

Clarendon Happenings

Clarendon UMC Annual Charge Conference Today

Charge Conference will be held in person **today**, at 11:30AM in the Praise Room. Leadership Board members are the only voting members of the Conference, however, the meeting is open to all members of the church.

Young Professionals Friendsgiving Today

Please join the Young Professionals (18-35ish year-olds) for a Friendsgiving **today** at 6PM in Corry Hall. Please bring a dish to share! If you plan to attend, please see the Friday newsletter for a link to sign up. Contact Ashley Willingham with any questions. Looking forward to sharing food and fellowship!



Worship Slide Operators Needed

The A/V team would have you join them in the booth on Sunday mornings! Slide operators click through worship slides that are loaded into a program called ProPresenter. Arrival time on the day you serve is 8:50AM and you serve about once a month. The more people we have, the less pressure on any one person to serve. Simple training available. Interested? Please contact Lisa Gibbs-Smith (lisa@clarendonumc.org)

Autumn Blessings Workday: 9AM–noon, Saturday, Nov. 22, 2025

Save the date for our harvest of hands! Enjoy the fall weather, fellowship, and the satisfaction of enhancing the grounds God has lent us! There will be work for everyone of any age and ability, as we paint rocks to name our trees and plants, rake/blow leaves, distribute mulch, and remove unwanted vegetation. All are welcome and needed—many hands make light work!

Please bring rakes, electric or rechargeable blowers (no gas blowers, please), wheelbarrows, gloves, and shovels suitable for mulch and for digging if you have them—including kid sized! Contact Elaine Simmons or Jeanne Worster (jeanne@clarendonumc.org) if you have questions. Pizza will be provided. Plan to come for a little time or the whole day.

Sponsor Altar Flowers for Worship

There's a great way to sign up to sponsor the altar flowers. Just use the Church Center app on your phone, iPad or computer 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. Sign up for any remaining Sundays in 2025 and now, the 2026 dates are available. See the Friday newsletter for direct links. If you have any questions, please contact Fran Underwood at office@clarendonumc.org.

Bring Home a Beautiful Christmas Tree and Help Your Neighbors!

Order your fresh Fraser Fir from Clarendon UMC and make a difference this Christmas! Trees arrive from North Carolina and will be ready for pickup starting Nov. 29. Proceeds support Path Forward and Undue Medical Debt, helping neighbors in need.

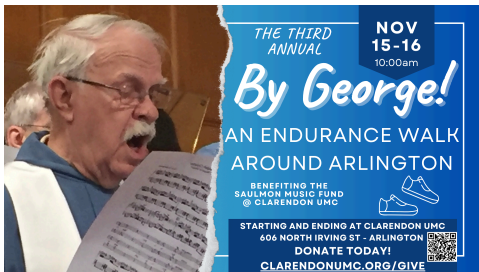
🌲 Order online: clarendonumc.org/events/christmas-trees

We'll also have handmade wreaths for sale on the lot (while supplies last)!



☀️ **Join the fun: Volunteer on the tree lot with us!** 🌲

We need some merry helpers to sell trees, tie them to cars, make wreaths and spread good cheer. 🧑🏻‍🎄 Bring your holiday spirit!



By George! Fundraising Event

Join local marathoner Ted Hobart for the 3rd annual "By George!" fundraising event to honor the memory of his father, George Hobart and raise donations for the Clarendon UMC music program that George so dearly loved!

Ted will begin walking his *24-Hour Walk Around Arlington* at the church social hall entrance on November 15th at 10:00AM and work his way through Arlington's Ashton Heights and Lyon Park neighborhoods for 24 hours. He will be returning to the social hall entrance at 11:30AM on Sunday, November 16th. A special public reception will be held in the social hall after the church service. Contributions may be made by visiting the Clarendon UMC giving page and choosing "By George - Saulmon Music Fund" from the drop-down menu.

54th Annual Messiah Sing

All are welcome to participate in this year's Messiah Sing on Sunday, November 30, at 7:00PM.

Professional soloists and orchestra lead the performance of Part I of Handel's *Messiah*, but *you* are the choir! Scores are provided and a reception follows.

This event is always a fantastic opportunity to practice our gift of hospitality! Many people will attend for the first time, and we want to make them feel welcome. Others will be returning as they have done faithfully for many years, drawn not only by the music, but by our friendly community. Many hands make light work and we'd love for you to be involved!

Please check out the sign-up in Friday's newsletter and see where you might contribute. Thank you!



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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