians, visited a Synagogue, and has learned what it means to be a member of the church.

WASHINGTON SUMMER SINGS!

A 36-year tradition continues as people all over the DMV join together in our Sanctuary to sing great choral masterpieces. Scores will be available and a light reception will follow each concert in Corry Hall.

- Tuesday, June 5, 7:30pm** - Thomas Colohan conducts the Mozart *Requiem*
- Tuesday, June 12, 7:30pm** - Richard Giarusso conducts the Brahms *Requiem*
- Tuesday, June 19, 7:30pm** - David Lang conducts Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass*
- Tuesday, June 26, 7:30pm** - Thomas Beveridge conducts the Fauré *Requiem* and *Cantique de Jean Racine*

SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK CLUB: Wednesday, June 6, 7:30pm, Church Library

Our next Social Justice Book Club pick, *God Believes in Love: Straight Talk about Gay Marriage*, by Rev. Gene Robinson will hold the discussion on Wednesday, June 6 at 7:30pm in the Church Library. For more information contact Laura Bishop, ljbishop1@gmail.com.

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