



GOOD NEWSLETTER

Clarendon United Methodist Church ————— November 2018

Unity of the Church and Human Sexuality

On February 23-26 2019, the Council of Bishops will be making an important, critical decision on the future of the United Methodist Church. They will be voting on whether to keep the current language prohibiting homosexuals from fulling participating in the church both in marriage and in being ordained as ministers, or removing the language altogether in the Book of Discipline, the book that defines our denomination.

The CUMC staff and the Living Love team has been working for almost two years on discerning what God has in store for us with regard to this issue as well as other divisive issues facing our society. The one thing that we have agreed on throughout it all is a statement Pastor Tracy has made regarding our journey: "We want to be moving forward holding hands." We are a strong, vital church that has not been afraid to confront this issue and attempt to bring it to the congregation with the living love of Jesus in our midst. We pray you will join into this Holy Conversation on the final two sessions:

Sunday, November 11, 6:30-8:00 pm

MORE LIGHT, LESS HEAT

Tom Berlin, Martha Stokes, and Bishop Lewis talk about the options to be presented to the Council of Bishops.

Sunday, November 18: 6:30-8:00 pm

HOW DO WE NAVIGATE OUR WAY TOGETHER

Facilitated by Stephanie Hixon of JustPeace, we will weave threads of the previous sessions to find how we can move forward in faith and love.

Childcare is available. [Please RSVP with this link](#) or by contacting the church office.



UMW BAZAAR AND RUMMAGE SALE

The UMW Bazaar and Rummage Sale was a big success thanks to all those that put in time, talents, and gifts all week long. Over \$2,000 was made that will help fund UMW mission projects as well as Reading is Fundamental, a local group located in Northern Virginia.

CHRIS LANTOS FOUNDATION ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Our focus on remembering Chris Lantos and all those children who struggle with cancer was well supported. The final Ice Cream Social made \$1,860 which is enough to purchase 4+ iPads for kids in the hospital. Thanks to Catie Christiaanse and her amazing Outreach Team for providing this opportunity for people to show their support.

November Events

CHARGE CONFERENCE AT MT. OLIVET UMC

Sunday, November 4, 3:00–5:00 pm

This is our annual meeting to give our report to the District Superintendent. This year we will be combined with other churches in our area for an abbreviated report. All are welcome to attend.

ELECTION DAY COFFEE BAR

Tuesday, November 6, 6:00 am–6:00 pm

It is Election Day! Vote first and then Volunteer! We will have our popular Coffee and Treat Bar outside the Corry hall door to sell cups of coffee and muffins, cookies, etc. We hope to raise \$1,000 for Arlington THRIVE. Please contact Jane Dixon (jdixon580jd@gmail.com) if you can help sell or bring treats. [Sign up for the Election Day Coffee Bar.](#)

FAITH, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, November 8, 12:00–2:00 pm

Worship and Program: Speaker and author will talk about the Lost Houses and Estates in DC. This will also be our annual Thanksgiving lunch, so we need to have you RSVP to the office if you have not already done so (office@clarendonumc.org).

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Saturday, November 17, 9:00 am–12:00 pm

Once again we will gather in Corry Hall to fill bags with rice, soy, and nutrients to create 20,000 meals to send around the world to those in need. Join us in making a difference in the lives of so many. [Sign up for the Rise Against Hunger Event.](#)

YOUTH BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

Sunday, November 18, 9:30 am–2:00 pm

The Youth will be selling a wide variety of baked goods onsite, as well as taking orders for freshly baked items that can be picked up the day before Thanksgiving. All monies raised go to fund their mission trip to Honduras in June 2019.

ANNUAL MESSIAH SING-ALONG

Sunday, November 25, 7:00–9:00 pm

Help us to present the 47th annual Messiah Sing-Along! We are privileged to give this gift of music and Scripture to our community. Please watch for the signup to be a greeter, bring food items for the reception that follows, and extend hospitality toward all of the visitors who will come through our doors.



Left: Baby Louanne Charin Miller was born on October 3rd. Right: Cathy and Ed Betts, Kirsten Smith, Gretchen Clark, Diane Smith, James Smith, and Laura and Denny Edelbrock at the wedding of Gretchen and James.



Happy Birthday!

- Mimi Anderson 11/01
- Caroline Grotos 11/01
- Herbert Quinn 11/01
- Jennifer Weber 11/01
- Kevin Petersen 11/03
- Cheryl Williams 11/08
- Cathy Betts 11/09
- Ben Horrocks 11/09
- Millie Owens 11/09
- David Sasfai 11/13
- Carly Greenfield 11/15
- Fran Underwood 11/15
- Emily Boyle 11/18
- Herb Morris 11/22
- Anne Petersen 11/22
- Claire Pittard 11/24
- Logan Pittard 11/24
- Rachel Pittard 11/24
- Andrew Veth 11/25
- Benjamin Zebra 11/27
- Christa Jones 11/30



Top: Sabeeha Rehman, author of *Threading My Prayer Rug: One Woman's Journey from Pakistani Muslim to American Muslim* with her husband Khalid and Jane Dixon and Pastor Tracy at the book club event. Middle left: Robert and Shelya White. Middle right: Ilona and Attila Lantos at the Ice Cream Social. Bottom: The UMW Bazaar and Rummage Sale.

Milestones

WELCOME BABY MILLER

Iris and James Miller had a beautiful baby girl, Louanne Charin, on October 3. She weighed in at 7 lbs and 11 oz.

MARRIAGE OF GRETCHEN CLARK AND JAMES OWEN

Congratulations to Gretchen Clark and James Owen on their recent marriage in Florida. Several CUMC members were able to make the trip and attend the wedding. Our very best to this amazing couple.

BAPTISM OF AND WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS ROBERT AND SHELIA WHITE

We welcomed Robert and Shelya White who were received into membership and also baptized on October 21. What a blessing to have this committed couple into our church family!

PASSING OF WINNIE MACFARLAN

Our beloved Winnie MacFarlan passed away on Monday, October 22 in Brentwood, TN. She was a resident at a senior living facility where she moved in May 2018 near her daughter Debbie's home. She was a passionate supporter of Signature Theatre, as well as other forms of art.

CHRISTMAS TREES WILL GO ON SALE ON NOVEMBER 24TH!

Be on the lookout for more information about how you can help support this effort!



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Sign up for the church communications email distribution list. To be added, contact Tanya (office@clarendonumc.org)



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:

8:30 am Informal Service

11:00 am Formal Service