



GOOD NEWSLETTER

Clarendon United Methodist Church ————— April 2019

Holy Week, a space of six days between the cries of “Hosanna” on Palm Sunday to a horrific death on the cross, is one of extreme contrast. How could something which started so joyful turn into betrayal, denial, trials, flogging, humiliation, and finally a dark, cavernous grave? But that wasn’t the end. “Christ emerged from death’s tunnel, lifted a triumphant fist toward the sky and freed all from the fear of death. Death was swallowed up in Victory.” (Max Lucado, *Shaped By God*) You are invited to experience Holy Week with us.



PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

Sunday, April 14, 8:30 and 11:00, Sanctuary

We commemorate Jesus joyful entry into Jerusalem with congregants waving palm leaves and singing songs of celebration. We will trace the Passion of Jesus through readings from John and music depicting his final earthly week.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 18, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

The last hours of Christ will be represented in 3 stations: the Garden of Gethsemane to pray where Jesus prayed and was arrested, a foot washing station to experience the humility of Christ, and Christ’s table to receive the bread and wine as we share in the sacrifice and grace of our Lord. Worshippers can go to as many or as few as they choose.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, April 19, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

This powerful service, *Voices Around the Cross*, will include those who witnessed the Crucifixion: John, Mary Magdalene, Jesus’ mother Mary, Dismas (the Good thief) and the Roman Soldier.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Sunday, April 21, 6:30 a.m., Irving St. Entryway

This service starts outside the church near the wooden cross as we gather in the first light of day, just as Jesus followers did on that first Resurrection Day. We will proceed into the Sanctuary bringing flowers and adornments as we celebrate the Risen Lord. A brief service with Communion will follow. (Light refreshments will be served in Corry Hall after this service).

EASTER SERVICES

Sunday, April 21, 8:30 and 11:00, Sanctuary

Our two services will each celebrate the mystery and miracle of Easter Sunday with a sermon, Scripture and glorious music followed by Communion.

EASTER BREAKFAST/EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 21, 9:45-10:45, Corry Hall

We will have a special time of food and fellowship in Corry Hall between the two services with a delicious breakfast. After the meal, the children can go out on the church lawn for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt.



April Birthdays!

Liesl Arends	1
Kendell Pease.....	1
Rande Young.....	2
Gretchen Robertson	3
Laura Bishop.....	4
Nicole Sterner	4
Justin Moore.....	5
Rick Devore.....	6
Isabella King.....	6
Dee Culver	7
Vonnie Symathong.....	7
Caleb Vincent.....	11
Samuel Zebra	12
Emily Thompson.....	13
Gage Chalmers.....	14
Catherine Christiaanse.....	19
Taylor Uscinski.....	19
Ian MacTavish.....	20
Aryn Blanton	21
Adam Kirkwood.....	21
Mary Dodson.....	25

Happenings

CONNECT! DISCIPLESHIP NIGHT

Wednesday, April 6, 5:30 p.m.

Nilse Furtado-Gilliam, our new Director of Discipleship, has planned an evening to learn about the Discipleship Plan for CUMC. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with a meal prepared by her husband, Sean Gilliam, a professional chef from Memphis, and followed by exciting new ideas to further our walk in Christian Discipleship and Next Level Innovation. Free! Childcare provided! [RSVP here!](#)

LA MAÎTRISE DE REIMS CHORAL CONCERT

Wednesday, April 10; 7:00 p.m.

The Notre Dame School in Reims, France will present an evening of beautiful music by its 48-member student chorus. Arlington’s sister city will present this diverse selection of songs as their last stop on a two-week tour of the East Coast of the US. Tickets can be purchased on www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4191539. For more information about this group see the church website at www.clarendonumc.org.

SPRING YARD CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, April 6, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m..

Calling all gardeners or willing helpers! We want to get our church lawn and gardens ready for Easter and we need help. Plan on raking, mulching, and weeding, so please bring gloves. If it is raining, we'll move cleanup activities to rooms inside the church. Direct your questions to Josh at joshua.meyer.us@gmail.com.

FAITH FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, April 11, 12 noon-1:45 p.m.

Our program for April will be “Arlington Tree Canopy: Where Has It Gone?,” featuring Mary Glass, a local activist with Arlington Tree Action Group supporting tree growth and preservation (www.arlingtontreeactiongroup.org). Worship at 12:00 noon, lunch at 12:30 p.m. (\$5) and program 1:00-1:45 p.m.

ARLINGTON BUNNY HOP

Saturday, April 27, 8:00 a.m.

You are invited to join in our 2nd annual 5K Family Fun Run/Walk through the Ashton Heights neighborhood beginning at CUMC. This charity event supports Bridges to Independence (bridges2.org) a local non-profit to help those who are homeless to find shelter. All are welcome. For more information including registration go to www.arlingtonbunnyhop.org.

HONDURAS YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Final preparations are being made for the Youth to travel to Honduras June 23-July 1 to minister through music at the Honduras Independence Bilingual School. In order to make this trip, they are raising money for airfare, hotel, and food. You can support their trip by visiting the Gofundme page (www.gofundme.com/youth-music-mission-trip-to-honduras)

*Please Note: Art for Humanity is no longer collecting shoes, clothes or other items to ship to Honduras due to cost and availability of shipping. Please do not leave any such items in the closet at the bottom on the stairs leading from Corry Hall to the Sanctuary. This is now the designated "Scout" closet. Thank you!



Clockwise from top left: CUMC Youth at the Pancake Supper, our young professionals enjoy a baked potato bar cooked by the UMW, the choir from La Maîtrise de Reims will perform at CUMC, Lisa and the children's choir.

**GET "BEHIND THE SCENES" AT CUMC:
UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES**

We love to worship—and to fellowship! Want to experience the church by learning about other opportunities at your doorstep? Come join us over the next several months for various activities, including:

May

Brunch at member Jennifer Owens house

June

AFAC Garden work

July

Hometown Potluck at Church

Details will be sent out as we get closer to the activity date. For more information, contact office@clarendonumc.org.

HANDY-FOLKS NEEDED

The CUMC Trustees host a weekly time to help out with odd jobs around the church—replacing light bulbs, fixing minor plumbing issues, organizing rooms, cleaning, painting, insulating, etc. Meet on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. outside the Choir Room. All are welcome. For more information, contact Barron Collier (Barroncollier@gmail.com).



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:

8:30 a.m. Informal Service

11:00 a.m. Formal Service