



NEWS from the PEWS

October 14, 2018

Unity of the Church and Human Sexuality: Toward a Faithful Witness

You are invited to a series of four *Living Love* events whose goal is to engage our congregation around the topic of Homosexuality and the United Methodist Church in advance of the special General Conference scheduled for February 2019.

Sessions will be on **Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm** in Corry Hall.

Please RSVP below so that we can plan accordingly.

RSVP: <https://goo.gl/6wcbU6>

Sunday, October 21 - "How to Have Holy Conversation"

This event will help set the tone for the series and focus on the values and principles of having a holy conversation. It will also include an introduction of the topic with an opportunity for persons to share something of their experience with the topic within their circles.

Sunday, October 28 - "Engaging God's Word"

Dr. Denise Dombkowski Hopkins, Professor of Biblical Theology and Hebrew Bible at Wesley Theological Seminary, will share from various perspectives some of the core Biblical texts often referenced in conversations about homosexuality and the church. Opportunity will be given to ask questions of the presenter, and circle conversation will follow.

Sunday, November 11 - "More Light, Less Heat"

On September 26, the VA Conference held a "Commission on a Way Forward Q & A" event with Bishop Sharma Lewis, Martha Stokes and Rev. Tom Berlin. The video will be shown and circle conversation will follow.

Sunday, November 18 - "How Do We Navigate Our Way Together?"

This final event will weave threads from the previous topics and conversations with a focus on walking forward together in unity and faith.

PRAYERS *We have a designated, focused, prayer team that intentionally brings the concerns of the congregation before the Lord. If you would like someone added to the prayer list, or if you would like to be a part of this essential ministry, please contact the team by emailing us at clarendonprayerteam@gmail.com or calling the church office.*

SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK CLUB MEET & GREET: Sunday, October 14 2:00pm, Corry Hall

Threading My Prayer Rug: One Woman's Journey from Pakistani Muslim to American Muslim. Author Sabeeha Rehman will be at this meeting talking about her book and experience in America making the adjustment of assimilation. For information contact Laura Bishop (ljbishop1@gmail.com)

YOUTH MISSION PROJECT

Sunday, October 14' 6:00pm-7:30pm, Corry Hall

The Youth Group will gather for dinner and to weave mats for the homeless. All are welcome!

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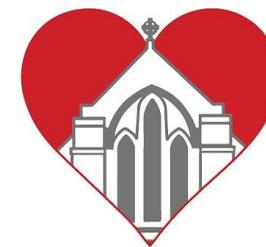
Saturday, October 20, 10:00am – 4:00pm.

Join us for a day of Fall Fun on Saturday, October 20th! We will meet at Clarendon UMC at 10am. Then we will carpool to Great Country Farms for the Fall Pumpkin Harvest Festival which includes wagon rides, pig races, pumpkins to pick, live music, and a corn maze. If time allows, we might pop over to Bluemont Winery. We will return to Clarendon UMC by 4pm. Admission is \$12/adult. We hope you can join us for some fall fun! Please RSVP to Stephanie McGuire at stephanielynn.mcguire@gmail.com.

UMW BAZAAR

Saturday, October 27, 9:00am-1:00pm

We will be holding a Bazaar and Rummage Sale at the end of October. We will begin accepting items to sell beginning Sunday, October 21st until Friday 12:00 noon on October 26. Items you can drop off on the stage in Corry Hall include clean clothes, children's shoes, jewelry, toys, games, housewares, kitchenware, cookbooks, children's books, and seasonal items.



Reminder: Please fill out and return your Commitment Cards for 2019. You can send in your card to the church by mail, delivering to the church office, or by collections plate. You can also choose to give your estimate of giving online through our website, www.clarendonumc.org/giving.

There are also extra Commitment Cards on the bulletin board across from the church office. Thank you!

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