

Clarendon Happenings

Thank You, Clarendon UMC

Thank you to all who gave cereal during the Lenten AFAC cereal drive. We collected 73 boxes of cereal! Well done Clarendon!

United Methodist General Conference Begins this Week

After a four-year delay, the 2020 General Conference will take place April 23-May 3, 2024 in Charlotte, NC. General Conference is a 10-day meeting consisting of several parts. Delegates will spend much of the first week meeting in committees to review legislation and make edits or changes before passing it to the larger body for voting. Delegates will participate in worship experiences, engage in conversation and dialogue with fellow delegates from across the world, and ultimately will be tasked with voting on legislation put before the body.

Pastor Tracy and Richard Underwood, Fran's husband, will be attending as assistants to the delegates. They will be praying, studying policies, talking with and running errands for Virginia delegates. Please hold all the delegates and the assistants in your prayers during this time.

If you would like to learn more about General Conference, please see the bulletin board near the elevator, the Friday e-newsletter (4/19) and visit <https://vaumc.org/gc2024/> and <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020>.

NEW Safer Sanctuaries training on May 5th, 2024, from 1:30 - 4:30 PM

Our district has instituted a new policy requiring all churches to have at least 2 people trained in Safer Sanctuaries present at all church events. So, if you are a teacher or a second adult, we really need you to be trained so we can stay in compliance. This training is for everybody who volunteers with **children, youth, and vulnerable adults.**

To register visit: <https://www.cognitofrms.com/NoVaUMC2/SaferSanctuariesTraining>. Please text Pastor Nilse at 901-674-2577 if you need childcare or if you have any questions.

If you cannot make it, please sign up for any other day the training is offered at another church. The other dates are:

- Sunday, April 28, from 1:30 to 4:30 PM, Aldersgate UMC, Alexandria
- Saturday, May 4th, from 9 a.m. to 12 PM, Floris UMC, Herndon
- Sunday, May 19, from 1:30 to 4:30 PM, Grace UMC, Manassas

Save the Date!

We are excited to welcome Jacques Umembundi Akasa to the pulpit on Sunday, May 5. Jacques is the missionary from the Democratic Republic of the Congo we've been supporting for many years. He will be here to tell us about his call to ministry and the amazing works of God in the Congo. Please plan to attend worship that Sunday.