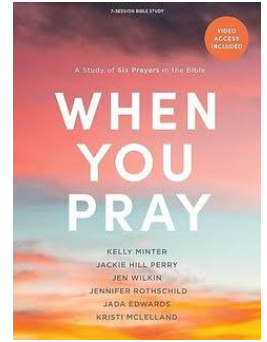


Clarendon Happenings

Women's Evening Bible Study Begins New Book

Mondays at 7:30 pm Via Zoom

Starting June 3 In this 7-session study, join with six beloved Bible teachers who will help you study prayers in the Bible that can inspire your own. In *When You Pray*, you'll learn that God welcomes your praise and lament, your thanksgiving and intercession. You'll see examples of how to pray when you're alone and when you're gathered with others. Above all, you'll notice there's no one right way to pray. As you draw near to God through prayer, you'll find your faith strengthened and your heart united to Christ. For more information, contact Fran (office@clarendonumc.org).



Plot Against Hunger Needs Your Help

We are extraordinarily grateful to everyone who came up and helped us build the new bed. It looks beautiful, and the many greens and radishes are thriving. Our first harvest of the season will be this coming Saturday, May 11 at 8 AM. We will harvest as much of the lettuces and greens that are ready and deliver them straight to the AFAC distribution in the praise room that will kick off shortly after we start. All are welcome to join us. We have set up a signup genius to cover this and future Saturday harvests. Starting next week, we are also looking for people to come water on Tuesdays and Thursdays (preferably in the morning). There are many other ways to help as well, so please feel free to reach out to us if you have questions or would like to help -Fran Underwood (office@clarendonumc.org).

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Volunteer to Feed Our Hungry Neighbors - Next Sunday

On Sunday, May 19, Clarendon UMC will be sharing God's love in our community by feeding the residents at the New Hope Housing Residential Program Center. This is the 44 bed homeless shelter for men and women, located at the end of Columbia Pike, run in partnership with the Arlington County Department of Human Services.

Volunteers will be preparing and packaging the food here at church with guidance of Chef Maurice, starting about 3:30PM and then we need additional people (over the age of 18) to serve the food at the shelter at 5:30. If you are interested in helping, please contact Fran (office@clarendonumc.org).

Annual Pride Benefit Concert: Sheer, Queer Joy, Saturday, June 1, 7PM

Please join the Chancel Ringers and Chapel Bells as they present a handbell concert to celebrate Pride Month and raise money for DC's Different Drummers. We will have a special guest speaker, Jesse Lee, who will share their story of being a member of the LGBTQI+ community. We will also learn more about how DC's Different Drummers serves the community. And of course we'll hear some beautiful handbell music. The concert is free and open to the public. Be sure to invite your friends!

Join us in the Pride Parade on June 8

Clarendon UMC is looking forward to joining United Methodists from DC, Maryland, Virginia to march in the Capital Pride Parade. For more than a decade, LGBTQIA+ United Methodists and allies have joined together in the parade to provide witness to God's love for all people.

To sign up to be part of the CUMC contingent, please contact Fran Underwood (office@clarendonumc.org).

Date: Saturday June 8, 2024

Time: We anticipate mid-afternoon and will have more details closer to the date. The parade is scheduled to start at 3PM.

Meet-Up Location: We can meet at CUMC and travel into the city together or just meet at the Greater Dupont Circle area of Washington, DC. In the weeks before the parade, we'll receive more details to share.

Attire: The Pride Parade is a great opportunity to provide witness to God's love for all people. Please wear a solid color tee of one of the pride flag colors or wear any non-branded pride tee shirt such as these: <https://www.bonfire.com/store/umc-resistance/>. Wear comfortable shoes.

What to expect: The parade route is approximately 1.5 miles in the Dupont Circle/Logan Circle area of DC. We'll gather for communion prior to anticipated departure time (more details to come).

What to Bring: Bring water, sunscreen and whatever you need to stay cool on a hot summer afternoon in DC. Patience, please bring a lot of patience. We will have an estimate on when we will leave our meet up location, but it is a big event!

Is it appropriate to bring my kids? Children are welcome. You might consider a stroller even if they are on the older side of using a stroller. Please keep in mind this is a celebratory event for LGBTQ+ people and this a time for individuals to share the fullness of who they are.



Church office hours: Mon - Thurs, 9AM - 2PM 703-527-8574 or office@ClarendonUMC.org

Items for the Friday email/Clarendon Happenings are due by Noon on Wednesday.

Please submit all calendar and room requests to Fran Underwood at the office email.



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