



GOOD NEWSLETTER

Clarendon United Methodist Church

May 2019

Discipleship at Clarendon

I love Spring. Every major transition in my life has taken place during that season: my wedding, graduations, relocations, and new projects. If it wasn't for the way the invasion of pollen makes me feel, I would say it is the most perfect season.

It's Springtime at Clarendon UMC. There is a newness and a fresh breath of the Holy Spirit being poured out on us. As I spend time talking, visioning, and meeting with several people from our congregation, I get a strong reassurance in my heart and I am able to see Jesus, looking over current issues and concerns with a big smile as if every challenge we face were opportunities for Him to show up and strengthen His church.

What a marvelous time Spring is! Discipleship was planted and it is now in full bloom. It starts with relationships, with spending time together (very counter-culture), with being intentional about resourcing next gen, parents, partners, and volunteers to influence their world positively by the way they live. Discipleship for us is about following Jesus' example to meet people where they are and bring the good news to them.

In order to implement a Discipleship model that works, we need to make room for it. We need to abandon practices that no longer bear fruit and embrace the visions and dreams that God has been planting in our hearts.

This season, I want to encourage you to dream, to plan ahead and to say yes to Jesus as He is smiling about all the possibilities to spread His love to people through you. I want to encourage you to be in a small group in the Fall and to support our next generation ministries.

Please get used to checking our Discipleship page on our website for next steps. Welcome to Spring!

— Nilse Furtado Gilliam

Many
thanks!

Thanks to all who hosted, fed, transported and demonstrated radical hospitality to the 43 French choral students of La Maîtrise from Reims, France during their time in the DMV. Because of our hospitality, they were able to perform three concerts and spend time with other teenagers in Arlington to share their love of music. The concert performed at Clarendon raised \$1,859 for the Saulmon Fund to support special music at CUMC.

KEEP IN THE KNOW!

Sign up for the church email distribution list. To be added, contact (office@clarendonumc.org).

Upcoming Events

AFAC PLOT KICK-OFF

Saturday, May 4, 11:00 a.m.

Join us as we begin our third year of growing fresh vegetables and herbs to donate to Arlington Food Assistance Center. If you are interested in helping with this important Mission of our church, please come to this time of learning and experiencing God's grace through the earth he created. For more information contact Catie Christiaanse (cchristiaanse@gmail.com).

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Mondays, beginning May 6, 10:00 a.m.-noon

All women welcome as we study *Finding I AM: How Jesus Fully Satisfies the Cry of Your Heart*, by Lysa Ter Keurst.

FAITH, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, May 9, 12:00-1:40 p.m.

Our program will be "War Memorials on the National Mall" by Meredith Lair, a professor of history at George Mason University. This will be Dee Culver's last Thursday as Chef of our FFF. Come join us in a special Thank You for many years of service—shopping, cooking, cleaning, and serving as our official "Hostess!"



A scene from the concert with the youth choir and the choral students of La Maitrise de Reims.

MOTHER'S DAY BANQUET

Saturday, May 11, 6:00 p.m.

Come join in the annual time of celebration of women in our lives. On this 150th year of United Methodist Women, we come to share in a delicious meal and lively entertainment. Tickets are \$10 (Women) and \$7 (Children). Please contact the church office to make reservations (703-527-8574).

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS GROUP

Saturday, May 18

Meet up with a group of your fellow young professionals. For more information, please contact Amanda Koenig (koenig.amanda17@gmail.com)

YOUTH SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, May 18, 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a wonderful beach-themed evening of delicious food, festive socializing, and the perusal of exciting items for bidding. Our local neighbors will be invited, and all proceeds will go to fund the youth mission trip to Honduras. Do you have something to donate? Tickets to a sporting event? Vacation home? Artwork? Please let us know ASAP! Contact Lisa Gibbs-Smith (lisa@clarendonumc.org).



Volunteers sprucing up CUMC on the annual Spring Clean Up day.



- Andrew Miller5/01
- Dan Dixon5/02
- Kim Kerby5/02
- Nora Parker 5/03
- Colin Petersen..... 5/08
- Patricia Howard..... 5/09
- Erin Thompson..... 5/09
- Elden Lamb..... 5/10
- Walter Derieux..... 5/11
- Jackson London 5/11
- Jayson London..... 5/11
- Jim Ruddick5/13
- Peter Stewart5/14
- Jed Dennis.....5/15
- Judy Yolles5/16
- Anne Zebra.....5/17
- Evelyne Byers.....5/19
- Eugene Thomas.....5/19
- Nora Zebra 5/20
- Garrett Stevenson.....5/22
- Emma Watson 5/27
- John Rieckwald 5/30
- Isabelle Russo 5/30
- Pete Davis.....5/31
- Jen London5/31
- Matthew Owens.....5/31

Milestones

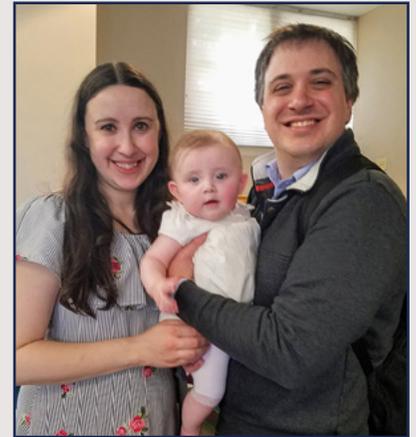
BAPTISM OF NATALIE GRACE KING

We welcomed Natalie Grace King in baptism on April 7 at the 11:00 a.m. service. Natalie was born on February 27 and is daughter to Fernanda and Adam King and sister to Nicolas and Isabella. The King family is moving to Alabama where Adam is being stationed at the Army Base there. Our best to this precious family.



BAPTISM OF LOUANNE CHARIN MILLER

Louanne Charin Miller was baptized on April 7 at the 8:30 a.m. service. She is the daughter of Iris and James Miller. Louanne was born on October 3. She is the first child of this young couple. We welcome her into this community of faith.



March Recap

SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP

Thank you to everyone who pitched in to clean up the flower beds, the parking lots and lawn at our annual Spring Clean Up. About 30 people worked hard to make our church shine!

LENTEN STUDIES RECAP

Lisa and Jon White finished teaching their 6-week class from Adam Hamilton titled *John: The Gospel of Light and Life*. Over 20 people participated in this study.

Pastor Tracy and Laura Lewis began their 11-Week Disciple Study on The Apostle John on Sunday evenings from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in Room 206. All are still welcome to join in on the next discussion!



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:

8:30 a.m. Informal Service

11:00 a.m. Formal Service