



News from the Pews

February 24, 2019

Next Level Innovations Vote

On Tuesday, February 19, ninety-one (91) members gathered for a special church conference to vote on the recommendations proposed by the Next Level Innovations Team (district staff and NLI mentor) and it passed with 91% of the members voting "Yes" (83-8). Thanks to our town NLI Leadership Team that worked tirelessly to bring this together. Now we need to roll up our sleeves and get to work!

"You were all called to travel on the same road and in the same direction, so stay together, both outwardly and inwardly." Ephesians 4:4-5 (MSG)

For more information about the tasks recommended, see the NLI Report (<https://nli.clarendonumc.org>, or click [here](#)). Short term task forces are being set up in the areas listed below. Please check out the clipboards located in both narthexes and let us know where you want to lend your hands and heart:

- Discipleship
- Finance
- Facilities Dream Team
- Communications
- Neighborhood Connection Team
- Hospitality

A WAY FORWARD

February 23-26, 2019

Pastor Tracy is in attendance 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.

A SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS

Saturday, March 9, 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary

If you or someone you know is in need of healing – body, spirit, mind or soul – we invite you to come and participate in a service of healing. You can come to pray for someone else or yourself, for needs in our world, or for God's creation. Prayers, scripture and music will be offered along with the opportunity to receive the laying on of hands or anointing. You don't need to be a member of this or any church to come. For more information, contact the church office (office@clarendonumc.org).

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.

FAITH, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, March 14, 12:00 noon – 2:00pm

Inside the USIA (United States Information Agency) presented by by Mike Kiel and Nancy Fierheighley. Come learn about this agency which was established during the Eisenhower administration and dissolved in 1999. It was the largest full-service public relations organization in the world.

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.*

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