

Clarendon Happenings

2023 Reverse Advent Calendar

In a normal Advent calendar, people count down the days until Christmas by opening a little door and taking out a candy, toy or other goodie. We invite you to count down using a "reverse" advent calendar. Instead of getting a trinket, you put an item aside that helps a neighbor in need. As you shop each week, please pick up the items on the list and then bring them to worship on the appropriate Sunday. Then join together in the social hall right after service to assemble the items for donation to our neighbors in need. This is especially a great activity for families.

If you can't attend worship that week, please consider making an online donation to help defer some of the costs for bags and other items needed for each mission.

Beginning this Friday, December 1: Holiday Baskets

- Dec. 01 1 can Cranberry Sauce
- Dec. 02 1 box or bag of Stuffing
- Dec. 03 1 can Fruit
- Dec. 04 2 jars or packets of Gravy
- Dec. 05 1 Desert Mix (brownies, cake, or pie filling)
- Dec. 06 2 cans of Vegetables
- Dec. 07 1 can of Sweet Potatoes
- Dec. 08 1 package of Rolls or box of Biscuit Mix
- Dec. 09 Potatoes - fresh, box of instant or 2 cans

Dec. 10 Bring all of the items to church for our Advent Mission:

New Hope Housing Food Baskets - And join in the basket assembling right after worship

**Last year we
donated 13 baskets.
Won't you help us
donate at least 20
this year?**



Blue Christmas Service

Wednesday, December 13, 7PM

You are invited to an uplifting service of hope, peace and light. This service is especially for those who find it difficult to experience that seasonal joy due to past, present or future grief, fears, anger and confusion that are a normal part of living and loving.

Register for Northern Virginia District Training Day

On **Training Day**, in person and virtual participants will experience the Keynote presentation at 8:30 a.m. and then a workshop* of their choice at 10:15 a.m. and a second workshop of their choice at 1:00 p.m. Participants will select their location (in person or virtual) as well as their morning and afternoon workshops during the registration process.

**Participants will only be able to attend the keynote and 2 workshops on January 20, but all 13 sessions will be recorded and will be available to all ticket holders via the replay tab for six months beginning on January 21.*

This is a great opportunity to learn from some of the best religious minds. We'd love to have a CUMC contingent go in person.

A promotional poster for the Northern Virginia District Training Day. At the top left is the logo for 'THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA DISTRICT OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN VIRGINIA'. To its right, it says 'PRESENTS: Northern Virginia District Training Day Saturday, January 20, 2024'. The main title is 'Recovering the "E" Word: Embracing Evangelism, Making Disciples'. Below this, it says 'Featuring: Rev. Matt Miodsky' next to a photo of him. To the right of the photo is a book cover for 'LET GO' by Matt Miodsky. Further right, it says 'A HYBRID EVENT In Person, Virtual, and Team Options!'. At the bottom left, it says '+ ADDITIONAL WORKSHOPS, SPEAKERS, & TRAINING!'. At the bottom right, it says 'REGISTER: 2024.novatrainday.com'.

For more information and to register, please visit <https://2024.novatrainday.com/>

Buy Your Christmas Tree and Help the Homeless

You can now order your Christmas tree. We have 300 beautiful firs available for sale this year—coming to us directly from Canada! Trees will be available for pickup starting Saturday, November 25th. This year the profits from the sale will be donated to New Hope Housing. You are not just buying a gorgeous tree; you are helping our neighbors facing homelessness. For more information and to place your order visit our website at: <https://clarendonumc.org/events/christmas-trees/>.



Volunteers Needed to Help With Tree Sales

We also need volunteers to help with the sales. You can sign up here: <https://bit.ly/3QMaDan> or by using the QR code.



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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