



# News from the Pews

December 23, 2018

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES TOMORROW, Monday, December 24, 2018

- **5:00 pm: Family Service**  
An interactive service geared toward children, but enjoyed by all ages! Our Youth lead the music and drama.
- **9:00 pm: Candlelight and Communion**  
A beautiful service with carols, scripture, communion, and candlelight. (Please take note of the time change for this service.)

## Save the Date: Next Level Innovations CUMC Innovations Weekend January 25-27 2019

This three-day weekend will allow the Weekend Innovation Team to meet with leaders and members of the congregation as a whole to understand and listen about our church culture as a whole.

- **Friday, January 25, 7:00-9:00pm:** Focus Groups for Youth, Young Adults, and Newcomers
- **Saturday, January 26, 9:30am-3:30pm:** Engaging Church-wide retreat, includes light snacks and lunch.
- **Sunday, January 27:** One combined worship service at 10:00am

**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](mailto:clarendonprayerteam@gmail.com) or calling the church office.

## CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WILL MEET TODAY, DECEMBER 23, during the normal Sunday School hour.

Please note that there will be no Sunday School on Sunday, December 30, due to the combined worship service. We will resume regularly scheduled Sunday School classes on January 6, 2019.

## YOUTH HOLIDAY LOCK-IN Sunday, December 30, 6:00pm

Our Youth Lock-in will be on "New Year's Eve Eve", Sunday, December 30 beginning at 6:00pm. Come for games, food and holiday fun! All youth are welcome to attend. Contact Lisa Gibbs-Smith ([lisa@clarendonumc.org](mailto:lisa@clarendonumc.org)) with any questions.

## Monday Morning Women's Bible Study 10:00am - 12:00 noon

The Monday Morning women's bible study will begin "*Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi*" by Amy-Jill Levine. This 6 week DVD led study examines the Parables Jesus told in the context of life in first century Palestine versus today. We meet from 10:00am-12 noon every Monday (except Holidays) in the Youth Room. A welcoming group of women would love to have anyone join as we explore our faith. Contact Jane Dixon ([jdixon580jd@gmail.com](mailto:jdixon580jd@gmail.com)) for questions. Books are \$15.00.

## Faith, Food, and Fellowship

### Thursday, January 10; 12:00 – 1:45pm

*Themes in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Sermons* by Don Boileau, a retired Professor of Communication at George Mason University. Most of our knowledge of MLK is through his political speeches. This presentation gives us a broader view of themes from his sermons while a minister. For more information, contact the church office at [office@clarendonumc.org](mailto:office@clarendonumc.org).

## Two Combined Worship Services Coming Up

**Sunday, December 30, 10:00 am**  
**Sunday, January 27, 10:00 am: NLI Weekend Celebration**

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