

Clarendon Happenings

Write a Lenten Devotion

Help us create a Lenten devotional by writing one! We need a total of 47 devotions. The devotions can be as simple as a few sentences and a short prayer or may include a long reflection, all based on the scripture for the day. Please consider signing up for two or three days. The due date for your completed devotion is February 1st, 2026. You can sign up through Church Center "signups" or click the link in the Friday newsletter.

New Ministry Opportunity: YouTube Online Greeters

Worship at Clarendon UMC continues to reach beyond our walls, and we are excited to launch a new ministry team: YouTube Online Greeters. This role is all about hospitality—welcoming worshipers who join us online, engaging in the live chat, and helping create a warm, prayerful, and interactive worship experience for our digital congregation. One of the beautiful gifts of this ministry is that it allows members to serve no matter where they live. We are grateful to share that Lucas and Ashley Shultz, who now live in Pennsylvania, remain active members of Clarendon UMC and are already able to serve in this new way. Their continued connection reminds us that the church is not limited by geography and that community and service can travel with us wherever life leads. If you are comfortable using YouTube and have a heart for welcoming others, this may be a meaningful way for you to serve. Online Greeters log in at 9:45 AM on their scheduled Sunday, greet worshipers in the chat, respond to comments, and offer a closing word of encouragement at the end of the service. If you would like to learn more or join this team, please contact the church office. Together, we are finding new ways to extend God's welcome and shine the light of Christ—near and far.

Advent Mission Projects Update

Thank you to everyone who supported our three Advent Mission projects, based on the gifts of the Magi. Your generous giving reflected Christmas' true meaning of love, hope, and compassion.

- Frankincense – Nourishment: At a time when food benefits have been cut for many, we donated 298 pounds of food to AFAC for our neighbors in need. We also donated pet food to the animal shelter, for distribution to pet owners who may have trouble feeding their pets right now.
- Gold: We donated 29 gift cards valued at approximately \$595 to the families at Bridges to Independence, so they would have the dignity of buying what they wanted and needed for Christmas.
- Myrrh – Comfort: And finally we packed almost 40 safe-haven kits of toiletries for the clients of a domestic violence shelter. We had so many additional toiletry donations that we could also donate to the homeless shelters.

Make a Resolution to Join a Small Group

Groups Beginning in January

Spiritual Conversations with Jennifer London - Tuesdays, 5PM, in person, beginning January 6

RMN Book Group - *How We Learn to Be Brave* by Mariann Edgar Budde, Episcopal Bishop of Washington - Mondays (new day), 7:30PM, online, beginning January 12

1st Corinthians with Pastor Hop - Wednesdays, 7PM online, beginning January 21 or Fridays, 10AM in person, beginning January 23

On-Going Groups

Playground Group - Sundays, 9:30AM

Good News Class - Sunday, 11:30AM

Young Professionals - Sundays, 11:30AM

CUMC Walking Group - 1st & 3rd Mondays, 8AM. Meet outside Ivy St. door

Morning Glories Bible Study - Mondays, 10AM, in person

Evening Women's Group - Mondays, 7PM, online

Murky Men - Saturdays, 8AM, in person and online

To learn more about these groups and to sign up, visit <https://clarendon.churchcenter.com/groups> or go to "Groups" in the Church Center app.

Clarendon's Church Center App



Are you using Church Center on your phone or tablet? If not, it's a great way to sign up for events, manage your profile in the database (i.e. update your email address), manage your online giving and see the church calendar. Just download the Church Center app from the Apple App Store or Google Play and choose Clarendon United Methodist

Church, zip code 22201.

Did you change your giving commitment for 2026? Be sure to update your recurring donations in the app by visiting Give/My Giving. See Fran Underwood if you have any questions.

Lost and Found

Misplaced an item while at church? Kid's gloves missing after choir? Check our Found Item Database or report your missing items on the spreadsheet. Please use the QR code to access the spreadsheet. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Worster, property manager, at jeanne@clarendonumc.org.



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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