

# Clarendon Happenings

## Interested in Joining the Church? Membership 101 Today

Membership 101 is for *anyone* considering becoming a member of our church, now or in the future. It provides an excellent opportunity for a deeper understanding of Methodism and becoming a Methodist in our congregation. **Today, in the Library (2nd floor) at 11:30AM**, leaders will guide attendees through the levels of Methodism, starting with our local church. Completion of this hour-plus program gives you the information you need to become a contributing member of Clarendon UMC. Please note that you are not required to join Clarendon once you have taken this class. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Leadership Board Meeting Today

The April Board meeting will be **today**, at 11:30AM in the Praise Room, with the public session ending at approximately 1:00PM. Board meetings are open for members of the congregation to attend and observe, except for closed portions dealing with staff-parish relations and other sensitive topics. As a reminder, the Board has set up a folder in the CUMC Google Drive for interested church members to view general Board information, financial information, meeting minutes, reports, records of decisions, etc. Access to this folder is restricted to CUMC members and approved individually in response to email requests. Members are able to view the contents, not edit or change them. If you would like access to this folder, or if you have any questions, please email the church office ([office@clarendonumc.org](mailto:office@clarendonumc.org)).

## It's not too late to join a Bible Study or Small Group

We have children, youth and adult small groups, Sunday School classes and bible studies on a variety of topics. Most new studies have just begun. To register, visit the website at

<https://www.clarendonumc.org/connect/groups/>, then click on the "Find Your Group" button.

**Good News Class:** Sundays, 11:15 a.m., Room 206 - Spring Study: Short Stories by Jesus

**Saving Grace** w/John Ausink and Pastor Tracy: Sundays, 11:15 a.m. - Library and online, **starting 4/28**

**Young Professionals:** Sundays, 11:15 a.m. - Youth Room - Spring Study: *Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say*

**Chef's Table:** Sundays, 5:00 p.m. - 206 & online - *Disciple: Invitation to John*

**Morning Glories Women's Group:** Mondays, 10:00 a.m. - Youth Room - Short Stories by Jesus

**Monday Night Ladies Group:** Mondays, 7:00 p.m. - online - Spring Study: *Ten Men of the Bible*

**Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) Book Group:** Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. - online only - Spring study: *Transforming: the Bible & the Lives of Transgender Christians*

**Disciple Class** w/Pastor Nilse: Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. - 206 and online - *Disciple: The Christian Believer*

**Life Group** w/Susan Prokop: Thursdays, 5:00 p.m. - 206 and online

**Murky Men Bible Study:** Saturdays, 8 a.m. - Kaldi's Social House and online

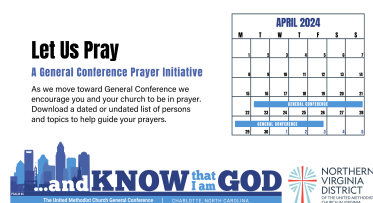
## Help Beautify Our Worship Service by Sponsoring Altar Flowers

Sponsoring altar flowers is even easier now! Dedicate the flowers in honor or memory of a loved one or friend. And you may take your flowers home after Sunday worship. The cost is \$35. You may sign up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C4FA8AC2DAAFE3-47461860-altar> and then pay by check or through the church website. Questions? Contact Fran at [office@clarendonumc.org](mailto:office@clarendonumc.org).

## You Can Also Sponsor Coffee Hour

You can sponsor a Coffee Hour on your favorite Sunday and we will list your dedication in honor or memory of a loved one or friend in the bulletin. You may sign up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C4FA8AC2DAAFE3-47462752-coffee> and then pay by check or through the church website . Questions? Contact Fran at [office@clarendonumc.org](mailto:office@clarendonumc.org).

## Prayers Requested for General Conference



Clarendon UMC is a part of the worldwide United Methodist Church. We are governed by three bodies: the Judicial Council, the General Conference and the Council of Bishops. The General Conference meets every four years to set policy and pass legislation.

This month the General Conference, postponed from 2020, will meet April 21 through May 3 to participate in holy conferencing and to vote on legislation which revises or amends the *Book of Discipline*, the *Book of Resolutions*, and other official documents.

The Virginia Conference delegates covet your prayers leading up to and during the Conference. You can learn more about the Conference and download the prayer calendar at <https://novaumc.org/gc2024/>. Please check out the bulletin board by the church elevator for more information.

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Duccio, di Buoninsegna, -1300?. Christ Appears to the Disciples at the Table after the Resurrection, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

<https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-image/act-imagelink.pl?RC=49184> [retrieved April 10, 2024]. Original source: [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Duccio\\_di\\_Buoninsegna\\_017.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Duccio_di_Buoninsegna_017.jpg).

Greeting written by Nancy C. Townley and posted on the MinistryMatters website for April 14, 2024.

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance written by James Dollins and published in the 2021 Abingdon Worship Annual.

Prayer of the People written by Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle and provided for free distribution by pres-outlook.org.

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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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