

Clarendon Happenings

It's a Picnic Today!



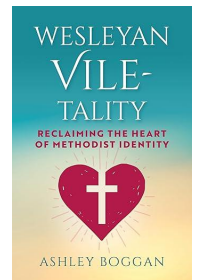
The **Church Family Picnic** will be held immediately after the worship service today. It is the perfect time to share our summer adventure stories, reconnect with one another and welcome newcomers. The church will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, and

all of the fixings (including vegetarian options) and there's plenty of food everyone! We have outdoor games, board games, and a special K-Pop Movie sing-a-long for the children and youth. All are welcome!

History & Social Justice Study: *Wesleyan Vile-tality: Reclaiming the Heart of Methodist Identity*

Learn what it means to "submit to be more vile" for today's Methodists.

Wesleyan Vile-tality calls us back to the roots of our identity. Centered on the moment John Wesley "submitted to be more vile" in spreading the love of God to all people, Ashley Boggan (the General Secretary of the General Commission on Archives and History) argues that Wesleyan vile-tality is at the core of who we are as Methodists. As rule-benders, rabble-rousers, and outcast-embracers, those early Methodists stood out and stood up. She traces how that original identity was lost as the predecessor denominations to The United Methodist Church grew and began to embrace respectability over "vile-tality." In an accessible and engaging account of a fascinating history, these stories of our past call us to understand who we were, question who we are, and reclaim who we should be.



This six-week study will be led by Jane Dixon and is sponsored by the Reconciling Ministries Book Group. We meet Tuesday evenings beginning this week (9/9), 7:30-8:45PM via Google Meet. Please sign up through the Church Center app ("signups" is under the "more" menu) or the website to receive the link.

Pastor Hop's Bible Study

Join Pastor Hop for a study of Paul's Letter to the Philippians. Expect lively conversation, practical application and fresh insights each week. Friday mornings, 10AM in room 206 beginning this week.

Music Rehearsals Begin This Week

Sundays: Wesley Ringers (4PM) and Youth Choir (5PM) followed by Youth Group/Dinner (6PM)

Tuesdays: Clarendon Ringers (5PM), Children's Choir (5:45PM), Chapel Bells (5:45PM)

Thursdays: Chancel Ringers (6:30PM), Chancel Choir (8PM)

Please see Lisa Gibbs-Smith, CJ Redden-Liotta, or Fran Underwood for more information.

Sponsor Altar Flowers for Worship

There's a new way to sign up to sponsor altar flowers straight from our Church Center app on your phone or iPad. Just choose "Signups" from the "More" menu. Click on "Altar Flower Donation" to select a date and pay for the flowers right in the app. You can dedicate the flowers in honor or memory of a loved one or friend and you get to take them home after worship if you wish. The 2025 calendar is now live and the 2026 one will go live in November. The link is also in the Friday newsletter.

September Board Meeting

The September Board meeting will be next Sunday, September 14th at 11:30AM in the Praise Room, with the public open session ending at approximately 12:30PM. 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. There will be a public comment period at the end of the open session for member observers to comment or ask questions. 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).

Save the Date for the Heritage Bazaar

Saturday, 11 October 2025, 9:00AM-1:30PM

Silent Auction, Children's Corner, White Elephant, Bake Sale, Take-home freezer meals, Lunch, High-end Boutique

Please see the church website for more information.



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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