

Clarendon Happenings

Next Sunday!!



Save the Date

For Our Fall Kick-Off - September 13

- Uplifting Worship with Chancel Choir and Blessing of the Backpacks
- Special Cookie Coffee Hour with optional Cookie Challenge
- Fall Classes Begin and Students Age Up

Last Chance to Join the 2026 Summer Choir - September 13

Do you love to sing? Want to see what it's like to sing with the Chancel Choir at CUMC? All are invited to join our Summer Choir on September 13! We will meet in the choir room at 9 a.m. and learn a short (and easy) piece of music together to sing in worship. For more information, contact CJ Redden-Liotta (cj@clarendonumc.org).



**BLESSING
of the Backpacks**

Be sure to bring your backpack to worship

September 13
During the children's message



Sunday, September 13
FALL KICK-OFF
COOKIE CHALLENGE

Bring 1-4 Dozen Cookies to Coffee Hour and enter them in the Cookie Tasting Challenge.
Winner takes home bragging rights



Please see the Friday newsletter for more information and a sign-up for the Cookie Challenge.

Spiritual Conversations

Led by Jennifer London, Spiritual Conversations is back by popular request! If you missed this 8-week offering in Fall 2025 and Spring 2026, now is your chance! Using curated readings and prayer prompts delivered by email each week in advance, participants engage in prayerful self-reflection before coming together to listen to each other's experiences and insights with the goal of noticing God's movement, revelation, and invitation to us individually and in community. The class will begin the week of September 21 and end the week of November 9. More than one section – in person at the church and/or Zoom – may be offered depending on participant availability and interest. If you would like to be part of this rich and meaningful experience, **please complete the availability survey by Sept. 6** via the QR code. For more information or questions, contact Jennifer at Jennifer@clarendonumc.org.



Calling all parents/guardians with children in Tuesday handbells and choir, and any other adults who wish to join: While the children grow their faith and serve God ringing and singing, **YOU** are invited to grow your faith as well! On Tuesday, September 15, 5-6:15 PM, come find Jennifer London in the library after you check in your kids. We'll catch up, get to know each other, and consider how we might use this time together going forward to nourish and deepen our own faith. Your little ones are welcome to tag along while we work out the plan for regular childcare. Questions? Suggestions? Contact Jennifer@clarendonumc.org.

Monday Night Book Study

Join us for an 11-week study of *The House in the Cerulean Sea* by TJ Klune. We'll cover 2-3 chapters per week as we discover secrets and the meaning of family.

Mondays, 7:30-8:45PM via Zoom. Led by Whitney Maine

Sign up at <https://clarendon.churchcenter.com/groups/adults/reconciling-ministry-book-group> or via the Church Center app - RMN Book Group.

Book description from Amazon: Linus Baker leads a quiet, solitary life. At forty, he lives in a tiny house with a devious cat and his old records. As a Case Worker at the Department in Charge Of Magical Youth, he spends his days overseeing the well-being of children in government-sanctioned orphanages. An enchanting story, masterfully told, *The House in the Cerulean Sea* is about the profound experience of discovering an unlikely family in an unexpected place—and realizing that family is yours.



Church office hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, 10AM - 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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