

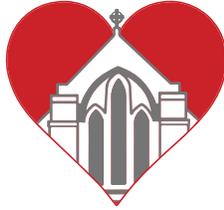


GOOD NEWSLETTER

Clarendon United Methodist Church ————— September 2018

Our Love Story

The fabric of Clarendon UMC is woven with the threads of thousands of individual love stories of people who have worshiped, studied, been baptized, eaten potluck dinners, and been a part of this church and its love story with God. It is made up of those who came only a few times to those who have been here their entire lives. It is love stories of the bliss of marrying at the church altar and the deep ache of saying words of comfort and love to grieving parents. It is music and dance. It is sermons, scripture, and the awestruck silence of being in the presence of Jesus. It is children singing songs of praise, youth testifying to the grace of Jesus, and men and women diligently creating bountiful feasts.



Over the next month, we will be hearing some of those love stories during the worship services and in small groups. We will hear about lives being changed for good through this “fabric of faith” we weave together each Sunday and during the week.

Now, we ask: What’s your love story?

On Sunday, September 9, we begin a new fall season of Sunday School classes, Bible studies, and activities for children, youth, and adults. As summer draws to a close and we reconnect, you will be able to meet new teachers and learn more about what is in store at our church for the remainder of 2018. There will be a special “getting to know you” time for everyone: children, youth, and adults.

Light refreshments will be served at 9:50 am, followed by the introduction of the Sunday School teachers. The children and youth will be dismissed to their classes, while the adults stay to learn about upcoming studies, programs, and activities planned for the fall.

If you normally come to the 11:00 am worship service, plan to get there early to check out what is coming up for CUMC.

FALL
KICKOFF
Sunday

Milestones

NEW NURSERY STAFF

We are pleased to introduce you to two new staff members in our nursery; Sandra Troup and Tanae Garner. Both women have had extensive experience in childcare through Arlington Public Schools. Sandra is from Arlington and attended W&L. She has two daughters who are also alumnae of Arlington Public Schools. She is currently working during the week as an Instructional Assistant at Ashlawn Elementary. She loves making jewelry and outdoor activities. Tanae is originally from Maryland and works as a nanny for a family. She also has had experience in working in the public school system for eight years. She is passionate about kids. Both women look forward to meeting all the children and their parents.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS LISA AND JOHN WHITE

We welcomed Lisa and John White as members into our church community on August 12. Their daughter, Kelsey, will be graduating from college this year. John is a retired Admiral and Lisa has already gotten involved in Bible Study.

PASSING OF ROBERT ULLERY AND HOWARD MCBRIDE

We learned of two deaths in our church community. Robert Ullery was an active member of the Chancel Choir until he moved out of the area a few years ago. He was also a woodcarver that made several stands for the church. Howard McBride was also a member of the choir and had grown up in the church. Our prayers go out to their families.



Cortney Miller.....	09/03
Cailin Dyer.....	09/04
Chuck Watson	09/05
Ava Rodriguez.....	09/08
Casey Rosenthal.....	09/10
Abigail Whitmore.....	09/10
Mark Schiller	09/11
Stephanie McGuire	09/12
Dianne Swanson.....	09/13
Ernie Holz.....	09/14
Laura Edelbrock.....	09/15
Gunnar Grotos.....	09/15
Merle Mulvaney	09/16
Lauren Smith.....	09/16
Drew Acker.....	09/18
Rajan Dudani.....	09/18
Campbell Petersen.....	09/18
Mark Zebra.....	09/18
John Glover.....	09/19
Karon Pease.....	09/19
Noreen Quill.....	09/19
Theodore Russell.....	09/19
Harland Russell.....	09/21
Stephen Cook	09/23
Shauna Dyer	09/23
Charles Moore.....	09/23
Sarah Lantz	09/26
Mae Seward.....	09/28
Jeff Campbell.....	09/29
Paul Mitchell.....	09/29
Jennifer Owen.....	09/29



Top left: Sandra Troup and bottom left: Tanae Garner are the new nursery staff. Right: New members Lisa and John White.

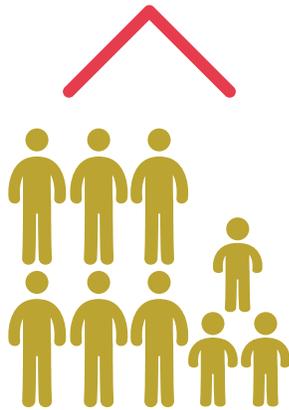
Mid-Year Snapshot

We are halfway through 2018 and want to give our faith community a snapshot of how we are doing as a church. Below you will find both a Membership report from December 2017 through July 2018 and a Financial Status report from January through July 2018.

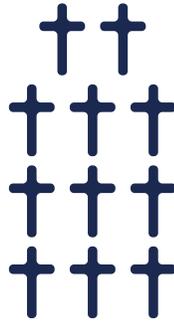
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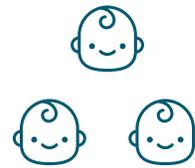
Transfers In



Transfers Out
(out of state)



Profession
of faith



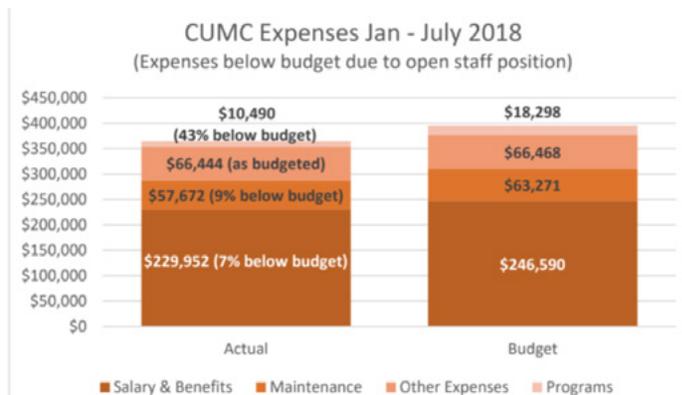
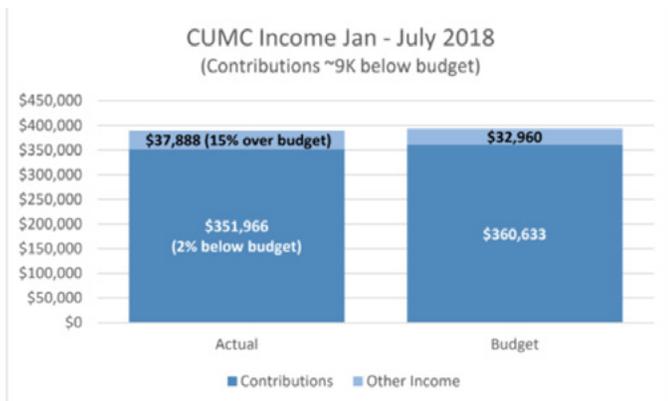
Baptisms



Deaths

FINANCIAL STATUS

Although our financial status looks stable with a net income of \$25,000, several contributing factors should be noted: (1) We have a staff position open, (2) Maintenance expenses have been low, and (3) Program expenses are lower than anticipated. Conversely, we have had a 2% drop in contributions which is concerning since we hope to be filling the staff position soon and typically program expenses spike in the fall. Here are two charts providing input on the financial status. We encourage all who participate in the program, classes and activities to help keep them going through regular giving.



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)

Upcoming Events

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Monday, September 10, 10:00 am, Youth Room

All women are welcome to join the group as they begin *The Prodigal God: Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith*. In six captivating DVD video sessions, pastor and New York Times bestselling author Timothy Keller opens your eyes to the powerful message of Jesus' best-known—and least understood—parable. Books are \$12. For more information, contact Jane Dixon (jdixon580jd@gmail.com).

FAITH, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, September 13, 12:00 pm

We begin our new season with Alex Koma, one of the reporters at ArlNow, the online Arlington newsfeed. He will give us insider information about how they get their news. We begin with

a brief worship service, followed by a hot meal (\$5) in Corry Hall and end with the program. For more information contact Jane Dixon (jdixon580jd@gmail.com).

CLARENDON DAY

Saturday, September 22

Our church will again have a booth at Clarendon Day. We need help in welcoming people to the booth and handing out water bottles and materials to direct them to the church. This is an important way we can spread the Good News of Jesus and use our Living Love theme to bring newcomers to our church. [Sign up to volunteer](#) on the church's website.

WOMEN'S FALL BREAKFAST

Saturday, September 29

All women of the church are invited to join in our annual Fall Breakfast as we gather for food and fellowship. Watch for more details to follow.



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:

8:30 am Informal Service

11:00 am Formal Service