

Clarendon Happenings

Helter Library Rededication After Worship Today

A brief rededication of the Helter Library will be held in Corry Hall following the worship service on April 26th. The library has been renovated and modernized by the "Murky Men" (our United Methodist Men small group) to meet the needs of our evolving congregation. Margi Melnick will be honored for her role as Chair of the library construction committee in 1975. The library was dedicated to Margi's parents, Neva and Martin Helter, who provided funds for the construction.

The Helter Library is available for adult meetings and classes; it can be reserved through the Admin Office. The library can also be used for personal reflection and study by our congregants, to include supervised children, when not otherwise in use. In addition to photographs and items reflecting the history of our church, many books remain available and can be borrowed in good faith without formal checkout procedures. Categories of books and other written material include:

- Adult Education
- Bibles and related stories for children and adults
- Christmas And Easter
- Clarendon UMC Authors
- General reference
- Marriage And Family, to include parenting
- Religion And Spirituality
- United Women in Faith
- Youth Resources

Sign Up to Walk in the 2026 Capital Pride Parade

Join United Methodists from all over the DC metro area as we march in the Capital Pride Parade on Saturday, June 20th beginning at 3PM. For more information and to sign up to march with the Clarendon UMC contingent, visit <https://clarendon.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3590219> or use the Church Center app.

Membership 101 Next Sunday at 11:30AM in room 301

If you are considering becoming a church member, now or in the future, join the pastors and leaders from the congregation for a lively discussion immediately after the service. Grab a snack from coffee hour in Corry Hall, and then head upstairs. Membership 101 provides an excellent opportunity for a deeper understanding of United Methodism, CUMC's journey through the last few years, and how you can impact the community with your gifts and talents. Please note that you are not required to join the church after taking this class. Pre-registration is requested, though not required.

<https://clarendon.churchcenter.com/groups/adults/membership-101>

Finding Faith in Fiction

Start Reading To Open the Window To Your Faith!

Explore theological themes, biblical images, and spiritual directives as we find the divine in the sacredness of the ordinary and mundane.



<https://clarendon.churchcenter.com/groups/adults/finding-faith-in-fiction>

Beginning mid May, Pastor Hop will be starting a new small group to meet twice monthly on a Monday night and a Saturday morning. Our group will read short fiction together and pay attention to the theological themes, biblical images, and spiritual directives we find in the sacredness of the ordinary and mundane. We will be reading short stories and maybe, in time, a novel or two. Faulkner, O. Henry, Alice Munro, Tobias Wolfe, James Baldwin, Alice Walker, Flannery O'Conner, James Joyce, Philip Roth, John Updike, Eudora Welty, Reynolds Price, and others. The first Monday will be May 18. The first Saturday will be May 30. Sign up via Church Center or visit

<https://clarendon.churchcenter.com/groups/adults/finding-faith-in-fiction>

PRIDE CONCERT

Dancing With the Spirit
Saturday, May 30, 2026
1:00PM

Featuring Clarendon UMC's adult and youth handbell ensembles, Chancel Choir and Praise Band.

A free-will offering will be accepted to benefit Camp Free2Be

Clarendon UMC
606 N Irving St, Arlington, VA



Save the Date


You are invited to attend the 4th Annual Pride Concert, "Dancing with the Spirit" on Saturday afternoon, May 30 at 1:00PM. The concert will feature our adult and youth handbell choirs, Chancel Choir and Praise Band. We will have guest musicians and a special guest speaker to talk about Camp Free2Be, a summer day camp designed for trans, nonbinary, and gender-diverse youth ages 6-14 in the DMV area. A free-will offering will be accepted for the camp.



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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 Church Center app

 www.clarendonumc.org

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