

# Clarendon Happenings

## Holy Week at Clarendon UMC

Please join us for a blessed Holy Week as we commemorate Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem, his passion, death and resurrection. All services are in person and streaming.

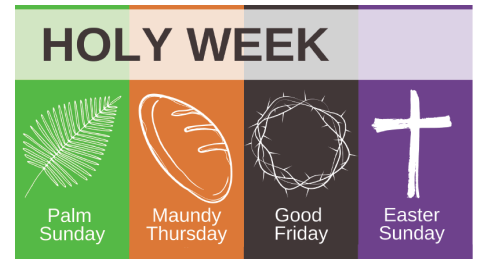
**Holy Thursday** - March 28, 7 PM worship - We will be celebrating the night on which Jesus washed the Disciples' feet, had his last meal and prayed in the garden.

**Good Friday** - March 29, 7 PM worship - A tenebrae service which will mark Jesus' passion and death.

**Easter Sunrise** - Sunday, March 31, 7 AM worship - Greet the risen Son at Easter dawn. Join us on the church lawn as we celebrate communion and decorate the Easter cross with flowers.

**Easter Worship** - Sunday, March 31, 10 AM worship - A joyous celebration of the resurrection, experienced through traditional and contemporary hymns, beautiful instrumental and choral music, and the celebration of communion.

**Easter Egg Hunt** - On the church lawn immediately following the 10 AM service.



## Carlos Almanza Retirement and Love Offering

Carlos has been our dedicated custodian and an essential member of our staff for nearly twelve years. He is retiring at the end of March, when we will transition to a new custodial service model. Carlos looks forward to spending more time with family members who reside locally as well as in Nicaragua. **We will be taking up a "love offering" for Carlos today.** Please consider contributing to this offering as we pray for his happiness and health in coming days and thank him for his many years of devoted service to our church.



Are you longing to go deeper in your faith? Or maybe you are serving in leadership and would love to learn more about servant leadership? Consider attending The Northern Virginia Lay Servant Academy at St Paul UMC on April 12 – 13. You can select one of

three courses to attend: **Basic** (which is foundational for anyone serving in the local church), **Dancing with Words** (which equips you to tell your stories, the foundation for sharing the good news with others), or **Soul Reset: Relearning the Rhythms of Grace through a Daily Life with God**. Registration fee: \$35 includes dinner Friday, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. To find out more and register: <https://novaumc.org/lay-servant-training/>

If you have questions about being a Lay Servant, please feel free to ask the pastors or any of CUMC's lay servants: Laura Bishop, Linda Holz, Noreen Quill or Fran Underwood.

## We Need Your Thoughts

The Holy Spirit is on the move at Clarendon UMC—and **YOU are a part of it!** We have just adopted a new organizational structure for our church and now it's time to put it into practice. You are invited to help reimagine the shape of our ministries as we enter this new and innovative season of our life together.



The **Clarendon UMC Think Tank** is an invitation to the congregation to enter into conversation about the varied ministries of the church. Across the coming months, there will be a series of one-hour gatherings after worship—times when we can brainstorm, dream, and imagine where God is leading us. What is sustainable for us? What new steps forward might God be calling us to take? Even if you're not active in the specific ministry area being discussed, the church needs your ideas.

Our first Think Tank will be an exploration of Outreach/Mission. We'll meet on **Sunday, April 7, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM** in the Praise Room. The Holy Spirit is alive and at work in our midst! Won't you join in the Spirit's movement?

## Peacemaking at a Time of War

Floris UMC recently hosted a community event, a dialogue between Noor A'wad, a Palestinian, and Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger, an Israeli settler, who are both committed to understanding, nonviolence, and transformation in Israel and the West Bank. A video of this powerful and informative event is now available at <https://www.florisumc.org/event/peacemaking-at-a-time-of-war/>.

## Two Ways to Keep In Touch with Clarendon UMC

Each Friday we send out an email at 3PM with the weekly announcements. Sign up to receive the e-newsletter by visiting <https://www.clarendonumc.org/connect/contact/>. Please note - Constant Contact recently changed that way things are sent to comply with new regulations. If you've been missing your Friday e-news, you may find it in your spam or "promotions" tab.

We also have a Google group email that is perfect for you to use if you need to recruit help for a church event, want to let people know about some tickets you can't use, share about a special opportunity or other such things. Please let the office know ([office@clarendonumc.org](mailto:office@clarendonumc.org)) if you'd like to join the Community Google group email.



Church office hours: Mon - Thurs, 9AM - 2PM 703-527-8574 or [office@ClarendonUMC.org](mailto: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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