

Clarendon Happenings



Young Professionals Gather for Lunch

Join the Young Professionals this Sunday, September 27th for lunch after church! We will meet to discuss "Meditation 5" in our book study on *A New Pentecost for Progressive Christians* by Bruce G. Epperly from 11:30AM - noon in the church library, then will head to somewhere in Clarendon afterwards for lunch. Hope you can join!

Love Is Calling Out Concert

Sunday, October 25, 2026, 5:00pm

We'd love to have anyone that is interested participate with our Justice Choir for this event!

You are warmly invited to another interfaith musical gathering to help ground us in peace, find strength in community, and embolden our advocacy for justice. Choral ensembles will present inspiring music and we will engage in some community singing.

Here is some helpful information:

Membership not required! It is not required that participants be a member of Clarendon UMC or even attend. This is a community chorus.

Rehearsals Participants are not required to attend any/all of them, we know we all lead busy lives! However, participants will benefit from attending as many as possible in order to be well prepared and to build the community that is at the heart of this event!

All rehearsals are in the choir room at Clarendon UMC:

- September 27 - 6:15pm-7:45pm
- October 4 - 6:15pm-7:45pm
- October 11 - 6:15pm-7:45pm
- October 18 - 6:15pm-7:45pm *Possibly different location

Practice materials Practice tracks and PDF's are available for at-home reinforcement and for those who cannot attend rehearsals. They will be made available to those who register.

Registration It is essential that participants register so we know how many singers we have and which voice parts they sing. Sign up at <https://clarendon.churchcenter.com/registrations/signups/3885636> or use the Church Center app.



Library Remains Open For Worship on Sunday Mornings

This summer we opened the library as a relief from the heat. Now that the weather is cooling, we're keeping it open during worship. The service will be streaming on the television so you won't miss anything. Come and go as you need: to move around, to sit in a softer chair, to settle a restless kid, for any reason at all.

The library is on the sanctuary level, opposite the women's restroom. Our greeters will be happy to point the way.

Finding Faith in Fiction

The next meeting will be this coming Saturday, October 3 at 10AM in the church library. They will be discussing "The Rabbi in the Attic" by Eileen Pollack. For a copy of the reading or more information, please contact Pastor Hop (scotthopkins@vaumc.org).



Friendsgiving Thanksgiving

Are you on your own, far away from family or can't travel to them? Then join Pastor Hop and the Worster family on Thursday, November 26 at 7PM for Thanksgiving dinner.

Space is limited so please sign up no later than November 1st. Just click the button below. We will deal with food and dish organizing after the sign up closes. Questions or for more information, just email Hop (scotthopkins@vaumc.org) and Jeanne (jeanne@clarendonumc.org).

Volunteer to Host a Trunk

Our annual Trunk or Treat on Halloween night is right around the corner, and we need your help to make it a fun and welcoming event for our community! We're looking for individuals, families, and groups to **sign up to host a trunk**. Bring your creativity — decorate your trunk, dress up if you'd like, and hand out candy to the kids. This is a wonderful way to share joy and hospitality with our neighbors. We also need volunteers to **help serve drinks** (water and lemonade), **manage the popcorn machine** and **monitor the bathrooms**. You can volunteer through "Signups" in the Church Center app or by visiting

<https://clarendon.churchcenter.com/registrations/signups/3908829>. For more info, please contact our Trunk or Treat coordinator, Jeanne Worster (jeanne@clarendonumc.org). Thank you for helping us create a safe, fun, and faith-filled space for families this Halloween season!



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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