



# NEWS from the PEWS

February 17, 2019

## Next Level Innovation Events

### **NLI Church Conference**

The congregation will vote on the Next Level Innovations report at an official church conference led by the district superintendent **THIS Tuesday, February 19 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Sanctuary.

If the report and innovations are approved by a vote of 70% or more of members present and voting, the NLI process will continue with District resourcing and our mentor, the Rev. Dr. Rhonda Van Dyke, to assist our leadership to implement these innovations. If the report and innovations are rejected, the NLI process will be deemed complete and the resources of NLI will move on to other churches.

**Membership Status:** If you would like to confirm your membership status in advance of the February 19th Church Conference there will be persons available after each service today in Corry Hall with the list of eligible members for the NLI vote.

**Are you interested in serving as a greeter?** If so, there will be a short training (with food) on February 24th at 10am, in Room 206. The purpose of the training is to ensure that we provide a consistent and welcoming message to everyone. If you have any questions, please contact Katelyn at [KatelynCollier@gmail.com](mailto:KatelynCollier@gmail.com).

### **“FIX-UP TUESDAYS”**

**Tuesday evenings, 7:30pm**

Help attend to a variety of maintenance tasks around the church. We change light bulbs, fix minor plumbing issues, organize rooms, clean, paint, insulate, etc. We meet in the hallway outside the choir room. Questions? Contact Barron Collier at [barroncollier@gmail.com](mailto:barroncollier@gmail.com).

### **CONCERTS AT CLARENDON: AN EVENING OF SINATRA**

**Friday, February 22, 7:30pm**

Please join us for a delightful evening of Frank Sinatra classic performed by Bob McDonald (national anthem singer for the Washington Capitals), Tony Nalker, and Scott Silbert. A reception will follow.

### **A WAY FORWARD**

**February 23-26, 2019**

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

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK GROUP**

**Tuesday, March 12, 7:30-9:00pm, CUMC Library**

***Evicted: Poverty and Profit in an American City* by Matthew Desmond**

Join this informal group to discuss this brilliant, heartbreaking book as we enter the lives of eight families living on the edge. The fate of these families is in the hands of the landlords. As evictions rise in our country, Desmond provides insight into one of the most urgent issues today.

**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.*

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