



# GOOD NEWSLETTER

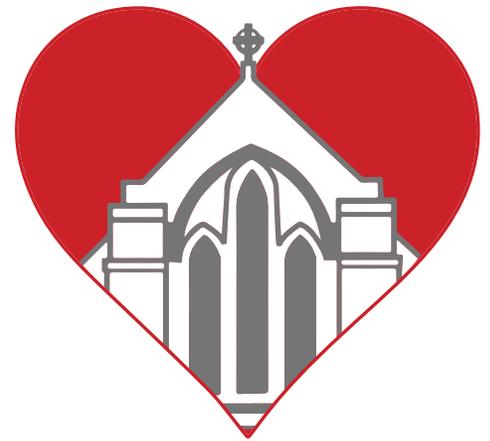
Clarendon United Methodist Church ————— October 2018

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## Our Love Story: Jesus Calls us to Change Lives

When it comes right down to it, our job, task, mission as followers of Jesus Christ, is to “change lives.” His last words to his faithful followers were: “go into the world and tell them about me and my desire to change their lives” (paraphrased). During October, you will hear stories of how this church—this collection of Christians—has changed lives. You’ll hear how marriages were saved, how children were transformed, how people found a home and a family in this community called Clarendon United Methodist Church. However, to initiate any such change, it takes time, talents, gifts, service and witness to the Good News.

Sometimes it is not easy or convenient, but what would you do if you knew you could change a life for good?



Join us for our annual time when we examine our commitment to church and tell our own love story of how this church impacts our lives and families through our support of its programs. You can help us plan for the many ways CUMC can change lives in 2019 by completing the enclosed Commitment Card which asks for your estimate of giving for next year. You can also ask for more information about those ministry areas with which you might consider being involved. If at all possible, please return this card to church by October 28th and join us that day in Corry Hall after worship for fellowship and an update on Our Love Story campaign. If you prefer to make your commitment online, please feel free to go to [www.clarendonumc.org/giving/our-love-story](http://www.clarendonumc.org/giving/our-love-story).

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### 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, contact Tanya ([office@clarendonumc.org](mailto:office@clarendonumc.org))

# Happenings

## NEXT LEVEL INNOVATIONS—SAVE THE DATE!

January 25-27, 2019

For over a year, CUMC has been on a journey of discovery to learn how God is leading us into our Next Level of service, worship, growth, engagement, and discipleship along with 7 other churches in Northern Virginia. The first phase was primarily training for the pastors. The second phase has begun and will involve each person in our church community completing a survey and the NLI Team gathering information about different areas of the church. This information gathering will culminate in a weekend (January 25-27) where we will come together as a congregation and share our hopes, concerns, and goals with the NLI Specialists from the District office and hear their recommendations based on research, observations, and shared knowledge of churches similar to ours. To learn all about this exciting experience, check out [www.nextlevelinnovations.org](http://www.nextlevelinnovations.org).

## September Recap

### KICK-OFF SUNDAY

Children, youth, and adults all gathered on Sunday, September 9 to kick-off a new season in the church. Amber Vincent introduced all of the Children and Youth Sunday School teachers and the Adult Class teachers told about upcoming studies. There is a place for everyone in this vibrant church, and we hope you will find yours.

### ANNUAL CLARENDON DAY

Seventeen people from CUMC stepped up to hand out bags, church materials, balloons, and other items at CUMC's booth on Clarendon Day, September 22. Thanks to the ENGAGE Ministry, led by Katelyn Collier and Delania Dries, for organizing and recruiting volunteers. And a special thanks to our "Bunny Hop Bunny" who drew so many people to our booth.



Top: The scene during kick-off Sunday in Corry Hall.  
Bottom left: Clarendon Day with the bunny. Bottom right: the CUMC booth during Clarendon Day.



# Happy Birthday!

Madeline Greenfield .....	10/01
Lindsey Kirkwood .....	10/01
Marjorie Smith .....	10/01
Trudy Ensign .....	10/04
George Hobart .....	10/05
Jason Harrington .....	10/06
Kyle Yolles .....	10/06
Kelly Melnick .....	10/09
Jason Hill .....	10/11
Casey Shields .....	10/16
Phil Louer .....	10/18
Alison MacTavish .....	10/20
Helen Glover .....	10/23
Susan White .....	10/24
Garey Eakes .....	10/25
Nathan Dudani .....	10/26
Xander Dyer .....	10/26
Carlos Almanza .....	10/27
Ryan Dubuc .....	10/28
Gloria Ruddick .....	10/28

# Coming Up in October

## CRAFT WORKSHOP

**Monday, October 8, 2:00–3:00 pm, Corry Hall**

Craft Workshop “Petit Cosmic Smash Books” led by Ilona Lantos. We will be creating small painted journals to (1) keep and (2) give to the Bazaar for sale. Free, but must register. Limited space. Age 12+ invited to come. To sign up contact the Church office ([office@clarendonumc.org](mailto:office@clarendonumc.org)).

## FAITH, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP

**Thursday, October 11, 12:00–2:00 pm**

Our guest speakers are Andrea and Walt Bauman discussing World War II in the Pacific.

## NEWCOMER DINNER

**Friday, October 12, 6:00 pm**

A casual dinner in Corry Hall with others who are new to the church and want to learn more. Contact Dianne Swanson to sign up ([membershipsecretary@clarendonumc.org](mailto:membershipsecretary@clarendonumc.org)).

## SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK CLUB MEET & GREET

**Sunday, October 14, 2:00 pm.**

Sabeeha Rehman, author of *Threading My Prayer Rug: One Woman’s Journey from Pakistani Muslim to American Muslim*, will join us at a special book club event.

## YOUTH DINNER & MISSION OPPORTUNITY

**Sunday, October 14, 6:00 pm**

Reusing plastic bags to create rugs for the homeless.

## UMW FALL BAZAAR

**Saturday, October 27, 9:00–1:00 pm, Corry Hall**

Light lunch served from 11:00 – 12:30 pm. Donations for the Fall Bazaar will be accepted Monday, October 21 through Friday, October 26. Drop off in Corry Hall on stage all day.

## HALLOWEEN RESPITE

**Wednesday, October 31, 5:00–9:00 pm**

Provide water, restroom breaks, etc., for neighborhood trick or treaters. Volunteers needed to welcome our neighbors!

# November Preview

## CHARGE CONFERENCE

**Sunday, November 4, 3:00 pm**

The annual meeting of the leadership and laity of the church with the District Superintendent. Hosted at Mount Olivet UMC.

## ELECTION DAY COFFEE BAR

**Tuesday, November 6, 7:00 am-7:00 pm**

Election Day Coffee Bar to raise money for Arlington THRIVE.

## RISE AGAINST HUNGER

**Saturday, November 17, 9:00 am-1:00 pm**

Meal packaging event.

## MASSIVE BAKE SALE

**Sunday, November 18, 9:00 am-1:00 pm**

A huge fundraising event for our youth mission trip to Honduras.

# Thank you!

The CUMC staff was treated to a delicious lunch on Sunday, September 23. Pictured here are most members of the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) and the staff. (Not pictured: Dee Culver and Carlos Almanza).



# Milestones

## PASSING OF SUSAN OSBURN

We were saddened when our beloved choir member and bell ringer, Susan Osburn, died suddenly on Sunday, September 16. She is survived by her husband, Jim Hecker, as well as her two children, Jean Hecker of Durham, North Carolina, and Andrew Walkowiak of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In addition, Susan leaves one surviving sister, Ellen Johnson and four granddaughters: Audrey, Abigail, Alice and Amelia, all of whom live in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. A memorial service was held at CUMC on Saturday, September 29 at 1:00 pm in the Sanctuary.



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**PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:**  
8:30 am Informal Service  
11:00 am Formal Service