

Clarendon Happenings



54th Annual Messiah Sing - Today

All are welcome to participate in this year's Messiah Sing today 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.

Join us for the Annual Dinner and Cookie Exchange

You are invited to join CUMC Women and Friends at the 2025 Women's Christmas Cookie Exchange on Saturday, December 6 between 6:00PM and 8:30PM in Corry Hall. We will enjoy a soup and salad dinner, some Carol singing, a seasonal meditation, a chance to sign cards and pack cookies for our homebound members, and lots and lots of cookies to take home!

Please RSVP at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054EABA72DA13-60468733-womens> so we know how many people to expect. Please plan to contribute soup, salad or an appetizer if you can.

New this year: We are inviting people to decorate one of the 8 foot, rectangular dining tables. So, if you want to share some of your Christmas decor, please sign up ASAP to decorate a table.

Decorating should be done on Sat, Dec 6 between 9AM and 2PM.

If you want to help with the event in some way or have questions or ideas, contact Mary Dodson or Laura Bishop. Thank you!!



Stations of the Manger: Preparing for the Coming of Jesus

Join us for a special time of meditation, reflection and prayer using Advent prayer stations. Prayer stations are a wonderful way to engage all the senses and are appropriate for most ages. They include scripture, meditation, and an activity. The sanctuary will be open on Thursday, December 11, 6:30AM-9PM and Friday, December 12, 6:30AM-12Noon.

Drop in any time and spend a little while contemplating the meaning of Advent and preparing yourself for the coming of Jesus.

Advent Contemplation Class

All are invited to join Jennifer London for guided meditation and reflection on selected nativity narratives using Lectio Divina and imaginative prayer. (No prior experience with either of these approaches to praying with scripture is necessary!) This will be a chance to be quiet, be still, and open your heart to deeper connection with Jesus, God's incarnate gift to us, God with us. Sundays at 4 pm in the library (11/30, 12/7, 12/14, and 12/21).



Poinsettias Help Make Worship Festive

Sponsor a poinsettia for the sanctuary to help us decorate for the holiday. Plants can be placed in honor or in memory of a friend or loved one. Your name and the dedication will be listed in the Dec. 21 worship bulletin. You may take your poinsettia home following the 9PM Christmas Eve service. We have twelve small plants for \$8 each and sixteen large plants available for \$16 each. Sign up using the Church Center app or see the newsletter for a direct link.



The Mitten Trees: Helping Others Stay Warm

Brrr, can you feel the chill in the air? The Mitten Trees are back, supplemented by boxes for collecting Coats, Scarves, Hats, and Socks. We hope you will help Clarendon's Women in Faith bring warmth and joy to kids at an Arlington elementary school. The items collected will be given to children who need them during the cold winter months. Look for the trees and boxes at both main entrances to the sanctuary through January 4.

NOTE: We would like to receive the majority of the donations by December 7 so delivery can be made before the weather turns bitterly cold. This year the school will accept gently used, as well as, new items. Used clothing must be in good shape and freshly laundered, please. Due to the Government furloughs and other recent circumstances affecting families, there is more need than ever; please give as generously as you can.



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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