



# GOOD NEWSLETTER

Clarendon United Methodist Church ————— February 2019

## Next Level Innovations

CUMC has now completed the Next Level Innovations Weekend, a three-day process where the Weekend Innovation Team (WIT) met with leaders and the congregation as a whole to listen and understand the church culture and context. On Friday, the WIT got familiar with our building, interviewed the Pastor and key leaders, and held focus groups for newcomers/young adults (25 participants) and youth (14 participants). On Saturday, more than 75 people attended an all-day session that provided an opportunity for the WIT to hear from the congregation. Mystery worshiper reports and other findings were presented. And finally on Sunday, after praying, discerning, and writing all night long, the WIT presented the Innovations Report during our combined worship service.



The five recommended innovations are below. Much more information is included in the report (copies are available in the church office and on our NLI website, [nli.clarendonumc.org](http://nli.clarendonumc.org)):

1. **Vision Alignment:** Design a process to bring clarity and alignment around vision that is authentic to the identity of CUMC
2. **Next Level Decluttering:** Focus on our facilities, communications, finances, and decision-making policies and procedures.
3. **Radical Hospitality:** Develop a comprehensive guest hospitality strategy to include: more greeters (inside and outside), signage, intentional connection points and more.
4. **Who is my Neighbor?:** Explore how to connect with those in our immediate area, particularly young adults who make up the largest demographic.
5. **Deeper Discipleship:** Develop a clear visual and descriptive program of discipleship, form 2-4 new small groups, train mentors and more.

You are invited to attend any one of the three Town Hall meetings being held to process the Innovations Report and ask questions:

- February 3: 9:45–10:45 am
- February 6: 7:30–8:30 pm
- February 17: 9:45–10:45 am

Our church membership will meet February 19 at 7:30 pm to vote on whether or not to adopt the five innovations. 70% of the members present must vote to approve. If approved, the District will continue as our mentor to assist in implementation.

# Happenings & Highlights

## NEW DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

In light of the pending retirement of Rev. Cathy Abbott, Bishop Lewis has named Rev. Dr. Sarah Calvert as the next Arlington District Superintendent. If the name sounds familiar, it should. Sarah has spent the last five years in the position of Bi-District Church Revitalizer and worked as the Coordinator of the Next Level Innovations Program. Prior to working in the District office, she was the Associate Pastor at Galilee UMC for six years and started a second campus at a retirement community, now called Lansdowne Woods. We look forward to working with Sarah and wish Cathy Abbot all the best in her retirement.

## TIMS/KILLIAN WEDDING

Molly Tims and Aaron Killian (shown below) were married December 2, 2018, at the same church where her parents and grandparents were married, St. John's United Church of Christ, in Wyandotte, MI. It was a beautiful Christmas wedding complete with Molly's mom's red cape, the same cape she wore for her Christmas wedding 32 years earlier. The couple honeymooned in Paris and has settled into married life in their southwest DC condo.



## SCOUT SUNDAY CELEBRATION

On January 20th at the 11:00 am service, Scout Troop 104 received special recognition. The troop has been sponsored by CUMC for over 100 years! Many thanks to Craig Poland, the National Capital Area Council Scout Executive, and all our Scouts. Thanks to 9th grader, Max Gillespie, for sharing his talents on his tenor saxophone accompanying the Chancel Choir.

## VALENTINE BAKE SALE

**Sunday, February 10, 9:30 am-1:30 pm**

Come with your sweet tooth and support the Youth in their second annual Valentine bake sale. All proceeds will help to fund their mission trip to Honduras in June.

## FAITH, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP

**Thursday, February 14, 12:00-1:45 pm**

To Russia With(out) Love, by Jane Dixon. Take a trip to the Baltic Sea and the countries that share this body of water and learn how Russia has influenced the region. For more information, contact the church office at [office@clarendonumc.org](mailto:office@clarendonumc.org).

## A WAY FORWARD

**February 23-26, 2019**

Pastor Tracy will be attending the Council of Bishops Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church in St. Louis, Missouri. The purpose will be to act on a report from the Council of Bishops based on the recommendations of the **Commission on a Way Forward**. The 32-member Commission was appointed to examine paragraphs in *The Book of Discipline* concerning human sexuality and explore options to strengthen the unity of the church. Our prayers are requested as this decision is being made.



Zachary Shields.....	02/01
Amy Derieux.....	02/02
Leif Grotos.....	02/02
Flynn Uscinski.....	02/03
Liana Cuffman .....	02/06
Phillip Stevenson .....	02/07
Paul Melnick.....	02/09
James Seward.....	02/09
Lisa Smith .....	02/10
Ali Michalowski.....	02/14
Melissa Pittard.....	02/14
Elizabeth Grotos.....	02/15
Susie Holmes.....	02/16
Davis Defore .....	02/17
Marjorie Hobart.....	02/17
Laura London.....	02/17
Linda Holz.....	02/18
Julia Wright.....	02/19
Kathy Bine .....	02/20
Bouji Galea .....	02/20
Aaron Hansford.....	02/23
Charlie Haugh .....	02/24
Michael Bannach.....	02/25
Nathan Brunk.....	02/26
Katie Bearden .....	02/27
Christine Derieux.....	02/27
Shirley Reid .....	02/27
Lottie Davis.....	02/28
Andrew Hunt.....	02/28



Top three images: scenes from our Next Level Innovation's weekend.  
Bottom four images: scenes from Scout Sunday.

# Volunteer Opportunities

Was one of your New Year's Resolutions to help others or make a difference at CUMC? Here is your chance with two opportunities.

## AFAC

Give of your time at the Arlington Food Assistance Center. CUMC is scheduled to help distribute food six times a year, and Saturday, February 2, 8:30-11:30 am, is our next date/time. If you can give three hours of your time to make a difference with healthy food in the lives of our neighbors, contact Laura Bishop ([ljbishop1@gmail.com](mailto:ljbishop1@gmail.com)).

## ODD JOBS

Want to do something closer to home? The Trustees host a weekly time to help out with odd jobs around the church—replacing light bulbs, fixing minor plumbing issues, organizing rooms, cleaning, painting, insulating, etc. Meet on Tuesday at 7:00 pm outside the Choir Room. All are welcome. For more information, contact Barron Collier ([Barroncollier@gmail.com](mailto:Barroncollier@gmail.com)).

## GET IN THE KNOW!

Sign up for the church email distribution list. To be added, contact ([office@clarendonumc.org](mailto:office@clarendonumc.org)).



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## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:

8:30 am Informal Service

11:00 am Formal Service