

Clarendon Happenings

Easter Egg Hunt Today

Immediately following Easter 10AM worship. For all the little bunnies (children), ages birth through 5th grade. Hosted by Clarendon's Youth Group.



Save the Date for Pastor Tracy's Retirement Party



Our beloved Pastor Tracy is retiring and we want to celebrate this significant milestone. There will be a special worship service followed by a reception on Friday evening, June 6, at 7:00pm. Please make sure to get this on your calendars! A more formal email invite will follow in a few weeks.

Be sure to join us Sunday, June 1st for Pastor Tracy's final Sunday with us. We look forward to seeing you at either or both events.

New Pastor Announcement and Town Hall

Next Sunday, April 27, is New Pastor Announcement Day across the Virginia Conference. The CUMC Leadership Board will announce the name of our new pastor at the end of worship. Following worship they will hold a short town hall in Corry Hall to answer any questions you may have about the transition and new pastor. Please join us then.

Join Us This Spring

Saturday, April 26 - Arlington Bunny Hop 5K is hopping back to the Ashton Heights and Lyon Park neighborhoods for another fun day of running, giving back, and community celebration. Whether you're ready to race or just want to bounce around the block party, this event has something for everyone!

Online registration will close Tuesday, April 22, at 8:00 PM. In-person registration will be available at packet pickup and race morning (\$5 extra). More information at ArlingtonBunnyHop.org.

Saturday, May 31, 7PM - 3rd Annual Pride Concert. Join Clarendon's adult and youth musicians for a performance of sacred and secular music. Many of the composers are members of the LGBT+ community. A free-will offering will be received to benefit the Reconciling Ministries Network.

Sunday, June 29, 4PM - Capital Horns Concert. Join us for a free concert performed by the Capital Horns Club. A free-will offering will be received to benefit a Clarendon UMC ministry.

Guest Preacher on May 4

Join us for a special worship service on Sunday, May 4 when we welcome the Rev. Pat Watkins, a retired elder and former missionary in the United Methodist Church who has long been a UM leader in environmental justice and the care of God's creation. Rev. Watkins had always been concerned about caring for the Earth, but never understood how that related to his Christian faith until, on a missionary assignment in an isolated Nigerian village in the mid-1990s, he learned to live far more simply and connected to the Earth. Upon returning home, Watkins sought answers by doing advanced study in both the Bible and environmental science, eventually leading him to a position alongside the UM Council of Bishops as a "Missionary to God's Creation." Rev. Watkins will share with us some of his experiences and how we can respond to God's call to be stewards of the Earth.

Upcoming Young Professionals Events

1. **Current Study:** Our current study is "[The Final Days](#)". If you want to catch up on any sessions that you missed, you can create a free account on [Amplify Media](#) using our church's code (WSRTFZ). Please join us Sunday mornings in the library following the worship service.
2. **Easter Sunday:** We will not meet on Easter Sunday. I hope everyone is able to enjoy time with family and friends!
3. **Upcoming Events:** Our next event will be after the Bunny Hop on Saturday, April 26th! We will walk over after the race/block party ends (~10-10:30am) to grab brunch at Kaldi's Social House. We will message in the GroupMe as we are heading over from the Bunny Hop. Hope you can join us! Be on the lookout as well for an updated date for our postponed hike!

Please see the Friday newsletter for information on how to join our GroupMe list.

Enjoy Our Lenten Playlist

As part of our Lenten series, we offered a music playlist that related to each week's scripture readings and lessons. Today's song is "[Light of a Clear Blue Morning](#)" by Dolly Parton (https://youtu.be/ToOFoockcW4?si=ldd1_BMSNUPXlmTv). Use the QR code to access the full playlist of great music.



Join Our Weekly E-Newsletter List

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/>. This is also a way you can learn about special events and deaths in the church family. These emails come from the office through Constant Contact.



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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